

Daily Eagle

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WATTERSON'S ROT AND TWADDLE.

It has been a great while since we were confronted with such an unadulterated lot of rot as is found embodied in Henri Watterson's address, to the National Editorial Association, at St. Louis, on Thursday, in which he belittled the editorial page of the newspaper and prophesied its early relegation. Watterson's own paper, the Louisville Courier-Journal, and his entire journalistic experience constitute an unintermitting refutation of his assertions. He not only inveighed against all editorial that is not a simple re-hash of the day's news, but asserted that editorial notes are but froth which should be eliminated, and the sooner the better. Watterson in stooping to demagoguery, to tickle the fancies of an aggregation of newspaper correspondents, local reporters and business managers, posing as editors, at St. Louis, discounted his own influence, belittled the importance of his own paper and controverted his own personal observations and his experience of a lifetime. But for the editorial page of the Louisville Courier-Journal, presided over and impressed with the personality of Henri Watterson, that sheet would not only be without political, literary or moral influence, but would be unknown and unheard of outside of a very circumscribed Kentucky area. And this is true of every really influential paper in the land. And it is also equally true that the more distinctly the editorial page is stamped with the individuality and personality of its editor, the greater its influence. This is true of every type of periodical publication, and especially true of the daily newspaper. The editorial conclusions of the Courier-Journal and the expressions and utterances of Henri Watterson, are anonymous. The editorial pages of the influential journals of this country, nationally and locally, are the real moulders of public opinion, and are such largely from the personal identification of the men who founded them or otherwise made them a public power, a power whose judgment and utterances public officials, great and small, from President down, together with pulpits and courts, heed and respect, and for fear of which political rogues and all the dishonest of high and low degree, stand in awe. A newspaper without an editorial page would be a vessel without contents, a structure without a foundation, a ship without an anchor, a court of justice, fully equipped as to bailiffs, attorney and jury but without a judge to declare its conclusions, or to enforce its mandates. A newspaper without an editorial page and an editor of character and personal identity would be but an irresponsible degeneration, be it yellow journalism, but a commercial venture, and in too many instances a leech on the public, if not a blackmailing graft of irresponsible interviewers and bribed reporters. Shades of Greeley, Dana, Medill, Bennett, McCulloch, McLean and all the host of editors whose papers proved of almost unlimited influence because of the individual character and personality of their editorial pages. Was Watterson's stomach turned by an excessive imbibing of World's Fair jubb, or was he but joshing the real editors of the country who for the most part were at home at work and not present in his St. Louis audience?

JOE CANNON'S REVENGE.

For twenty years Joe Cannon has been a prominent member of the lower house of congress from Illinois. As chairman of the Appropriation committee his estimates and conscientious recommendations had been altered, amended, increased and otherwise mutilated and discarded by the senate that he was wont to occasionally give the house of lords shots that were more or less puncturing. So when having been elected speaker and having acquitted himself so creditably it was suggested that he become the presiding officer of the senate through an election to the vice Presidency he protested in language that provoked an all around national grin. The truth is as speaker of the house he won several notable victories over the senate which has for so long bided it over the representative branch rendering it but a tail to the senatorial kite. Under his leadership as speaker the senate had to take the river and harbor bill as it came from the house, and the senate was forced to give up its own bill for the government of the Panama zone and take the house measure. These were only a few of the speaker's victories over the perfumed and massaged elderly gentlemen who fancied they owned the United States government.

A KANSAN'S ESTIMATE OF KANSAS.

Barney Sheridan, in his Paola Spirit: "Kansas is the gem of the prairies—a health resort, a bread-giving and meat-producing delta, fertilized by the floods of more than four thousand years. Her soil is the fruit of God's chemistry of clay, stone, vegetation and water. Now and then water is the least misty scarce—in July and August—but enough is always given us. Sometimes it comes in waves and currents strong when we want only dew, mists, and showers; but it comes; and we who stay on, get along and learn to love Kansas weather. It is as fickle as a woman, so we love it the more. "Scientific cloud guessers predict the doings of the elements over Kansas in vain; they are mere dreamers, because the elements are kind and always make an exception for humanity to suit Kansas. "East of the Rockies to the low sweep of the Missouri river, near Kansas City, back to the Arkansas river, thence north to the Big Muddy again, there is a scope of 280,000 square miles that in grandeur, goodness, glory and grit, challenges the admiration of the world. "Ingalls didn't conceive 'Ad Astra per Aspera' in vain, nor did Robert J. Walker, the most illustrious appointive governor, say amiss that 'Kansas must be free and honest at the same time.' One was a Republican, the other a Democrat. As Ireland is the emerald of the sea, Kansas is the diamond of the land."

