

Nashville American: A newspaper may be honest without being either a fair or a just newspaper. It may be courageous, and yet lack both intelligence and honesty. It is comparatively easy for a newspaper to be honest in a mere financial sense. It is not so easy to be honest and courageous in the higher sense—in proclaiming the truth, regardless of whether it may prove popular or otherwise; in standing firmly for conservatism and fairness and justice in spite of passing storms of passion and prejudice and the sentiments which in the enthusiasm and intoxication of the hour forsake reason and consume themselves in their own heat.

As the newspaper is the product of human beings it cannot escape the errors and mistakes and weaknesses which beset humanity. But it is an entity upon which rests great responsibility. Something more is required of it than is expected of the mere time server and self-seeker in the field of politics or the world of greed and grab. The yellow newspaper, the sensational journal to which nothing is sacred, and which has only gain for its object—the newspaper that is satisfied to cater to ignorance and prejudice in order to gain readers or worthless praise, which seeks to array class against class, the rich against the poor, the poor against the rich, and which strives to attract attention or popularity by an extreme course in the advocacy of some passing movement, sentiment, or fancy, contributes nothing to the public good or the general welfare, morally, socially, or politically.

The power of publicity, however, is great. It is a power which great and small recognize, and which the evil fear. To the wrongdoer it is a constant threat and menace. It exerts a restraining influence only second, perhaps, to that of the law. The newspaper that does its duty in all circumstances must have sound judgment and true courage behind it. In no circumstances may it hope to escape criticism; often may it expect to be charged with dishonesty of motive.

A strike is on between organized labor and the steel company, and it seems to involve the right of labor to organize for its own protection. President Schaffer who represents the men is confident of success, while the officers of the steel trust as yet show no signs of weakening. Mr. Schaffer says that the men will not resort to force and that there will be no destruction of property. As long as this promise is kept the public sympathy will be with the laboring men.

The right of labor to organize ought not to be questioned, and yet the growth of trusts is directly opposite to the interests of the laboring men, and, as every trust is a menace to labor organizations it is strange that any laboring man votes with the trusts. When the head of a great corporation controls all the factories which employ skilled labor in any particular line he is very likely to dictate terms. Capital does not need food or clothing. If it remains idle for a month or a year its owner simply loses his income for the period of its idleness, but with the laboring man it is different. His hunger cannot be suspended, his need for clothing and shelter knows no cessation; the children must be cared for, and with all the various boasted prosperity, the average wage earner is not able to live long without work. Heretofore, the laborer has found his protection in the fact that the employer could not close down his factory for a great length of time without loss of trade.

his business was in danger of being absorbed by other firms, and his employees were apt to be scattered. When, however, the monopoly of an industry is complete the employees cannot seek work of a rival firm because there is no rival firm and he cannot engage in other business without losing the advantage of his skill and experience. It is to be hoped that the laboring men will win in the present conflict, but if they were as unanimous on election day as they are when a strike is ordered they could remedy their grievances without a strike or loss of employment.

The steel trust may be a blessing in disguise if it convinces the wage-earners of the country that a "private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable"—The Commoner.

Here is a picture of Mr. McKinley, drawn by Alfred Henry Lewis, the author and newspaper man: "McKinley is the middle size of man. He is passive; he is acted upon and does not act. He is prudent of himself; not over sensitive. He strikes poses and becomes a picture. He shrinks from the new. He sees nothing that has not been heard, finds nothing that has not been found, thinks nothing that has not been thought, knows nothing that has not been known, does nothing that has not been done, and would neither eat nor breathe were there not precedents for each.

There never was a paper in any locality that gave all the news, says an exchange. It is often that some person comes or goes that the editor does not see. It happens that a family is missed several times they get the impression that the paper does not care to mention them or has a grudge against them. It is a mistake. The paper has no ill-feeling, no spite, no enmity against anybody. It is going to do what is right by everybody. Don't be afraid to tell the editor that you have some friends visiting you.

That New Portland Daily.

A recent dispatch from Baker City says: Arrangements are now being made to purchase the machinery for the new daily newspaper plant to be erected in Portland. Arthur Cooper, formerly city editor of the Democratic City Times, who is to be the active business manager, passed through Baker City last evening enroute to Chicago, where he expects to purchase eight Menckelshausers, the big press and other equipment required for the plant. He sent a card to Captain White, chairman of the democratic state central committee, stating that everything had been arranged and that the paper was now an assured fact.

The new paper is to enter the race with a capital of \$250,000, none of which is subscribed or furnished by Portland or Oregon people. All Portland is asked to do is to secure in advance 10,000 paid-up subscriptions for the period of one year. The money is not to be paid to the new concern, but will be placed in a bank awaiting performance of certain conditions by the newspaper men, one of which is the erection of a plant costing approximately \$100,000. Then the subscription money will not have to be paid over, but it is understood that a portion at least will be further held as a guaranty that the paper will operate for a year, the time of the subscription. The paper will receive the Hearst telegraphic news service.

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