

The Press Association Winter Meeting Papers

The papers read at the mid-winter meeting of the South Dakota Press Association, held at Sioux Falls, January 18th and 19th, contain what will be of interest to the general reader and will be given one or more each week until all have been published.

(FIFTH PAPER) THE COUNTRY EDITOR—SHOULD HE BE A POLITICAL PHILANTHROPIST OR BUSINESS MAN?

(By Levi D. Wait, Howard Democrat.)
Brethren of the South Dakota Press Association: To handle this subject intelligently a man in his make-up should exemplify one of two questions under consideration—that is, he should be either a political philanthropist or a business man.
If the former he could ride hobby to his heart's content and injure no one; if the latter the members of the association might be benefited from practical ideas he could advance. Unfortunately for the members here I am not "hooked up" with either of the accomplishments, and the distinguished chairman of the program committee could not have considered that fact when his fertile brain conceived and assigned this proposition to me on which I was obliged to waste my sweetness to prepare a paper to be read before this gathering of eminent rural dispensers of wisdom and knowledge.

PHILANTHROPIST EDITORS.

Philanthropic editors, like the poor, are always with us. Some are so full of philanthropy that they will run account, if allowed to, with the home merchant and the merchant to get his pay must run an ad in the paper or get beat out of it altogether. They own every penny, consequently they have to be philanthropic.
It is just here that the "business editor" wishing to grow broader in his views, sweeter in his temper, to lose his self-conceit, the intolerance and incapacity of former years and to generalize the detailed experience he has gained in the business from long years of hard work and study, and to be fit in a word to accomplish the work he has planned to do, that he runs bump up against the philanthropic editor who owns a "funk shop," has his patents on C. O. D., never pays his bills but just the same gets enough work away from a legitimate institution to keep it from pushing ahead as it otherwise would.

CASE OF NECESSITY.

True, I can say I have been a philanthropist in force of circumstances—but no, in that sense which I have just outlined—a sense which characterizes it as a stench in the nostrils of the better element of the profession—a detriment to progressive journalism—and I doubt some if there are many here today who have not also at some period in his business career found himself in the same capacity as I have—dishing out editorial space and great dollops of benevolence for the benefit of some political aspirant because obliged to.
As a publisher we must certainly be philanthropists—and political at that—until we have acquired by dint of hard labor and forced economy a competency sufficient to warrant our becoming independent in mind as well as body. The publisher out of debt with a few hundred to his credit is recognized as a successful business man, and the necessity of being such is one of the subjects I have been asked to discuss here today.

CONTRACTING DEBTS.

During the decade in which I have hustled for ads, solicited job work, worked for subscribers and paid the "devil," I have at some time dreamed that newspaper success is a favorable termination of an attempt at the crowning attainment of well directed effort, it is the opposite of failure and confers great honor on him who successfully wins it.
With industry and economy I entertain strong confidences that a man engaged in the vocation of country publisher can succeed; but indolence and inattention to business will be sure to result in ruin and disgrace. The man who is industrious is the man who invariably meets his obligations promptly and earns his money before he spends it.
A man in this age and year cannot practice running into debt unless he is positive of seeing a way in which to get out again. Neither can he put off until tomorrow that which can be done today. Money costs too much if not honestly acquired. Merchants do not appreciate the necessity of being obliged to carry an ad in the columns of a newspaper or of placing job work with a defunct institution in order to clear up some old score. It is better to deal with patrons as one business man deals with another—not in begging our way through, but in giving to the world a little compensation for a right to a place within its boundary.

WANT THE RAKE OFF.

I am aware that many a country editor is being deprived of work on which he could realize a nice profit if given the opportunity to handle it. There are men holding public positions in the state who ignore the publishers who have shouted early and late for their advancement when it comes to dispensing the crumbs of public patronage.
As a traveling representative for a year of a large publishing house I positively am acquainted with officials who send every thing in the way of printing they can to outside houses because they can realize a ten per cent cash rake-off or its equivalent in premiums, while the home printer has to be satisfied with an occasional order for a thousand envelopes or letter heads and what little legal printing the legislature has prevented the ungrateful official from farming out to a Sioux City or St. Louis concern at so much per farm.

