

What One Newspaper Accomplished

What can a real honest newspaper, one that fights the common people's battles, accomplish?
Here is the answer as written in the history of Seattle by the Star:

Seattle has a public dock coming; the bonds for it have been voted. This paper, and the publicity it gave, are to a large extent responsible.

Six car tickets for a quarter, sold on the cars, so everyone can get them. Is that extra nickel in each quarter worth anything to the town? This paper started the fight for a general sale of car tickets, and aroused public sentiment until the car combine had to put its tickets on sale with every conductor. Alone this measure will save street car patrons \$200,000 each year.

The Star fought alone for the municipal lighting plant; with the aroused voters it secured it, and then, over the howl of the car combine and the politicians, got the city plant to sell current to private consumers, forcing down the price of the monopoly. That saves the city hundreds of dollars.

The Star made the fight for the municipal car line; saw the bonds passed and is going to keep on fighting not only until this single line is in operation, but until similar lines are built—until the people of Seattle are saved from the task of piling up more millions for the traction trusts.

This paper led a fight that resulted in the people saving thousands of dollars a month in lower gas rates. That was good business for thousands of home owners.

The direct primary, the initiative and the recall came to Seattle through the persistent crusades of this paper that aroused public interest, educated the voters and finally put into effect a system that gives to all the people a control over their laws, officials and revenues.

The machine politician can't get away with it as he could a few years ago. The Star, backed by its army of supporters, has been the chief agency in Seattle that put the ward heeler, the red-light grafter and the lobbyist out of business. It is the chief influence that keeps them out.

Corporations can't grab franchises as in the old days. All the time, by persistent hammering and the arousing of public conscience, does this paper force the corporations to keep their obligations and in some small part pay for what they get from the people.

These are a few things the Star has done. Do you think it has paid the people to have a real honest newspaper working for them, for this paper to be on the job?

Saw the Surface

New York high society didn't do its natural best in entertaining the duke and duchess of Connaught, the first of British royalty who have given New Yorkers a chance to lick their boots since the prince of Wales visited the Empire state to shoot buffalo, 52 years ago.

To be sure, the ducal party was given "informal dinners," a few "quiet luncheons" and a "small dance," but these are not the real thing in New York, and we assure the duke that he hasn't seen it all by a long shot. He shouldn't leave for Canada believing that metropolitan society's finest is so tame as he has been shown.

Lordy! Connaught, you should see the embarrassed apes that sometimes feed with them. You should see those fat mesdames of the 400 in pink, blue or orange Oriental trousers. You should see 'em so stripped for display of jewels that an honest man feels unsafe without a baseball mask. You should see society when tired of all legitimate pleasures, common forms of entertainment, and of itself, it goes in for as near an approach to unadorned sin as the law allows.

You missed things, through having fallen into the hands of the Whitelaw Reids, who are decent, that would have made you start building another Chinese wall along the southern Canadian frontier. However, what you didn't see will keep and probably grow stronger, and you can come again, don't ye know?

Meaning Who, Bill?

Cousin Bill Taft is all chesty with courage because he wasn't afraid to tell New Yorkers: "We do not believe that all people are fitted for popular government. Some of us don't dare say so, but I do."

We don't see Bill's title clear to heroship for getting off this. Of course, there are a lot of people who are not fitted for popular government. There's Ballinger, and the supreme court, for instance, and that banker fellow, Morse, whom Bill has just let out of jail, and then there's the whole tribe of fellows who corner money, railroads, food, clothing, lumber and so forth. Fellows who gouge the populace aren't fitted for popular government, no way.

If Bill's referring to such, he's brave as well as correct, but if he's referring to us, which we suspect, he's just a blamed—oh well, he's just Bill Taft.

OBSERVATIONS

MAYBE the "peanut butter crank" isn't so far off after all. There were 300,000 acres planted with the fruitful goober in Louisiana, in 1911. The peanut is used as food for man and beast and the oil is rapidly advancing in the housekeeper's respect.