THE KANSAS ST. LOUIS BUILDING.

Ed Howe, editor of the Atchison Globe, who is in St. Louis and who during the past week has written the most interesting letters descriptive of the exposition that we have yet read, has this to say of the Kansas building: "The Kansas building is well located, and very creditable. It is a club house for Kansas people, no attempt being made at display, except that there is a collection of pictures painted by Kansas artists. The building is two stories high, and furnished in a very substantial manner. The main entrance is very elaborate, the stairway to the upper story beginning in the main entrance.

The roof of the main entrance is concave in shape, and studded with electric lights. The lower floor is devoted to a large reception room, in the center of the building, lighted by skylights from above. Surrounding the big reception room, there are offices, smoking rooms, reception rooms, etc. In the second story, there is a balcony surrounding the "well" looking down onto the floor of the main reception room, and around this gallery, the Kansas pictures are displayed. There are sleeping rooms on the second floor, which are used by the Kansas commissioners and their friends. On the first and second stories of the building are large and airy verandas, supplied with rocking chairs. The rooms are beautifully carpeted; at present the carpet on the floor of the main reception room is covered with a canvas. In the smoking rooms, there are gas grates. The walls are handsomely frescoed and decorated, and expensive curtains are used. Altogether, the building is very creditable. The night I was there, a reception to Kansas editors was held in the building. Governor Bailey delivered an address, as did a number of others. A band from Sterling gave a concert, and afterwards a St. Louis orchestra played. Governor Bailey and wife, W. P. Waggoner and wife, and Charley Lulling and wife, formed a line, and people went by and shook hands with them. The exercises closed with the serving of refreshments on one of the big balconies. When Ed Hoch passed along the receiving line, Will Waggoner did not know him and asked him his name! He apologized in a good natured way, and made it all right."

CHARITY.

I gave a beggar from my little store Of well-earned gold. He spent the shining ore And came again and yet still cold And hungry as before.

I gave a thought and through that thought of mine He found himself, the man, supreme, divine! Fed, clothed and crowned with blessings manifold, And now he begs no more.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

All the war jokes now are at the expense of the Russians. One exchange suggests that the longer the Czar delays going to the front, the closer the front will be to St. Petersburg. Another that Kuropatkin may put off a general engagement till July providing he can succeed in dodging the Japs in the meantime. Another one is to the effect that the Czar will not go to the front as it is safer there than at home.

A Topeka court sentenced four men four months in jail for gambling. Gambling is a crime under Kansas laws. Still the jalls of the state wouldn't hold one-tenth of the Kansans who are guilty of gambling with cards and other devices and not one-twentieth of the others who gamble on horse races, ball games, oil well and gas ventures and on the market prices of almost every conceivable staple.

We are wont to think that the railroads of the country are owned by their directors and managements largely. This is a mistake, however. Deductions from recent statistics of the distribution of the stock and bonds of representative American companies indicate that at least a million persons are interested, directly, in the securities of such corporations, in this country.

And there are or were the Toltes and later the Aztecs that hovered about the headwaters of the Arkansas and Rio Grande in the days of the Pharaohs of Egypt. Now archaeologists are crediting Mexican ruins with remotest dates. One expert has found the Garden of Eden in Yucatan, and another says that Paleque was ancient when the pyramids of Egypt were built.

Mr. Hoch is on record as insisting on a primary election law and an equitable tax bill. Both these measures must be passed by the next legislature.—Lawrence World. An equitable tax-law has never been enacted, or if enacted, never uniformly enforced. The most unequal burden of civilization, everywhere, is its assessment and taxation laws.

Chairman Carl Meyer, of the New York State Democratic Committee, signals his advent to the position by a proclamation that New York will go Democratic by 100,000 next November. Carl must have reversed his figures. New York will give 100,000 Republican majority against any man save Parker who now seems an impossibility.

The Washington Post says: "President M. E. Ingalls, of the Big Four, says that Parker will defeat Hearst and Hearst will defeat Parker, and then we will have to nominate the right man. Will Mr. Ingalls please relieve the anxiety of a whole lot of people by giving out the name of that 'right man'?"

