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UNPRINTABLE NEWS

The scandal recently unearthed in Portland and unfairly given the Y. M. C. A. label, is a sample of news that should never be disseminated through the public press, and yet one Portland paper, a scabby sheet struggling for existence, did give it publicity, presumably for no other purpose than to increase its street sales. Surely the excuse can not be made that any service was done mankind in publishing filth so vulgar and reeking as to be nauseating to the stomach. To hawk before the world the almost unbelievable depravity to which prominent Portland men lowered themselves, to picture it in all its vile details, to exaggerate it and fatten it in an attempt to make the putrid mess fill more space, is not the legitimate work of a newspaper. By no stretch of the imagination can it be made the duty of a newspaper to give its readers news so foul that even grown men hesitate to discuss it among themselves and which no man with decency enough to be allowed his freedom would mention to a woman or child.

A paper that so lowers itself should be suspended by the government—there is no place for it in our public life.

All of Portland's leading dailies have criticized the paper which published the news referred to. The Sentinel feels that this is the psychological moment to again call their attention to the filth which they recently printed about the champion nigger pugilist.

LESS HELP NEEDED

There are fewer people on the farms than there used to be—but it must be remembered that with modern, labor saving methods now in use fewer are needed.

The binder and mower do away with the help of a dozen men. The tractor plow takes the place of a dozen men and teams, the seeder does away with several, the potato planter takes the place of several more, as does also the potato digger. It is hard to estimate how many men are replaced by modern methods of threshing grain and seed. So it goes on down the entire line of work on the farm. The farmer's children may go away to school and to the cities, but he alone can accomplish more than his grandfather did with his whole family.

Woodrow Wilson is bicycling around Bermuda. Woody better be careful. He should bear in mind how several supposedly well made machines have collapsed recently.

PROBLEM IN ETHICS

After voicing its own negative opinion and giving publicity to comment evoked by that opinion, The Spectator says:

To Eric Allen's department of journalism at the University of Eugene The Spectator refers the question: "Should a newspaper take money for publishing in its advertising columns that which it knows to be untrue and that which it would not print free?" And the question is also referred to the public.

If every paper were an oracle unto itself to tell which is truth and which is not, the question propounded would be more susceptible to a convincing answer. At first blush the statement that even paid publicity should be denied a proposition which would bring disaster in its wake, seems incontrovertible.

Yet we have the spectacle of The Oregonian telling us (without pay) that single tax would bring disaster swift and certain and The Journal (also without pay) telling us that

single tax means progress of the most advanced kind. Applying The Spectator's standard of ethics, The Oregonian should not do for pay what The Journal does for nothing, and vice versa.

The Spectator ably championed the cause of Senator Bourne. The Oregonian—if not as ably, certainly as energetically—opposed him. Again making the application, The Oregonian should not have reprinted for pay the editorials which The Spectator printed free of charge.

When one paper knows a thing to be untrue, and another just surely knows it to be true, who is to determine what is honestly entitled to publicity and what is not.

It has happened that the editorial attitude of a paper has been changed by studying the paid advertisements which it at first thought false and malicious. To have forbidden the publication of what it knew to be false would have inhibited the paper from learning that it knew something which wasn't so.

The Spectator has also brought up the question of whether a paper should charge for advertising that which it favors.

The editorial columns should never be subjected to counting room influence, and upon problems of vital import the papers have a great duty to perform, but they can not be expected to do the work alone. Others are just as vitally interested and should not be encouraged to shirk their share of the work and expense behind the proposition that a paper should not charge for advertising that which it heartily endorses. For The Sentinel to have given the publicity it would have liked to have given for and against the 37 measures on the recent ballot would have put it in bankruptcy, and no doubt The Spectator is in the same position.

If The Sentinel had been in Lafferty's district it would no doubt have felt that no amount of money could have purchased space to be used in aiding that parasite to continue to disgrace the state at Washington. There are some limits, and A. Walter is one of them, but as a general proposition it doesn't seem fair to close advertising columns even to propositions that seem unmeritorious.

FREE TEXT BOOKS

The Springfield Grange has begun a move for free text books for school children. The greatest educational progress is being made in states that furnish free books. Oregon will never make the progress in learning that it should until it does likewise. The problem of school books is a heavy one to many families, and no doubt keeps some children out of school. Education should be within the easy reach of everyone. While other states are going so far in the attempt to keep children in school as to propose to pay to the family what the child would earn if employed, Oregon should certainly go so far as to offer free text books.

CHICKENS HOME TO ROOST

The "thou shalt not steal" party must now regret that it attempted to purloin the California electoral vote. Had it played a square game and gone into the state with an honest purpose to win the state by honest means, the party would have won. As the outcome is, Wilson gets the electoral votes and no matter what Teddy ever again attempts to do, the action of his personal party in California will bob up to remind voters of his consummate hypocrisy. Nothing more unfair has ever been recorded in the an-

nals of American politics than the action of the Bull Moose party in California.

Much that is being said about the problem of keeping the boy on the farm is the repetition of mere platitudes. If the boy is commercially inclined he will stay on the farm if his father is making the farm pay. The farmer who has made enough money off his farm to be able to retire from farming in his prime will generally be succeeded by one of his sons if he has one old enough to assume the responsibility. Boys are likely to stay on the farm if they are given some interest in the business, do not have to put in too many hours at work, can have clothes similar to others, their own horse and buggy, and be made to see that there is as good a profit in the business as in any other lines of human endeavor. We rode out in the country some time ago with a young man who is living on a farm and he told me that he had no patience with people who are continually commiserating the farmer boy's life. He was close enough to town to go when he pleased, the roads were good, he got his daily paper by rural delivery, could talk to his neighbors or to town over the phone and he did not give odds to any of his town boy friends. We like the spirit of this young man.—Minnesota and Dakota Farmer.

