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Newspapers And News.

There continues to be much public discussion, in and out of the newspapers, about duty in publishing news. Its inspiration is partly, no doubt, in the recent address of President Coolidge concerning the press, in which the president exhibited a grasp and knowledge of the newspaper's problems and functions rather unusual in a layman, but in which he also advanced the somewhat disputed view that newspapers which condemned the law for federal income tax publicity were guilty of no inconsistency when they published lists of payments made by heavy taxpayers.

There is further inspiration for the current discussion of what news to print in the fact that recently there has been in the news a good deal about some rather notable criminal cases. And the always excellent Christian Science Monitor, which is read in practically all newspaper offices, continues to inveigh against newspapers which admit to their columns any news concerning manifestations of the less lovely side of life, while publishing in its own news columns much concerning crimes against the liquor and other laws in whose enforcement it is specially interested.

Most of this discussion, so far as the newspaper phase of it goes, has been in the metropolitan press and that of the larger towns. But there is ample evidence, in an article from the Harrisburg Bulletin which is reprinted on this page today that the problem of what not to print is by no means confined to the cities, although the phases it presents to the small town editor are peculiarly his own. The Bulletin is one of the brightest and best written weekly papers that come in among the exchanges from week to week, and publishes more local news than the average weekly, notwithstanding the editor's apparent admission that it does not publish all it knows. His article will give new light to many readers on the difficulties that beset the small town editor, no less than on the motives that govern him.

It is rather a common boast among newspapers that they are fearless in the publication of news. Some declare that they publish all the news that comes to their notice, without exception. The sincerity of such a claim by any newspaper is to be doubted. Every editor every day is faced not only with the problem of what to print but also that of whether to withhold one item or another. In a very large majority of the comparatively rare cases in which an item is withheld the motive is one of mercy. If evil doing wreaked its consequences only upon the evil doer, the answer to the problem would be easy. Unfortunately the consequences of evil doing fall upon the innocent as well as the guilty. When a man gets himself into a "jam" of one kind or another his wife, his children, his father or mother or others near to him must suffer reflected disgrace. That is what makes the problem of how far to go in printing the news about such things.

The newspaper has a very definite duty to its readers, which is to inform them of all that is going on in the community of legitimate interest to them. The newspaper must reflect in its news columns the whole life of the day. It must keep itself wholesome, and yet, if it is to be a complete newspaper, it must record happenings that are otherwise than wholesome. It cannot, in the selection of its news, use only that which is of interest to one class of readers. It must publish the news which will interest every class. For the publication of many of its individual items it will gain both approval and condemnation, and each is likely to be as hearty as the other. No editor can hope to please all of his readers in all that he publishes all the time or in any single edition. The best he can do is to have regard for his "nose for news," and to act on his honest best judgment in news selection.

A Hearst editor said once: "Two classes of people come to the newspaper office; those who want something published that the editor does not want and those who want something withheld that the editor does want." There must be a better reason for publishing an item than that some person wants it published. There must be some better reason for withholding an item than that some person wants it withheld. The first consideration in either case is the right of the newspaper's readers.

For Legislators To Consider.

There will be a hearing at Salem tomorrow evening on the federal child labor amendment, before the committee having the measure in charge. Here are a few facts which the committee may well consider, in view of the stress being placed by opponents of the amendment upon the contention that regulation of child labor may safely be left to the states:

Eleven states allow children to work from 9 to 11 hours a day. One state sets no limit to the hours a child may work. Eleven states allow children to work 54 to 60 hours a week or more. Four states allow children to work all night. Thirty-five states allow children to go to work without a common school education. Nineteen states allow children to go to work without regard to their physical fitness.

There are plenty of other facts available to show the necessity for the child labor legislation by congress, but are not these enough? If, as is reported, a majority of the legislators, including all members of the Lane county delegation, are opposed to the amendment and intend to vote against it, how do they answer the showing here set forth?

Another harbinger of spring: The style show is near at hand.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

For the Mills Plan (Corvallis Gazette-Times) Speaking of the effort to restore republican form of government in Oregon through the reformation of Oregon through the Mills bill, the Salem Statesman avers that "it would defeat the republican party in Oregon." All right. Let 'er buck. Better go down in defeat for a principle than shamble along in government by force as we are doing now. But there is no reason why the doleful prediction of the Statesman should come

to pass. The people of Oregon are pretty well sick of self-starting candidates of molasses covered platforms, state and national, not responsible to any political party or organization but their own personal machines. A change to a properly regulated convention of primary elected delegates would do much to elevate the standard of Oregon politics though it might be a little hard on a certain class of newspapermen who depend on swaying class passion for their influence. That's why some of them are opposed to it.

