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WHAT SHOULD PAPER DO?

Often to the newspaper which is close to the hearts of its readers there comes the time when its editor wishes that he could satisfactorily answer the question, "What is our duty in connection with a piece of news like this?"

To publish the news means to bring sorrow into the hearts of some who are in no way at fault. A culprit will plead that the feelings of a mother, of a wife, of children should be considered.

A newspaper with a heart finds it easy to agree with such a statement, but it often wonders if the offender against the law is speaking as much for the mother, or wife, or sister, or children as he is for himself. The newspaper wonders why the mother, or wife, or sister or children were not thought of at the time that the offender had it in his power to save them the sorrow that is theirs already and to which the newspaper can add but little.

Also it is generally recognized that the newspaper has certain duties to perform in doing those things which will tend to curtail crime. Publicity for criminal acts is said to be one of the most efficacious deterrents to crime. Only fear of being found out prevents many an act that would not look well in the public prints.

Also the newspaper has certain duties towards its readers. It should not let fear of giving offense prevent it from publishing news to which its readers are entitled.

Then the question enters in, "If the readers are entitled to news concerning some happening, how far should the newspaper go in giving details?"

These are questions that may never be satisfactorily answered. They are questions which no newspaper has been able to answer to its own satisfaction, or to the satisfaction of its readers. The reader could well be made the judge. If

the reader would answer honestly the newspaper would be glad to abide by such a decision, but the fact is that many readers like to read things which they know have no business in the newspaper and this is the reason, we presume, that many newspapers print news that decency says should not be printed, or at least details that might better be omitted.

This leads us to comment upon the paper that is without a heart and without a soul, that prints all the news that is too indecent to print and does so for the primary purpose of increasing circulation, which is done by creating a desire for all the details of a nasty sex sensation, or of some other piece of foul news, and by taking advantage of the unnatural desire which has been created.

"Get every sordid detail. Search it. Pad it. If details are missing, supply them, but get something, and make it sensational."

That seems to be the order on certain papers when such disgusting details as those of the Mitchell and Stillman cases are flaunted before the world.

Decency has been outraged. The freedom of the press does not give such license.

No sex sensation can be so disgusting but that it will suggest to others that they might get away with something of the sort.

Newspapers who delve into every detail of such nasty messes are not close to the hearts of their readers. They make no heart appeal. They appeal to passion only. They have no desire to make the world better by painting in lurid colors the indecent details. Their purpose, outside of the paramount one of increasing circulation, might well be to encourage further crimes of the same nature, so that there might be no dearth of the kind of food with which they wish to feed the unnatural appetites which they themselves have created.

It is not enough that the principals should have their lives barred to the world, but innocent and blameless wives and children must be dragged into the mess. Prying, stealthy reporters must learn how the members of the family are taking it, must learn how they are bearing up under the burden, must get some admission or statement from them. If there be a child born out of lawful wedlock, the poor unfortunate must have his life and actions paraded before the world.

Locked doors and drawn blinds do not prevent stealthy reporters upon such papers from prying into affairs that the innocent and blameless would keep from the world.

The newspaper with a heart, as has been stated, oft finds it difficult to answer the question as to exactly what it should print, but no paper with a heart has any diffi-

culty in answering what should be done when it comes to enervating blameless women and children upon the fiery cross of publicity.

There is no excuse for doing so. Common decency forbids it. Unnecessarily driving shafts into the hearts of unfortunate relatives of an offender against the laws of common decency is not journalism. It is this kind of newspaper piracy which has caused the press—particularly the metropolitan press—to lose much of its influence and the respect of decent people. Newspapers which are blameless have suffered for the offenses of the sinners, just as relatives of an offender suffer for his sins.

UNCLE SAM, PHILANTHROPIST.

There are many who criticize our national government and even some who would wreck it.

We would not discourage those who would offer honest criticism, but it is a fact that most of those who criticize adversely have little to say about the good things it has done.

How many have ever stopped to think that no other nation since the beginning of time has virtually given away its entire public domain to its citizens for home-building purposes?

The state of Oregon, which is only a portion of the original Oregon territory, is a good example. The old pioneers who came to Cottage Grove selected the land that suited them best and picked out 320 acres regardless of section or township lines of any kind. The county's plat books illustrate how kindly Uncle Sam treated the early settler.

The history of Oregon is the history of practically every state in the union lying west of the territory that had been settled at the time of the revolutionary war, and even the territory then settled had been given to the original settlers. The number of acres of public lands virtually given away by Uncle Sam total a billion and a half.

One department of the government was organized primarily to look after the details of giving away the public lands.

No other nation of the world can hope to ever equal such a record.

When next you hear someone criticizing our government for robbing its citizens of their tax money, remind them that Uncle Sam has given away to his citizens public domain the present value of which runs into hundreds of billions of dollars, a staggering sum.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST POINTS MORAL FROM JOKE.

Portland, Ore., May 26.—(To the Editor.)—The facetious remark involving Christian Science in your paper of May 11 is perhaps innocent enough as a joke and may be considered by your readers as enjoyable as such, but it illustrates a more or less prevalent misconception of Christian Science and serves as an example of a not uncommon practice on the part of some people to give expression to their erroneous ideas on the subject. The fact, however, that a Christian Scientist can enjoy a joke as well as anyone else, even though it be at his own expense, does not preclude our gaining a practical lesson from the experience and thus profit by it. Your squib implies that it would be Christian Science for a wife to feign belief and cause her husband to think that she believes "the nice little stories" he tells her, which both know to be untrue.

