

The Tillamook Headlight.

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CORRUPT CITY AFFAIRS.

Abuses and Looseness that Have Existing in Tillamook City.

It is time for Tillamook City to get down to business in the matter of running its municipal affairs. It can make a new start—if it wants to—right now. We have no aspirants for city offices to boost, and it is only in the interest of the city and for better city government that we pen this article. Like most of the cities of the Northwest, men and factions have controlled city politics, and by the violation of law and "graft," individuals have become rich and arrogant in doing so, and we don't have to go outside of Tillamook City to prove this. The saloon faction has practically controlled the city for several years, and will continue to do so as long as men can be herded and bribed and told to "knife" some respectable citizen because he did not hobnobble with the saloon gang and throw away his time and money over the bar or the gambling table. This is where the bone of contention rests. Those who want to control the city and city officials for their own benefit are always active just before election, and their hangers-on are ready to do their bidding, whereas those who want to see a respectable, well-kept city are indifferent and inactive. A great many of the city abuses and the open violation of law can be laid at the door of the respectable, law-abiding citizens, and the HEADLIGHT is free to say this, no matter who it may offend, they were responsible and morally guilty for the open violation of law that went on for years in Tillamook City. Are they going to remedy it? Are the business men going to get in and insist upon an administration along business lines? Or will the same old faction, which privileged certain persons to violate the law, continue to run the city as heretofore? We defy anyone to contradict us when we say that Tillamook City is out thousands of dollars on account of this loose, privileged system of running our city affairs. For instance, it was freely reported that the gamblers paid the city marshals \$50 a month to violate the law and the city paid the same individuals \$45 a month to enforce the law. Another thing, when the city council employed the present city marshal, it was with the understanding that he should put in his time fixing up side walks and streets, and by the big kick and complaint that is now going on, most of the citizens must have long come to the conclusion that the city is paying out \$45 to run a delivery wagon. We ask the business men, we ask the citizens, wherein has the city gained one cent by this loose system of allowing people to violate the law and paying out tax money and getting no value for the money. The city is getting it in the neck right along, and if there is any kick on account of the city getting into debt, we have mentioned the above facts to show who it is that is responsible. Another thing, most every city makes large sums of money in fines, but here in Tillamook City it is a regular fizzle, and the city is at a loss several hundred dollars every year, and when it comes to the hoodlums running wild and despoiling property, an instance of their destructiveness was seen when they took possession of the city on Halloween. If our citizens want a change from this loose system they can do so by voting for men who are not controlled by those who want to violate the law, and if the law-abiding citizens won't bestir themselves and put a stop to the abuses we have referred to, then they should not complain if the law-breakers continue in control of city affairs. The HEADLIGHT is not preaching any new thing, nor is it trying to arouse a spasmodic reform agitation. It stands today exactly where it stood long before it went into the fight against the gambling "graft" that was allowed for years in Tillamook City, and it is this: The HEADLIGHT stands for the enforcement of the law, no matter who it is that breaks it; and is opposed to the rich fellows being privileged to violate the law so that they can work a "graft." And for preaching that kind of a doctrine, all manner of abuse have been heaped on the editor, but he intends to stay with it, no matter whether the law-abiding citizens bestir themselves in this election or not, for, as it is plain to all, law enforcement will eventually prevail in Tillamook City.

High Finance in Tillamook City.

From a financial, money making point of view, how in thunder does Tillamook City allow the county to get away with all the fines and the city gets none and goes with an empty treasury? In proof of the fact that it pay to enforce the law, twelve months ago the county gathered in nearly \$800 in fines and \$300 since for violation of law, and even that would have been more than trebled had all the county officials done their sworn duty. Tillamook City could have gathered in all this and more to, and more than enough to pay the interest on the water bonds, if the city was wanting to replenish its depleted treasury. Another opportunity is given to every voter on Monday whether they want that kind of high-finance in city affairs to continue another year and the city getting deeper and deeper into debt at the same time. It doesn't take a financier to see through this high finance business and deplorable financing in Tillamook City.

"Make Good" Your Promises.

Will the gentlemen, and now the city officials, who posted the city about this time last year with bills saying they were going to enforce the law, kindly inform the people of Tillamook City how much they have added to the city's treasury by way of fines in their heroic effort in having the laws enforced? Speak up, gentlemen, for we now call upon you to "make good" your promises of a year ago, and to show whether it was made in good faith or to catch votes. Please tell us how much fines have been added to the city's treasury, for that will prove whether political promises can be relied upon. It is too bad on our part to bring this political skeleton out into the sunlight and hold it up to full view again, but we like to cause a bit of fun along these lines once in a while. We predict that the fines amount to about this up to the present time, \$000.

