

Slanderous Tongues.

Is it human nature that prompts the human family too rather think ill of each other than good?

We think we are safe in giving a negative answer to the question, still we find right here in our little town both women and men, who are ever ready to give the sanction of truth to every idle lying tale started by some gossiping person who has nothing to lose in the way of reputation or character and whose sole aim is present notoriety and the satisfaction of keeping up a turmoil and contention in the town or getting even for some imaginary injury suffered from the parties he or she is trying to slander and the innocent, pure minded and virtuous individuals who has fallen under the ban, suffer the dire consequences.

And even men high up in our business circles, who should be and really are better informed, propagate and encourage in a manner, worthy of a better cause, the circulation of vile slanders derogatory to the character, and good standing of the young ladies of our town, with no evidence whatever of the truth of such reports, instead of giving such the emphatic lie, remembering their own wives, mothers, daughters and sisters and the honor of their own kith and kin.

A woman's honor is her life and the value of which, as considered by men, is beyond price is sufficient cause for her defense by all men who have the honor of their own household at heart, but instead we find men ready to take up any slanderous report and handle it as a sweet morsel palatable to the taste of such, and a dagger piercing the very soul of the innocent and pure woman whose character is assailed.

And further we cannot drop this subject without reminding our sisters of their weakness in allowing such reports to circulate and even give them flavor by adding a little to them and giving it as their opinion that the report is true. To such we would say remember you knew not how soon the vile tongue of slander may take up your name and bandy it around without leave and without evidence of right to speak disparagingly of you. It is not our intention to sermonize but think before you give ear to such reports, of the poor woman or women, as the case may be, and her sorrowful situation, without probably a sympathizer out side of her own family and being compelled to submit to a gross injustice at the hands of slanderous tongues, and thoughtless men and women.

The democratic voter is not a follower, he is a leader. The party taken as a whole is a party of principle.

It is not such as the republican party has been since its origin or since it has been a party of power, the rank and file following blindly the dictates of its leaders, but democracy works upon principle well defined and its a part of the voter himself. When his principles are ignored by leaders, they [the leaders] tread upon the voter individual-

ly, hence a kick, and his determination not to allow any bulldozing or departure from promises on the part of the leaders, is fully demonstrated the first opportunity afterwards he has of exercising his right of franchise at the poles.

The democratic voter does not feel himself in any way bound to work under political—like the g. o. p.—orders. His orders must come from himself dictated by his own conscience and based upon principle. The republican principle of voting is as their leaders dictate principle is out of the question. Democratic principles are what make a self government character.

Republican leaders can be corrupt, treasonable in their designs, and have an utter contempt for platforms and promises, and still the rank and file, let them talk as they may will uphold the leader when it comes to voting.

This is why so much corruption and intrigue has entered the republican party, that threatens to destroy our independence and revolutionize the government.

Now the good times, augured by the unconditional repealers of the Sherman act, seems—like all the prophecies of the gold bug—not to materialize, they begin preaching another international monetary conference.

One says he thinks England will smile on a move of that kind, that the present government of that Empire is likely to be overthrown at the next election when Salisbury and Balfour again come to the front and the Gladstone rule delegated to the rear. That the former are pronounced bimetalists and the prospects of a proper recognition of silver are good.

Charity, we all know, begins at home, and now in the mean time while we are waiting for the action of relief, by such monetary conference, what is to become of our starving laboring thousands of our own, whom it is the clear religious duty of any civilized government to protect?

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