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NEWSPAPERS AND THE PUBLIC

Roy W. Howard, head of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, discussing what newspapers owe the public, says first of all a newspaper must be a good citizen and a decent neighbor.

He says they should encourage tolerance and never forget that a smile has an asset value even in the midst of a fight. He would not print a story that puts a criminal brand on a young person.

He thinks no story should be printed that raises a question on the part of a clean-minded boy or girl that cannot be answered or explained by any parent familiar with normal realities of life.

This is a fine stand by an executive of a group of papers that go to working people in hundreds of thousands of homes, registering a tendency toward cleaner journalism.

This new order is bound to minimize crimes, scandals, details of social and moral delinquencies, and substitute more space for industries and enterprises by which nine-tenths of the people make a living.

THE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE DEMON

Eliminating a personal devil, and a literal hell is a dream of the modern progressive theologian, but the fire demon on earth is still responsible for enormous waste and a foe of human endeavor.

Reliable records compiled by the fire insurance people show that in the five years past property worth \$2,278,400,000 was destroyed, a loss that adds greatly to the burdens of taxation, cost of living and loss of life.

It is a loss and destruction of values to make even the inhabitants of this, the greatest and wealthiest nation in the world, "stop, look and listen," and take some steps to provide greater safety first devices.

The above loss stated in figures may not make as distinct an impression as when presented in a more picturesque form. It is equivalent to burning down 227,840 residences of an average value of ten thousand dollars.

Stood up in a row these dwellings would stretch 1078 miles, and provide housing for 1,139,200 people at an average of five to the family. It is estimated that 75 per cent of this destruction could be avoided by correcting the ordinary fire hazards that cause these losses. No greater problem is before the American people than avoiding avoidable fire losses.

RADIO REJECTS RUBBISH

Secretary Hoover with his usual perception lays stress on the fact that one of the most important radio developments is not of an apparatus but of an attitude. Broadcasting is developing a discriminating audience.

Its clients are not minded to give their concentrated attention to the mere flotsam and jetsam dumped on the sea of the atmosphere by those who think that any noise will do if it makes a sufficient vibration. The motion pictures had to go through the same winnowing process.

At first the public was victimized by rubbish. It rose up and protested. Every day as Hoover says, the radio is striving more closely to fulfill the popular requirement of better service.

So many worthy attractions are now competing for the possession of the ether at convenient hours that by a natural process of survival the dross is eliminated.

THE MOUNTING COST OF GOVERNMENT

Fifteen per cent of all the wealth produced in the United States last year went to pay the cost of government, according to a writer in the Dearborn Independent. Taxes on city homes now amount to as much as was paid for renting similar ones a few years ago. And the cost of government mounts.

Responsibility is with the people. It is useless to try to blame the office-holding class. Whenever public sentiment shall demand economy to the point of insistence, there will be economy. To be sure officials will spend all that is given them to spend. They will go on spending until they hear sustained protest against spending. Then they will stop it.

The greater part of the burden of state and municipal taxes in Oregon is of popular creation. It represents appropriations made by direct vote of the people. And everybody knows how legislative appropriations are traded. People and legislators who represent one class will consent to an appropriation for another class in order to get support for similar favor to themselves. Desire for special favor outweighs consideration for general economy.

We have a president now who is a genuine advocate of economy. His precepts and example undoubtedly will have an effect upon the national tendencies. But he cannot stop the ever-mounting cost of government. The only thing that can do that is determination by the people

themselves that it must be stopped. And so far no such determination is manifest.

GOOD ENOUGH

So much has been said about goitre being indigenous to Oregon that it is mighty fine to have the truth known. Dr. E. P. Sloan, retiring president of the American association for the study of goitre, declares that there is no such thing as locality or goitre belt. The disease is prevalent everywhere, and no more in Oregon than anywhere else. Dr. Sloan also makes some mighty important conclusions, and these conclusions are respectfully referred to the authorities of Salem.

"One form only of goitre, an endemic, is due in a deficiency of iodine. Other forms seem not to be.

"Indiscriminate use of iodine as a treatment is condemned. In some cases it has been found actually harmful.

"Within a year the belief of a few specialists has grown to be almost unanimous that goitre is due to infections.

"Research seems to show that heredity has no more to do with goitre than it has with tuberculosis and other diseases said to be hereditary."

It may be all right to administer iodine for some forms of goitre, but we urge that the merits of this be looked into before iodine is used as a cure-all. A good many of the cases that iodine cures may not be goitre at all.

TYNMAN SCORES

Warden Tynman has been head of the Colorado penitentiary since 1909. He has been one of the outstanding wardens of the United States. Many efforts have been made to get him, but he has always been able to weather the storm. Tynman was in a large measure the father of the movement to treat convicts as human beings. The result is better prison conditions all over the United States.

Recently the governor of Colorado removed Tynman and a legal fight has ensued. The courts were inclined to side with Tynman. Every man who tries to reform has to meet this same opposition and probably always will. We must fight for every step of progress in this country, and especially for progress in criminal work.

When one man makes a killing in Wall street a thousand others soon qualify as mourners.

There are two kinds of people: The intelligentsia and morons. The intelligentsia does the classifying.

If they are too young to labor under 18 aren't they too young to whizz about in high-power cars?

The time of statesmanship changes with the passing years, but the appetite remains the same.

AMERICAN SILKS ADORN FLAPPERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—American silks, so luxurious in their clinging to the feminine form, are making flappers of the South African farmers' daughters.

Civilization is gripping the African veldt, according to William E. Vaughan, Jr. of the Department of Commerce, who has just returned from a trade survey of South Africa.