The Nominee for Mayor.

Rollie W. Watson asked the Headlight man if he was going to support him for mayor. We want to show a magnanimous spirit towards the editor of our contemporary if he thinks the office of mayor is more important than that of moulding public opinion. We prefer to differ with him, and although we may be wrong, we have endeavored to pursue this course, that a newspaper man can better serve the people running a newspaper than he can running for office. We have no desire whatever to oppose the election of Mr. Watson, even though he is a rabid advocate of a saloon town. But Mr. Watson cannot get away from his record and the impressions he has left on the minds of the people. When a number of business men and prominent citizens formed an organization in the interest of the city and county to do away with the gambling and gambling joints, in the interest of law and order, in the interest of the home, the wife and the family, what was Rollie W. Watson doing to stop this "graft" and open violation of law? This is his record. He was in the band wagon with the gamblers and violators of the law when the people, the law-abiding, respectable citizens of the county, had to band themselves together to wipe out, what most everybody now admits, that the gambling joints were nothing but "grafting," robber's dens. It is fitting for those who violated the law that they should now "honor" Mr. Watson with the mayoralty for his services in their behalf. "Honor!" There is no "honor" in becoming a whiskey ring's nominee. Some business men have found this out to their sorrow, for it is a reputation that keeps coming up against them in after years and is hard to shake off in small towns. All we ask of Mr. Watson and the other aspirants is that they will have the laws enforced, will make the street commissioner earn his salary fixing up and improving the city, enforce the Sunday and curfew laws, and run the city in the interest of the city and not in the interest of a few persons so that they can make money violating the law. Anyone can have the support of the HEADLIGHT who will take a stand and will do this after they are elected to office. That is what this city needs, and what the business men and law abiding citizens demand. We do not wish to put any obstacles in the way of those who aspire to office if they want to take an active part in city government if their aim is to do what is right. The trouble is, in recent years, some of our city officials have been the puppets and stool pigeons, in the interest of those who did not want to be molested violating the law.

Didn't Get a Swelled Head.

Mayor Cohn did not give the HEADLIGHT man a square deal, for no parliamentary law gives a presiding officer the right to recognize the nomination of one newspaper man and ignore the other. We raise a point of order. But the mayor decided wisely, and as the caucus was in a good-tempered mood the editor did not object to the boys having a little fun in nominating him for city marshal, but the mayor cut it out before the editor's head became all swelled up and before he had time to think what a large revenue he would add to the city's treasury by running all those big boys and rich fellows up to the bar of justice, and if he attempted to pitch him out, headlong into the street, there would be some thing doing and the city would be several hundred dollars ahead when the scrimmage was over. Thanks, Mr. Mayor, you were right, the HEADLIGHT man has no political bee buzzing in his bonnet and does not propose to get a swelled head on account of a few complimentary votes being thrown his way, nor do we have the least hopes of starting a bank after holding a portfolio in the city cabinet. He's just a common, every day newspaper man, no better nor any worse than any other man, but he has the ear of the people every week and has something that interests them and they eagerly look for.

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Lock or Sea Level—Which?

The country will not get excited over the report that some of the engineers are in favor of a lock canal at Panama, and that the President leans to that side also. Time and money are the elements which sway nearly all the advocates of the lock canal. Such a canal could be built two or three years quicker than the sea-level type, could be utilized earlier and would cost much less money. These are considerations of importance, but they are not decisive. The canal is intended for all time, or as long as vessels sail on water. Therefore, we want the best which can be had. On all sides it is conceded that the sea-level type would have many important advantages. It would allow quicker transit of ships. The liability to obstruction from any source would be far less than in the canal with lifts. The cost of operation would be much less. After it got to work the sea-level canal would, in a few years, pay its extra cost of construction by the saving in operation expenses and by the shortening of the time of passage through it. In time of war it would be far easier to defend a lock canal, for the destruction of any of the locks would make the canal useless for time.

President and commission are anxious to get the canal at work at the earliest possible moment. This is the chief reason why they favor a lock system. If the sea-level type could be built as quickly and as cheaply it would be favored by them as well as by everybody. Nobody would want the lock type of waterway if it cost as much as the other in money or time. Time and money, however, are not the factors which will determine the people's choice. They want a canal which will meet all the demands of the future in broadening and deepening, and in facilitating the transit of vessels. These elements, added to the greater cheapness in operation, are decisive in favor of the sea-level canal. If a sea level canal is to be built, new legislation must be had, but it is safe to say that Congress will readily enact it. This is a subject which will get exhaustive discussion in the press before the matter has a chance to come up in Congress.

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