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## HARMONY VS. DISCORD

Ever present in a community the size of Coquille is the danger of factional difficulties; the danger of allowing petty jealousies and narrowness of vision to array against each other citizens whose interests are interwoven beyond all hope of separation; citizens who should be working shoulder to shoulder for their common welfare. It is encouraging indeed, that during the past week the people of Coquille have been able to rise above this danger and, through the fairmindedness of all concerned, have restored to harmony a situation that gave promise of creating harsh discord—over nothing.

As is generally the case when opposing minds agree peaceably, a much better understanding of common interests has resulted. The young men of the town, most of them not regular attendants at the Commercial Club, wanted a marching club. The Commercial Club, which, while it urges the attendance of the younger men, is still composed mostly of business men of mature years, also felt the necessity of an organization for ornate marching and were taking the preliminary steps necessary to its organization. With their usual amount of "pep," the young fellows, evidently ignorant of what the club was doing, decided that the only way to have a marching club was for them to organize one, which they did, without giving the club an opportunity to assist. But things began to look serious when, in some mysterious way, the marching club received the impression that the Commercial Club had assumed an antagonistic attitude toward them, which they resented. A committee from the Commercial Club went before the marching club Tuesday night and Chairman Howard explained the true attitude of the Commercial Club and offered its assistance and cooperation toward making the marching club a success. Mr. Howard was warmly applauded and it was apparent that harmony was restored.

The amount of good that may result from this better understanding between the older and younger elements of the city is practically unlimited, provided advantage is taken of it. It is not the proper thing that the commercial body of any town should be composed of the conservative element alone, nor should inexperience, spurred by unlimited energy be allowed to rule the situation. It is only when the initiative and "pep," that always belongs in a greater degree to those who have not too many years checked to their credit, is tempered and, in a measure, controlled by the mature judgment that is the result of experience, that the greatest efficiency of such a body is possible.

President Norton has again and again voiced the sentiment of the Commercial Club by stating that its members very much desire the attendance of every citizen of Coquille who is interested in the city's welfare; he dwelt upon the fact that it is not an organization for members only; he has urged especially the attendance and participation of the young men; he has laid down as clearly as possible the purpose of the club, as being an organization of the people for the benefit of the whole people, as against the general opinion which seems to prevail that the Commercial Club exists for a chosen few; in fact, he has done all that he could to make the club representative of all the interests of the town.

With a little cooperation this can be made possible, and it seems at present that the situation is very hopeful.—A

## "WHO MADE THEE A JUDGE?"

"The editor of the Sentinel resents very warmly the aspersions cast by the Herald upon his fairness in reporting the Cameron libel suit," says our esteemed contemporary. Then he proceeds to plead guilty to the very and only "aspersions" cast by the Herald. This paper said, having reference to the Sentinel and another paper, whose editor is a good sport and took the criticism without turning a hair: "Any newspaper professing to give a synopsis of the testimony brought out should have given an unbiased report from which the reader might draw his own conclusions. Yet neither of the papers in question seemed to make the slightest effort to give that kind of report." That was the indictment, gentle reader—and all of it. What is the defense? "We knew something about the character of some of the witnesses put on the stand by the defense and we know how some of them disqualified themselves. To give them equal credence with Allen McLeod, Margaret McLeod and other witnesses for the state would be to discredit one's own intelligence. To have made a report that would have given tainted and disqualified testimony equal credence with that of people of good character and reputation would not have been presenting the case fairly." That is the defense. The reasoning seems to be, that the Sentinel's readers, having no intelligence to discredit, would give equal credence to the testimony of witnesses of good, bad and indifferent character. Therefore, the editor is authorized to suppress that which he considers off color and to print only that which he considers credible and—on the right side of the case.

In that way, he is to give a "fair" news report—and steer his confiding subscribers and, peradventure, the jury, in the right direction. Curiously enough, the Sentinel heads its editorial: "Who Made Thee a Judge?" It might be asked who made the Sentinel man a judge, that he is to decide beforehand which is the right side of a case in court, and may then sit with idle pencil while the witnesses for one side are on the stand, as was done in the Cameron case.