COULD DICTATE.

And that's why I contend that a newspaper man in debt, or even with the board, is a political philanthropist, pure and simple, while one with a good paying plant and his home and a few hundred in the bank can have things more his own way. He will be in a position to dictate—not in the sense of a boss—but as to whether or not he will support this or that man for

office. I don't wish to infer that I am speaking from the standpoint of one who has been more severely dealt with in this respect than others—on the contrary I am speaking from a personal knowledge acquired while rubbing up against such practices six days in the week.

WILL HAVE TO CATER.

But so long as a publisher is in debt he will be obliged to cater, but once on a sound financial basis with a few fellows will commence to cater, and patronage, both political and commercial, will come his way without having to sacrifice his individuality and independence in trying to obtain it.
But how to reach that desired goal is another proposition. A man may have the imagination of a Jules Verne, the wit of a Petronius and the inclination of a Nero, but without the instinct and judgment of a business man his nose will ride the grindstone from one year's end until another, and here I must content that the country editor should be a business man instead of a political philanthropist if he is to succeed in life—and success means all.

THE HAND THAT HOLDS THE PENCIL.

(By M. C. Brown, White Lake Waver.)
We read of mighty powers
That are felt for right or wrong;
We have had them kept before our minds
In prose, prose and song.
There's the "hand that rocks the cradle,"
And the "hand that writes the dun;"
There's the "man before the public,"
And the "man behind the gun;"
There's the "boy that minds his mother,"
And the "Jack that takes the pot;"
While the "hand that wields the slipper"
Seldom fails to touch the spot.
Strong and potent are the forces
That against our lives are hurled;
But the hand that holds the pencil
Is the hand that prods the world.
For this world of men and women
Often needs a friendly jog;
There are some who dare not claim
Their own
While others play the hog.
There are some who get so "goody good"
They never crack a smile;
While their neighbors vent their feelings
In an overflow of bile.
There are strong who crowd the weaker;
There are weak who flout the strong,
And a timely note of warning
Helps the world to wage along.
Human nature needs a prompter,
Like the circling vipers are whirled;
And the hand that holds the pencil
Is the hand that prods the world.
Corporations get too frisky,
Just to show they're in the swim;
Or some cranky politician
Thinks the world was made for him.
Sharpen up the trusty Faber,
Get it fussed true and fine;
Let the dose be what is needed,
From a column to a line.
If you want to prick a bladder,
There is nothing in the land
Like a nicely pointed pencil,
Guided by a steady hand,
And the wicked deal less darkly,
Fewer crooked paths are trod,
As they see the lifted pencil,
And in fancy feel its prod.
Pencil pushers of the nation,
In whose hands the weapon lies;
Ponder well the aim and object,
Ere the pointed arrow flies;
Dealing gently with the erring—
Still, denouncing all the wrong;
Ever just in condemnation,
And in virtue ever strong.
Let your shafts be keen, yet kindly,
Never venom-tipped nor vile;
Seeking where a teardrop trembles,
To replace it with a smile.
And while o'er our smiling planet
Heaven's azure is unfurled,
Let the hand that holds the pencil,
Be the hand that helps the world,
Was as follows:

BLAZE AT ELDOGA.

Millinery Stock Burned but Will Be Replaced at Once by New Goods.
Eldoga, Iowa, March 23.—Fire was discovered in a building on East Marion street, owned by C. F. Stauffer and occupied by Miss Lawton as a millinery store. An alarm was at once turned in and the two hose companies, together with a hook and ladder company, responded. After a sharp fight the fire was extinguished. The damage to the building was about \$100; not insured. Miss Lawton is especially lucky. She had just returned from Chicago having purchased her new spring stock. The new stock had arrived but was stored in the depot for a day or two while she prepared the room for its reception. The old stock is a total loss, but is partly covered by insurance.

MAD DOG SCARE.

