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To the Fair Minded Public.

[TO THE EDITOR TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.]

Dear Sir:—Whereas in the issue of Sept. 13, 1901, of your paper, you have again felt yourself called upon to publish remarks and statements which in the mind of any decent and fairminded citizen must be understood as an insult to the Sisters of St. Alphonsus Academy and the Rev. J. J. Burri, Rector of the Catholic Church of Tillamook, and by so doing you have offended every Catholic in this community; the Catholics of Tillamook have on Sunday, Sept. 15, 1901, in a general meeting assembled protested against the insulting remarks and the partiality you have shown against the Catholics in your paper. As your offense was public, we demand also a public reparation which must consist in publishing our grievances here-with handed to you, and moreover to make adequate apologies through your paper.

Firstly—You have shown unfairness towards the Catholics in your issue of May 30 ult.

Hon. Mr. B. L. Eddy offended the Catholics by his remarks at the Commencement exercises of the public school, a few days previous, Father J. J. Burri over his signature remonstrated in your paper in order to keep sectarianism out of our public school and in so doing defended the integrity of our public schools. Now, Mr. Editor, you know that Mr. Eddy is a lawyer, hence, if his remarks were wrong, he, as a man of the bar, should be better qualified to defend himself, than you are to defend him. Yet you must have realized that his reply of same issue was a poor excuse for a justification of himself, and you, not a man of the profession, had to come to his aid by throwing the blame on Father Burri as being too bitter and too harsh, which in other words means that the words of Father Burri contained truth too stern for Mr. Eddy to relish.

Secondly—As a last resort to protect your client you had recourse to the cowardly stratagem of closing your columns against Father Burri, by refusing in advance to take any more communication from him, on pretext that your paper was not open for religious controversies. But when Hon. Mr. Eddy abuses his position as school trustee, to introduce into the public school meetings, subjects that by their nature pertain to religious controversy, and by introducing them into world public school meeting offend the Catholics, you have not a word of disapproval for him, and Father Burri, who has the courage to remonstrate and protest the integrity of our public school, is made out to be fighting our public school and Mr. Eddy is posing as the victim unjustly persecuted by that Catholic priest, who of course as a priest, hates anything that tends toward the betterment of education and the uplifting of man kind.

Thirdly—In your issue of September 12th inst., you have given an additional evidence of your bias against the Catholics and in favor of your client. The communication of the Sisters speaks for itself and no comment is needed, neither was there any necessity for an impartial editor to mix himself up in the matter, the whole affair had been addressed to "The Fair Minded Public," and not to a prejudiced editor. Had you done as you claimed to have done in your issue of May 30th ult., viz., published the Sisters letter without any comment, and let Hon. Mr. Eddy reply in the next number of your paper, you might have thus spared yourself a great deal of difficulty, viz., relieved both Mr. Eddy and yourself from a very embarrassing position. But that would have been too fair towards a Catholic Community and not

partial enough for your client. The truth again was "too bitter and too harsh" for your client, therefore a stratagem must be resorted to. The record at the court house shows that \$386.25 for the two Anderson children had been expended. You published the amount without mentioning for how long a period this sum was paid, without mentioning the fact that this sum paid out for the children comprised clothing, books, board tuition and music, including also a bill contracted during the life time of the father of the children.

This last item duly considered will evince the fact the children were at the Academy before Mr. Eddy had to advise Mr. Parks to send them there, and much thanks the Sisters owe Mr. Eddy for his recommendation of the Academy can be seen by his own words, viz. "As that was the only boarding school in the city." Well, thank you Mr. Eddy, you are very kind indeed!!

Fourthly—We feel your partiality toward Mr. Eddy by the fact that each time we have a communication for your paper you always show same to Mr. Eddy and have his reply in the same issue whilst you have never shown or given us the same privilege. This is both as unfair towards us as it is against every etiquette of editors.

Fifthly—Last but not least, in your comment on the communication written and signed by the Sisters of the Academy you quote your client as saying: "It is quite apparent that the communication is not signed by its real author. I presume it is not levelled so much at me personally as at the public school, of which I happen to be a director." Now Mr. Editor, a gentleman and especially an American gentleman never insults a lady. To imply that a lady is not capable to defend herself by writing a few lines, is insulting to her and this is more so, the more her position supposes her able to write these few lines. Moreover, the Sisters by signing their names to the article claimed ownership and authorship of same, you and your client make them out to be liars by your statement attributing the authorship of said article to another author than the one signed, which is ungentlemanly and un-American.

