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POWER OF THE PRESS.

FEW PERSONS who have not had actual newspaper experience have more than the faintest conception of the great, the subtle and the all but irresistible power of the press.

What is it that the person arrested for crime, the one in trouble or threatened with trouble, the man having a suit at law, the man or woman in the divorce courts, the thousands of persons who see themselves thrust into the unpleasant light of notoriety—what is it that they dread and fear and shrink from far more than the verdicts of twenty courts or juries or than being confined in prison cells? It is not the curtailment of their liberty; it is not the loss of property; it is not the fight they have to engage in, at times husband against wife, or brother against brother; it is not of the people who may or may not gaze at them in the prisoner's dock in the court room. It is the fear of having their names appear in the newspapers, of having it printed in the great American press that such and such is or is alleged to be the case, has happened or is about to happen.

For twenty years in the harness the editor has seen them. He has seen people in the worst forms of trouble who would give all they had to keep their troubles out of print; who would surrender half for the facts to be suppressed even for one day when they should know as a matter of course that the facts must come out the second or third day.

Rather than being the cause of the commission of crime the modern newspaper is its greatest preventive, says an exchange. Were it not for the fear of publicity more crime would be committed, more divorces would be sought, more men would beat their wives, more parents would maltreat their children.

Without exaggeration or use of figures of speech, but as a statement of fact that is as true as Washington's monument standing before the White House and the Potomac river is higher than other monuments or structures, there is no power in the land that is as mighty, that can compete or cope with the power of the press—not even the supreme court of the United States.

The army and the navy can kill more people, but they are not feared nor dreaded as is the calm sunlight of publicity which the great American press can give.

Generals can wear majestic uniforms and can swell out their chests under brass buttons as bright as a policeman's bull's eye lantern; they can give orders to do all but behold soldiers and subalterns; can, as has happened, command and insult reporters and "penny-a-liners," but where is there one of them who at one time or another in his life would not grovel in the very dust and eat a little of it for the sake of getting a shade the best of it in the newspapers or to bask in the sunshine of a favorite writer?

No less a personage than the only living ex-president, who rates himself as a soldier, kept a press agent or two or a half a dozen in his service every hour that he was on the field.

In the White House, on every political journey and on a supposedly private affair like a hunt in the jungles of Africa. Every word he utters publicly is sweetened and toned for the press. Every speech he makes is prepared in advance "to be held for release until delivery is begun."

Nor is it mere criminals and crimes, civil actions in courts, the jugglery of politicians, spectacularism of army officers and naval society snobs, that alone kow tow to the press and must have it as the animal and vegetable kingdoms require air and water, but greater affairs of state, the most momentous of all public matters, national or international, are shaped and their destinies determined through this same all-powerful agency. There is no public question, no policy of one or a combination of nations, nor repeal and repudiation of such policies, that can be enacted or consummated or done away with, against the mighty will of the press.

It might be added, as a matter of course, that in order to wield this colossal power it follows that the press must most of the time be in the right. Not that it is always in the right, nor that everything it accomplishes is done at the times when it is in the right, but on questions where the effect on the public mind works the changes that find their dynamic force in the press, it must be in the right. If not in the right it is through the intelligence of the American people in being able through its publications to see the right.

From its loftier and more sublime powers and purposes the press can descend and exert its potency in things that are most minute. It can shape the destinies of individuals, for good or bad, whether they are in high or low positions.

But the surprising circumstance is that few men even in high positions appreciate the greatness of its power and will foolishly try to run counter to it as a swimmer trying to buck the tide at a lighthouse point. "Never back a newspaper," is a saying common to newspaper men, and their advice on that point should be considered as wholesome as that of most candid and truthful experts.

What was it that accomplished the political ruin of Joseph G. Cannon, two years ago one of the mightiest demagogues in political life, but today a pitiable and soon to be forgotten piece of political junk? It was none other than his thinking himself greater than the newspapers of America and defying and bullying them that caused them to make short work of his political career. He is no worse a man in the matter of honesty and integrity nor in working for or against the interests of the people than he was before. The difference is that the worst has been shown up and to his disadvantage.