The Russians in destroying \$7,000,000 of their own property at Dalny for the fear that it would fall into the hands of the Japs might have better restrained themselves and later included its value in the indemnity which Russia will have to pay Japan.

The decision of the United States supreme court turning Turner, the anarchist, down, was not a unanimous decision, but the decision of the law-abiding people of the United States is unanimous that the supreme court's decision is right.

John Cusick, supposed to be dead, was put upon the dissecting table in a Hazleton, Pa., hospital. As the surgeons were about to begin work upon him Cusick sat up and wanted to know why he had been undressed.

James F. Dolan, once a wealthy contractor and who built the Tombs prison in New York, slept within a cell of that building recently. He was arrested for forgery and held in default of \$2,000 bail.

If the Panama Canal Commissioners follow the President's order to administer the laws justly and improve the sanitary conditions on the isthmus, the work of digging the ditch will be easy.

The Hearst contingent of Indiana declare that they will vote for Roosevelt rather than for Parker. The Hearst Democrats of Hoosierdom will vote the ticket straight all the same.

Little Japan is not so little when it comes to a show-down of men able for military duty. Japan has a greater population than any European nation, Russia and Germany excepted.

All southwest Kansas at one time was known as Peke-ton county. The origin of the name is a puzzle to the state historical society. Who can tell for whom or why the name.

The Kaiser having put his son, the Crown Prince, under arrest for winning a hurdle race, the question arises what would he have done to the boy if he had lost?

The New York Sun asks: "Is Sunday baseball sinful?"

and the Washington Post rises to remark that some of the week-day baseball it has seen was positively criminal.

It is said by those returning from the St. Louis exposition that it costs a round sum of money and a good many blushes to take in the whole of the Pike.

The class that will be admitted to Annapolis Naval Academy next month will number 400, and will be the largest in the history of the school.

Club women more than lodge men tend to obliterate home life and its sacred ties, and in so far as Mother Eddy's head level.

That old cracked Liberty Bell of Philadelphia is but junk and every time it is sent out there is an accompanying junket.

Congressman Robert Hill, of Illinois, is the best all-around equipped man yet mentioned for Roosevelt's running mate.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

"Fresh garden saas" is advertised on the Cooperton markets.

Fifteen bushels to the acre is predicted for Grant county wheat.

The Leader is advocating closer friendship between Guthrie and El Reno. Is Guthrie jealous of Kingsher?

The Medford Patriot reports a shortage in irrigation agitators. The crop has been washed out, probably.

Pond Creek's hook and ladder company was reorganized Friday night.

One township in Grant county is to be canvassed by Sunday school teachers for the purpose of discovering who is not attending Sabbath school.

The First National Bank of Hobart gave an opening Tuesday night and received 2,000 guests. The institution has been moved into new quarters.

W. T. Havard of Hobart is in Kansas City to arrange a date with President Stillwell of the Orient railroad for a conference with a committee of Hobart citizens. Hobart is bound to have every good thing within her commercial reach.

The Democrats declare that they will run Pat Oates again for sheriff of Woods county. Pat says he doesn't want the place any longer.

The Ingersoll Review and Alva Pioneer have sent out a whole torpedo fleet against Bill Cross. Bill probably didn't know that there was a press alliance in Woods county even stronger than the Anglo-Saxon.

Admiral Schley with a party of Masons passed through Shawnee with a stop of fifteen minutes. There was a crowd at the station to see him.

A thoroughbred horse was killed at Clinton last week by lightning. The animal was worth \$2,000, and it was never priced to a railroad claim agent, either.

The Odd Fellows will put up a \$10,000 temple at Elk City. An association with a capital of \$15,000 has been incorporated.

The brass band recently organized at Elk City has already gone to pieces according to the Record.

The Kiel Press has suspended publication.

Roy Hoffman has just been down in Arizona and New Mexico looking after some mining property.

Kingfisher Times: If you are twenty years old when your baby is one year old, then you are twenty times as old as the baby. When you are twenty-five, baby is five; then you are five times as old as the baby. When you are forty years old, baby is twenty, and you are twice as old. When you get to be eighty, instead of being twice as old as your child, you are only one-third older. Now at this rate how long would you have to live before your child is as old as you are?