To attribute the same article to Father Burri which was written and signed by the Sisters of the Academy might be some of the political tactics practised by your client, which however, are never used by Father Burri, because he considers them below the dignity of a man. When Father Burri has anything to say he does not hide himself behind the Public School instead of offering a due apology. In behalf of the Congregation,

JOS. SANDERS, E. A. FITZPATRICK, D. FITZPATRICK, M. MELCHIOR, Trustees.

N.B.—Lest these lines might again unjustly be attributed to Hon. Mr. Handley Mr. Claude Thayer or some other innocent party I, the undersigned, wish to state that they are the thoughts and feelings of the congregation as expressed at last Sunday's meeting, the words and composition are my own at the request of the same congregation. So please do not blame anybody else.

Yours Truly, REV. JOHN JOSEPH BURRI, Rector Sacred Heart Church, Tillamook, Sept. 17, 1901.

In answer to the above, and referring first to the controversy regarding Mr. Eddy's remarks at the public school exercises, in the judgment of the editor it was thought best to give both an opportunity to be heard in the same issue. This is quite in accord with newspaper etiquette. If we erred in judgment it was for the purpose of preventing further newspaper controversy, and, consequent-

ly, a feeling of strife in the community; which it certainly would have done had it been prolonged from week to week. Had we refused to publish Father Burri's letter then we think that the accusation of unfairness would have been sustained, not otherwise. Just to show how hard it is to please the general public in a controversy like this, there were people who looked and talked ugly to us for publishing Father Burri's letter, but we tried to convince them that it would have been unfair on our part had we withheld it from publication. We just state this to show how easy it is for an editor to be placed in an embarrassing position and get kicked all the way round, without one small word of thanks from anyone. We will leave it to a fair minded public to say whether we were unfair, erred in judgment or abused our public position in this controversy. It is the prerogative of the editor to say when a controversy shall cease, and if we did come down flat footed in this instance we did so because we believed it was for the best interest of the community.

In regard to the communication of the Sisters in our last issue, that was made public property several hours before we went to press last Thursday in our contemporary, and Mr. Eddy ascertaining that we had the same communication, he requested us to publish that which we quoted from him, without the least solicitation on our part or advice as to what he should say. We should have sanctioned the same thing had the matter been vice versa. Here again we do not think we have departed from newspaper etiquette or acted unfair. As to that we will leave this also to the judgment of an unbiased public.

The editor of the Headlight does not aim to be unfair, and like every fallible being he errs—we're all built that way. We say in closing, if it would have been more Christ-like if this matter could have been settled in that spirit and not by rushing into print. The godly, the atheist, and man of the world delight to see Christian people employed in criticizing one another. Gentlemen, don't let them point the finger of ridicule by prolonging this controversy, for it is a bad precedent when Christian people cannot settle their little differences, real or imaginary, in a brotherly, forgiving spirit.—EDITOR.

SOUTH PRAIRIE.

Lyman Lamb is slowly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever. A Mr. Powell, from Yamhill county, has purchased the Ely place. We welcome him to our midst.

Festus Quick has gone to attend the Portland Business College, and will graduate therefrom during the ensuing year.

Another runaway at our creamery, in which one which was badly wrecked and another one damaged, nobody hurt, but it afforded a momentary interest greater than a pound of comedy would have done to two "kids" seated in one of them.

A recent ride over the plank road to the south, has convinced the writer that, notwithstanding much criticism to the contrary, it is a success, and without it, the really wonderful amount of traffic over it during the year would be a simple impossibility.

Yearly Report of the Tillamook Auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. of the M. E. Church, for year beginning Oct. 6th, 1900, and ending Sept. 5th, 1901. No. of members belonging to auxiliary, 21; No. of meetings held during the year, 11; No. of public meetings held during the year, 4; No. of public entertainments held during the year, 1; Amt. of money received during the year, \$65.00. Names of officers are as follows: Mrs. F. R. Beals, president; Mrs. Peck, vice-president; Mrs. R. M. Watson, treasurer; Mrs. D. E. Goyno, secretary.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT MCKINLEY. His Closing Hours Were Without Pain.

MILBURN HOUSE, BUFFALO, Sept. 14th.—President McKinley died at 2:15 a.m. He had been unconscious most of the time since 7:50 p.m. His last conscious hour on earth was spent with the wife to whom he devoted a life time of care. He died unattended by a minister of the gospel, but his last words were a humble submission to the will of the God in whom he believed. He was reconciled to the cruel fate to which an assassin's bullet had condemned him and faced death in the same spirit of calmness which has marked his long and honorable career.

His last conscious words, reduced to writing by Dr. Mann, who stood at his bedside when they were uttered, were: "Good-bye all, good-bye. It is God's way. His will be done."

His relatives and the members of his official family were at the Milburn House except Secretary Wilson, who did not avail himself of the opportunity, and some of his personal and political friends took leave of him. This painful ceremony was simple. His friends came to the door of the sick room, took a longing glance at him and turned tearfully away.

