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THE LEDGER, with the heartiest Amen! indorses every word that The Courier-Journal has to say in regard to disreputable journalism, to wit:

THE BUSINESS OF FAKING. DAVID admitted that he once said that "all men are liars," but afterward concluded he was too hasty. All men make mistakes, but he who makes a mistake is not a liar, if he has apparently good grounds for his assertion and is not guilty of negligence in trying to ascertain the truth.

The liar is he who intentionally deceives, or who makes false assertions recklessly without knowing or caring whether they are true or not. It is no excuse that a man believes a thing to be true if he asserts it without the slightest evidence to support it. If he repeats what he knows to be a mere rumor, he is obliged to say that it is such. If a story is of an injurious nature, it is better not to repeat it at all unless there is evidence to support it.

In time of war it is hard to avoid mistakes. The regular sources of information are closed to some extent, often to a great extent. Errors of observation, inaccuracy of reports, are intensified by the obstacles which war necessarily throws in the way of observation. The temptations to exaggerate or to falsify which affect the agents employed for the collection of information increase with the difficulty of detecting them. All these things ought to be understood by the public, and in a reasonable degree they are so. The people readily pardon mistakes that cannot well be avoided.

All this, however, is quite apart from the efforts that are put forth for the express purpose of deceiving the public systematically and continually. This is the business, or at least the chief business, of what are called the "yellow journals." They are conducted on the theory that the public is a fool. "What is the use," reasons the proprietor of a fake newspaper, "of expending large sums of money to obtain accurate intelligence, when the public will be far better satisfied with a lie? Go to. I will hire expert liars to write the news in my office and date it in Europe, Asia, Africa or the islands of the sea, as the case may be, and I will sell it to the public in the form of extras or otherwise, thereby obtaining much gainful pillage from my dupes. Moreover, I will sell this false intelligence to others, who will also sell it to their dupes for lawful money. Should we be detected in this game we will all raise our voices with one accord and say that our stories have been fully confirmed, whereupon the ignorant public will be greatly confused in mind and keep on buying our papers."

This is the basis on which the business is done. Some of these papers have the usual facilities for getting accurate news, but they are not satisfied with these. The actual news is not always sensational, and they want a sensation for every day; sometimes several sensations a day. If nothing sensational occurs the liars on the staff get orders to invent it. It is headlined in letters six inches to a foot long, and is hurried out upon the street, and sent by wire to subsidiary liars in other parts of the country.

Practices of this sort by a few well-known papers in the East have caused them to be excluded from most of the principal libraries and reading-rooms of the country. Still, though this fact is perfectly well known to all newspaper men, there are those who have in former days commented on it with severity that have availed themselves of the service furnished by fake journals, and delude their readers from day to day with the result of the inventive genius of the employes of yellow journals. The fact that the papers that em-

THE BUYERS' GUIDE. THE TRUTH

Itself is not believed from one who often has deceived! Is an old saying trite and true. "Honesty is the best policy," and is bound to win against any combination. "Truth is mighty and will prevail" is a proverb old and true. These proverbs are brought most forcibly to our mind when we realize how rapidly our acquaintance with the good people of Mason county has ripened into friendship, a friendship which we believe will be lasting, for we shall continue to do business upon our matchless plan—"Buy 'em right, add 10 per cent. and sell 'em quick."

Remember, we have never deceived you. We have never offered you a 75c. chair for 40c. and then sold you a \$10 bedroom suite for \$19. Remember that we have no baits, no leaders, no catches!

We make something on every article that leaves our house. We will not give you a 50c. chair in order to sell you a \$10 bedroom suite for \$19. Neither do we expect you to pay enough for your purchase to reimburse us for what the other fellow failed to pay for. We sell goods for cash only. A burnt child dreads the fire. We have talked to quite a number of good people who have been "burnt" by "baits," "leaders" and as otherwise described, and they have all assured us that they will not go near the fire again. In this connection let us say that it is unnecessary for us to say in any of our advertisements that "we mean it." That phrase never appears. In our case it is superfluous. The signature appears to you. Beware of the advertisement in which appears the phrase "We mean this." Let us look into the future, say in 1920. After having been in your midst twenty-two years, suppose that during all this time we had deceived you by means of baits, catches and leaders into paying twice the real value for your goods—supposing that after twenty-two years of deceit we were to come out in an advertisement saying that "we mean this;" would you believe it? Would you trust yourselves to our mercy? Would you trust one who had often deceived? This is merely a supposition, you understand, for we have no intention of departing from our present method of business. We venture the prediction that in 1920, Providence permitting, we will stand very close to the hearts of the people of Mason county. By that time John I. Winter will have clearly demonstrated the fact that his word is his bond. Another peculiarity of The Price Fighter is that he never asks what the other fellow's price is—he don't care.

