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## NEWSPAPER LOTTERIES

Freedom of the press. Liberty of the press. These are things that newspaper people generally have demanded, and properly so. In the freedom of the press lies the best guarantee of the stabinty ment on its rights and interests, remarks the Publishers' Auxi ment on its rights and interests, remash of better journalism.

But the liberty of the press is today, to some degree, being turned into license, and whenever liberty is construed as licens by any class it becomes dangerous.

The spectacle of two big, powerful newspapers giving away hundreds of thousands of dollars in a lottery scheme is demoraliz ing not only to the newspaper profession but to the morale of the American people. The propagation of such schemes places these, or any other newspapers that follow them, in a class of doers of
evil rather than of doers of good. They are creating in the minds of the people a demand for something for nothing; a desire to live by luck rather than by work.
it is a disgusting sight to see thousands of people of Chicago scrambling in the mud of the streets that they might secure the tickets in these lottery schemes as they are thrown from automo biles and trucks; to see men, women and children forgetting the serious and the worthwhile things of life in their mad efforts to obtain the coveted bits of paper with which they may secure something for which they did not work.

It is such spurious journahistic schemes that condemn newspapers generally in the eyes of the thinking public: It is such would limit the power of the press for good because of the wisk to suppress the evil. Newspapers that indulge in such schemes are a menace to legitimate publications serving the public in a legitimate way, as well as a menace to the morale of the nation. The newspapers that indulge in such schemes are sacrificing their influence for good in order to achieve a purely selfish purpose.

Let us hope that the example set recently by the Chicago being made to introduce the same sort of a scheme into New York, may not be copied by other papers of the nation. Should such fluence on American life and the American people.

Joining the organizations
Winter is a time of activity in organization work, and our home foiks should ask themselves whether, they are doing all they can through these associations for their home city. Some organ zed societies exist chiefly for personal advantages, while other are co-operative projects for the benefit of the community. Any live organization helps bring out latent forces, but those that promote the development of the community as a whole, have
broader platform, and can claim more universal support. Peopl who stand outside such movements for the general good are to n large extent a dead weight on the community. Such a person
takes up a certain amount of room without making the full return for it that he could. He may by honest work in his occupstion for it that he could. He may by honest work in his occupation tain inertia radiates from him. His neighbors feel his indiffere and are thereby subtly influenced to settle down themselves in do-nothing spirit. The work of community progress usually do-nothing spirit. The work of community progress usually different to do any public work. Yet it seems as if every family might do something to co-operate with the movements for civic development. No person's life is complete and no one is taking his share of the common burden, unless he belongs to some kind of a nal societies, improvements and business associations, women clubs, all these and others contribute in their several ways. Fiery one ought to ally himself with one or more lines of effort and be willing after joining to do his share of the work.

At a convention of life insurance men recently held in Chi cago, the statement was made that the human race has added 10 speaker expressed belief that 10 more years would be added to the average man might reach half century, and he believed that eventually man might reach the age of 300 years. To increase the gencancer must come under control. Also the contagious diseases hike scarke fever that carry off many children must be practically abolished. Many people live through all the perils of contagion. muck worry. The human mind must cultivate a philosophical解 to live long. The man who can not take life cheerfully as it comes, has not acquired the secret of long life.

Another attempt to settle international disputes without war international court meets at The Hague. It will have to the new better support than the old Hague tribunal, if it is to accomplish much. There are two ways by which these disputes can be settled esentatives of the powers is through conferences where rep reach harmonious agreement. And there is the method of refer ring the controversies to a court whose decision each party pledged to accept. Up to now the nations would not place their most vital interests at the disposal of such a tribunal. Some day they will find that it is infinitely cheaper to abide by the decisions of war. a court, than to rush the world into the awful catastrophe


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