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"MORAL COURAGE"

A "Citizen," in Disguise, Preaches Moral Courage to the Press.

HITS SOME HARD RAPS

If the Charges Made by "Citizen" are True, Upon Whose Head Does the Responsibility Rest—Whose Fault?

The Aturas Plaindealer, in its issue of March 28, has the following editorial from Lakeview signed "Citizen":

We are in receipt of the following letter from a prominent citizen of Lakeview, and only for the unimpeachable character of the writer would hesitate to believe that such criminal negligence could be tolerated in a civilized community. The writer says:

RICHIE PLAINDEALER:

As neither of our papers here has the moral courage to condemn a public nuisance, I write these facts for your own protection and the protection of the general public. Within the last four weeks the big brick hotel whose family is the Mayor of the city, has had two possibly more cases of the genuine smallpox. And yet the house has not been quarantined, and traveling men on San Francisco have been stopping there, as well as the traveling public from all parts of the country. But yesterday the Republican convention stayed and delegates from all the county precincts were guests at that hotel, or were in and out there.

Squaws have been in the habit of washing at the hotel and they were given infected clothing to wash, and now the disease has broken out among the Indians and they are quarantined and one of the local papers in the last issue remarked that our Marshal has authority to shoot any Indian attempting to cross the line into town. Where such authority comes from is not stated.

That the traveling public should be received and entertained in a pest house, and then sent forth to spread the disease among the many unsuspecting people they come in contact with, is unheard of and is a matter that the press of the Pacific coast ought to take up.

CITIZEN.

In addition to the above, Health Officer Dr. Blandin, showed us a dispatch from Dr. Hall, Health Officer at Lakeview, stating there was no smallpox at that place; and that, too, at the very time when he must have known there was a case in the brick hotel, that of Mrs. Miller. From other sources these reports are confirmed. But the matter has been covered up for fear it would "injure business." We have no desire to injure Lakeview. Far from it. But no language is too severe to denounce such criminal neglect.

[EDITOR PLAINDEALER.

First, Mr. "Citizen," you may charge The Examiner with lack of moral courage if you choose, but that does not make it so. The Examiner is not authority on smallpox, and when a representative of this paper asked Dr. T. V. Hall, County Physician and partner of Dr. B. Daly, if the rumor that smallpox existed at Hotel Lakeview was correct, Dr. Hall replied in the negative—said that it was not smallpox. The Examiner was very careful to do no injustice to the proprietors of that establishment, and not caring to announce an opinion in contradiction to a reputable physician who said that no smallpox existed at hotel Lakeview, (despite the street rumors to the effect that it did exist there) this paper gave no publicity to the report which was so firmly contradicted. Dr. Daly was also called to see the cases at the hotel, said to be smallpox, and he pronounced them not smallpox. Street rumor says that the patients themselves did not hesitate to

say that they had that disease, but what was The Examiner, or the County Court, or the citizens to do when the County Physician and Dr. Daly gave their opinion against the persistent street rumors. "Our talk did not go." It was the duty of the Town authorities to act if they thought that smallpox existed in a public place in our town. Dr. Daly was persistent in his statement that smallpox did not exist here, and evidently only became cognizant of the truthfulness of the street rumors regarding the disease when he was called, as acting County Physician in the absence of Dr. Hall, to the Indian camp below town where he was notified (?) to find a malignant case of smallpox in the person of a poor old mahala who had for a long time been doing the washing at the hotel. It was then that Dr. Daly considered it necessary to use stringent measures against the spread of the disease, to vaccinate and quarantine the Indians, and to order Town Marshal Harvey to shoot down the first Indian that made his appearance within the corporate limits of the town. It was then only that Dr. Daly felt it necessary to protect the public from the disease that is known to have existed within this immediate vicinity for the past five or six months.

The very fact that Judge Tunnington, acting in authority for Lake county, performed his full duty in taking prompt action to prevent a spread of the disease in Lake county, is used as a political cudgel against him at this time, for extravagance with public funds.

Well, the poor old Mahala died. Street rumor comes in again and declares that while washing the clothing of a smallpox patient at Hotel Lakeview she contracted the disease which proved fatal.

The Examiner knows nothing regarding the truthfulness of this statement—it does not claim to be authority even in this. But, there is one thing regarding it that The Examiner does know, and that is, if street rumor is correct, then somebody is guilty of an atrocious crime. She was a poor, old squaw, but she was a human being, and her life was probably as dear to her as the life of any man or woman in Lakeview.

