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**JUSTICE TO ALL; CARPING AGAINST NONE**

Criticism is the legitimate weapon with which wrong is righted and abuses is corrected, which would otherwise flourish unchecked and unrestrained. The glare of newspaper publicity upon the acts of public officials has always been the best guarantee of a free government, and to that end the framers of the Constitution jammed it in that instrument that the "freedom of the press shall not be infringed."

But there are two kinds of criticism: constructive criticism, which aims at remedying an evil and substitution for it good; and destructive criticism, which seeks to tear down and destroy for the mere pleasure of destroying. Constructive criticism has a purpose in view for the welfare of the community, while destructive criticism is the mere idle carping of habitual knockers whose hammers must not be allowed to become rusty from idleness.

An illustration of this character is the unjust criticism directed against the Board of Aldermen for their action in attempting to dispose of the Water and Light Bonds. A plain statement of the facts will do much to clarify the situation, and to relieve the Board of much of the unjust stigma that has been plastered on them.

The Board had decided that it was necessary to issue bonds to enlarge and repair the Water and Light plant here, since the power was inadequate and the water almost undrinkable. Accordingly the bonds were advertised and bids asked, but after this formality had been done twice, there had been no offer high enough to justify their sale, 96 being the highest offer made for the bonds.

Mr. Forbes, cashier of the National Bank, then offered to take the matter up with a Toledo, Ohio, house—a reputable concern—to endeavor to get a higher price for the bonds. After several exchanges of telegrams the Toledo firm agreed to purchase the bonds at par, with six per cent interest, payable semi-annually, the town to receive a refund of interest on the money so long as they did not use it.

Mr. Forbes, upon receipt of the telegram, at once saw several members of the Board and asked them if the bid was acceptable, in order that he might telegraph that the bonds were bought, as the offer was liable to be withdrawn. Upon being told that the offer was accepted, he telegraphed his house to that effect.

Upon the following meeting night, a wire from a firm whose rating in Bradstreet or Dun is reputed to be very low, and who is alleged to have thrown up several series of bonds in this section, stated that they would give a bonus of \$500 for the bonds. There was no check put up, no bond to insure the carrying out of the contract, nothing but a verbal offer which did not constitute a legal and binding offer. Upon the strength of these facts, the Board refused to rescind their bargain with the Toledo house, and awarded the sale of the bonds to them.

As for their sale being illegal, it cannot be a sale if it was not according to law, and the firm that bought the bonds will be the first to find out this point. If there is any legal irregularity in the sale, it is a sure bet that the Company that was to buy the bonds will never part with their money until the irregularity has been corrected.

There is an apparent irregularity in their sale, but it is due to the complicated municipal laws passed by the last Legislature, rather than to the crookedness of any of the Aldermen. A judge of the Supreme Court has stated that it is impossible to determine what the law really is until a case is brought to the Supreme Court. Under such conditions not very much censure can be attached to \$2.00 per month aldermen for their failure to decipher it according to Hoyle.

Finally, it might be well to state that unless Greenville wishes to drink muddy water for a long time to come, it would be well if the Board could manage to sell the bonds at the price offered by the Toledo firm. The repairs at the Water and Light plant are imperative, and the price of bonds will fall steadily lower as more and more govern-

ment bonds are placed on the market. The sale of municipal bonds is already difficult, and it is safe to state that never again in the near future will the town be offered by a reputable firm as high a price as they were offered by the Toledo concern.

These are the plain facts of the case, unvarnished and unpruned, and a fair consideration of them will leave no ground for the vicious attacks that have been made on the aldermen concerning this matter.

Justice where justice is due, rather than indiscriminate criticism that accomplishes no good.

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