Why Hicke the Council? (Sheridan Sun)

Petitions asking the recall of two members of the city council at Carlton, filed with the city recorder last week, as reported by the Carlton Sentinel, bring to attention again a condition of administrative government in small towns that makes service by desirable citizens almost intolerable. Whatever the circumstances in the Carlton case the result is the same—an inhibition placed on the councilmanic offices for those who could and might do genuine service by those who delight in intolerance and persist in unreasonable heckling.

The Independence Enterprise a week ago commended the council of that city to the more tolerant respect of the people and bespoke, for the officials conscientious efforts to serve. The Sun, observing the same intolerant tendency here—with three vacancies on the council because of it—joins with the Enterprise in urging the people to cooperate with instead of combining against the council.

It would do much toward competent administration of civic affairs in every town if such a spirit of cooperation were developed; by encouraging rather than discouraging residents of integrity and high standing to serve—and therein lies a service that the press might properly undertake.

How Can They Buy? (Roseburg News-Review)

The plan of the modified McNary-Haugen bill to market the surplus products of American farms in foreign countries sounds like good business. We are wondering, however, how certain countries abroad can pay for produce when they are without money to liquidate what they already owe the United States. Maybe those countries would appreciate an opportunity to pay us off with surplus carrots, rutabagas, etc., of their own.

Who Are the Standpatters Now? (Medford Mail-Tribune)

We notice in an esteemed Portland contemporary that the standpatters of Oregon are trying to get in to the saddle again.

Proposed modifications of the Direct Primary and Initiative are submitted as corroborative evidence—an attempt to destroy popular government and return to the control of the ward boss and the machine.

Oh, Hum!—of course, of course. But why standpatters? A standpatter we supposed, referred to the inquisitive individual who wished to stand still, who refused to sanction the slightest change, who insisted upon the negative privilege of enjoying the status quo.

The people who favor modification of the primary and initiative of the initiative, can't be accused of supporting such a policy. The status quo is what they oppose. They take issue with those who maintain the present system of government in this state. Can't be improved upon. They maintain it can be, and it is progress toward improvement they desire.

Eugene 25 Years Ago.

(From The Guard of Jan. 27, 1900)

The regular meeting of the Academy of Science of the university will meet this evening in the physical lecture room of Deady hall.

An alarm of fire was sent in at 6 o'clock last evening from the northern end of the city and the department went immediately to the scene. It proved to be an annex of the residence of John Mercer, and the building and all its contents were a total loss.

The local oratorical contest of the university will be held in Willard hall this coming Friday. Contestants are Delsie Alloway, A. B. Waltz, C. N. McArthur, B. C. Jakwar, Chester Fisher.

A large number of the W. R. P. L. club were entertained this afternoon by Mrs. J. J. Walton.

The Varsity Republican club of the university has elected H. D. Angell, C. N. McArthur, and C. M. Bishop as representatives at the state league convention.

J. S. Medley is visiting in the city from East Cottage Grove.

J. P. Curran and R. M. Veatch are two more Cottage Grove visitors in the city.

H. Mathews is in the city from Goshen.

Tom Sims Says—

Idea are like people. They need rest. If you work one overtime it becomes nervous and troublesome.

The good men do lives after them; the evil gets after them.

The greatest argument for religion is the expression on the faces of those who say they have none.

Some people had rather seem bright than pleasant.

When you don't know what you are making you are making a mistake. False pride has one virtue. It may force you to do something of which you can be proud.

Success has a habit of coming around while you are busy.

The best way to make a man do what he doesn't want to do is to make him want to do it.

Love is a magnifying glass, making you see the rest of the world through the reverse side.

Keep your nose too close to the gristle and you will mistake the sparks for stars.

THE TEETHING PERIOD



Problems of Editor In Small Town

Problem of What News to Print and What to Withhold And Considerations That Figure In Decisions On Such Questions.

(Harrisburg Bulletin)

The dissemination of news has a handful now and then. For example a worthy lady recently asked us why? why? why? didn't the Bulletin report an incident wherein a citizen was arrested and fined for the possession of moonshine. If her training had been in the line of country news-gathering, or if she had had an inkling of what it means to a community to have ill reports go out from her home town, we might have offered an explanation. To you we will simply say that it was a private matter. The man was caught, pleaded guilty and paid his fine. There was no trial. There was no publicity about it.

