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THE BOYCOTT

The boycott is a legacy brought over from Europe. It should have no place in American business economy. It is both unAmerican and unchristian and instead of welding employer and employee together, it drives them farther apart.

There should be a reciprocal relation between employer and employee and between neighbor and neighbor. No man can exist within himself alone. In his disposition and character makeup, he must have social relations with his neighbors, else life would be unbearable. Imagine yourself upon an uninhabited island, where there is no possible opportunity of having social converse with a neighbor? Even if the island was capable of furnishing you all the physical comforts you require, without some of your own species to enjoy them with you, life would not be worth living. The association of a Chinaman, an Indian or a Negro would be a Godsend under such conditions.

Fortunately, we are all more pleasantly situated than was Robinson Crusoe who is supposed to have been stranded upon a lonely isle of the sea with his man, Friday, as his only human companion. We have all the enjoyment which an advanced civilization can give us. We have every comfort which inventive genius and skilled labor can provide or is providing. We have a good market for all the surplus products which the hand of industry can produce and all of these conveniences and comforts right at our doors. In fact, most of us are abundantly satisfied with our conditions in life and we endeavor to make things as pleasant and enjoyable for ourselves and neighbors as possible.

Unfortunately, however, there are individuals in every community who, seemingly, are not satisfied without they can in some way get the better of their neighbors. If they fail in their endeavors, then this or that neighbor, in their estimation, is all wrong. They immediately proceed to boycott this neighbor in a business way and, even, do not hesitate to injure his character in a social way as well, if they can. If a stranger comes to reside in the community, they take a particular delight in giving him a character history of such neighbors as they dislike.

Now if these busybodies will examine their own thoughts and desires, they will find the principal fault lies within themselves. Their selfishness and desire to get the better of their fellows, is the basis of all their fault finding and scandalizing and they at once employ the boycott against the neighbor's business, his social standing and his business relations with his fellows.

Remove the beam from your own eye before you attempt to remove the mote from your brother neighbor's eye, is a truism which, if heeded, would remove a large share of the unhappiness and discontent

from the world. We should remember that we cannot injure a neighbor in anyway without injuring ourselves in a measure. We cannot cheat or swindle a neighbor without acquiring the knowledge that we will have to associate with the rascal, ourselves, the rest of our lives.

In Sweet Home we have some of the busybodies above referred to. In their ordinary conversation on the street, this spirit of boycott will manifest itself. Perhaps this malicious spirit has become a habit and the guilty ones do not notice or comprehend the responsibility of what they are saying. But the stranger, if he or she possesses good ordinary horse sense, will mark such an one down as a person whom it is well to avoid.

One of the best rules of life in this matter is, "if you cannot speak well of a neighbor, say nothing at all." By so doing you will have the goodwill of the wrong-doing neighbor and, in the end, inspire him with a feeling to live a more upright life.

We should all have a desire to make the world better because we have lived. We should all be influenced by the spirit of Lincoln's Gettysburg address and have "Charity for all and malice toward none." There is a reciprocity in the social relations in life as well as in trade and it is far better to have the goodwill of the most vicious member of society than his ill will. Nor can we be regarded as good citizens unless we are willing to carry our full share of society's burdens, be just to our neighbors and be loyal to our nation, our state and our community. How many or how few of Sweet Home's citizens will measure up to this standard, one which we should all strive to reach?

LEGISLATORS MOST IMPORTANT

The primary election is but six weeks away, yet there are but few persons who have offered themselves for legislative positions. No one will deny the fact that the selection of members of our next biennial session of the legislature is of unusual grave importance, for the work of our lawmakers at that time, will be rather destructive than constructive. That is to say, if the demands of the people for a less expensive state government are heeded.

The few men who have offered themselves for the state senate are all unobjectionable, so far as the Tribune is informed. The people's interests will be reasonably safe in the hands if either Messrs Cusick, Garland or Porter shall be selected. The fact that no other names are offered for these places indicate that these gentlemen are satisfactory to the people. But there are three members of the House of Representatives to select which are of equal importance to that of the Senate. Two gentlemen of Brownsville have offered themselves, one a democrat the other a republican. Two places for each of the two parties are yet to be supplied.

Now, while volunteers are usually superior to drafted men as soldiers, such is not true in most instances, in the selection of political candidates. When the people draft a candidate for a political position, he is usually selected for his especial fitness and qualifications. The volunteer candidate, too often, is lacking in the required qualifications except in his own mind.

Linn county desires legislators who are of good business acumen, who are men of affairs and who have demonstrated that they are reasonably successful in the management of their own business affairs. The old truism, young men for war and old men for wisdom should be heeded in selecting legislators. As a matter of wisdom, a man who has

not reached the middle age in life and who has not manifested business ability sufficient to place himself and family in reasonably comfortable circumstances in a business way, should not be selected.

It has been the custom in Linn as well as in other counties of the state to be careless in the men-whom we select to make our laws. Too often is the nomination to a legislative position used to advance the interests of some candidate to a better paying office. Too often are young and inexperienced men chosen for these places, just because they desire to enter political life and voters, knowing but little about such nominees, elect them. Our present outrageous state tax is a direct result of this carelessness.

Now, voters, unless we turn a new leaf in this matter of selecting legislators, a slump in property values throughout the state will result. Unless the ever increasing extravagance in the appropriation of public money is checked in an emphatic manner and which will result in a smaller tax rate, home-seekers from other states will give Oregon the goby, and our present citizens will desire to sell their holdings and depart for other less tax-burdened localities. Such a result can and will mean a depreciated property value.

This undesirable condition can be avoided if our legislative halls are filled with level-headed conservative men—men who are broad minded and who will conserve the interests of the taxpayers. Oregon has plenty of men of this character, who cannot be carried off their feet by boosting commercial clubs and real estate operators.

It matters not a whit what political badge a candidate wears, if he will exercise wise economy in legislation and who has no ax to grind, either for himself or his locality, he is of legislative timber. It means the saving of dollars in your taxes and the maintenance of the value of your property, if you select men of the character above outlined. Even if you have to go out of your party to find such an one, you should have sufficient independence to consider the welfare of yourself and neighbor to do so.

An article in last Sunday's edition of the Oregonian argues that the American consumer would reap all or nearly all of the benefit arising from giving American coastwise ships free tolls through the Panama canal. In the same article that paper holds that cheap tonnage rates for ships would force the railroads to reduce their freight rates, yet holds out the idea that the railroads will carry freight no cheaper than they have to in order to get the business. The Tribune believes this last opinion is a correct conclusion. It also believes that human nature is just about the same with the ship owners as with the railroads. Their ships will carry freight no cheaper than necessary to get the business. Nor will free tolls make any difference in this spirit of greed. The only conclusion, then, is that free tolls will go into the pockets of the ship owners and not be the cause of cheaper manufactured products on either coast. Moreover, this same reasoning on the part of the Oregonian, will cause foreign goods brought to the Pacific coast to be sold a shade higher because of the higher tolls the foreign ships will have to pay because of these same free tolls to American ships. The expense of operating the canal will have to be paid. Either the toll charges on ships must foot the bill, else the American taxpayer will have to pony up.

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