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The Editor's Life, I venture to say, is the most interesting and profitable to the view of the aspiring mind. A subject as varied as any you'll find in the history of any occupation. Trade or employment in the nation. And yet it is without doubt possibly the most varied in its field. I hear he would fall to meet the demands. Which we exacting public requires at his hands. What an editor is and what he should be. What he should do and how he should do it. The various little bits of Thomson's work. Ready and willing, and able to do it. A correct, simple, reliable and sure. To meet a rational, permanent cure. And how he should always be able to do it. To every blessing the country may need. All these have the editor's life to explain and advise and instruct me, time and again. And that for the fact that opinions will vary, and advice of the friends is oftentimes contrary. We might be convinced that we are doing something for every eye that is known. But as our daily lives are full to do, we should conclude that our own opinions and plans. Will accomplish as much as some other man's. And though we may think for the best. Of an individual, let us do what we think for the best. And if we should all to accomplish as much. As possible, let us do so, surely such an important failure is no indication that we have adopted the wrong method. The various little bits of Thomson's work. Have been little by little, and yet they remain a course to the world. They have given leave. After eighteen months and seventy-seven years of faithful teaching, has not covered all of the human lamp. Yet we do not call Ministers failures because they have failed. To annihilate every evil as called. That the press is a power to which, properly wielded, ignorance and error in their past have yielded. And that on this power the nation depends for the proper advancement of measures that tend to elevation, encourage, promote and secure government just with laws that are true. And citizens blessed with that skill in the arts. Which highest civilization imparts. We should know, as a fact, the importance of which should inspire us to labor, one minute to earth. With a knowledge of all that is moral and good. As editors, we should not if we could deny any part of the duty we owe. But should earnestly study, in order to know. Not if there's a way any duty so slight. But how we can best succeed in our work. This while we propose to try to discharge our duty to the country at large. We suggest that others should stop and reflect. That we have some rights which they should respect.

The man whose cramped for the comforts of life. Belonged to a beggarly condition and life. With delinquent subscribers amply able to pay. And creditors demanding him day after day. Who instead of receiving reward for his labor. Is forced to depend on the grace of his neighbor. Who goes from his office, weighed down with sorrow. No promise of brighter prospects for the morrow. Regarded mostly by those he may meet. As an impotent old dead beat. Cannot be expected to have his mind fraught with progressive ideas, or commanding thought. Or to act as teacher, adviser or leader. To even an average intelligent reader. Our rate of success would be different far. If people could always see things as they are. But there is something in the human mind. By reason of which people are inclined to form expressions (or opinions may be) of everything they hear or see. And these impressions will often be found resting on nothing like tenable ground. Formed not by reason of examination. But merely a freak of imagination. That our work is rewarded in a greater degree. By these false impressions we all feel and see; but let us not flatter ourselves with the thought. That we always do just the thing that we ought. But let us endeavor to make just decisions. And cast out all beams that dim our own vision.

Southeast Missouri Press Association.

Below we give a portion of the proceedings of the Third Semi-annual Meeting of the Southeast Press Association, held at Poplar Bluff on the 22nd and 23rd of February last.

Brother Crumb, you must have forgotten us. We have not received the galley slips promised us, and copy the portion published this week from one of our exchanges. We publish only that portion relating to reports of committees:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE to select officers and appoint time and place of next meeting was presented by the chairman as follows:

We, the committee appointed for the selecting of a place at which to hold the next convention and for the purpose of selecting officers, beg leave to report as follows:

That, on due consideration, we have concluded it best to ascertain the best and most accessible point, and report at the time of holding the next State editorial convention at Fredericktown, in June next.

That we suggest the name of Eli D. Ake, of the Ironton Register, for President; Geo. M. Moore, of the Charleston Gazette, for Vice-President; Charles E. Stokes, of the Dex-

ter Enterprise, for Secretary; and Geo. H. Crumb, of the Poplar Bluff Citizen, for Treasurer. Also, E. W. McMullen, of the Jefferson Democrat, to deliver the address, and Geo. G. Pollard, of the Charleston Courier, to read a poem.