Larned warning in Elk City Record: Some of our people seem to think the constitution and laws of our country, are entirely too lenient on the subject of property protection. We hear it noised about, that the Larned boys are going to take to head lawing some of the boys from other localities that come to Kiowa, and cause so much disturbance in the social circle. They believe in exercising the right that is allowed them by the laws of the territory.

KANSAS CURRENTS.

Orders for \$4,000 worth of penitentiary binding twine were taken at Arkansas City one day last week. Does the Heslian fly await a more unmistakable cue?

The Halstead Independent is out this week with the dark deep design of organizing a brass band. His friends felt all along that Bockwiter was making a mistake in going off to St. Louis.

Jerry Botkin delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Caldwell, Sunday, in endeavor to preach the memorial sermon there, to deliver the memorial day address at Bluff City and to "say a few words" on the Fourth at Caldwell. Kansas statesmen will probably be allowed to fill the engagements in the rest of the places, if they "speak up" quick.

A Windfield baby's shoe slipped off and Wallace's baby elephant ate it. The grandfather is alone eligible to bring suit for damages.

Work will be begun on the Kansas-Oklahoma Interurban next week. This is understood to be the "active" work.

The buffalo hunt certainly paid—somebody. Reports of robberies from every town that was represented at the chase are slowly coming in.

Every town in the state is preparing to have its own Fourth of July celebration. This won't curtail your country cousins, however; only deprive them of an excuse.

The Socialists will hold a county convention in Cowley county at Arkansas City June 2.—And again almost as good an opportunity to quench a thirst for notoriety will be afforded as by a woman's club.

W. M. Ferguson is endorsed by the Wellington News as Democratic nominee for railroad commissioner. The News declares that neither the politicians nor the railroads could give him orders were he elected.

It is claimed that at Marion there is a man who carries a subscription about periodically with his own name and a good sum opposite it first on the list. Marion has certainly turned out some remarkable beings.

An Arkansas City editor attended prayer meeting Thursday night and got a subscriber. His spirit, he confesses, was certainly raised on high.

The Arkansas City Traveler is advocating the raising of more roads. The Traveler talks like Boss Stubbs.

George A. Clark caught a seven and a half pound black bass at Lake View one day this week and broke the state record. Jesse Elliott of Topeka held it before on a seven-pounder.

A primary Sunday school teachers' union has been organized at Conway Springs. Poor kids; it will soon be so they won't have any spending money on Sunday.

The young ladies of Douglas have formed a society and named it W. A. G. At last reports the interpretation was still a secret.

Kansas City Journal: Colonel Tom Fitch works an interview into the Topeka Capital in which he says that if Judge Dale is nominated for governor by the Democrats, "Boss-eval and Dale's" clubs will be formed all over Kansas." The inference is that Hoch will not receive the Republican vote of Kansas. But odds can be given on the proposition that Hoch will receive as many votes as Roosevelt, and that both will have the united vote of the Kansas Republican party.

Lawrence Gazette: Ed Hoch, Republican candidate for governor, declares it is time to eliminate from the party the words "machine," and "anti-machine." So far as the first of these is concerned, it is obsolete; Hoch himself eliminated the machine.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 182, SIXTY-TWO YEARS AGO TODAY:—Lieut. John C. Fremont arrived at St. Louis. Thence he proceeded to Cyrrian Choteau's trading house, on the Kansas river, about six miles west of the Missouri line; latitude 29 degrees, 5 minutes, 37 seconds; longitude 94 degrees, 23 minutes, 16 seconds; elevation above the sea about 700 feet. On the twelfth he seems to have camped near the site of Lawrence.

IN 184, FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY:—A vote was taken in the lower house of congress on the Kansas-Nebraska bill to organize the territories of Kansas and Nebraska as states. Total ayes: 113; nays, 100.

IN 184, FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY:—Hercule Greeley wrote from Leavenworth to the New York Tribune that: "The twin curses of Kansas, now that the border-ruffians have stopped ravaging her, are land speculators and one-horse politicians." The latter, he said, "gravitate irresistibly toward the sham democracy, in whose embrace the whole tribe will bring up soon or later." "I like Kansas—that is natural Kansas—better than I expected to. The soil is richer and deeper; the timber is more generally diffused; the country more rolling, than I had supposed them."