OF the 3,424 spoken languages and dialects in the world, America alone has 1,624. No wonder you can't understand half the folks you meet.

YOU exert about 50 tons pressure in the aggregate, every time you chew a meal. But don't let this scientific observation keep you from chewing fine.

ALABAMA boy trespassed on railroad tracks, was sentenced to 60 days' hard labor, was leased out to a coal operator and lost his foot in an accident. He will hobble all the rest of his life because he trespassed.

YES, sir, the auto boosters now say horses will be forbidden on much-traveled city streets within 10 years. So long, Dobbin!

GERMAN education is designed to eliminate unskilled labor, which the Kaiserland proposes to import.

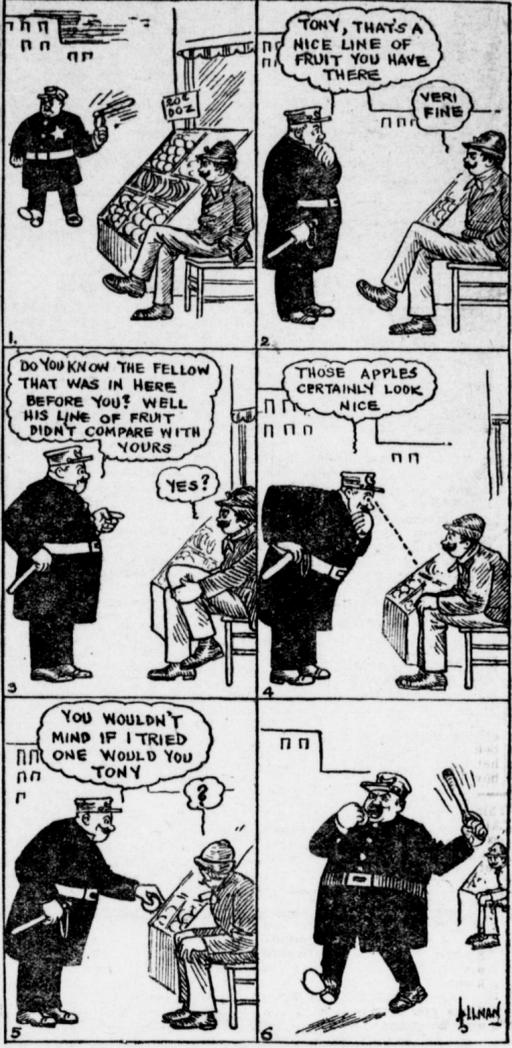
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"So Miss Smart got no damages in her breach of promise case?" "No, her lawyer proved the man to be such a low-down, contemptible specimen of humanity that the jury decided he hadn't any value, and congratulated her on losing him."

Intimate Correspondence BY RATH

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26, 1912.

Secretary Fisher's report on Alaska arouses a hostile leading article in the editorial columns of the New York Sun. Perhaps this program of Fisher's is not so bad after all.

In the recent election of members of the executive committee of the socialist party, Mr. Haywood of Moyer-Haywood fame, became a member of the committee. Haywood is what the socialists call a "direct actionist." He does not belong to the same school of socialism as Victor Berger and the other six members of the executive committee of the socialist party. The rest of the committee are "constructivists."

Sincerely, RATH.

About People

There are 35,000 former Japanese soldiers in Hawaii, according to Maj. Gen. William H. Carter, assistant chief of the army staff. He told a congressional committee that every one of the Japs would take their own country's part if the United States ever went to war with the mikado. Noticing the impression that made, the general added that if America wished to retain her island possessions, the military force should be greatly enlarged.

The South Carolina legislature may expunge part of Gov. Bleasdale's message as "unfit to print."

Jacob Finklestein of Indiana, sent a live goose to President Taft; said goose to be turned into "goose grease" for the presidential cold.

Kern and O'Gorman are entered as "the dark horse team" for the Baltimore convention, by eastern newspapers.

Most Anything

WE'RE BORN KICKERS.
We kick about the service,
We kick about the car,
We kick on nearly everything
No matter where we are.

