

A LAWYER, when asked to plead a cause, demands his fee before he opens his persuasive mouth. You may hang and be damned before he will give you his legal service gratis. If one desires to know what investments are good and likely to be profitable, the broker who advises him is quite sure to charge a commission for making the purchase. Why, then, should an editor be expected to advocate all sorts of public projects pro bono publico? The contractors for improvements make money out of them. Why should they not pay the editors who present their arguments to the public? It is not considered derogatory for the highest lawyer in the land to appear before the city council and advocate the granting of a franchise; but the editor who charges money for doing the same thing is assailed with cries of a "subsidized press." We are not saying that the city is unjust, but we do ask where the difference is between that which the lawyer is praised for doing and that for which the editor is denounced. The man from whom the lawyer asks a fee proceeds to draw his check; the man from whom the editor asks pay cries "black-mail." Yet both do the same thing. Why is there one code for the Bar and another for the Press?

The above is clipped from an exchange. A good many editorial remarks similar in sentiment are floating through the press. It is to be regretted. The idea implied in the extract above is that a newspaper man should be paid for advocacy, for "services," as a lawyer or physician.

That idea is a false one, is based on a wrong conception of a newspaper man's duties and his relations to the public, and such an idea works mischief in furnishing an excuse for venal suggestions and veiled demands that resemble blackmail as the mist resembles the rain.

No newspaper man deserving the name, would endorse the extract which heads this column or quote it approvingly. If he did he would show that he didn't understand his business.

Leaving high ideals, correct principles, noble impulses, and so on to one side, and looking at the matter as a cold business proposition, it is not policy for a newspaper to favor a cause for coin.

"Why," asks our mistaken contemporary, "is there one code for the Bar, and another for the Press?" Because, in the very nature of things there must be.

First and foremost a newspaper must have public confidence or it can't prosper. Nothing more quickly destroys the prestige of a newspaper, begets distrust of and so reduces its value, than the well founded suspicion that its editorial and news columns are the property of whoever wants to pay for their use. Even a religious journal will, after a while, be injured by this.

An editor's relations to the public are totally different from a lawyer's. A lawyer's duty is solely to his client, whose interests he is paid to attend to. An editor's duty is to the entire public, whose interests he, by reason of his position, must see conserved.

The lawyer is perfectly right in demanding coin for spoken advocacy, for he has assumed no implied duty to look out for public welfare. The newspaper would be perfectly wrong in demanding coin for written advocacy, for it has assumed those obligations and in abandoning community for individual interests would betray its trust.

It is not well to lose sight of these things. The distinction we make is a very plain one, easily seen by all. If the newspaper man who wrote the extract we quote, really believes what he implies, he's in the wrong place. He is a failure as a newspaper man and probably wouldn't fare much better as a lawyer.

Is Consumption incurable? Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made." Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at J. C. Dement's Drug Store.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

RAILROAD TALK. Readers of the Herald are aware of the fact that the citizens of Astoria have subscribed \$75,000 for the construction of a railway along the coast down Clatsop beach, thence through the coast range pass east of Tillamook to some point in the Willamette valley, the objective point being a connection with the Oregon Pacific. Active operations on the road have commenced, and it is expected that it will be finished to the seaside, a distance of twenty miles, by spring. It was announced that the proposed connection with the Oregon Pacific would be at Albany, but now comes Salem with a request that it be built to that place and connect at some point on the Santiam. A committee from the Salem board of trade has been appointed to confer with the Astoria people concerning it, and the citizens of the capital city are enthusiastic over the matter.

If Albany is to maintain her position as the chief business center of the Willamette valley it might be well for the citizens of this city to look after this matter. The board of trade, if it wishes to fulfill its mission, ought to shake off the lethargy in which it seems to be enveloped, and appoint a committee of energetic citizens to correspond with the Astoria people, and if possible secure the connection of this proposed road at Albany, which would be the natural connecting place. This city already has very desirable railroad facilities, and if this road is built here Albany will be a railroad center of no mean proportions and excelled by no city of Oregon outside of Portland.—Astoria Herald, 19.

The rich state of Oregon that produces such an abundant yield of the earth's gifts, the fruit, vegetable and grain products, as that through which a railroad would pass by way of Salem from the Santiam to Astoria; and there is no route of an equal distance in the state more feasible or over which a road can be constructed with as little cost. Nature points the way and the rules of commerce dictate its utility. It is a question of two years at farthest until the gap from the summit of the Cascades to Boise, Idaho, is spanned over, and then the best transcontinental line in the United States will be in operation; and there will be no part of it so completely self-sustaining as that arm from the Santiam to the sea. Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties combine the richest hills and valleys in the state; thirty growing towns already dot the landscape, and it is one of the few instances in the history of railroad building where the field is already cultivated and the harvest waiting for the gleaner; the usual experience being that the settlement, the cultivation, and the prosperity follow the railroad, while in this case they precede it.—Salem Statesman, 19.

The committee on the proposed Astoria and Salem railway met yesterday afternoon, and the letter drafted by Secretary Manning and J. H. Albert was submitted to it. It was found satisfactory, and was forwarded to Astoria. It will not be made public until the Astorians answer is returned.—Salem Statesman, 19.

The letter above mentioned came to hand yesterday and will be laid before the board of directors by Secretary Holden at their meeting to-morrow afternoon.

The Pine Lumber Trust. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—The retail lumber dealers, who were made objects of retaliation on the part of the pine lumber trust, are still more indignant at the action of the trust in attempting to undersell them. The Pacific Pine Lumber company sent to some of the leading retail lumber dealers yesterday that it would be pleased to hold a conference in reference to a smash in prices. The retailers think that this is a sign of weakness on the part of the trust, as it looks as though an attempt would be made to effect a compromise, and they intend to go right ahead and make arrangements to procure their supplies from mills not in the trust. One dealer said to-day that such a peculiar conduct on the part of the trust was unheard of, and the retailers had made up their minds to make a prolonged struggle against the combine. To-day one member of the trust offered cargoes at \$14, and has sent circulars to customers offering to retail pine lumber for \$12.50 per thousand.

TWO SINNERS. There was a man, it is said one time, Who went astray in his youthful prime, Can the brain keep cool and the heart keep quiet, When the blood is a river that is running riot, And boys will be boys, the old folks say, And the man's the better who's had his day.

The sinner reformed, and the preacher told Of the prodigal son who came back to the fold, And Christian people threw open the door, With a warmer welcome than ever before. Wealth and honor was his to command, And a spotless woman gave him her hand, And the world strewed their pathway with flowers a-bloom, Crying, "God bless lady and God bless groom!"

There was a maiden went astray In the golden dawn of her life's young day; She had more passion and heart than head, And she followed blindly where fond love led. And love unchecked is a dangerous guide, To wander at will at a fair girl's side.

The woman repented and turned from sin, But no door opened to let her in; The preacher prayed that she might be forgiven, And told her to look for mercy in heaven. For this is the law of the earth we know, That the woman is scorned, while the man may go. A brave man wedded her after all; But the world said frowning, "We shall not call!"

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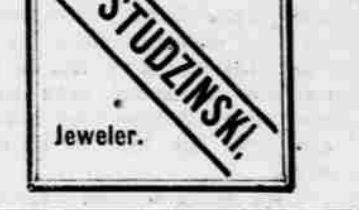
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