The Price Fighter Makes His Own Prices

No, sir; The Price Fighter never makes but one bite at it. He gives you his best price at first, and that price is invariably a record breaker. Surely it should inspire confidence to realize that the price asked you is the taking price—to realize that the price first asked you is the lowest price in the world for the same article. The question with us is, "How cheap can we sell this article?" With others the question is, "How much can we get for this?" What is the greatest price that the customer will pay for this chair? It is your future business that we figure for.

WE MAKE THE PRICE ON— Furniture and Farm Implements!

Our Farm Wagons are the talk of the surrounding country. They are peculiar. They have springs just like a C. and O. freight car. These springs are guaranteed; they prolong the life of a wagon five years; they increase the carrying capacity of a wagon 30 per cent.; they equalize all sudden jars and jolts, remove all strains from your wagon; they are found only on the Florence Wagon that is sold and warranted by John I. Winter. Get all you can for your money. Say, I can save you \$10 on a farm wagon; try me!!! I have a peculiar Disc Harrow. It's different from any other disc harrow. Ought to see it. Costs nothing to look at it. Farmers all say that it's the finest thing in the land. I can save you from \$7 to \$10 on a disc harrow. I would like for you to see our Corn Planters, both one and two-horse. See our Riding and Walking Plows and Cultivators.

Yours for a Square Deal, JOHN I. WINTER, THE PRICE FIGHTER! MAYSVILLE, KY.

NAVAL SALUTES. Number of Guns to Be Fired on Various State Occasions. Everybody will be interested in this, in these days of naval reviews. Upon entering a port, a warship salutes with twenty-one guns the flag of the Nation she is visiting, and then the flags of any foreign Admirals who may be there. Every salute is answered, gun for gun. The following table shows the proper salute for the various subjects named: Nations, rulers of Nations, Ambassadors and members of royal families... 21 Vice-President of the United States... 19 Cabinet Ministers, Admirals, Governors of States, Justices of the Supreme Court, Congressional Committees... 17 United States or foreign Ministers... 15 Rear Admiral... 13 Commodore and Charge d'Affaires... 11 Consul General... 9 Consul... 7 Vice-Consul... 5 Army officers are entitled to the same salutes as the corresponding grades in the Navy, a Brigadier General, for instance, who ranks with a Commodore, getting eleven guns. Salutes are never fired before 8 a. m. or after sunset. A vessel arriving during the non-saluting hours must wait until the proper time before she can blaze away. Nor are salutes fired when wash clothes, awning or other canvas are triced up to dry. The State Election Commission, provided by the Goebel Law and consisting of ex-Chief Justice W. S. Fryor of New Castle; Hon. C. B. Poyntz of Maysville, and ex-Congressman W. T. Ellis of Owensboro, will meet at Frankfort today. The meeting will be held for the purpose of organizing, and also to take steps to have the constitutionality of the Goebel Law tested in the Courts before the fall election.

MISS HELEN GOULD'S gift of \$100,000 to aid the Government in paying war expenses has been received by the Secretary of the Treasury. But the Honorable EUGENE V. DEBS, the mouther, and Mister SAMUEL GOMPERS, the jaw-smith, haven't been heard from.

THE LEDGER'S esteemed Spanish contemporary, El Heraldo, printed at San Juan, Portico Rico, takes this cheerful view of the situation: "When fortune favors us in the war, as it must,—when we have made an immense bonfire of the proud city of Washington and leveled it in the dust—we will place on that treacherous Nation such a heavy indemnity that they will have to sell their wives and daughters to enable them to pay it."

Thanks, neighbor, for your timely warning; and you may be assured of a rousing, royal welcome when you come to Washington. By the way, you might as well bring a few auctioneers along, for the present generation of Americans are not used to selling women.

The right of Kentucky to tax the National Banks for state purposes will be decided in the United States Court at Cincinnati by Judge Taft on June 4th.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. Henry W. Ray, adjoining Postoffice.

Wheat \$1.50 a Bushel!

That's the sign you will see about harvest time. What are you going to cut it with? You surely can't afford to go into harvest with that old machine. GET THE BEST. Buy a

DEERING BINDER! And Be Happy.

Remember, Deering always sets the pattern. Deering made the first twine binder. Deering first used ball and roller bearings. Deering today makes the latest improved binder. Get the best, and every one knows that is a Deering.

We are Special Agent of Mason, Bracken and Robertson counties for Deering Binders, Reapers, Mowers, Hay Rakes and Binder Twine. It will pay you well to see us.

MORRIS C. HUTCHINS, (EX-COUNTY JUDGE,) ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, 14 COURT STREET, MAYSVILLE, KY.