We never stop to ponder
Over other people's woe,
We think we're all and only,
—So we kick; is that not so?

When we "stock up" for our principles folks call us a group,
When we give up we're "quitters."

TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
The fellow who can laugh a bit
As he goes upon his way,
Is the fellow who can make a hit
With all most any day.

"Tea drinking in this country is on the decline," says a news report. As if it could be any other way.

The "small toad in the large puddle" has to do an awful lot of splashing around before he finds a dry spot.

John, John, the poor man's son,
Stole some bread and away he run,
A judge next day sent John away
Where a rich man got his prison pay.

Now a man claims he is able to talk with birds. Many a man thought he could do that and found the birds were bees.

Talk about your Chinese "hop" fend! What would the baseball "bug" do in the winter time without his hope?

A LEAP YEAR, TOO.
"I wonder why," the maiden said,
"The men all laugh at me?"
"Why, that's not hard," her friend replied,
"They laugh because they're free."

ORIGINAL METHOD.
A mother, hearing a noise, hurried to the room in which her two young sons, Theodore and Robert, slept. She was amazed to see Theodore beating his brother with his flats.

"Why, Theodore!" she exclaimed, "what are you doing?"
"I want to wake Bob up," replied the child.

"You should be ashamed," scolded his mother. "What do you want to wake him up for?"
"I want to tell him something," was the boy's answer.

"Well," continued the mother, "you lie down and go to sleep. You can tell him tomorrow."

"But, mamma," persisted the child, "I might forget it."

Remarkable how much work some men can do sitting down.

Hash balls are popular again. Great things to sling at an umpire.

They have a thirteen cent stamp now. They ought to be some 23 cent ones for the love letters.

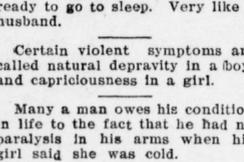
Gas meters are well up on the multiplication table.

"I suppose if I kissed you," he said, "you could have me arrested for assault and battery."
"But I dread publicity," she answered.

The bullfrog does his croaking when the rest of the family is all ready to go to sleep. Very like a husband.

Certain violent symptoms are called natural depravity in a boy, and capriciousness in a girl.

Many a man owes his condition in life to the fact that he had no paralysis in his arms when his girl said she was cold.



OSCAR AND ADOLF

Der government iss going to snap up der telegraph lines chust ven everybody iss ready to use der wireless.

You never hear of a choyrider until he comes to grief.

Der trouble about a bank iss dot you hate to put your money in und hate to take id out.

Der man who iss perfectly contented better nod let der trusts find id out.

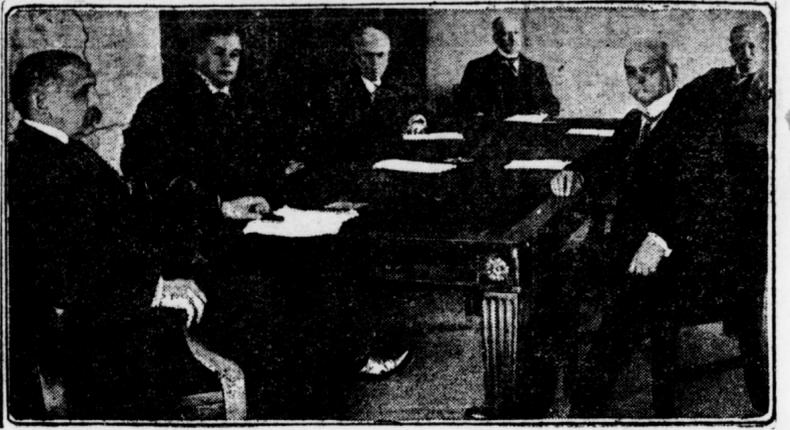
Every time Adolf eats charlotte russes he has to send hiss vets to der dry cleaners.

Never call a man a liar. Id may lead to hard words.

Der day had traced a case of ptomaine poisoning to Schnitzfrubers' free lunch. Vot surprises us, iss id dit nod poison a ptomaine before dis.