That would be far from the teachings of Christian Science, which adheres to the highest Christian standards and eschews anything in the nature of deception. In fact, it is a definite rule laid down in Christian Science that genuine good can never be gained by evil means. We reap what we sow. Truthfulness and sincerity are mighty factors for good and harmony; deceitfulness, whether in big or little things, must inevitably work ill and beget discord. These eternal rules of conduct and thought have a broader application than we at first realize. When we learn in Christian Science the deceptive nature of the corporeal senses which seem to dominate so much of human existence, we begin to understand that these deceitful senses are the prolific source of bodily ills and unhappiness. Turning away from such an unreliable sense of things, Christian Science inculcates faith in spiritual sense which testifies truthfully in regard to God, man, and the universe—the realm of the spiritual real—and this understanding of divine truth confers harmony and brings good into human experience, displacing sickness with health, discord with happiness and contentment, and restoring confidence where distrust had been. In speaking of the marriage relation, Mary Baker Eddy, discoverer and founder of Christian Science, on page 59 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," says "deception is fatal to happiness."

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." (Galatians 6:6-7.)

If, then, one grasps something of the true teachings of Christian Science, he will never associate it with anything but the highest Christian principles. The habit of striving for higher standards in our thinking has distinct advantages. "Hold thought," says Mrs. Eddy, "steadfastly to the enduring, the good, and the true, and you will bring these into your experience proportionably to their occupancy of your thoughts." (Science and Health, page 261.)

THEODORE BURKHART.

INVISIBLE ANYWAY.

A man doesn't enjoy a smoke in the dark but kissing a girl seems to be improved that way. We've tried 'em both.

Sometimes a woman will nag a man just for horse play.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

"Hell is full of politicians," screams a woman socialist. We must be getting the overflow.

In railroad geometry parallel lines sometimes cross each other.

Follow the styles—if you are a marathon racer.

WHOLESALE QUANTITIES NEEDED

Investigators have found that radium acts powerfully on dormant plants. After a few hours exposure to the emanation lilac buds sprang into vigorous growth at the end of November. But a fraction of an ounce of the metal was used in the experiment. We'd like about a ton for use on some human beings we know. About that amount ought to bring about some signs of life.

Quite a lot of noise is being made about the noiseless soup spoon.

The fellow who brings the most chocolates isn't always the "candy boy."

THE WAY TO TAKE 'EM IN

One of the easiest ways to swindle a man is to tell him that you have a proposition that you wish to present only to hard-headed cautious business men.

Clothes may not make the man but they fool a lot of people into thinking a man's wearing them.

NOTHING TO WEAR

A society woman says her clothes cost her \$50,000 a year—and when she is all logged up she looks as if she had merely stepped into one of the eiphers and forgot to pull it up.

They say there are no marriages in heaven and no politics in hades. What do men do in those places for a living?

Sometimes a man's conscience may not bother him because it has wasted away from lack of exercise.

It would be well once in a while if truth crushed to earth would stay there.

WE WANT TO BE SHOWN

It is human nature to doubt the veracity of a man who brags about how he talked up to someone about twice his size.

Your face talks, even when your mouth is stilled.

When some of us get to hades we are likely to find that we have been misled by some of its advance agents.

Some men never know they had a chance to get married until some woman starts a breach of promise suit.

THE DEMANDS OF BUSINESS

A man usually arranges to have something to keep him up late at night before when his wife wishes him to get up before breakfast and help with the washing.

Some people invest in watered stock expecting in that way to furnish a waterway for their "ship to come in" on.

It comes a trifle expensive these days for a woman to have an automobile to match every gown.

Between explaining the cartoons to his wife and telling her of the business that kept him away from

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THE CRUEL, CRUEL WORLD

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A man wouldn't enjoy the same things at home that he does at a club.

The dreamer is not usually rated very high, but anyway he is not always telling a hard luck tale.

THE LOST CHORD

Many a girl who has had a fortune spent on her musical education is now too busy with her home duties to play an instrument if she had one, and can't even preserve harmony in the household.

GOOD REPORTS ON OLSON IS INVESTIGATION RESULT
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chance of finding a flowing well. In the history of the oil industry of the world there is not one instance of a flowing well in oil shale. If you have oil sand you have every hope of success but in oil shale none.

"Oil shale is mined and worked very much as cinnabar or quicksilver ore, as at Black Butte, and produces from 20 to 100 gallons to the ton of shale roasted, so do not get too enthusiastic over finding oil shale."

"I have seen thousands of miles of shale but I have never noticed any in Lane county and don't think you will be bothered with it. Let us hope not. Oil sand is what you are looking for. It sometimes closely resembles the shale yet there is a difference."

"As to those infallible instruments, if they are infallible, all arguments are over. I have seen, upon two occasions, tests of so-called infallible ore locators, gold locators or vein finders. In each case the result was the same, a failure, but where there is only a mere matter of feet intervening between the machines and a pool of oil which everybody wants to locate, they ought to work without any difficulty and if infallible they will do so."

The Guaranty Oil company, the corporation organized by Sage & Olson Brothers in response to the request of the corporation department of the state, holds all the leases which Sage & Olson Brothers have taken in Lane county, a total of 6000 acres. Cottage Grove stockholders will share in any dividends from operations at Eugene and Eugene stockholders will share in any dividends from operations here. Dr. Olson has insured his life for \$125,

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