Hydrophobia Terrifies Farmers—Cattle Die From Bites.
Graceville, Minn., March 23.—The people in the western part of Big Stone county are terrorized by a hydrophobia scare. In several townships the supervisors have ordered all dogs shot. A number of horses and cattle have been bitten by rabid dogs, and quite a number have died with symptoms clearly indicating hydrophobia. As yet no person has been bitten. Fears are entertained that many horses and cattle will have to be killed to prevent injury to others.

Shot His Twin Brother.

Webster City, Iowa, March 23.—A boy named Johnson, living east of the city, was seriously if not fatally shot by his twin brother. They were driving the cows up for the evening and in some unaccountable manner the gun was discharged, the ball piercing the right lung. A physician was not able to locate the bullet. The injured boy is in a very critical condition.

BUTTER BY THE YARD.

Peculiar Way of Selling It to Students at Cambridge, England.
Probably Cambridge, England, is the only place in the world where one would be likely to find butter sold by lineal measure; but here, in accordance with the old custom, it is literally sold by the yard. For generations it has been the practice of Cambridgeshire dairy folk to roll their butter into lengths, each length measuring a yard and weighing a pound. Dotted with strips of clean, white cloth, the cylindrical rolls are packed into long and narrow baskets made for the purpose and thus conveyed to market.

The butter women who, in white linen aprons and sleeves, preside over the stalls in the mart have no need of weights or scales for dispensing their wares; constant practice and an experienced eye enable them with a stroke of the knife to divide a yard of butter with almost mathematical exactness.

The university people are the chief buyers of this curiously shaped article. In addition to being famed for its purity and sweetness, Cambridge "yard butter" is eminently adapted for serving out to the university students in the daily commons. Cut into convenient sized pieces, and accompanied by a loaf of the best wheat bread, a stated portion is sent round every morning to the rooms of the undergraduates for use at the daily breakfast and tea.

American in the London Hospital.

In no other hospital in London is the religion of any sect especially considered; but here are men's and women's wards reserved for the Jews, where their religious observances are carefully respected and carried out. They have their own kitchen, where food is prepared according to their belief, and from which every Jew in the hospital is served. A rabbi conducts services every Saturday, and I saw on the frames of the doors the places where the commandments are fastened. There are accommodations for eighteen men and fourteen women, but the Jewish wards are not large enough to accommodate all the Jews who seek admission. There is but one Jewish nurse in the institution, and she is not among her own people, but is in one of the children's wards. I passed through, everywhere despair and agony and hopelessness catching after hope and comfort and rest; everywhere shadow and flowers, yet the dark shadow of Azrael's wing was on the faces of scores of sunny-haired children and time-wrinkled men and women.—The National Magazine.

The Unlucky Thirteenth.

Somehow the talk had drifted on superstitious. The red-faced man was the last to speak. "Gentlemen," he said, "I've always been superstitious since one cold night last winter. I was feeling bad—had had a little trouble, and I made up my mind to drown my sorrows, for a time at least. I went into the first saloon I came across and I stood at the bar and drank twelve cocktails in less than one hour. As heaven is my judge, gentlemen, when I started to pour down the thirteenth my hands became numb, my legs refused to support me and I fell to the floor helpless. Believe me or not, but I say there is something uncanny and strange in the number 13."—Indianapolis Sun.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

If man hugged his delusions as long as woman does, he would never hug woman.
A clever girl is very seldom pretty. That is generally the reason why she is clever.
An old bachelor is the only one who never fails to get a lot of satisfaction out of marriage.
A girl almost always has objections to either a man's business position or his family connections—till he asks her.—New York Press.

Her Peculiar Way.

"And you are sure that my daughter looks with favor upon your suit?" inquired the aged parent.
"Well," replied the youth with frankness, "I don't want to be too sure about it. Of course, you are aware that your daughter squints."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
"Poor old Henpeck leads a dog's life with his wife."
"Well, why on earth doesn't he apply for a divorce?"
"He says he wanted to, but she wouldn't let him."—Philadelphia Press.
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John Curtis of Mount Carmel, Ill., was acquitted at Guthrie, Ok., of the murder of Peter Thompson.
The best play is not above the head of the gallery gods.

Know It Would Be All Right.