But we are wandering from the track. Our contention was, and is, that giving that kind of a news report of a case in court is "Journalism As It Shouldn't Be." We will reiterate what was said last week: "The news columns should give the news without distortion and without bias, no matter what the personal opinion of the editor may be about the matter involved." To quote from an authority to whom the editor of the Sentinel should listen with respect—Merle Thorp, professor of journalism in the University of KANSAS: "Whatever may be said of the Press, its ideal is the truthful presentation of current events." A news report should be as fair and colorless and as free from editorial opinion as possible. As a matter of fact, too few such reports are published, for we editors are "all poor critters;" but it is seldom that a newspaper comes out and acknowledges that its editor makes no attempt to reach the ideal of his profession, but repudiates it and sets up an ideal of his own, by which his own editorial opinion is to color all news reports. Any one who considers THAT the proper way to run a newspaper is welcome to do so. WE DON'T.

But we are overlooking a fresh illustration of the fact that the Herald's charge of unfairness was amply justified. It is furnished by the very editorial in which the Sentinel man "resents" the charge. In that article not the slightest intimation is given that the Herald had made exactly the same criticism of a paper on the "other side" of the Cameron case as it did of the Sentinel. Any one reading the Sentinel editorial alone could have but drawn the conclusion that the Herald had criticised that paper only, and for favoring the side of the prosecution in the Cameron case; that the Herald had in some way favored the side of the defense. With that unmistakable evidence of the justice of the Herald's criticism, the prosecution rests its case.

We must thank the Sentinel, however, for one inadvertent compliment. It says that the editor of the Herald is personally prejudiced in favor of Cameron. After reading the Herald's news report of the Cameron case, and also the editorial that the Sentinel is roaring about, County Judge Watson was asked on which side of the case the Herald stood, and he said that he could not tell. Further, both District Attorney Liljeqvist and Allen McLeod have expressed to the editor personally their warm approval of the way in which the Herald handled the case. If we are "prejudiced" in favor of Cameron, then this testimony that we have kept our prejudice out of the news report, and out of an editorial in which the merits of the Cameron case cut no figure, is very creditable.

As for whether the editor of the Herald holds the prejudice above referred to; whether he "appears to be altogether too much of an apologist for 'lewd fellows of the baser sort'"; whether he is prone to assume the "holier than thou" air (which God forbid); whether it has been "charitable" for the editor of the Sentinel to heretofore overlook his "peculiar vaticinations;" whether the editor of the Sentinel really stands upon so exalted a pedestal that he is above criticism; all this we are inclined to leave to the intelligence of our readers without argument—but, Gee, we would like to know what "the plea of ultra vires" means.

## ET CETERA (THAT'S LATIN, TOO)

"When we go into a combination of that kind we want it to include a pledge to refrain from lying about honest men in office." You bet—IN OFFICE—that's the point.

"The idea apparently held by some people that all testimony given in a court of justice" in favor of men IN OFFICE is "honest evidence," and all other is "spite testimony" and should be denied admission to the printed column occasionally "gets a rude jolt."

Our East fork correspondent asks why the editor does not tell what he thinks of the testimony in the Cameron case. There are several reasons. One is that this paper must pass through the mails—and Uncle Sam is so particular. Another is that we do not often care to show our superior virtue by jumping onto persons of poor reputation—and few friends. If any one asks you, however, you can tell him that the editor fully agrees with the verdict of the twelve gentlemen who sat in the jury box.