Today is Thanksgiving and everyone should think of something to be grateful for. If you can't think of anything else, you should be thankful that The Sentinel comes out on a holiday this week and you have all afternoon in which to enjoy reading it.

O. A. C. BAND ON TOUR

Schedule of Dozen Concerts Besides Home Event Announced by College Musicians.

A schedule of a dozen concerts, besides the approaching home concert, has been announced by the director of the cadet military band of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Capt. Harry Beard has arranged for the boys to visit ten cities of Western Oregon during the Christmas vacation. Leaving the campus on Christmas Eve, they will come direct to Cottage Grove, where they will play both afternoon and evening on Christmas day in the Arcade theater. The next day they go to Grants Pass, where they will give a concert under the auspices of the high school. There, as in Medford and in other cities, they hope to assist the high school boys in organizing their own bands.

On Friday, Dec. 27, they will play in Medford, and after playing in Ashland under the auspices of the National Guard Saturday night, they will return to Medford for a sacred concert Sunday afternoon. The next week's program begins with a concert at Roseburg Monday night under the auspices of the National Guard. On Tuesday the same organization will have charge of the concert at Albany. Then the boys will cross the river to the west side for a series of four concerts at Dallas, McMinnville, Hillsboro and Newberg.

The band will include thirty pieces, and all of the men are players of experience. As they have furnished all the music for the Saturday matinee dances at the college, to which their programs have given the name "Band Informals," and have played at several convocations also, as well as for military drills, they have had much practice together, and expect to offer their audiences excellent music.

They are to give their first concert of the year in the Corvallis opera house Dec. 13, and are planning for their college audience some "classy college stunts."

A New York couple is said to have married because they both loved the same bull dog. We trust that their love may never grow cold and that they may enjoy a long life of wedded felicity.

As a muddy stream can travel but a little way into a body of pure water before it spreads out and discolors the entire body, just so does a moral leper contaminate those with whom he comes in contact.

A young Illinois swain, after receiving a very decided rejection from his sweetheart, sent her a statement of \$371.63 for flowers, candy and opera tickets. If he can't do any more cooing he seems determined to keep up the billing.

The biggest fool is the one who knows it all.

A person who can't get along with his neighbors will usually find that the fault is not with the neighbors.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

There is such a thing as becoming so wise to all con games that you will pass up a real gold brick.

God probably never intended man to be satisfied—because if he was he would have nothing to pray for.

The recent census shows 642 poets working at manual labor. In these prosperous days even poets can earn a living.

A real unselfish man is one who gets busy moving things out of the way of the one who is rapidly getting to the front.

The moral yard stick your neighbor uses on you is usually a short one—about the same length as the one you use on him.

A man's holiday is just what his wife has been waiting for. She has saved up about a week's work in anticipation of the occasion.

The man who deserts the family that he has helped to create is so small by nature that a mosquito couldn't find a landing place.

Widows and widowers are not as selfish and avaricious as other people. Many of them devote much time and energy to looking out for No. 2.

When a man gets so seriously in love that he declares himself ready to lay down his life for his sweetheart, it is really cruel of her to facetiously ask: "On the dead?"

An eastern doctor says girls have five souls. We don't begrudge the dear, sweet things as many of them as they want—we have enough trouble trying to save one from purgatory.

Statistics state that twelve billion telephone messages were sent in the United States during 1911. There must be an error somewhere—we found the line busy more times than that.

Some of the characteristics of the savage remain with the civilized man. The man who skins his friends can probably trace his ancestry back to some Indian who scalped his enemies.

Pencils are being made from potatoes and men's collars from milk. If some friend of humanity would only discover a method whereby the squeal of the croaker could be transformed into an article of diet and the wasted energy of the knocker harnessed and used for motive power, we would feel that the millennium was close at hand.

A small opening often leads to large opportunities.

Tears evaporate before the face that radiates sunshine.

A woman with electricity in her hair should turn the switch.

A truthful man sometimes has to tell a lie to attract attention.

All men are equal at the altar—that is, none of them count for anything.

About the only difference between a job and a position is in the amount of work.

An ideal hubby is one who never breaks any of the promises made before marriage.

A Burmese official has been arrested for stealing 250 elephants. This is the largest theft on record.

Burbank has grown a seedless prune, and now it is up to him to produce a pruneless boarding house.

The souvenir business is the modern way of disposing of stuff that no one has any earthly use for.

When a man gets so he doesn't enjoy a picnic an inspection will show that his head carries many gray hairs.

A mosquito lays forty eggs a day. It might be well to let a few run with your hens for breeding purposes.

Women don't make historians. Their memory of dates reaching back more than 25 years is too treacherous.

If Opportunity doesn't stop at your house, hide in the corner of the door and knock it on the head when it goes by.

An exchange says Roosevelt would rather be right than president. Teddy always has had the faculty of knowing how far he could go.

Some of the best things our most successful men have picked up had been previously passed over by those who are cursing their luck.

Why is it that the boy who requires corporal persuasion to get him to do chores at home will spend his playtime working for a neighbor and think it lots of fun.

Seven hundred missionaries went to Africa during the past summer, so we are told. That will greatly relieve the high-cost-of-living situation among the natives for a time.

Those who oppose kissing the strongest on the grounds that disease germs are spread that way, probably wouldn't object very seriously to a little inoculation by osculation.

Many a married man is often surprised to see the way his excuses go down—and probably would be more surprised if he could see what a little way they sometimes went down.

To the married man the bachelor is a man of singular ideas.

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