This paper has an hesitancy about printing a paper's name and heralding it to the public. We have no favorites. Yet the policy of the paper has ever been to shield home folks. We have as much right to keep from the public the odium of a fine for bootlegging as we have to refrain from mentioning the birth of an illegitimate child. This is a very small community yet the best interest of its people are just as honest, just as human and just as much the part of a common country as any heart beats in all the world. Why should the little local paper tell the findings of its reporters if they bring an extra pang of misery to an aged father, or yet more tender, the already bursting heart of a loving mother?

A local paper, if you please, is not a scandal sheet. Yet there is not one in all this great country but what in its weekly issue could tell to fathers and mothers, to wives and husbands, tales that would bring remorse. In a single issue the Bulletin could do an irreparable damage, in widening the breach between neighbors and yet speak only the plain truth. Gossip makes and brings its sting but the stamp of the public press can never, never be erased.

The editor of a paper sits as a judge. He may work to a rule drawn ever so fine, yet today he allows in print what he would not permit tomorrow. But ever he has in mind what should go for the best interest of his community, best for today, but more especially best for tomorrow. Ah, the rub—tomorrow!

Instinct must guide him, it almost seems, in the honest endeavor to do for the best. Should he herald to the world every evil of his little ballistics? Should he herald none? Once a subscriber "stopped the Bulletin" because too many deaths were reported. Yet we have gone on reporting deaths without even a thought to this party's displeasure. But our judgment, or our instinct, or whatever it might be, has held us time and again from marring the sensibilities of just one lone soul who never even dreamed of how our heart went out in sympathy as the line of x's on our typewriters blotted out the words that would have made an indelible and unfavorable record for his friends, or her friends, to scan.

Many have been made rich by prohibition, some through bootlegging, others through sobriety and saving. Some have been made blind by it, some have been killed by the quality of whisky.

One side of prohibition is the story and trial of Mary Moss, 20 years old. Driving her automobile between Fort Wayne and Monroe, in Michigan, carrying 30 cases of beer each time, she made \$30,000 in a year. Looking like a high school girl taking a little drive, nobody suspected anything. Now she must go to jail for 20 days. In these times many would do that for less than \$30,000.

Lorenz Koenig, aged 72, detests his working hours in stacking shingles in a lumber yard at Omaha. He

inherits \$115,000 but goes on packing shingles. "If I quit, I'd die," he says, and he'll give the money to his children. Perhaps the habit of hard work hasn't got as firm a hold on them as it has on him.

"Sir, we know that the will is free, and that's an end of it," said Samuel Johnson. But is the will free? What becomes of freedom of the will when habit has such a hold upon us?

After stacking shingles for years, Mr. Koenig feels that he must go on stacking shingles, although he has money enough to take him to see the great pyramids of Egypt, the Taj Mahal in India, the great wall of China and the Cheshire cheese chop house in London.

Our life depends on the glands. Our happiness depends on habit. We are more like machines wound up and set running than creatures of free will.

Construction work was begun this week on rebuilding the Southern Pacific railway at North Bend which was destroyed several months ago when it was rammed by the steamer Martha Buehner.

A call for outstanding county warrants indorsed prior to and including April 30, 1923, has been made by the treasurer of Tillamook county. The report of the treasurer shows an indebtedness of \$370,592.57 with funds on hand amounting to \$113,314.97.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Bootleg is in the heart and core of New York. Bootleg, not only of liquor, but of many of the commodities and luxuries of life. Bootleg of human life itself.

Bootleg is in the very spirit of New York. No new laws will stop it. Nor will the repeal of any present laws stop it. It is the great indoor and outdoor sport here, known to exist by officials of the law and by law-respecting citizens and more or less winked at because of the futility of trying to stop it.

In Lighter Vein

Obscure Works (London Humorist)
Ethel—"Do you like Beethoven's works, Mr. Ponks?"
Mr. Ponks—"Never visited 'em—what does 'a manufacture'?"

Isn't It? (American Legion Weekly)
Whiz—"Lots of foreigners are coming into our country."
Bang—"Yes, immigration is the sincerest form of flattery."