"Citizen," who condemns a lack of "moral courage" in the newspapers of Lakeview, charges that the squaw was "given infected clothing to wash," but the preacher of "moral courage" makes this charge under cover of an assumed name. We would ask "Citizen" if there is a spark of moral courage in his or her make-up? Why should "Citizen" hide his, or her, identity and make the charges in the foregoing article under the assumed name of "Citizen," relying on the honor of the editor of the Aturas Plaindealer to keep faith with him, or her, and not to disclose the name of the author? This is "moral courage" with a vengeance. The honest editor will keep faith with the author who hides in the background, just as Col. Thompson did, when Mr. Miller of Hotel Lakeview wired him to ascertain the name of the author of the letter. Col. Thompson's reply was to the effect that he would refuse to give the name of "Citizen." Let "Citizen" desist from preaching on the lines of "Moral Courage."

There was some excitement in Lakeview when the "Citizen" letter was read in the Plaindealer, and there was some talk of bringing an action against the proprietor of that journal, but we understand that the matter has been dropped.

Even the potatoes wink their eyes since the Democratic convention adjourned.



THE TILLMAN-McLAURIN FIGHT IN THE SENATE. Senators Tillman and McLaurin, of South Carolina, recently gave the senate's dignity quite a jolt when they engaged in a fist fight on the senate floor. Tillman said McLaurin had been improperly influenced to vote on a certain measure. McLaurin said the statement was a lie, and blows followed.

DEMOCRATS HOLD A BIG LOVE FEAST

The Master Hand Sets the Machinery in Motion—Forced Nominations—Harmony and a Full Ticket.

The Democrats of Lake county met in convention in Lakeview last Saturday to put up a county ticket and to elect delegates to the State and Congressional conventions. It was a most harmonious gathering of highly gratified and happy citizens. Mr. Henry Clay Fleming was elected Chairman of the convention by acclamation, and as the old Democratic warhorse tripped gaily up to the seat of honor his face beamed with pleasure, as he found his opportunity to hit the "black Republican ring" a knockout blow below the belt. He made frequent references to the "ring," and it was a delight to him. He got so much real joy out of it that even the alleged "Ring" had he been present, would certainly have enjoyed it himself.

Nearly everything was done by acclamation, so harmonious was the body of representative citizens from the various precincts of the county. The usual committees were appointed and R. A. Hawkins was honored with the secretaryship, W. J. Moore being made assistant secretary. When the preliminary work of the convention was completed a motion was made to adjourn, but the motion to adjourn the convention until 1 p. m. and the body go into caucus immediately after adjournment, prevailed, and those who were not delegates hid themselves out to the court house yard.

The caucus work must have been smooth and harmonious also, for when the convention was called to order after luncheon the caucus slate went through as slick as greased lightning—until it came to the nomination for sheriff. But, even harmony prevailed in this instance. Nobody wanted the gold brick, though the convention seemed determined to hand it over to Mr. A. B. Schroder, the staunch young Democrat from Silver Lake, whether he wanted it or not. Mr. Schroder requested a few days time to consider the proposition, which was given him, through the nomination was forced into his pocket anyway, with the hope that he would conclude to accept.

The Democrats could not afford to allow Mr. Schroder to back out, as the

Lakeview contingent had already named him for Sheriff and H. Manning, another good man, for Clerk. Somebody must go on the ticket, and those two gentlemen were better prepared to "spring" themselves than anyone else. It takes money to make political campaigns and the two gentlemen named are known to have it in fairly good wads, and are recognized as good spenders, besides being exceedingly good fellows.

Of course, when it came to the nomination for County Judge, there was nothing to it. It was all prearranged to "force the nomination" on Dr. Daly. However, the Doctor was not there to make the boys quit "forcing," so how could he help it? It was remarked by a good Democratic delegate from the country after adjournment that the nominations for Sheriff and Clerk had to fall where they did, as money was needed for campaign expenses and Doctor Daly was not in the habit of "springing" himself to any great extent for such purposes—especially with his own money.

A nominee was mentioned for each office, and a full ticket was put before the people, much to the surprise of the Republican fellows, who looked for an endorsement of almost the entire Black Republican ticket.

A set of red hot, type written resolutions were accepted by the convention, as they appeared to have the right "ring" to them. The main resolve was, that the Democrats of Lake county, "denounced the extravagance of the present County Court, and looked with alarm upon the increasing public debt."

