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TOO MANY EDITORS?

Job Smith, who conducts the "Scrap Heap" column in the Boston Traveler, recently, had the following to say about "The Editor," in answer to a correspondent who thinks the country is overrun with them:

An irreverent Dorchester correspondent attempts to stab our pride and self-respect when he writes us in this fashion:

"Don't you think there are too many editors in this country? When you get down to the bones of things, are editors of any particular use? Hasn't my opinion as much value as yours?"

Probably there are too many editors in this world; yet they are not as numerous as the men who believe they could do the editor's work better than the editor. Whether editors are useful creatures or otherwise is largely a question of opinion; they exist, and are used; and things that are used, whether they be doorknobs, rubber heels, doughnuts, or editors, must be useful.

As to the comparative value of the opinions of the editor and the correspondent, the best and most conclusive answer is that the opinions of the editor are paid for.

Work Soon Forgotten

The editor is human; his work is ephemeral; and it is difficult to estimate the results of it, because it is difficult to learn exactly the influence it exerts. His work is written, printed, published, read and cast aside in a day.

You can follow the work of the farmer from plow to pantry, from seed time to stomach, and with mathematical certainty; but the editor's work is from day to day; he throws his ideas out of the window; they may be seed thrown on good soil; they may be pearls cast to swine you can never tell.

Editorials are like the grace of God: they may convert a sinner or concrete a scoundrel; they may tap the tear ducts of a saint or excite the jeers of a grafter. It all depends. If they cause the reader to become a correspondent with a kick they are not in vain.

Public Damns the Editor

As a general proposition the public buys the paper and damns the editor; it will declare he has no influence, until he steps on its corns; then—well, then it is different.

There are two things every American can do better than the man on the job—run a newspaper and manage a hotel. If there is any esteemed friend, American and countryman who doesn't believe in this declaration he is either dead or in an asylum.

We have a number of unpopular citizens in mind whose enemies have often wished they were exiled, or in jail, or running for office. We don't; we

are content to wish they were running a newspaper and financing it themselves; they would then be so busy that people would forget them.

Not Popular With Politicians

As a general proposition the editor is not popular with the politician; their aims are antagonistic; the editor wants news and publicity; the politician avoids publicity and to him no news is the best news; and the nosiness of the newspaper person merely induces passion and profanity.

The man who is kicked by a mule is seldom an admirer of that interesting creature; the sagacity, pugnacity, speed of his terminal facilities and marksmanship do not make a pleasant impression on the man; and the statesman with a nice little scheme on his hands, who finds all its plans and specifications in a newspaper when he wakes up some morning, is certain to indulge in a bunch of rhetoric similar to the man who has been in collision with a mule, and it is not fit to print.

Editor Some Pumpkins

In fact, by his public utterances the statesman has not any higher opinion of the editor's utterances than our esteemed Dorchester correspondent; but you will find the fellows on the other side of the game willing to admit the editor may not know all' but that he is some pumpkins.

One thing is certain—vanity does not thrive riotously in editorial rooms; when the public is not taking a fall out of him, the editor is being reminded by his contemporaries that his opinions are mere piffle, punk, rot. No! The editor's life is not a happy one; but he has certain and distinct value, and its estimate depends largely on whether you are behind his chair or impaled on the point of his pen.

We should say at a venture our correspondent needs not editorial but medical advice; a blue pill would help him.

The wise men who have insisted that the air was not the domain of man, and that flying machine inventors would better spend their energies in some other direction as they would never learn to fly, are now busy doing some revising on their own account.

And now they are talking of a flying machine race at the Seattle Exposition. The aeronauts are to fly around the bay, a distance of about forty miles. Bleriot, the Frenchman, who flew across the English channel, is willing to come over and try conclusions with the Wright Brothers.

About three of those Yale graduates like the one that walloped five thieves that attacked him the other day in Germany, should be employed to go to South America and keep the peace between the wrangling Republics there. It would take just about that number to put down one of those revolutions that occur there so often—and they would do it expeditiously, too.

John H. Deane, a New York lawyer, evidently had a very strong desire to lay up treasures in heaven. At one time he dropped \$100,000 into the contribution box of a church there, and he gave away twice that much in donations to other church institutions, yet a few days ago he testified in the supreme court of the State of New York that his worldly possessions consisted of the suit of clothes that he wore and seven dollars in cash.

Plenty of nerve and a modicum of muscle is a very good thing for even a teacher of the Word to possess, disciple of peace that he may be. A husky young American who, while he attended Yale University was a member

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of the college baseball team, was on his way to attend the World's conference of the Y. M. C. A. in Germany, when he was held up by five thieves on the Italian frontier. According to the press dispatches, the encounter was brief but in every way decisive. Houghteling used two fists at the end of two muscular arms. There were five robbers in the band. Two ran away after getting plenty. Another is in the hospital and two others are in jail, captured by Houghteling.

We have not yet learned to value the Agricultural College's work as we should. As a general thing we farmers think we know more about farming than any professor, we think we learn all the new methods from one another, but in reality the United States Government has spent thousands of dollars each year to assist us, and the finest fruits and vegetables and grains we grow were first produced by experiment in the stations supported by the government. We people who are trying to reclaim our land and extend the acreage under cultivation will learn some day that better methods of farming will make one acre produce what two do now, and we will come to realize what the Agricultural men can do to help us. —T. J. Johnson, Ontario, Oregon.