Unreliable. (Madrid Buen Humor)
Boss—"But you asked for a day off a month ago because your wife was dying, and now you ask for another for the same reason."
Clerk—"Can't help it, sir; I'm very sorry, but you can never depend on my wife for anything."

The Better Authority (The Christian Advocate)
Student—"A fortune teller told me that I had a lot of money coming to me."
Sportsman—"I had rather hear a paying teller say that."

Modern Mother (Berlin Dorfbarber)
Lady (meeting child in the park)—"You are a dear, sweet child! You remind me of my own little Erica!"
"But, mummy, I am little Erica!"

Guaranteed Work (London Humorist)
An American paper asks for a slogan that will stimulate everybody's desire to get a move on. "Honk! Honk!" is a bad one.

Ready to Help. (Boston Transcript)
Hub—"I met Hawkins on the street today and the poor chap was very gloomy—told me he was perfectly willing to die."
Wife—"Oh, Tom, why didn't you ask him here to dinner?"

Oregon Briefs

On June 1 Marshfield will become a first-class postoffice, the receipts during 1924 running \$3000 over the sum necessary to place the office in the first class.

Asserting that the business is worth \$75,000 a year to the territory, residents of Reedsport are opposing the proposed elimination of commercial crab fishing in the waters of the Umpqua river.

After having been paid \$898.05 for his December work, Sam B. Sanderfer's services as prohibition officer were dispensed with by the Jackson county court and the matter of enforcement was turned over to the sheriff.

An official order from headquarters of the Oregon national guard has been received at La Grande, promoting Ralph Huron of that city to the rank of major in command of the second battalion of the 180th infantry.

Recently car loads of chickens were condemned and ordered destroyed. Many of these condemned fowl found their way to the New York market at greatly reduced prices.

Harbor thieves steal coal, tarpanlin, rope and lumber and sell it at a price far below market. There is an extensive business in stolen autos.

Salesmen go from building to building selling neckties. They quietly slip into offices and talk in whispers. They, too, imply that they are selling stolen goods far below their true value. The truth is that you could buy the same grade of necktie cheaper in any haberdashery.

And men themselves are bootlegged. Several months ago some thirty-odd men were caught as they were being landed from the open sea. After being impounded at Ellis Island they asserted that they had paid \$75 each to be smuggled into the country. Oriental laborers also have been smuggled into New York.

The New York bootlegger handles anything from shoe strings to babies.

OLDEST MASON DIES
CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—James Kirkley, 102, believed to have been Chicago's oldest resident, and the oldest Mason or Odd Fellow in the city, died Sunday.

BIBLE QUESTION FOR TODAY
OF A TRUTH I perceive that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted, with him.—Act 10:34, 35.

Bible Question
(Look up the answer)
What is the greatest virtue?
—1 Cor. 13:13.

AGRICULTURE IS BIGGEST PROBLEM

President's Desire to Send Hoover to Department of Agriculture Indicates Recognition of That Fact.

By HARRY B. HUNT (NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—President Coolidge's desire to transfer Secretary Hoover from the Commerce, rather than with the problems of production. It is the lack of the farmer's ability to market to advantage, not a lack of ability to produce, that is the root of his troubles, Coolidge holds.

To develop a system and eliminate present losses and waste in the agricultural field that will give the consumer a fair share of the consumer's dollar is, in brief, the job Coolidge has set out for his next secretary of agriculture.

For this job Hoover seems beyond anyone else now in sight.

We hear a lot about "standpat" senators and congressmen, but about "standpat" states, usually reflect the same tendencies as their representatives in congress—or, possibly, would be more correct to say the representatives reflect the attitude of the states.

On this theory, Connecticut, with away with the blue ribbon as the conservative of all our commonwealths.

Of the entire 10 amendments adopted to the Constitution, "Nutmeg" state has ratified just one—the sole exception being the amendment giving "equal rights" to women.

MARTIN HOPKINS DIES
TACOMA, Jan. 27.—Martin C. Hopkins, 81, a pioneer newspaperman of the west, died at his home here Sunday. He gave Bill Nye his first newspaper job at Laramie, Wyo. and he later conducted papers at Salt Lake City, Helena, and Butte, and he was one of the founders of the Spokesman Review at Spokane.

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By the Pastor

THURSDAY
"The Great Chain, the Key, the 1000 Years, No More Devil"

FRIDAY
50 healings of incurable, organic and general diseases by 50 residents of Eugene followed by a sermon on "Jesus Heals Today."

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