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## EVOLUTION OF PRINTING ART

### Printing Did Not Come All at Once Into Present State--Its Development From the Most Ancient Times--The First Power Press.

We have a great deal about the evolution of man, and if the Darwinian theory be correct a wonderful improvement in the personnel of humankind has come with the lapse of the years. Today, instead of perching in the forks of trees and making ugly faces at manifest destiny, the great masses have yielded gracefully to the transformation, and the evolutionary process still moves on apace. Therefore if some men still persist in making monkeys of themselves it must not be attributed to a desire to return to the original mold, but to a disposition to add to the gayety of nations.

While man is supposed to have evolved from the monkey and come into his present proud estate after centuries and cycles of time, the evolution of printing and publishing is one of the most striking examples of the advancement of human thought and triumph of human skill that have yet been given to the world. The genesis of the art was a mild sensation when compared with its revelation. If by a dispensation of Providence the breath of life should be breathed into the nostrils of the Egyptian mummies and they were permitted to look in upon one of the great printing and newspaper offices of the twentieth century the first printers and publishers would cheerfully relapse into their eternal silence because of the consciousness that they built wiser than they knew. The stamped books of clay which the Assyrians perfected away back in the mists of antiquity would suffer more by comparison with the printing and publishing facilities of today than would the monkey with the man. John Gutenberg's wooden type and crude press placed alongside the modern type foundry, the linotype, the monotype or the monster presses of today would be as refreshing to the eyesight as an endurance race between Noah's ark and the Lusitania.

**THE FIRST PRINTING PRESS**  
It is said that the inventor of the first printing press drew his inspiration from the sight of a wine press, but who made the first printing press prepared the first ink, wetted the first sheet of paper, laid it upon the tympan, seized upon the handle pressed and then took off the frisket and then held up the typographical miracle to the world will probably remain enveloped in mystery. Some say that the King Chau, now the Pekin Gazette, was the first newspaper ever printed.

Marchamot Needham was the founder of English newspapers. He was a schoolmaster in London in the time of John Milton and in 1647 went on his knees to King Charles and afterward to Cromwell. His successor was Defoe, the novelist, who began his newspaper life in jail and was set in the pillory by Queen Anne. Talk about the liberty of the press in these modern times! It is only necessary to look up the history of the early printers and publishers to see how that liberty has been extended. Abel Buel, the American typefounder, published "The Devil's Club or Iron Cane," in which he strongly advocated the doctrine of progression and endless development. The Puritans had him arrested and caused him to be confined in the mines for six months. In order to make full atonement and secure his liberty he had to publicly renounce

his belief and carry an iron cane on Sunday.

### THE FIRST REPORTERS

The first editor to employ reporters was Coelius, who gathered the proceedings of the Roman senate, the edicts, trials and decisions of the courts and all the general news and transmitted them to Cicero daily. The data were only in manuscript form, however, and none but Cicero knew whether the tariff was being revised upward, downward, sidewise or zigzag.

Postmasters were the originators of newspapers in New England. The postoffice and the newspaper office have always been closely connected, and the fact that so many editors are now postmasters and many of the others want to be should not be surprising to the natives. It is according to tradition and in perfect harmony with the logic of heredity and environment.

Newspapers were first carried free in the mails, and the dawn of newspaper postage came in 1758. The first regular advertisement appeared in the London Intelligencer in 1749. It related to a stolen horse and offered a liberal reward for the return of the animal. In the early days every editor was a printer. The molder of public opinion had to do everything from making a faithful chronicle of the news of the day to hanging out the office towel as a symbol of mourning at the decease of a delinquent subscriber. He has to take everything from curses to sappy wood on subscription and wore his legs out chasing the rainbow of false promises. While the real benefactor of the community, he was lean, lank and hungry because of a lack of support. That was before business methods were introduced or before the commercial spirit took sufficient hold of the editor to convince him that the laborer in the newspaper vineyard is worthy of his hire just the same as those who engage in other branches of human endeavor. The printing and publishing of the newspaper of today is therefore a real commercial enterprise and not a sentimental diversion.

### THE FIRST POWER PRESS

The first power printing press used in this country was invented and patented by Daniel Treadwell in 1826. It was put in operation in Boston in 1827. It was a bed and platen press of large dimensions the bed being capable of carrying a form a little larger than the ordinary hand presses then in use. The bed was horizontal and reciprocating. The press was constructed of very large wooden timbers and a quantity of cast and wrought iron. The press required a full horsepower to put it in operation, and the motor employed was a real horse, which worked as if operating a cider mill. The impression often jerked the horse back on to his haunches, and it required a hard hearted driver and a blacksnake whip to persuade the motive power. From that day the tables of stone containing the Ten Commandments were thrown out of the back door of the printing office and profanity reigned supreme. Imposing stones minus the Decalogue have ever since been employed as popular substitutes.—American Press.

Nice little, pleasant, gentle, easy safe and sure pills, are Rings Little Liver Pills. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

### Good Game of Ball

(Reported)

Last Friday afternoon the Griffins and Williamston base ball teams met at Sycamore Park and played one of the best games that have been played during the season. Before a quiet and well-behaved crowd, both teams did excellent work. The score stood 3 to 2 in favor of Griffins.