To See Over the Telephone Wire

Seeing by wire has long been the dream of most inventors, and not a few in the past have wasted both time and energy in attempting to solve the mystery.

It has, however, fallen to the lot of two Danes, brothers, named Anderson, to be the first to invent an apparatus by means of which it is possible to see what is going on at the other end of a telephone wire. The details of the invention are naturally kept secret, but there appears to be no doubt as to its genuineness. An engineer of high repute has just tested the claims of the Andersons, and the expert declared the claim to be entirely justified.

The process is described as entirely new and very simple. It differs from the Korn and other systems of photography, inasmuch as it makes no use of photography, but transmits light and colors directly. Anyone speaking at a telephone fitted with the apparatus can be seen from the other end of the wire, and he likewise can show anything he likes across the wires.

The Andersons have taken eight years to probe the mystery. They are of humble parentage—the sons of a saddler at Odense—and are aged 28 and 30, respectively.

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THE TENNYSON ANNIVERSARY

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Low," but the effort was so raucous and high that the guests begged for a cessation and he then sang "Sing Me to Sleep." The guests were snoring in less than a minute. They were awakened from their sweet oblivion by the serving of an exceedingly generous portion of brick ice cream and "kisses," all of which was eaten in honor of the distinguished poet who gave England and the entire world some of its sweetest songs. And, incidentally, they enjoyed it because it was good. The occasion seemed to warrant a display of fireworks and an effort to set the Kline home on fire was made by lighting a patent indoor electrical stick that sent out a shower of sparks for ten minutes. The celebrators succeeded only in burning a hole in Miss Kline's fine carpet but that was immaterial considering the honor done Mr. Tennyson.

This entire affair was what Miss Thorp called a "hen" party and the ladies seemed to enjoy it despite the fact that there were two of the other sex present. At a late hour Miss Kline was told how lovely she, and everything she did, was and the guests departed for their homes after an evening of genuine pleasure.

Those present were Mesdames Selling, Yates, Farra, Campbell, Eichnor, Dryden, Carver, Moore, Strange; Misses Snell, Thorpe, Denman, Greer, Ewing, Cummings; Messrs. I. L. Bringham and N. R. Moore.

"A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY GOOD SHOW"

A Fine Film at the Palace—Exceptionally Fine Bill All Round.

The Palace theater was crowded to the doors last night to witness the production of "A Man Without a Country," claimed to be one of the best moving pictures ever exhibited, and those who saw the picture last night were more than satisfied with the entertainment it offered. It is all that is claimed for it, and is not only one of the best but one of the clearest films Corvallis theater-goers have ever had the opportunity to see.

Prof. Horn's troupe of dogs still continues to amuse and last night he had several new tricks which show the professor's skill in training dogs.

The dancing of Miss Blanche Graydon was a feature of the performances, her "Dance of all Nations" being one of the prettiest things of its kind ever seen in a Corvallis theater.

The bill will be repeated tonight and those who failed to witness last night's show should make it a point to see tonight's, for the entertainment will amply repay you.

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EASTERN OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE PEOPLE

Kind Words for Heads of Departments Who Held Institutes

The Ontario Optimist says of the farmers' institute held there last week by Pres. Kerr, Dr. Withycombe and Prof. Lewis:

"The talk of Prof. Lewis along horticultural lines was much appreciated here, and many questions regarding varieties and treatment of fruit were asked by his interested listeners.

"Following his talk, Dr. Withycombe made a short address on agriculture, saying that all farmers should be educated men and thinking men, and that they should know how to keep track of all the details of their farming in order to know what part of it pays and to eliminate the part which does not pay. He is earnest in urging all things that make for improvement and advancement.

"In the evening Dr. Kerr spoke to a good audience on the subject of industrial education. He believes that every man and woman should know how to do with the hands the things life fits them for. He advocates that every person should be fitted to fill to the best ability the place in life to which he belongs. "Education," he said, "means fitting boys and girls for living." It is the aim of the Agricultural College, he explained, to so fit boys and girls. It endeavors to teach them the industries which they must take up when they have entered upon life's duties. Dr. Kerr's talk was much enjoyed. All three of the Agricultural men have warm enthusiasm for this valley, and believe it has great possibilities. They enjoyed their visit here and were much pleased to see the progress which has been enjoyed by this valley since their last visit two years ago."

Way It's Done In Roseburg

Roseburg Review:—The Roseburg Commercial Club wants a quantity of fancy fruits and vegetables for an exhibit at the Seattle fair on Douglas County Day—August 18. If you can conveniently supply something in either line for that occasion it will be greatly appreciated. Bring your donations in prime condition, packed or otherwise arranged as neatly as possible, to the Commercial Club building on Saturday, August 14. Don't be afraid to bring any variety or too much of it if it's worth looking at. If there is more donated than the Club wants for the Seattle exhibit. It will come in very handy for the city exhibit building at the railroad depot, which needs replenishing very badly. The club is going to give away a lot of advertising literature at the fair, but seeing is believing, and the fruit and vegetables will speak for themselves. Will you donate something?

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