"Twenty-five years ago the Boer farmer crawled over the African veldt in his oxcart, and his women-folk, in homespun garments, laboriously drew up water for the stock from the well," Vaughan remarked.

"Today American windmills dot the veldt; American motorcars, like beetles, pass from farm to farm; and the women are going in for American silk hosiery and underwear."

Vaughan, who was on the American Trade Commissioner's staff at Johannesburg, made a wide study of the economic growth of South Africa. Farming operations in the Transvaal, according to his observations, are proceeding on a larger scale than ever before. Fruit culture, particularly that of the citrus varieties, is given much attention.

Experts have been imported from the United States to take charge and instruct farmers in citrus fruit production, resulting already in heavy exports of pineapples and oranges to continental Europe.

"American types of agricultural implements are suitable to the South African soil, and they are popular," said Vaughan.

"They have the promise of an expanding market; but German competition is coming back strong. If German goods are inferior, their prices are lower. British imports, with their preferential tariff of 3 per cent of course, have a certain advantage, but probably do not greatly affect the trade.

"Imports of agricultural implements into South Africa from the United States in 1923 were valued at \$1,463,000, as compared with \$622,000 in 1922, an increase of about 110 per cent," declared Vaughan.

South Africa is said to offer an excellent market for American motorcars. Ninety-five per cent of the 38,815 cars in that region were made either in the United States or Canada. Not much of a market has been developed so far for motor trucks, the farmer having been accustomed for generations to the use of oxen to do his heavy hauling, and he is not

yet ready to supersede them with motor trucks. The good roads movement, which is general throughout the country will doubtless, however, develop a greater demand, according to officials.

American manufacturers have a firm hold on the market for windmills, according to Vaughan. It was estimated that over 6,000 windmills are in use in the country, the great majority of them of American make. The popularity of the American product is due to its being neither too expensive nor too heavy for the needs of the Boer farmer.

South Africa is regarded as an excellent market for the sale of American silks and artificial silk hosiery and underwear. Although American prices are comparatively high, such is the popularity of our product with the women that they demand it in preference to any other, department officials said.

The United States is already an important factor in the supply of equipment for the gold-mining industry in South Africa, according to Vaughan. Several large American cotton ginning plants have been erected in the past two years. International combustion machines are coming into use on the farms for raising water from the "boreholes," or crudely sunk wells.

Japanese Sculptor Honors Ex-Envoy

TOKIO, Feb. 5.—Fumio Asakura, one of Japan's leading sculptors, has completed a life-sized bronze bust of Cyrus E. Woods, former United States Ambassador to Japan, and plans to present the bust to the erstwhile American Ambassador. The bust is intended as a tribute to Mr. Woods for his service to Japan at the time of the earthquake. It will be taken to America and presented to Mr. Woods by Kazuo Kuwahama, recently appointed First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at Washington.

Albany—Construction to begin at once on State fish hatchery at Roaring River, to be one of the largest in the State.

A COUGH REMEDY WITHOUT OPIATES

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ENGLISH JUSTICES WAR ON BIGAMY

LONDON, Feb. 5.—England's justices have started a campaign to put an end to the profession of bigamy.

Recent cases have indicated that there are persons in England engaged in the profession of marrying alien women of questionable character in order that these women may become British subjects and continue to live in England without running the risk of deportation. One man, already married, has been heavily sentenced for annexing two other brides neither of which he has ever seen since the day of the wedding.

Justice Avory in dealing with one such case declared that there appeared to be "a nefarious system" at work to provide British citizenship for these alien women and that he would do all in his power to check it, and he expected that exemplary sentences would act as a deterrent.

In some cases the circumstances of the bigamy have been rather pitiful, for the person actually guilty of bigamy has been some unemployed man who has been glad to make a little money by going through a form of marriage. Those who arrange the bigamous weddings seem to have escaped the law, and it is doubtful whether there is any way in which they can be punished.

1925 SETS RECORD FOR NEW SCHOOLS IN U S TERRITORY

BEDFORD, Ind., Feb. 5.—The little old school house is drifting off into obscurity. Like the hickory stick of the Three-R's days, it is becoming but a ghost of the dim past.

"Modern progress," says the Indiana Limestone Quarrymen's Association, "is sweeping before it the flimsy shells that once housed armies of tiny Americans. These claptrap structures, cold, unsanitary and at best poor fire risks, are rapidly being replaced by sturdy modern buildings.

"A survey just completed shows that during the year 1924 more than \$225,000,000 was expended in replacing antiquated school buildings.

"Plans that have been adopted and contracts already awarded indicate that the present year will show a still greater volume of school building construction. Beauty in architecture is being combined with utilization. Community interest and civic pride are in a measure responsible for the stride toward better school buildings. More and more schools are becoming community centers as well as temples of wisdom. Space for assemblies almost a first consideration.

"Waste of space was a characteristic of many old school buildings. By judicious architecture, it has been estimated, \$50,000,000 could be saved, the chief economies being in the reduction of waste space on stairs and corridors and the increase in usable area.

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Agnes Ayres and Antonio Moreno in the Paramount Picture 'The Story Without a Name' An Irvin Willat Production

NIGHT COUGH QUICKLY RELIEVED

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J. O. RIGG

Forestall Disaster

Disasters come to everyone. Some folks are luckier than others and the blows fall with less weight but, somehow, sometime, troubles arrive. It isn't a very careful thought, but it must be admitted it's truthful.

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PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—"Check your knives here" was the businesslike sign which greeted Lieutenant James McCormick and a squad of patrolmen when they raided the home of Luther Zimmerman, colored.

The sign over a box in which the raiders found eleven knives, each carefully labeled with the owner's name. Gambling devices were found in the house.

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