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### MR. YOUNG, THE MORAL BEAUTY

Dainty Subject Discussed in the Language of the Five O'Clock Tea.

"In the future, as in the past the American will treat him and his vaporing idiocy with silent contempt; but if he utters a slander or personal falsehood against its editor, he will be held personally responsible for the same."—Blue Mountain American.

The "he" in the above refers to THE MINER man. Ignoring this puerile threat, further than to utter, in passing, a pitiful appeal to "keep him off of me," THE MINER hastens to declare that in the future, as in the past, it will say no word of slander nor falsehood against the American nor its editor. The language of the above quotation virtually acknowledges that none such have been published in these columns in the past; for surely this threat is not a bluff and had there been, the writer hereof would have been held "personally responsible" and forthwith demolished. This warning, or threat, evidently means that in future sugar coated, diplomatic language must be used, or else the pen will be replaced by some other weapon; that in future, instead of proving the American and its editor to be a couple of liars, THE MINER must be satisfied with demonstrating that they are chronic mistakes, egregious blunderers. Well, then the language of the five o'clock tea "goes."

What THE MINER has endeavored to establish and will continue to maintain is that Mr. Edward Everett Young, the lovely and accomplished hired man of Red Boy Godfrey, in performing his editorial duties, which consist of maligning the citizens of Sumpter and giving a black eye to this mining district, does not show the reverence and consideration for truth which one in his exalted position should display, as a benignant example to the youth, the humble and less fortunate, who

look to him for guidance in all things. THE MINER, not being ambitious to rival the Portland Mercury, has persistently refused the importunities of citizens to publish even the whole truth about Mr. Young, the personification of monopolized moral beauty. It cares to play upon a harp of but two strings; one telling of the American's mission to knock this town and district, the other Mr. Young's penchant for ignoring truth in his continued-story laudation of himself and his boss's paper, the American.

This gifted journalistic genius is of rare moral and mental make up, possessing the noisy, shameless braggadocio of the New York World and the phariseism of the Post. For instance, in its issue of last week there is this editorial paragraph: "The American has been asked by the Oregon state commission to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo to publish an extra mining edition to be distributed there in the interest of eastern Oregon. Now will our traducers be good? Or if this is impossible will they at least give us a silent rest."

Following up this self donated floral tribute, it again approvingly, proudly pats itself on the back by publishing this request under the headline, "The American in Portland. Pan-American Commissioners ask for a Special Edition for Buffalo;" and these introductory remarks: "It is always gratifying to people of honest purpose and endeavor to know that their efforts are appreciated by their intelligent public spirited fellow citizens."

Now, when it is known that this "request," this earnest appeal, is merely a circular letter, one that THE MINER and doubtless every other paper in the state has received, doesn't the above self congratulatory rot on the part of the American appear to be a trifle exaggerated? To press the matter still further; the American editor not having been proven to be an irredeemable idiot and therefore knowing the nature of this request, that it is

merely a reproduced circular letter, could not the inference be reasonably drawn that he is endeavoring to sail under false colors, trying to make it appear that he has received some exclusive, honorable recognition? As a matter of fact, isn't it here demonstrated that the immaculate Mr. Young, in this particular instance, is not acting with entire frankness and honesty? Or is all this mere "vaporing idiocy," that should be treated with "silent contempt?"

Again. "The taxpayers are coming to realize that there is too much lawlessness in Sumpter."—Editorial paragraph. Does the reader suppose that this was published to benefit this town? It is a fact, that every one posted on the subject acknowledges and frequently comments upon, that Sumpter is the most orderly, law abiding mining camp on the American continent. Hence THE MINER insists that the American never "overlooks a bet" to befoul its own nest, and does not hesitate to misrepresent conditions in order to accomplish that purpose—that it is a chronic liar, and the rules of the game, restricting this discussion to the language of the five o'clock tea, permit the use of such language to express this patent truth.

So endeth the 'steenth lesson—with humble apologies to the reader, who has paid his subscription, for here publishing this stuff instead of mining and local news.

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