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RUMORS

THERE is no more graceless practice, measured by any standard one cares to apply—common sense, courtesy, honesty, Christianity, or even self interest—than scandal-mongering and the spreading of baseless rumors.

Klamath Falls probably has as sensible and practical a population as any community of its size, but Klamath Falls, on occasion, lapses into the nonsensical and harmful habit of tale-mongering.

The watch-word of the dangerous fraternity of Glib and Giddy Gossibers of Gossip is "They say." Whenever you hear a man or woman preface a statement derogatory to a neighbor's character or hinting at the tottering condition of a neighbor's business, or surmising a scandal in a neighbor's home, with "They say," be immediately on your guard. Ten chances to one there is no foundation for the statement. And, if you ask your informant who "They" are, ten chances to one he or she will blush, stammer and hedge, and finally admit, if they admit anything, that they got the story from some one on the street corner, who had it from some one else, who had it from some one else, and so on ad infinitum. If you take the time and trouble to trace any particular rumor to its source, you will be surprised how even the most innocent statement can be manipulated into a damning charge against reputation by passage through a dozen careless minds and mouths.

Ignorance and lack of observation, are twin breeders of gossip. The ignorant mind draws conclusions that are not warranted by the facts. The unobservant views a thing but cannot grasp what he sees, and often gets an idea that is entirely untrue. But he starts a rumor and says that he knows whereof he speaks for he has seen it with his own eyes.

It is true that he has seen, but in his ignorance and lacking the faculty of observation, he has observed but little of what he has seen, and failed to observe the essential thing which would have changed his story entirely.

When hands are in idleness, tongues wag most rapidly, and at this time, in Klamath Falls, it is well to be cautious in repeating rumors.

A newspaper man knows whereof he speaks, for a large part of his working hours are spent in running down rumors, and it is surprising how few are found for which there is even a small modicum of foundation.

Before you repeat gossip eliminate "They say." Quote your authority. That is a newspaper axiom. If the story is true, the author does not fear to stand behind it; if it is false he will be forced to retract, for truth cannot be hidden.

There is no credit in repeating unfounded tales. Even those who listen to the gossipers most eagerly, do not trust them. And it is a practice that sometimes causes untold harm to private reputations and business enterprises, for it undermines insidiously, while the individual or concern attacked, unwitting of the falsehoods and feeling secure in an innate knowledge of integrity and soundness, has no chance for defense, and though the attack is untrue, sometimes the truth comes to light so late that it takes months or years to undo the harm of one thoughtlessly spoken sentence.

Remember, before you speak ill or believe ill of a neighbor, that the tongue of slander cares nothing for what it feeds upon. Granted the opportunity it would fasten on you as readily as upon any one else.

Generally speaking the tale bearer and gossip-monger is not a citizen of influence and standing. Such men and women have intelligence that revolts from idle and unwholesome tattling. On the other hand they are more often the objects of attack, for the destructively inclined, with a peculiar perverted ambition, seek always the finest character, the staunchest busi-

ness, on which to concentrate their ignoble and community-destroying efforts.

They are aptly described in Tennyson's scorching phrase:

"Men, loud against all forms of power,
Unfurnish'd brows, unfetter'd tongues;

Expecting all things in an hour,
Brass mouths and iron lungs."

Read the quotation again and decide whether you wish to be so classified.

**Many Freak Bills Passed
Asks Whistles for Stills**

NEW YORK, April 7.—The Kentucky legislator who proposed that moonshiners be compelled by law to equip their "stills" with whistles that could be heard for two miles has no monopoly of the unusual in proposed legislation for the solons who sit in legislative halls of state capitals are prone to sarcasm, irony and jokes.

Some odd bills have cropped up in the state legislative sessions now drawing to a close.

For example there is the bill introduced in the New York state assembly making hypocrisy a misdemeanor and defining it as "the act of a person who for pay, gift or other valuable thing publicly advocates and supports any legislative measure restraining free exercise of personal liberty or the act of any person who solicits funds for such support."

The measure is aimed at "reform" organization workers.

The Massachusetts legislature had before it in this year's session a bill making church-going compulsory for every resident of the state who was physically or mentally capable of attending church.

Another measure proposed in Massachusetts provided that every candidate for public office must be examined by a justice of the superior court to determine whether he is qualified to hold office to which he aspires.

A bill in the Massachusetts legislature authorized the appointment of a special legislative committee to make an official Fourth of July visit to the Irish free state at the expense of its members.

Some of the unusual legislation proposed is obviously aimed at what the authors regard as injustice.

Housewives who do not share in joint control of the family income found a champion in Mrs. Margaret Laird, of Newark, N. J., who introduced a bill in the New Jersey legislature enabling married women to control the wages they earn in their own homes.

Another New Jersey measure would exempt nurses from jury duty.

A third would enable innocent persons to collect from the state \$1 a day for each day of confinement in jail, provided they proved their innocence.

**"A PAIR OF SILK STOCKINGS"
FEATURE AT STRAND TONIGHT**

Amateur theatricals sometimes lead to trouble. This is demonstrated by Constance Talmadge who is presented by Lewis J. Selznick in "A Pair of Silk Stockings" at the Strand theatre tonight.

Sam Thornhill, a young man has recently been divorced by his wife, Mollie (Constance Talmadge) meets her at a country house where he is a guest, and she maroons while a car which she had bought against Sam's judgment, is being repaired. Sam goes to her room in an attempt to make up their differences and finding her absent, hides in the closet. Meanwhile Bagnal, a former guest, returns to his room, the one which is now occupied by Mollie and meets her as she enters. Sam, in his tramp make-up, having been thus cast for the theatrical, hears her tell the intruder, who had formerly been a suitor, that she still loves Sam. Registering glee in his closet, the pseudo-tramp is dragged forth, and not recognizing him, the two bind him with a pair of Mollie's silk stockings.

When the guests come at the sound, the prisoner is securely locked in the bathroom and explanations of Bagnal's presence in Mollie's room are in order. The burglar is about to be produced when they find that he has flown, silk stockings and all.

Meanwhile Sam, who has escaped through the window from Mollie's bath, enters the throng unseen, in his own clothing and Mollie's stockings! This settles the identity of the tramp and Mollie, still loving him, decides that the make of car suggested by Sam would be best, after all, and consents to reconsider not only the other make of car but Sam as a husband.

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The Slim Princess of Comedy
Constance Talmadge
With Harrison Ford and Wanda Hawley in a lively parade of lingerie and laughter
"A Pair of Silk Stockings"
She shocked her hostess with them. She tied up a burglar with them. Then she found her husband wearing them. There was a pec kof trouble for everybody in them, and you'll laugh 'till you darn near die. It's a riot of laughter. Don't miss it.
And Two Good Comedies
Show starts at 6:30. Admission 10c and 20c
Another wonderful feature Sunday—The best-dressed woman in the world, Irene Castle, in "French Heels."
Admission 10c-20c. Show starts 6:30

Man! Here is some Good News!
Look at How Little We Ask for Hats
Right when everybody is blossoming out in new Spring lids, 400 up-to-the-minute styles—can't be bettered values. Bought at lowest prices from the "better" Hat Makers, who see "better" times, shortened profits and more sales. You need a new hat for Easter—here's your opportunity. Look at the prices for Hat Week, starting today.

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