

A man by the name of Sherman (said to be a Brother) was handled without gloves by a Committee, appointed upon a portion of the Grand Master's address referring to certain slanders in circulation regarding the relations existing between their Sister Grand Lodge of Oregon and themselves.

After commenting at some length upon the motives which induced Sherman to prostitute Masonry to the subservience of his own personal ends, they add :

"With such motives Sherman has invented this fabrication 'in the whole cloth,' without semblance of truth or color of fact therefor. We challenge the production of a single Washington Brother who has uttered a sentiment justifying the language of Sherman herebefore quoted. Similar statements have been made by him to most prominent Masons, high in authority in the city of Washington, which we have heard, as wilfully false and without the slightest foundation of truth.

"Our Oregon brethren know them to be false; but to the end that the fraternity, 'wheresoever dispersed' may appreciate the real condition of things, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That there is no foundation in truth for the charge or even insinuation that there yet remains in this jurisdiction any personal feeling of unkindness, either to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, or any of its Grand or Past Grand Officers, or to any member of the Fraternity within that State, growing out of the jurisdictional controversy between the respective Grand Lodges, which controversy was fully and definitely adjusted upon terms satisfactory to both Grand Lodges in 1871.

"*Resolved*, That as the representatives of the Subordinate Lodges and of the Craft we here declare the thorough fraternal good will of the Masons of this Territory for their brethren in Oregon.

"*Resolved*, That we denounce as an enemy of Masonry, the malicious and mischievous man, who for motives of self-interest, would attempt to keep alive the remembrance of a settled controversy, or who would falsely charge the Fraternity of this Territory with a bad Faith to their Masonic duties and their pledges of friendship, for his selfish aggrandizement."

The following resolution introduced by M. W. Brother Elwood Evans, who stated that it had already been adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, was upon motion unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

"WHEREAS, The attendance upon the Centennial Celebration, to be held in Philadelphia in 1876, will be largely composed of Masons from different parts of the world, who, for the good of Masonry, should meet in a Masonic Body ;