The same happens to many thousands of other men in lesser stations of life.

On the other hand there are few newspaper men in the country who do not appreciate being treated right. Some of them want the best of it, but as a rule they only wish fairness and an even break. If they get that they can be induced to go any length for those who make use of that simple bit of common sense and tact.

There is nobody in the civilized world where the people know how to read, but sooner or later, at some time in his life, needs the friendship of a newspaper. It may be to correct an unjust report, to tell the simple truth when something else would have been told, to make something right that is the fault of somebody else entirely, but it comes to all sometime. Then its power is understood; too often not before.

◆ **AGED MAN DIES LAUGHING.** ◆

◆ **EAGLE, Wis., Nov. 15.**—Edward Bossingham, 70 years old, laughed so violently that he died of heart failure. He was amused at a newspaper story alleged to be an interview with Prof. Ross of the University of Wisconsin on the future of woman.

◆ **HURT NEAR GOLD BEACH.** ◆

Holly Owens and a young man by the name of Baker were seriously hurt while working on a bridge across Lobster Creek, about 10 miles above Gold Beach. The bridge collapsed, throwing them both into the rocky canyon some 50 feet below, and it was some hours after the accident occurred before they were found. They are slowly recovering from the shock and bruises sustained in the fall, which fortunately did not result fatally.

Seven tenths of the men who work for wages, and all the women, believe they are abused by their employers.

MUCH BETTING ON ELECTION

Estimate That \$50,000 Changed Hands On Recent Oregon Contests.

In Portland, there was much betting on the outcome. Concerning it, the Portland Telegram says:

Betting on election was widespread this year, but so far as can be learned no tremendously heavy wagers were laid. In spite of the big odds given in the Bowerman-West gubernatorial contest. Conservative estimates are that fully \$50,000 changed hands in Portland, and all but an insignificant part of it was on the governorship and on the prohibition issue.

"It is agreed that the biggest cleanup on the governorship struggle was made by a coterie of friends of United States Senator Chamberlain. Probably \$15,000 to \$20,000 was gathered in by the West backers who took Chamberlain's tip. He declared he hadn't bet a cent himself, but it was noised around the hotels, that some of it, \$1,000 or so, was his own lucre. "Our George" merely smiled when so accused.

"The betting was freakish and no system seemed to have been followed, further than that the odds on Bowerman were held pretty close to 10 to 7 all the way through. Several small bets, however, were placed at 2 to 1, but none of them appears to have been more than \$100.

"The favorite wager was \$500 to \$350 on Bowerman. Among those who took the Bowerman, or long end of the rope, were Charles Ford, of Salem, who is alleged to have dropped about \$2,000, Dr. Charles W. Cornelius, John Cordano, Sam Howard, Dag Holton and J. O. Elrod, while there was a small army of republicans who were taken down the line for sums ranging anywhere from \$100 down to a new hat. George Lewis, the East Side grocer, made a killing on West, having several substantial bets on him.

"Many bets that Bowerman would carry Multnomah County by anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 were made, though none of these chances was large.

Several thousand dollars were laid that state-wide prohibition would lose by 5,000, and a considerable number of bets were made at the Perkins, Imperial and other hotels that the wets would win by 10,000. Let Sweetland, secretary of the Perkins, carried a wad of \$1,000 around in his clothes ready for all comers at even money that the wets would win by 10,000. He won't say how much of this he lost, but he put up \$100 of it at midnight Tuesday with Nell Elder, who was handling a thick wad for Fred Rothchild. Much wrangling has arisen through the confusion of the wet, and dry measures.

"A peculiar feature of the betting on the liquor issue was that not a bet of any importance was made by the dry forces themselves, whereas thousands were won and lost by the liquor men among themselves just on betting what the wet majority would be, and on the main issue itself."

WINS BIG PRIZE.

David Bruce Brown Victor In Savannah Race.
(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 12.—David Bruce Brown driving a Benz car won the grand prize race of 415.2 miles over Hemery in a Benz by one and forty-two one hundredths seconds. Bruce Brown gets the \$4,000 cash and grand prize cup.

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