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THE FACULTY FOR DAMNING.

Of all the businesses that have to do with the public, the newspaper is the one that is most sharply in line for the praise and censure of the masses it represents, or tries to represent. At all events and times it is the open target for criticism, be it praising, or damning, or "damning with faint praise"; it never escapes comment, and it offers 365 fronts of offense or endorsement, in the year.

The man behind the newspaper is perennially grinning or growling as the tide of expression varies day by day, but that is nothing to the public he serves. His mistakes are not like other men's, easily and completely negated or hidden or palliated; when he blunders, it is plain black and white and with such publicity that it is accentuated and beyond all palliation; if he tells the truth about people or circumstances or events, there is always that contingent to whom the truth is a terror, a menace, a dread, and he hears from them quickly and grudgingly; if he deals in color, ambiguity, pretense, sophistry; if he smoothes and hides and shields and distorts, no matter on what ground of social, political, commercial or moral expediency, no matter what the merit of the end he serves by so doing, there is the other contingent that demands the facts about other people than themselves, and he is made to feel their displeasure and lack of countenance.

The faculty for damning seems to be cultivated a bit more than the kinder disposition to endorse and justify him in his big task of giving, and commenting upon, the current things of interest which he offers as news. This is unfortunate, too, because the reporter and the editor, generally speaking, are cheerfully disposed and honestly inspired and would rather give a pleasant account of their communities and people, than to disparage them. The public should take insight into these conditions once in a while, if only to ascertain how often, and how unjustly, it censures its local press. It is well to understand the sheer difficulty of always telling the truth openly.

ASTORIA'S GOOD WORK.

The people of Astoria, for months past, have been engaged upon three several tasks of development along culture lines, that mean much for her uplift, namely, the founding, permanently and successfully of the Astoria Amateur Athletic Association, the Astoria Philharmonic Society, and the Astoria division of the Oregon National Guard.

Every one of these departures stand for the physical and social advantage of the community. The athletic group for the bodily culture and development of the young people, to whom health and strength and trained muscles are a guaranty of endurance and skill in the contests of life, in the maintenance of courage, the capacity to bear and do and strive; the musical group, for the larger refinement, the unfolding of the nicer sensibilities and the acknowledged graces, that stand for the quicker recognition and heartier acceptance of the community in the polite world, that such acquirements invariably command; the soldierly group for the best expression of the patriotic ardor and power of the community at those hours when such high assertion is needed by the country.

All are part and parcel of the civilization of the hour and component thereof. The beauty of it is, Astoria is establishing her branches of these accessories in down-right good fashion, and making each, distinctively sound and excellent as thorough-going preparation can provide. This is the only way to start and maintain them, and the results will prove of gratification to those who are sponsoring them, and creditable to the whole community that has contributed, and will contribute, to them.

FIND A MARKET.

If the new deep-sea fishing tests are to making good in these waters, it becomes the bounden duty of Astoria to find a market for the products of the venture, at home and abroad. Efforts are already being made by the Chamber of Commerce to assist in this important matter, and the people themselves should not be remiss in the case. Astoria cannot absorb the entire yield of the sea fisheries; but there are enough trained men in that line of business here to know where and to whom to turn for the making of the market that is needed, and they should, and no doubt will, do all in their power to assist.

There should be no trouble in finding and fastening a ready market for the splendid fresh fish produced here when the world's markets are open to the packed fish of the Columbia. One will appeal to the palate of the fish-hungry as well as the other, only the fresh article may not go so far.

At all events it is up to Astoria to get in and do her utmost for the new trade, and we have no doubt she will do it, promptly and thoroughly.

EDITORIAL SALAD

If the increasing aeronautic news of the day is a true barometer, the era of air navigation has arrived, and is one of the best copy producers.

The Oklahoma Legislature has adjourned, but the roads are so soggy that the members can not get back to the country store and the bench in the town park.

The balloonists say the chauffeur accidents exceed those among the sky pilots. If all forms of locomotion could be rendered safer the public would be thankful.

Many financial pundits who denounced the new currency law the morning after its passage as utterly bad are now reading it to get acquainted with its provisions.

