

AN EDITORIAL

It has been called to the attention of The News-Review that there is being distributed by carrier throughout the city copies of the Latah Journal, purporting to be published at Deary, Idaho. This paper is making attacks upon Dr. Frank B. Robinson.

Prior to Mr. Nessly's appearance the Journal was entirely friendly, so far as we know, to Dr. Frank B. Robinson, or at least never made any attack upon him. It would be interesting to know just why Mr. Nessly, who has not until recently been a resident of the state for a long time past, should make these attacks upon Robinson. It is quite certain that Mr. Nessly is not acquainted with the subject of his attack and has never been injured in any way by him. On page three of the Journal under the heading "Our Field," the reader is led to believe that the paper is greatly and deeply interested in what it claims as its home town—Deary. Deary, like every other community in Latah county, has many natural resources and many man-made institutions of which it may be justly proud. We sincerely hope that the Latah Journal may continue to be a useful institution in that community in the future as it has been in the past. However, we venture the suggestion that such attacks as are being made by Mr. Nessly, without any personal provocation or injury from Dr. Robinson to him, may not appeal to the readers of that paper.

The heading of one article in the Journal would lead one to believe that federal officials are now engaged in gathering evidence against Dr. Robinson and claim to have much that is damaging against him. To those familiar with the facts it will readily be apparent that that statement is not warranted. The matters discussed in the article have been threshed out in the federal court and a jury of 12 respected citizens of Idaho have found Dr. Robinson is without fault.

Irrespective of the charges, there is no one who can gainsay the fact that Dr. Robinson's conduct while living in Moscow has been exemplary. His greatest faults lie in the fact that he has built or been instrumental in the building of three business buildings in Moscow, that he has purchased, paid for, and greatly improved a residence here, and that he is operating two drug stores and was instrumental in starting The News-Review in this community. The office building was a crying need of the town and when it was built, it was promptly filled with professional men and in process of filling this building it emptied another building in the city of professional tenants, thereby causing that building to be remodelled which, in itself, was a benefit to the city. While The News-Review is an independent organization so far as Dr. Robinson is concerned and does not rely upon him in any way for revenue except as he is a customer of this institution with his printing, he was nevertheless instrumental in bringing the paper here. At the present time he only owns sufficient stock in the corporation to permit him to be one of its directors. He does not interfere or seek to interfere in any way with the policies of the paper. The News-Review would hazard the guess that if Dr. Robinson would close his drug stores, would lock up his office building, and if The News-Review should lock its doors and suspend publication, all attacks on "Psychiana" and Dr. Robinson, in so far as Moscow is concerned, would probably cease.

It is a known fact that Dr. Robinson bought and paid for Robinson park and thereby secured for the people of this vicinity recreation grounds that were sorely needed. It is also well known that he is the greatest individual contributor to charity in north Idaho. Under these circumstances, just what grievance has Mr. Nessly? Why is it that when the good citizens of Moscow and of Latah county, generally, "find no fault in him," suddenly there springs up in a remote section of the county an individual shouting "crucify him"? We believe that the people will readily see that Mr. Nessly and the Latah Journal are not interested in the affairs of Dr. Robinson in the least.

Finally, it will be the policy of The News-Review in the future to ignore this and subsequent attacks on Dr. Robinson unless conditions arise making some statement imperative. We hope to continue on the even tenor of our way and to be soon located in more commodious quarters in the city, built for the express purpose of housing this institution. This latter building, when completed, will be another real asset to the community. In the meantime, we hope to conduct the affairs of this paper as fair, open, and above-board competition with all newspapers entering the field and without hurling any vituperation or abuse at anyone connected with any of such papers. We hope to and expect to continue to furnish the largest paid list of subscribers in this county with the daily news in a manner consistent with decent newspaper methods.