

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: FRIDAY, JULY 8, 1887. DON'T GIVE IT AWAY.

The newspaper men of Oregon are invited to meet at Yaquina on the 30th and form a press association. The object of the association is mutual benefit, not exactly an aid society, but something like it. The idea seems to be to fix up some scheme to make the great American public in this state pay for what it gets. The topic invites comment. It is asserted that Oregon newspapers are doing a great deal of work for nothing, and that they ought to devise some scheme to make folks pay for the work. The intent is laudable, but a press association won't do it. A press association, in this regard, would be useless to those who need such aid, and unnecessary to those who don't. THE ASTORIAN always speaks of things as it finds them. Astoria has always been willing to contribute generously and heartily to sustain THE ASTORIAN, and our business relations with the community are of the pleasantest nature. If THE ASTORIAN or any other newspaper in the state thinks it is working for nothing, or doing a great deal without pay that it ought to be paid for, the way to stop is to stop. Joining a press association won't do it. Associations are valuable only by reason of individuals and individuals' ways. If Smith or Brown can't manage their business separately, it won't help to have Smith or Brown join a mutual admiration society composed of others in the same fix.

The newspaper is a private enterprise with public functions. Its object is to make money for its owner. Whatever alleged motive may be given out for starting a newspaper, expectation of profit is the real one, whether the newspaper is religious, political, personal organ, commercial or anything else. As a general thing the owners of a newspaper cater to the public, their patrons and customers, to make a living, just the same as the tailor or the grocer or the merchant in any line of business. This motive of making money, of making a living and supporting a family is what leads lawyers, doctors and others to adopt professions. To make a living: to have a career, is the original incentive in all cases. And further, if a newspaper doesn't pay its owners it is valueless to the public. Not all newspapers that make money are good, but, as a rule, the best newspapers are the successful ones, for obvious reasons. The editor of a newspaper who stands with his hat in his hand begging for crumbs, or who has to run around to his master's back door to be told what to say, has the respect accorded any other beggar. A newspaper that whines because it isn't "supported," or "appreciated," is bound to come to grief in the long run or the short run. A newspaper has no more claim on the public than any other business enterprise. The appeal of a newspaper for "support" or that it ought to be sustained by a community on any ground than that it is a good article that people want, is childish in this age and country. If a man wants to start a newspaper devoted to decorated teapots, with the noble view of inducing his fellow citizens to live up to his idea of a teapot, very good—but he shouldn't whimper if he fails.

The idea of the present projectors of the state press association seems to be in the nature of a protest against the acts of some good people and others not so good whose idea of a newspaper is that it is a charitable institution. There are people—in New York and Massachusetts and Salem and Yaquina—who want prominent display in the press and who are insulted if the newspaper man mildly suggests that advertising is

worth its value, and if they find it pays to advertise that they ought to pay for what helps them so much. These people have hazy ideas. They mean well enough; they think they think, but don't usually have clear cut, tangible thought on the moral dishonesty of their desires. Perhaps dishonesty is too strong. Let us say moral injustice.

It would seem from comments received that this class, the newspapers who favor this press association wish to deal with. But a press association won't do it. Individual effort is more effective in this direction. They are not impervious to reason if reason be proffered them. They constitute one of the ills of life that associations don't reach. And in this connection a newspaper man must never lose sight of the great, all important fact: that the chief function of a newspaper is to diligently collect and impartially publish the news.

There are, however, reasons for the existence of a press association in Oregon. If there could be a little more unity, a little more kindly feeling, a little more charity and a good deal more reciprocity among newspapers it would be better, and if an association could help in this way, by all means let one be formed. To hear or read about "the power of the press," one would think it was some compactly wielded energy, like an organized religious order. Right here is a grave defect. Whatever or whoever the newspapers agree with, they do not agree with each other. Probably their nature makes it impossible for them to combine, but the writer believes his brethren in every newspaper office in the state will agree with him in saying that a little less misconstruction of motives, a little less tendency to impute the worst, a little less internecine warfare and a little more disposition to say an occasional good word for each other, would greatly aid the power and prestige of the press. Where considerable mud is thrown, some of it is sure to stick. If the honorable colonel in his paper tells a startled world that the dishonorable major who runs the vile opposition sheet is an abortion whose continued existence constitutes a libel on fair humanity, and if the irate major announces in cold type that the rascally colonel is a son of a gun or something else in whom all the foul expressions of degenerate humanity find visage, the colonel and the major who are good men both, must realize how futile and foreign, how subversive and worse than useless all this is—and how tickled lewd fellows of the baser sort are to see the sad spectacle. If such fight makes the unworthy laugh it causes the judicious to grieve, and it is opposed to common sense, business rules, and the best instincts of journalism. If that press association be started let it not be on the proposition, "How much is there in this thing for me?" but rather under the head of "good of the order."

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