Commissioner's Sale! MASON CIRCUIT COURT. David Heebinger et al, Plaintiffs, against O. H. P. Thomas et al, Defendants.

Thursday, May 12th, 1898. at 2 o'clock p. m. on the premises, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months, the following real property, to-wit: Those six certain lots of land adjoining the Western corporate limits of the city of Maysville and in Mason county, Ky., and known as the Slaughter House Property.

Naval Series Coupon 10c. 10c. When presented at THE LEDGER Office, accompanied with Ten Cents, this Coupon entitles the bearer to Portfolio No. 5 of the U. S. Navy.

THE KENTUCKY STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD ITS FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING IN MAYSVILLE, MAY 11th, 12th, 13th, 1898.

Notice SUPERVISORS OF TAXES. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, MAYSVILLE, KY., May 3d, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the Supervisors of Taxes for the city of Maysville will meet at the Council Chamber on THURSDAY, MAY 13th, 1898.

The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

The New Election Law. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 11.—The state election commission, formed under the new law, will meet here Wednesday to organize. The selection of county election boards will not be made at this meeting, which will be devoted to preliminary matters. Percy Haley, of Frankfort, and C. P. Chenault, of Mt. Sterling, are leading candidates for secretary of the commission.



GEN. CALIXTO GARCIA. (Commander of the Cuban Forces in the Eastern Parts of the Island.)

Adj. Simcox Elope. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 11.—Joseph Simcox, private stenographer to Gov. Bradley, eloped to Lawrenceburg with Miss Josephine Sullivan, of this city, where they were married. Simcox is from Lexington, and has just been appointed an adjutant in the Second regiment by Gov. Bradley.

Wounded Negro Will Die. FRANKFORT, Ky., May 11.—Charles Jessie, alias Tom Dunn, the Hopkinsville Negro who was shot by Officer William Gordon on Saturday night, while attempting to escape and firing on the officers, has been given up to die by his physicians.

Found in the Canal. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 11.—The body of an unknown man, middle-aged and well dressed, which was found in the canal, is being held to await identification.

A Regiment in Morgan County. WEST LIBERTY, Ky., May 11.—Col. Huston is raising a regiment of volunteers in Morgan and Elliott counties, and has most of it ready to be mustered in.

Fatally Wounded His Wife. MAYKING, Ky., May 11.—In a fit of jealousy John Pigman shot his young wife, Mary, twice through the breast, inflicting fatal wounds. Pigman escaped.

Confirmed as Postmaster at Lexington, Ky. WASHINGTON, May 11.—The senate Tuesday confirmed the nomination of F. O. Elkin as postmaster at Lexington, Ky.

REVOLUTION IN ITALY. The outbreak in Milan seems to have been fully organized—Many Italians in Switzerland start for Italy.

Berne, Switzerland, May 11.—The news of the uprising in Milan has greatly excited the Italian workmen who abound in Switzerland. At Lanzanne, Tuesday morning, 1,000 Italian workmen paraded the streets, carrying a red flag draped with crape. As the procession passed through the streets the men sang the "Marseillaise" and cheered for the revolution. The outbreak at Milan appears to have been fully organized. One of the leaders here exhibited a telegram announcing: "The revolution is triumphant in Turin. The city has been burned."

The men who took part in the demonstration appear to have plenty of money. Many Italians have started to the north of Italy in response to a circular bearing the words: "To the frontier. Let us start for Italy."

MAJ. GEN. LEE. The Former Consul General Will Be Military Governor of Cuba After Havana is Captured by the Americans.

New York, May 11.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says: Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee will be the first military governor of Cuba. For the next two weeks he will act as the official adviser of Secretary Alger. He will have a private office and desk near the secretary's office, and will either remain here or visit the various mobilization points. When Havana is taken Gen. Lee will be sent to Cuba, and, with headquarters at Havana, will assume the temporary dictatorship of the island until a republican and stable form of government is established by the Cubans.

Sampson's War Ships. WASHINGTON, May 11.—No one knows exactly what ships are with Sampson at Porto Rico, because this is one of the closest guarded secrets of the navy department. The best information however is that his fleet is composed of the following vessels: The Iowa, the Indiana, the Puritan, the Amphitrite, the Montgomery, the Marblehead, the Detroit, the Mayflower, and the New York, the flag ship.

Chartering Ships. WASHINGTON, May 11.—Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn Tuesday chartered about 80 ships with capacity of 25,000 men. They are to be used to convey troops to Cuba and the Philippines.

Illinois Troops Sent to New Orleans. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 11.—Gov. Tanner received orders from Washington to send two regiments of infantry and light battery to New Orleans as quickly as possible. Both left Tuesday night.