IN 184, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY:—The company that was organized in the western part of Sedgwick county for the purpose of drilling for coal and found in a depth of 100 feet three strata of rock and two veins of coal, one three inches in thickness at forty-eight feet and another the same thickness at sixty feet.

IN 184, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY:—The Adams House (hotel) at Manhattan was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$14,000; insurance, \$7,000.

IN 184, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY:—John Blunt who had been sentenced to twenty-four years in the penitentiary for the killing of a man named Ingersoll, was pardoned after serving nineteen years.

IN 189, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY:—Governor Stanley received a letter from Russel A. Alger, secretary of war, saying that the Twentieth Kansas would be mustered out at San Francisco and receive the amount of fare to Kansas City.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Grief counts the seconds; happiness forgets the hours."—DeFlood.

BANKERS TURN PIKERS. (Following are a few things heard during the bankers' meeting.)

In the early days the small bankers had a great deal of trouble in keeping from bankruptcy courts. One day a village financier walked into his home looking glum and brokehearted. He did not speak a word. His sweet wife discovered that there was something about her husband that was not exactly right, so she began questioning him. "Why, John, dear, what is wrong today?" "I have been a heavy run on the bank today," John stared blankly and finally, after rubbing his head awhile, mumbled, "Now, but there was a damned heavy walk."

"It is awful hard to lose your mother-in-law," said the man in mourning. "Yes," replied another, "it is quite difficult."

"Look at that wagon in that parade with a fine little woman in it." "Yes, and she has snakes." "Lordy, how does she act?"

"A newspaper man's acquaintance is certainly a big killing," said a lady at the reception of the Commercial club, and she was the wife of a bank president.

Andrew Carnegie's library monument plan may defeat itself. Posterity may not repudiate the debt incurred and may get on paying ten per cent tax on the original investment, but as fast as they catch on to the inequity of the scheme they will drop the name Carnegie and call it the Suckera library.

"Button, button, who's got the button"—Why, the washerwoman, of course.

DODSONITES. Dodson says that even his mother-in-law, in the numerous times she has been given up by the doctors to die, could not beat the case of rheumatism he has indulged in because of an overdose of rain.

Mrs. Dodson says that flats are mis-named. The sounds in flats are always sharp.

If you phone about groceries, or meat, that do not arrive as expected, the answer always is: "It is on the wagon," or "The boy is just carrying it to the wagon." In one instance, Mrs. Dodson did not receive the meat ordered till twenty-four hours later. When the man came she said: "Please remember, hereafter, that I live in Wichita, and do not send my order to Hutchinson or Winfield. One has to wait too long for the returns."

Mrs. Dodson says: "In the country you are waked by the crowing of the chickens. In the city flat by the boy overboard, jumping off a chair."

Those superannuated Methodist bishops who are too old to be of active benefit to the church should be in the United States senate. They never get too old in that body. Perhaps theology requires more ability than does politics.

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Jean de Reazke, of Paris: "I find that the quality of American voices is very superior. Their voices are fresh and clear. The students show an aptitude not to be met with as a rule in people of other nationalities. They are great workers. I find a most laudable ambition in young American women who come here to study."

General Edmund F. English: "A reform is going on in China in every branch of the government. I have nothing to do with any branch save the army. I have been solicited to secure applications from Americans of military experience to officer the Chinese army, in the best available talent possible, in order to put that army on a plane with the armies of the other powers of the world. This is the golden opportunity of the United States. With American officers at the head of the Chinese army, American influence will largely dominate China. It means the opening of the Chinese markets to American trade and it directly effects the western states, giving them the greatest opportunity in history."

Charles Zeubin, professor of the University of Chicago: "In Chicago, architecture does not make a particle of difference. Everything commercial comes first, and art and architectural beauties come next. They get pictures because some one says they are old and artists; when often the person who advises their purchase knows less about art than the pedlar."

Admiral George Dewey, at annual dinner of the New York society of the order of the Founders and Patriots of America: "Take my word for it—we have the best ships and the best officers and the best men in the world. As to the enlisted men, we are getting the cream of the work, and with such men ready and eager to fight the other nations are going to let us alone. In a few years to come the American people are going to have the very best navy in the world—not for aggression, but to protect our rights."

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Chas. Frohman: "Dramatic literature in America is growing up very quickly, but I am satisfied that there is a growing demand for Shakespeare in America and too much for the book. They have called it divine and they have insisted upon its literal truth."

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