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Grand Job for a Lame Duck--It Pays \$10,000 a Year and There's No Work



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—JAMES A. TAWNEY, GEN. F. S. STREETER, H. A. POWELL, C. A. MAGRATH, GEORGE URNER AND T. C. CASGRA IN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—If you serve your party faithfully, and your party stays in power, and the unappreciative voters give you the grand bounce—DON'T WORRY. You have become a lame duck—and there's always a nice soft berth in the government's nest for you.

Witness the international boundary commission which has just been organized and is holding daily sessions. This is a photograph of one of the sessions.

The boundary commission is formed to settle boundary disputes between the United States and Canada. Of course, there are no disputes of this kind to speak of, but goodness only knows when the commission may have to settle one.

In the meantime, the commissioners are drawing \$10,000 a year as boundary dispute settlers. Lame ducks like this sort of a job. Three of them are from this country and three from Canada.

Why Don't We Say It?



TODAY IN HISTORY

Jan. 29, 1862, just 50 years ago today, Gen. U. S. Grant put a quiet little note over on Major Gen. Henry W. Halleck. For two or three weeks Grant had been trying to get Halleck to consent to an expedition against Fort Henry, Tenn. Halleck had been unable to hear it, as the street slang has it. Finally, 50 years ago today, Grant told it all over again to Halleck in a letter and added: "The advantages of this move are as perceptible to the general commanding as to myself, therefore further statements are unnecessary." Halleck wired back: "Make your preparations to take and hold Fort Henry. I will send you written instructions by mail."



Brethren, if I don't always do the goodly things I tell YOU to, if I'm not filled with charity, if I often times bid you be, if often times I go astray, From where I point YOU out the way.

Myself you well may criticize, But still my counsel may be wise.

If calm I preach—and calm I ain't There still is virtue in restraint; If cheer I preach—and have the dumps;

If honesty is my appeal And yet I swindle, cheat and steal, There may be good in what I preach.

No, I'm not carolling this song Excusing what I do that's wrong, I should be roasted all the more For doing things my words deplore.

But what I want to say is this, However I may go amiss, The words I've preached, of joy and hope May still be quite the "Grand Old Dope!"

Four out of 80 convicts being transferred from Monroe to Walla Walla escaped en route, two at Seattle and two at Pasco.

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Labor Must Use Both Hands In War On Money Power

THIS MEANS CLOSE CO-OPERATION IN TIMES OF STRESS AND IN POLITICS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—Recalled for the third time vice president of the United Mine Workers, the largest union in America, by a majority of 65,000 votes, the greatest majority ever received by that organization, Frank J. Hayes, at the age of 30, is one of the rising leaders of the American labor movement.

"I stand for a larger unionism," said Hayes, "a unionism that recognizes the interests of other crafts as well as your own, and makes common cause against the common enemy."

"Under the old craft organization, one craft of an industry strikes, while another works. Skilled crafts care nothing for the welfare of the less skilled, making a labor aristocracy.

"All unions should be industrial in character, like the United Mine Workers. All the various crafts working in and around the mines, such as miners, drivers, track layers and engineers have been merged into the one union.

"But I am not in favor of establishing a new central industrial organization outside the American Federation of Labor. That would only tend to divide the workers, and it is the division of the workers that we want to wipe out. I believe that the only reason the American Federation of Labor has not embraced the industrial idea is that the members don't understand it. We who believe in it should stay inside and teach them.

"The enemy which organized labor is fighting is the money power of the nation; its goal is to obtain complete possession of the industries. The victory can-



FRANK J. HAYES.

not be won by economic action alone. We must take political action. No matter how strong your union is on the economic field, it won't last if the political power is in the hands of the other fellow. Look at Alabama. We had the fight practically won on the economic field; then Governor Comer sent the militia out to tear up the tents of the evicted miners and destroy our union.

"The labor movement must use both arms—the economic arm and the political arm.

Carnegie says a man ought to be able to marry on \$25 a week. This practice has allowed Andy to gather together a large wad of clinkers.

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