After this, everybody, even "Happy Hooligan," felt better. Hon. S. P. Moss and H. C. Fleming, chairmen of the convention, were elected delegates to the State and Congressional conventions.

The following gentlemen were declared the nominees of the Democratic party of Lake County:

County Judge B. Daly, Lakeview.
County Commissioner W. A. Currier, Summer Lake.
Sheriff A. B. Schroder, Silver Lake.
Clerk A. W. Manning, Warner.
Treasurer Lee Beall, Lakeview.
Assessor O. L. Stanley, Cogswell Creek.
Coroner Dr. Smith, Silver Lake.

A new central committee was elected, and the various precinct nominations were handed in. After that—adjournment.

And the boys went forth to fight the battle royal.

Are you registered?

"CAPTAIN RACKET"

Two Fine Performances at the Opera House by Local Talent.

"SMYTHE VS. SMITH."

Five Hundred and Seventy Six Thousand Eight Hundred and 'Steen Laughs in Two Hours—The Cast.

On Monday evening next local talent, assisted by Messrs. Phelps and Holmes, will present at the Lakeview opera house the three act comedy, "Capt. Racket." Those who enjoyed "Circus Josa" will laugh as heartily at "Capt. Racket." It is a winner every time, and if you attend you will get more laughs for your money than you ever enjoyed before.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Capt. Robert Racket (a lawyer when he has nothing else to do, and a liar all the time) M. L. HOLMES.
 Onash Dawson (His uncle, from Japan) M. A. PHILIP.
 Timothy Tolman (who married for money and is sorry for it) J. E. MCGARRY.
 Mr. Dairo (Robert's father-in-law, a jolly cow) WARREN SNIDER.
 Hobson (a waiter from the Cafe Gloriana) HARVEY COLVIN.
 Charles (The Captain's pretty wife, up to anything awful) MRS. MAX SNIDER.
 Mrs. Tolman (a lady with a temper) MRS. ANNA SHERLOCK.
 Katy (a mischievous maid) MRS. HOWE VESPADE.
 Tootsie (The "Kid" Tim's olive branch) MRS. WALTER DYER.

Admission: Reserved seats 75 cents. Those bringing their own chairs 50 cents. Children 25 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Beall's drug store.

SECOND NIGHT—TUESDAY.

On Tuesday evening April 8th, a fine program will be rendered by local talent. The evening's entertainment will conclude with a laughable farce, "The Case of Smythe vs. Smith," a mock trial court scene by twenty-one local players. This will be about the funniest thing ever seen in Lakeview.

PART ONE:

1—Piano Duett, "The Witches Flight," MRS. MAX SNIDER and MR. PHILIP.
 2—Mixed Quartet "Moonlight Will Come Again," MRS. ANNA SHERLOCK, MRS. WALTER DYER, MRS. HOWE VESPADE, and MRS. L. E. MCGARRY.
 3—Recitation MISS GENIE SNEILING.
 4—Soprano Solo, "Ashore," MISS MAX SNIDER.
 5—Violin Solo, "Hearts and Flowers," MISS LAURA SNEILING.
 6—Baritone Solo, "Brown October Ale," MR. HOLMES.
 7—Male Quartet.
 8—Selection from Opera "Norma" (by special request) MRS. WALTER DYER and MR. PHILIP.
 9—Kontike Koolings' from Life (continued) MR. HOLMES.
 10—Solo DR. R. E. LEE STRIKER.
 11—Duet, "The Sinking Ship," MESSRS. PHILIP and HOLMES.
 12—Soprano Solo, "Waiting," MRS. WALTER DYER.

PART TWO:

The Mock Trial, "Smythe vs. Smith." Reserved seats 75 cents. Those furnishing their own chairs 50 cents. Children 25 cents. Reserved seats on sale at Beall's Drug Store.

His Troubles Over.

H. N. Braan, the unfortunate man who was brought here from Paisley two weeks ago, supposed to be demented, but who was really very ill, died at the Oregon Hotel last Sunday morning. During the week before death came he suffered from a raging fever. Every thing possible was done to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate man, and when he died County Judge Tunnington arranged to have the remains interred at public expense. The funeral occurred on Sunday afternoon. Deceased was aged about 60 years.

New scenery has been painted especially for "Capt. Racket" and "Smythe vs. Smith." See it at the opera house on the 7th and 8th.