WASH HUGHES, P. MARREY, THOS. F. FRAZIER.

On motion the report of the committee was approved.

Moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the different auxiliary publishers and manufacturers of stereotype plates, and ascertain and report the relative cost of co-operative, part-stereotype, and "mail at home" sheets. Carried.

Geo. H. Crumb, Wash Hughes, and Charles E. Stokes were appointed as such committee.

The following report and resolutions presented, and adopted:

The committee on resolutions beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

THE LATE D. D. HAMPTON.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother D. D. Hampton, editor of the Missouri Cash-Book, our association has lost a useful member, an able co-worker, a talented editor; one whose friendship has had been a sincere pleasure to the members.

Resolved, That Southeast Missouri has been deprived of an honest and effective laborer for the improvement of the district, the society of a true gentleman, a generous friend, and one of God's noblest work-men.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved family and friends of Brother Hampton, who have lost one whom to know was to love and respect, and whose life had given promise of years of success, public esteem, and honors.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the widow of Brother Hampton as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the Association and of our sorrow of his death in the midst of his usefulness.

Resolved, That the members of the Association publish these resolutions in the papers which they control.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the members of the Southeast Press Association are under lasting obligation to the citizens of Poplar Bluff for their hospitality extended during this convention, and that we tender them a vote of thanks for the same.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due to Brothers Geo. H. Crumb, Geo. N. Kelly and J. L. Battered for their untiring energy and service in attending to the comforts of the members, and other matters.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due to the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad company for courtesies extended to the members since its organization.

Moved that the proceedings of this association from the organization to the close of the present session be published in pamphlet form, and one hundred copies be distributed among the members; the printing to be done by Geo. H. Crumb, of the Poplar Bluff Citizen. Carried.

At 10:20 p. m. the convention adjourned to the regular session, to be appointed by the executive committee.

R. W. McMullen, President.

CHAS. E. STOKES, Secretary.

Charlie Ross—A Correct Statement of the Boy Found at Chester, Illinois.

Editor Fair Play:—Having read several items in the *Globe-Democrat* in regard to the boy in Henry Lochmuller's possession, I thought I would give a true account of his arrest, for the benefit of the public.

In December, 1875, two men came to Chester. They had with them a little boy supposed by parties to be four or five years of age. They gave their names as Tom Scott and Dr. Skipp, and called the boy Levi Scott, and said they came from Bloomington, Ills. From the actions of the men—sending the boy out to beg, &c.—I supposed him to be a stolen child, and, with the assistance of Francis Mentzer, a constable of Chester, arrested them. I took the child to my house, where my wife cleaned him of his filth and vermin, with which he was covered, and, with the assistance of Mrs. John R. Shannon, furnished him with a new suit of clothes. I went to a great deal of expense and

trouble, such as telegraphing, corresponding, guarding my house, and having photographs taken of the child and his abductors, the photographs of whom I now have in my possession. I sent some of the photographs to the principal cities. Mr. James Ross of Germantown, an uncle of Charlie Ross, came to Chester to see the boy, and had a private interview with him at my house. Mr. Ross said that of all the children that had been arrested for Charlie, the boy in my possession resembled him the most.

It was through a letter that I wrote to Chief Police Harrigan of St. Louis, and which was published in the *St. Louis Republican* of Jan. 7, 1875, that Henry Lochmuller heard of the boy. Mr. Lochmuller's son wrote to me, describing his brother, and Mr. Lochmuller visited Chester twice, but could not identify the boy as his child. He then brought his wife, and they made affidavit that the boy was their son, and he agreed to pay Henry Mentzer and I three hundred dollars, before witnesses. He told us, and others, that he had offered a reward of one thousand dollars for the recovery of his child but could not pay that amount, as he had spent all his money in searching for his child, but that when he returned to St. Louis his friends would assist him to get the money, and he would send it to us in a few weeks. *He has not received one cent.* He did not even thank us for our trouble.

The *Globe-Democrat* says Henry Lochmuller and the boy recognized each other, and that the boy was sold to a farmer as a slave. Both of these assertions are false. Lochmuller did not seem to care who the abductors were nor what became of them. The boy said that Henry Lochmuller and his wife were not his father and mother; that his parents were not German. He made this statement in their presence, and before several others, and asked my wife to take him home again, as he was tired of being knocked around from one place to another.

