

A GOOD OFFICIAL

The editor of the NEWS has as good an opportunity as any one perhaps to know his real worth to the city and to the general public. Without saying one word derogatory to the personal character or official conduct of any previous city marshal, we want to say, the present incumbent, Simon Leesch, is an excellent officer. His personal character is in every way above and beyond reproach. He is honest, capable, truthful, level-headed, cool tempered, not foul mouthed or profane in his language, courteous. Now when you put all those qualities into a young man in an official position, one with whom one in our position is obliged to come in daily contact, it means a good deal. A foul mouthed man we detest above all others, while profanity in a public official is without excuse.

Not only does Mr. Leesch possess our confidence, but he has that of the public. When he speaks men believe him; if he asks for credit he gets it. This is his first years experience, and he has improved wonderfully in his six months service. He has reconstructed our jail and court room lobby in the jail corridors; he keeps everything neat and clean about these rooms, a great satisfaction to us, till a good court room is provided. So of all parts of buildings and grounds that come under his supervision. He had a good mother and has a good wife, though we never saw either.

But what pleases us as much as anything about him is his painstaking study of the ordinances pertaining to his duties and his wider study of the police service of a city in these times, so that he is becoming quite an expert in his knowledge of these things. Hence while he is a good, capable and reliable marshal today, he has the promise, the ability and the making of a many fold better one in the future, and we wish in closing to congratulate Mayor Evans on his appointment. We have been asked by some of our citizens about the marshal and the above is our answer to those and all others.

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