## SEPTEMBER TERM MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Convenes Monday the 20th---His Honor Charles M. Cook, Judge Presiding---Criminal Cases Few---Two Weeks Term---Civil Docket Large.

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22d,

- No. 2 McVey vs R. R.
- 5 Jewelry Co. vs Davenport & Moore
- 7 Bissell vs Lumber Co.
- 8 Pants Co. vs Stallings
- 9 James & Co. vs Bullock
- 10 Perry & Co. vs Sherrod
- 16 Carson vs R. R.
- 20 Page, Guardian vs Lumber Co.
- 22 Jones vs Casper
- 23 Peef vs S. P. & Jennie Moore
- 25 Roberson vs Machine Co.

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23d,

- 27 Bowling vs Biggs & Coburn
- 28 Hux & wife vs Harrell & wife
- 29 Everett vs Williams & wife
- 31 Wyatt vs Lee
- 32 Whitehurst vs Mathews
- 33 Improvement Co. vs Grimes
- 34 Jackson vs Williams
- 35 Ferguson & Co. vs Andrews
- 36 Ferrell vs R. R.
- 38 Grimes vs Johnson

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24th,

- 42 Waldo vs Davenport
- 45 Perry vs Walker
- 48 Harrell & wife vs Hopkins & Whichard
- 49 Andrews vs Draper
- 52 Shoe Co. vs Powell
- 53 Tyner vs Stalls
- 54 Rogerson vs Biggs
- 56 Peele vs Oakley & York
- 58 Eagles & Carr vs Graham

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27th,

- 50 Leggett, Administrator vs R. R.
- 59 Bank vs Peele
- 60 Knight vs Everett, Administrator
- 63 Williams vs Norfleet
- 65 Ulmer, Boykin & Co. vs James & Co.
- 68 Watters vs Stallings
- 69 Bell vs Bell
- 75 Cleary et als vs Hatton et als
- 78 Harrison Bros. & Co. vs Roberson
- 81 Warrington vs Askev
- 82 Langley vs Langley

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28th,

- 83 Hill vs Watters
- 84 Roberson & Son. vs Rawls
- 85 Gray vs Gray
- 89 R. W. Peacock vs Telegraph Co.
- 95 Peele vs Askev
- 99 Blunthall & Bickart vs Carson
- 101 Mizzell et als vs Warren
- 102 Moore & wife vs Ange & wife
- 103 Nancy J. Best, Inquisition in Lunacy

Cases not heard on the day set will have precedence on the following day.

J. A. HOBBS,

CLERK.

The last Legislature provided that the September court should be held two weeks. This arrangement was made to give more time for hearing civil cases, which are numerous. The criminal docket is small as it has been for the past several terms. Judge Charles M. Cook will preside and Solicitor C. C. Daniels will look after the law breakers. The civil docket needs to be cleared for many of the cases have been held over from court to court, causing inconvenience and worry to the parties interested.

## EVERETTS ITEMS

A. L. Barnhill and wife spent Sunday in Robersonville.

J. B. Barnhill has moved his residence here from Robersonville.

Quite a number of people attended the carnival at Williamston last week.

W. A. James and wife of Williamston, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. P. James.

Miss Eulala Perkins of Hamilton is spending a few days with friends and relatives here.

Dr. Jno. W. Williams spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Washington on account of the illness of his mother.

Watch Everetts grow! There are three large brick building being erected here by Messrs. Bailey & Barnhill and J. S. Peef.

Hon. J. A. Whitley, accompa-

nied by Dr. Joseph H. Saunders, carried his daughter, Miss Daisy, to the Norfolk Hospital last week.

Mrs. W. A. Gray of Baltimore, Md., and Miss Lallie Lewis of Wilson, who have been visiting Mrs. J. B. Coffield, left for their homes Saturday.

### Farmers to Meet

There will be a farmers, educational meeting in Williamston, Wednesday, September 15th. Among the important subjects to be discussed will be Drainage, Stock Raising, Cattle Quarantine and Farm Management with reference to Corn Cotton. The meeting has been arranged with the sole purpose of bringing substantial and practical information and the benefit to those who are engaged in the cultivation of the soil.

The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock A. M., and there will be an afternoon session.

## HASSELL ITEMS

George Brown from Hamilton was here Tuesday.

Pitt Roberson of Gold Point was here Saturday.

W. L. Fleming, of Battleboro, is home for a few days.

Mrs. Frank Roberson and daughter were here Saturday.

Johnnie Sherrod was here Tuesday en route to Hamilton.

R. H. Salsbury went to Hamilton Saturday on business.

R. W. Salsbury, of Hamilton, spent Friday in Greenville.

Mrs. W. D. Jordan spent a few days at Elm City this week.

Several from here attended the show at Robersonville last week.

Mesdames Cooper and Howard returned to their home in Dunn Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Roberson and son, Edward, from Battleboro, were here this week.