The Parting With His Wife. He was practically unconscious during this time. But powerful heart stimulants, including oxygen, were employed to restore him to consciousness for his final parting with his wife. He asked for her and she sat at his side and held his hand. He consoled her and bade her good-bye. She went through the heart-rending scene with the same bravery and fortitude with which she has borne the grief of the tragedy which ended his life.

The immediate cause of the President's death is undetermined. His physicians disagreed and it will probably require an autopsy to fix the exact cause. The President's remains will be taken to Washington and there will be a state funeral.

Vice-President Roosevelt, who now succeeds the President, may take the oath of office wherever he happens to hear the news. The Cabinet will, of course, resign in a body, and President Roosevelt will have an opportunity of forming a new Cabinet, if he so desires.

One of the members of the Cabinet who came from the house at 2 o'clock for a stroll along the front walk said a meeting of the Cabinet would be held probably to-morrow morning to take such action as will be required by the circumstances. He said the expectation of the Cabinet was that the remains would be taken to Washington and then lie in state at the Capitol, afterwards going to Canton for final interment.

Scene in the Death Chamber. From authoritative officials the following details of the final scenes in the about the death chamber were secured:

The President had continued in an unconscious state since 8:30 p.m. Dr. Rixey remained with him at all times and until death came. The other doctors were in the room at times, and then repaired to the front room, where their consultation had been held. About 2 o'clock Dr. Rixey noted the unmistakable signs of dissolution, and the immediate members of the family were summoned to the bedside. Mrs. McKinley was asleep and it was desirable not to awaken her for the last moments of anguish.

Silently and sadly the members of the family stole into the room. They stood about the foot and sides of the bed where the great man's life was ebbing away.

When the End Came. It was now 2:05 o'clock, and the minutes were slipping away. Only the sobs

of those in the circle about the President's bedside broke the awe-like silence. Five minutes passed, then six, seven, eight—now Dr. Rixey bent forward, and then one of his hands was raised as if in warning. The fluttering heart was just going to rest. A moment more and Dr. Rixey straightened up and, with a choking voice, said: "The President is dead."

Secretary Cortelyou was the first to turn from the stricken circle. He stepped from the chamber to the outer hall and then down the stairway to the large room where the members of the Cabinet, Senators and distinguished officials were assembled.

As his tense white face appeared at the doorway a hush fell upon the assemblage. "Gentlemen, the President has passed away," he said.

For a moment not a word came in reply. Even though the end had been expected, the actual announcement that Mr. McKinley was dead fairly stunned these men who had been his closest confidants and advisers. Then a groan of anguish went up from the assembled officials. They cried like children. All the pent-up emotions of the last few days were let loose. They turned from the room and came from the house with streaming eyes.

NETARTS.

Mr. W. Easter has moved his family to Tillamook to send his children to school the coming winter.

Geo. N. Hodgson left for the valley Sunday after a load of fruit.

Mr. John Creasy, of Nescuna, brought in a load of campers Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Hunt, keeper of Cape Meres Lighthouse, has been very sick for the past 10 days, is a little better at present.

Miss Lillie and Master Marion Phelps have gone to Tillamook, to attend the public school this winter.

Geo. Phelps went to the lighthouse Monday.

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CONTEST NOTICE. Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, September 18, 1901.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by WILLARD N. JONES, contestant, against the following named parties, made December 7, 1892, for the purchase of the S 1/2 of Sec. 14, and SW 1/4 of Sec. 14, Township No. 4 North, Range No. 6 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim, a said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 20th day of November, 1901. She names as witnesses: Mammie A. Akim, Co-owner; Wheeler, Laura E. Nichols and John C. Bryant, of Nehalem, Oregon.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William H. Reynolds, Abel W. Severance, Myron C. Trowbridge and William D. Hingworth, of Tillamook, Ore. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Ore., August 21st, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before County Clerk of Tillamook county, at Tillamook, Oregon, on October 11th, 1901, viz: WILLIAM SCHLOTTER; H. E. No. 1257 for the E 1/2 of Sec. 14, sec. 19 and N 1/2 of Sec. 20, T. 2 S., R. 8 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Blum, Charles Blum, Benjamin W. Turner and Isaac H. Moore, of Seaside, Oregon. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, September 18, 1901. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

MAMIE A. AKIN, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 5597, for the purchase of the S 1/2 of Sec. 6, in Township No. 4 North, Range No. 6 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim, a said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 20th day of November, 1901. She names as witnesses: Mammie A. Akim, Co-owner; Wheeler, Laura E. Nichols and John C. Bryant, of Nehalem, Oregon.

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