Sir Richard Webster was once in a cab collision near the Law Courts, and on alighting he gave his cabman his card in case he should be wanted as a witness.
The case came on, and Sir Richard, on entering the court, was asked to take a seat near the bench.
The verdict was given in Sir Richard's favor, and when Sir Richard went out there stood the cabbie waiting for him.
"Jump in, sir," he said; "I'll drive you anywhere. I knowed it 'ud be all right when I saw yer up there squaring the beak."—(Spare Moments.)

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is sold internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Janitor Expelled.

A few Sundays ago the preacher of one of the colored churches in this city complained about the church being so cold, and made inquiry about the janitor. While he was still taking one of the members walked up to the pulpit and whispered in the preacher's ear these words:
"The janitor was arrested last night while stealing coal."
Not another word was said on the subject.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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"Alas!" cried the Youth, "Such is the Result of Trying to Reform an Old Fogey!"
"Nay, Nay," replied the Elderly Gentleman, "I believe you Fully. I am kicking you for Not Putting me Onto This some Fifty Years Sooner."—Philadelphia Press.

PATENTS.

List of Patents Issued Last Week to Northwestern Inventors.
Thomas Forstner, Sigel, Minn., wagon box; Arthur C. Deverell and J. J. Lake, St. Paul, Minn., walkover car seat; George H. Goodell, St. Paul, Minn., throttle valve; Albert F. Kresen and A. Leasman, Buffalo Lake, Minn., mechanical motor; Joseph Latourelle and E. A. Fletcher, Sterling Center, Minn., music stand; Carl B. Olson, Canby, Minn., harness.
Merwin, Lothrop & Johnson, Patent Attorneys, 911 & 912 Pioneer Press Bldg., St. Paul.

In Command for One.

A man-of-war was lying off Gibraltar, and permission was given to the men to go ashore for the day. The sailors amused themselves in various ways—among others, by riding about on donkeys, and their want of experience in this line caused much amusement. An officer, observing one of the men sitting back very far upon the animal, called out:
"Say, Bill, get up more amidships!"
"With an injured air, he replied:
"Well, sir, this is the first craft I have ever commanded in my life, and it's hard indeed if I can't ride on the quarter-deck if I like."—Answers.
A school board visitor called to see why Johnny Winslow had not been to school recently.
"Why," said Mrs. Winslow, "he was thirteen years old last week, sir. For sure he's had schooling enough."
"Schooling enough!" exclaimed the official, "why, I didn't finish my education until I was three-and-twenty."
Mrs. Winslow looked at the school board man a moment, and then exclaimed:
"Lor, lor! you don't mean to say that you were such a thickhead as that?"
The official did not reply.—Spare Moments.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. Bolts, 429 5th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 5, '05.

Almost as Good.

"Do you believe you will succeed in having your man acquitted?" asked one lawyer.
"I haven't given much thought to that phase of the question," answered the other. "But I am absolutely confident that we can have the trial postponed enough to prevent a conviction."—Washington Star.

O, How Happy I am to BE FREE from NEURALGIA

Is that Mrs. Archie Young of 1817 Oaks Ave., West Superior, Wis., writes us on Jan. 23th, 1906: "I am so thankful to be able to say that your SWANSON'S 'B' DROPS' is the best medicine I have ever used in my life. I sent for some last November and commenced using it right away and it helped me from the first dose. Oh, I cannot explain to you how I was suffering from neuralgia. It seemed that death was near at hand. I thought no one could be worse. I was so very weak I hardly expected to live to see my husband come back from his daily labor. But now I am free from pain, my cheeks are red, and I sleep well the whole night through. Many of my friends are so surprised to see me looking so well that they will send for some of your 'B' DROPS.'"
"I have been afflicted with rheumatism for 2 years. I was in bed with it when I saw your advertisement in a paper, recommending SWANSON'S 'B' DROPS,' very highly. I thought I would try it. It has completely cured me, but I like it so well that I want two more bottles for fear I will get into the same fix I was before I sent for 'B' DROPS.'" writes Mr. Alexander Pettrell of Vandalia, Ark., Feb. 6th, 1906.
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