## Takes it Too Seriously

In a conversation with Allen McLeod last week, we observed that that gentleman was inclined to grieve too much over the charges from which he had been cleared by the verdict of twelve good men and true in the circuit court when they convicted the editor of the Agitator of criminal libel for publishing them. He said that Mrs. McLeod was also feeling badly over the affair. It is evident that these good people have not been occupying a position in the service of the public long enough to get used to the adverse criticism which is always the portion of the public servant, or to acquire the case-hardened epidemia required for comfort in such a position. They should reflect that such disagreeable things are common, and a feeling of conscious rectitude is the finest panacea in the world. We believe that the McLeods are possessed of this and they can afford to ignore the adverse criticism of the wrongly informed.

## Resolution Adopted

At a meeting of the Coquille High School Association, held Sept. 21, 1916, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has given our schoolmates' brother and our friend, Mr. Alva Neely, therefore Be it resolved: That in his death his family have sustained a severe loss. That his upright life and character have been of the highest types of manhood. That we, the students and faculty of the Coquille High School, join in expressing sincere sympathy to his father, mother, brothers and sisters in this their hour of bereavement. And Be it Further Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Association, printed in the Coquille papers, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.  
CHAS. ORNDING,  
DORIS ADA TYRRELL,  
ADA MAY NEWELL,  
Committee.

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## SPRAY FROM THE SURF

By  
Rory O'Moore

### The Joke of the Torpedo

The armorplate was parchment to  
The deadly tons of steel  
That pierced it at the waterline,  
Above the dreadnaught's keel:  
The waves close sadly o'er the ship,  
The waters, with a sob,  
Receive the thing that Hate has  
wrought,  
For vicious Fate to rob.  
The ooze of all things maritime  
That die and sink to rest;  
The rotten hulls of warships old—  
Some ancient foe's conquest;  
The cargoes of rich argosies  
That never came to port;  
And ships of wood and ships of steel,  
Of great and less import—  
All now reduced to filthy slime  
Bid welcome to the craft—  
The latest and the saddest joke  
At which proud Mars has laughed.  
While on his throne in evil glee  
The warlord holds his sides—  
The rumble of the gun—his laugh,  
Is echoed by the tides.

### It Pays to Advertise

The man who didn't advertise  
Was dead—extremely dead.  
His widow placed (of mammoth size)  
A stone above his head.  
She put his name upon the same,  
In letters large and fair,  
To tell the eye of passers-by  
Her man was sleeping there.  
Folks thought her sorrow must be great  
To raise this monument—  
They did not know (she did not state)  
Her actual intent.  
One day there came a former flame;  
He read; then soothed her sighs;  
And, as she wept, she softly said:  
"It pays to advertise."

OLD NEWSPAPERS—Cheap at the Herald office.

### The Lyceum Course

The dates for the four members of the Coquille Lyceum Course have been set and are as follows: Kekuku's Hawaiian Quintet, Nov. 6; The Lyndon-Gordon Company, Jan. 1; J. C. Herberman, the lecturer, Feb. 26; The Brewer Concert Co., March 12. The Hawaiians appeared in the various Chautauquas of the county last summer and their programs were pronounced excellent. This company as well as the Lyndon-Gordon entertainers is included in the Oregon Agricultural College course for this year. Definite arrangements for the sale of season tickets for the course will be made soon.

### At the Schools

A very large percentage of the pupils were absent yesterday on account of the big circus at Marshfield. Ordinarily the only acceptable excuse for absence from school is sickness of so serious a nature as to make attendance impossible. However, the teachers felt justified in making an exception of the occasion of the first circus and no student will lose his exemptions on account of attending.  
The superintendent has inaugurated a scheme for building up an industrial museum for the school. A number of manufacturing companies have been

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C. R. BARROW,  
Assignee.

### Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that A. E. Merren, Contractor, has completed his Contract for the gravelling of a portion of the Cherry Creek County Road in Old Ford District No. 20 and that the County Roadmaster has filed his certificate of completion approving the work done on such Contract and any person, firm or corporation having objections to file to the acceptance of said work may do so within two weeks from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: from the 26th day of September, 1916, in the office of the County Clerk.  
Dated at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1916.  
ROBT. R. WATSON,  
County Clerk.

Have you paid the Printer?