In no ballot box yet opened in the New York recount have the footings been found correct. The Tammany experts are so well trained that they never get hurt by the accidental discharge of their duty.

Badly Sprained Ankle Cured.

Three years ago our daughter sprained her ankle and had been suffering terribly for two days and nights—had not slept a minute. Mr. Stallings, of Butler Tenn., told us of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. We went to the store that night and got a bottle of it and bathed her ankle two or three times and she went to sleep and had a good night's rest. The next morning she was much better and in a short time could walk around and had no more trouble with her ankle.—E. M. Brumitt, Hampton, Tenn. 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

Born in Iowa.

Our family were all born and raised in Iowa, and have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy made at Des Moines for years. We know how good it is from long experience in the use of it. In fact, when in El Paso, Texas, the writer's life was saved by the prompt use of this remedy. We are now engaged in the mercantile business at Narcossee, Ia., and have introduced the remedy here. It has proven very successful and is constantly growing in favor.—Ennis Bros. This remedy is for sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

COFFEE

You can buy something called "coffee" at 10c lb with 3000 miles of R R freight from the roaster; don't.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him.

MAKE LAST EFFORT

To Save the Life of Herman Billik

SENTENCED TO HANG TODAY

Father O'Callaghan Makes a "Whirlwind Finish of His Campaign For Justice For an Innocent Man" and Expects to Arouse Public Opinion.

CHICAGO, June 11.—What will be one of the most unusual efforts ever made to save the life of a condemned murderer will be made today on behalf of Herman Billik, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of Mary Vzal. A series of meetings beginning with one at noon in the Great Northern theatre has been arranged by Father Peter J. O'Callaghan of the Paulist Fathers. The meeting are termed by Father O'Callaghan a "Whirlwind finish of his campaign for justice for an innocent man."

Arrangements for five meetings were made yesterday and appeals will be made to the governor in case the court refuses to grant a writ of habeas corpus and application for which will be made by Attorney S. Gregory. Father O'Callaghan will be the principal speaker at the meetings which the clergyman expects will arouse public opinion. In all of his speeches Father O'Callaghan will view the entire case and conclude with the request that the audience to send letters and telegrams to the governor asking commutation of sentence.

SECRETARY SULLIVAN SAILS.

Will Look Into The Training Quarters For American Team.

NEW YORK, June 11.—James E. Sullivan, secretary of the American Committee sails for Europe to-day on the Baltic and will be in London for the opening of the Olympic games which will be about August 1. After Mr. Sullivan reaches London he will look in to the arrangements already made for training quarters.

Talking on the team's prospects, and other matters of moment Mr. Sullivan said:

"I think we will win the honors of the stadium and the prospect that I'll be there to see this pleases me. It will be my last effort in the athletic team line.

"Do I expect to be on the field among the officials? I do not and I'll tell you that I don't expect to see any other foreigners there. No butters-in will be allowed to interfere with the program in the London stadium."

1908 4TH OF JULY BALL

AT

Grays River, Wn Saturday Eve., July 4

Dance Will Be Given in Meserve's New Hall

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THE STEAMER WENONIA WILL RUN AN EXCURSION FROM ASTORIA, LEAVING CALLENDER DOCK AT 3:30 P. M. Will call at Knappton and all way points, arriving at Grays River at 7:00 O'Clock P. M.

A PICNIC DINNER will be served during the day in the beautiful park; a patriotic program is being prepared for the occasion by the Dramatic Club. All are invited to come.

W. N. MESERVE

CHICAGO FIRE

Caused By A Hot Box Damage \$200,000.

CHICAGO, June 11.—In a spectacular fire, which destroyed the great grain elevator of the Tri-State Grain Company at Hammond, Ind., last night, 250,000 bushels of corn were destroyed and property valued at \$200,000 including the corn, was burned.

The fire was caused by a hot box on a small wheel on a grain belt which being used to hoist grain into the elevator. Before the fire could be controlled, telegraph and telephone wires along the Chicago Junction Tracks and more than a score of freight cars were destroyed. The elevator was owned by Richard Fitzgerald, president of the Chicago Junction Railway.

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