The above can be certified to by many citizens of Chester.

MAURICE L. BAKER.

Hog Cholera.

We do not pretend that the cholera when once firmly seated can be cured, but we unhesitatingly affirm that if prompt measures are taken when the disease first appears in the herd, a large majority of the hogs may be saved. We say hogs, knowing that young pigs when taken sick from any cause can only be saved by a miracle. As soon as the disease shows itself in the herd, attention to the following particulars is imperative:

1. Remove the sick animals from the pen to comfortable quarters, and provide the herd with fresh bedding and ample protection from the weather.

2. Avoid feeding corn in any form. Feed the sick animal's milk exclusively, or milk mixed with a little middlings, and the entire herd with shorts, middlings, ground oats or rye. If the food can be cooked so much the better.

3. Let the entire herd have ready access to pure water, and keep constantly in the yard a pile of charcoal and ashes.

4. Keep in mind constantly this general truth: the hog is a cleanly brute which enjoys and pays for clean quarters, and especially his nature, no less than man's, demands a proper supply of nitrogenous foods.

Only a week ago we heard a careful farmer and well-known Berkshire breeder assert that, after much experience, he had no longer any dread of hog cholera, for he could cure it with new milk.—*Ex.*

Three great feasts—Breakfast, dinner and supper.

Transportation Stock.

The house at Jefferson City has passed the bill to facilitate railroad building in Missouri, by providing for the issue of transportation shares of stock, redeemable in service of the road. The bill authorizes companies to issue shares of stock not only for money, but for work and materials supplied, which stock is to entitle the holders to all the rights and privileges of other stockholders, and to this special privilege besides—viz.: That the shares may be presented in payment for fares and charges for freight. When thus presented the company may require one-half the fare or freight bill to be paid in cash, crediting the other half on the stock certificate till the amount due shall be less than one-eighth, after which, no cash is to be exacted. The shares are transferable, and, therefore, good in the hands of any holder. They would always be worth nearly their face value. The bill, as we have already pointed out, would be of great advantage in those counties not yet supplied with railroads.—*Republican.*

The Richest Man in the World.

(From the London Spectator.)

The American accounts all agree in reporting that Mr. Vanderbilt was the richest American, and probably the richest man in the world. His heirs will, it is believed, pay legacy duty on \$16,000,000 sterling, most of it invested to yield 7 per cent. per annum, and the whole of it made by a waterman's apprentice in one life time. Mr. Vanderbilt has left about a sixth of this property in legacies to his wife and younger children, and five-sixths to his eldest son, but absolutely nothing to any charity whatsoever, though it is said he asked his son before his death to make certain gifts. In America it is not considered quite right to make a will without charitable bequests, but in England nobody expects a great landlord to leave sixpence to anybody but his own people, and as a rule, he fulfills expectations.

Hon. L. H. Davis, representative from Cape Girardeau county, is the chairman of the committee on education, and has proved himself worthy of the position. A bill was pending in the house to refuse further aid to the normal schools of the State, and Mr. Davis took a leading part in the heated debate, and according to the *Jefferson City Tribune*, "made one of the most earnest, argumentative and effective speeches ever delivered in the house." To him is accorded the credit of saving the normal schools, as the sentiment of the house at the opening of two debates, seemed strongly in favor of the bill. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Yale College, a man of strong reasoning faculties, and great forensic abilities, and his services in the General Assembly have proved the wisdom of the people of Cape county in selecting him as their representative. The speech alluded to was a service not only to Cape county, but to the State, and to the cause of education.—*Farmer and Miner.*

Two steamboats built in sections for transportation have been sent by rail from Greenpoint to San Francisco, where they are to be put together. The whole mass of freight, including engines and all machinery, weighs about twelve hundred tons, and the cost of its transportation is \$9,000.

DR. HARTEN'S LIVER PILLS will counteract the miasmatic influence by producing activity of the biliary organs, and a healthy, natural discharge of bile from the system.

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