Miss Laura Salsbury is at home again after spending several days with friends at Winterville and Grindool.

Miss Vivian Roberson of Gold Point, left for Winterville Saturday to resume her work in the High School there.

A box party will be given at Hassell School House, Friday night the 17th, for the benefit of the school. The public are cordially invited to attend.

The proper way and method of treating a cough or cold is to first of all gently move the bowels. This you can most conveniently do by taking a dose or two of Bees Laxative Cough Syrup. It is pleasant to take, acts promptly. Children like it. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

### Inconsistent Us

A man will kick like a bay steer when he comes to pay three dollars a year for road tax, but he smiles like a young widow when he coughs up four plunks once every month during the hot season for a case of the stuff "that makes Milwaukee famous." He will roar like an untamed lion with Roosevelt on its trail when he pays his city water tax but he is the most lamb-like of a man when he goes off on a fishing trip to the mountains at a cost of a hundred dollars or more. He will throw seven kinds of fits when he pays \$25.00 dollars taxes once a year on his eight thousand dollar farm, but he is as calm and peaceful as a milk-fed kitten when he writes his check for fifteen thousand dollars for an automobile. He is delighted to enjoy luxuries, comforts and generous prosperity of the state or community in which he lives, but he is ground down like a slave when it comes to paying a small portion of his income for the public welfare and the privileges that make him rich and happy.

He grudgingly parts with the portion due for the protection of government under which he lives and greedily demands all that a government can give. Man is a queer freak of inconsistency when it comes to paying taxes—whether it is state tax, county tax, city tax, road tax or dog tax.—Exchange.

### The Road To Success

has many obstructions, but none so desperate as poor health. Success to-day demands health, but Electric Bitters is the greatest health builder the world has ever known. It compels perfect action of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, purifies and enriches the blood, and tones and invigorates the whole system. Vigorous body and keen brain follow their use. You can't afford to slight Electric Bitters if weak, run-down or sickly. Only 50c. Guaranteed by All Druggists.

## DR. AND MRS. JOHN D. BIGGS ENTERTAIN

### In Honor of Misses Dunn and Biggs--A Most Delightful Beginning of the Autumn Festivities -- Progressive Hearts Give Amusement.

(Reported)

On Friday evening from nine to twelve o'clock, the first social event of the autumn season took place when Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs entertained complimentary to Miss Sallie Dunn, of Scotland Neck, and Miss Carrie Biggs. The arriving guests were greeted at the door by Miss Nannie Smith and Mr. A. D. Mizell, and were carried to the dressing rooms by little Miss Fannie Biggs Martin and Master Maurice Watts. Miss Essie Peele with Mr. Harry Biggs presented them to the receiving party composed of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs, Miss Sallie Dunn, Miss Carrie Biggs, Mr. John E. Pope and Dr. Joseph H. Saunders. Mr. Biggs and Miss Peele escorted them to the punch room where punch was served by Miss Delha Lanier and Mr. Luke Lamb.

The entertainment for the evening was progressive hearts, and the score showed Miss Louise Fowden to have the highest number of punches, and she was awarded the ladies' prize Mr. Willie B. Watts captured the gentlemen's. Mrs. Asa T. Crawford was awarded the consolation for the ladies, and Mr. F. U. Barnes the gentlemen's.

The following guest were present: Misses May Blount, of Washington, N. C., Louise and Hannah Vic Fowden, Annye and Essie Peele, Mary Hassell, Lettie Critcher, Della Lanier, Mildred Purvis, Mrs. John D. Biggs, Mrs. Albert S. Coffield, Misses Nannie and Irene Smith, Mrs. Asa T. Crawford and Messrs. John L. Hassell, C. B. Hassell, B. Frank Godwin, Don C. Godwin, Burras A. Critcher, Dr. James S. Rhodes, Dr. Hugh B. York, Wheeler Martin, Jr., Albert S. Coffield, Asa T. Crawford, Luke Lamb, Harry M. Stubbs, Grover Hardison, and J. W. Biggs.

ManZan, the great Pile remedy, prevents Piles by preventing constipation. It is conveniently applied directly to the trouble by means of a small nozzle attached to the tube in which ManZan is put up. Sold by Chase's Drug Store.

## CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Miss Glendora Mobley is quite sick this week.

G. B. and J. B. Overton went to Williamston Tuesday.

Several of our people attended the Yearly Meeting at Flat Swamp Sunday.

Mrs. Lucy Mobley and Miss Venie Peel, of Bear Grass, visited Mrs. Jean Mobley Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Sumner is conducting a series of meetings at the Christian Chapel this week.

Mrs. J. R. Beach, after spending a few days with relatives near Gold Point, returned Sunday.

Friends of Miss Sallie Wynne are glad that she has recovered from the slight illness of last week.

Mrs. Gertrude Roberson died at her home near here Tuesday night after an illness of ten months. Her body was interred at the Wynn burial ground Wednesday afternoon. She leaves a mother, sister, brother and devoted husband to mourn their loss. Friends sympathize with the bereaved ones in their hour of trial.