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THE NEWSPAPER AS A COMMUNITY FORCE

Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., in his sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday evening developed the idea of the pulpit, the public school, the press and the pew, in the order given as the greatest forces for righteousness—which is to say rightness—in the community.

The inclusion of the public press as amongst the foremost good forces would be correct, in the average community. The press is no more nor less than a common intelligence, a community gossip forced by law and conditions as a usual thing, to comply with certain rather rigid standards, chief of which is moderation, thus largely eliminating the poison and evil of gossip.

Speaking more especially with reference to the daily news press, our idea of its essential business is that of a chronicle of the significant events of the daily life of the community and of the world. Its highest ideal should be in the approximation of accuracy. This is a very difficult task, since no two observers ever see the same occurrence just alike. It is the despair of every honest journalist that he cannot present what he knows to be the absolute and inerrant truth. In addition to recording the facts, there devolves upon the actual makers of the newspaper two other tasks: classification or comparison, and comment as to significance. The latter is the preaching part of journalism, and is a task which must always be approached with caution.

The press is reflective of the community. The editor or editorial writer must take counsel—not always as deliberate and careful as might be desired—of those in his community who know most about the matter under discussion. The Gazette-News is very dependent upon a considerable number of Asheville's foremost citizens for counsel in matters touching the public welfare. Every person who grants the reporters an interview of any nature during the course of the day has a part in the making of the newspaper. Something of his angle of view, something of his personality, goes out to the thousands of readers, enters in the most intimate way into their minds and their lives.

There is one task, dreaded by the average man, evaded often when it ought to be done, that is essential to the shaping of the newspaper to its community, and that is writing a letter to the editor about things in the community that are to be condemned, or commended—more important the latter. When a man does write to the editor, it is often under the impulse of an indignation, which he at least feels to be righteous, and which often leads him into intemperance of utterance for which the editor does not feel warranted in sparing responsibility.

It has long been a notion of ours that the newspaper should have more to say about the good that men do, the fine and brave, noble things, evidences of talent or fruits of diligent toil than about the bad things, the shortcomings, the pitiful and bizarre exhibitions of our imperfect humanity, evidences of weakness, of folly. When you note something commendable in your neighbor, of a nature to benefit the public or to inspire other workers, you ought to sit down and write to the editor about it; it is no less your duty than to point out that something is being done that is prejudicial to the public welfare or offensive to public decency.

The daily newspaper is a very human, serving thing, of many mechanical difficulties and other difficulties peculiar to its hurried assembling and the kaleidoscopic nature of the daily record of life; but it is a community force, a community reflex; and usually, we believe, as Dr. Vines says, a force for good; that is to say, for the dissemination of truth and the discovery of error.

Every regular newspaper publishes so much about the bad side of human nature, that the news is a chronicle of human weakness, rather than his strength. And yet we all know that the following human nature. Any person who is an attractive person, a person who draws to all with

feel that they must make the most of these things, if they would hold the public interest. In describing such things the newspaper is undoubtedly in a legitimate field, and for all anybody knows, if it describes them faithfully it may be serving the cause of truth in a high and important way. Where many have erred is in not describing faithfully, in not trying to do so; in magnifying folly and the results of strange impulses of humanity, in painting the bad and unnatural as worse and more unnatural than it is.

THE FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Asheville, the Convention City of the South, is today honored by the presence of the representatives of the women's clubs of the State. Much has been said in differentiation of a convention body of women from a convention body of men, but for all intents and purposes of assembling and transacting business it seems to us there can be very little essential difference. Every woman is the descendant of a long line of average men. They associate and converse with men from childhood. Their deliberations follow the same modes of procedure as those of men, and their conclusions, if correct, are reached in the way that men reach correct conclusions—the only way there is.

Of course there do exist some peculiarities of feminine mental process, as there do of masculine mental process. These things are a part of the barrier of mystery which Nature has seen fit to raise.

But there are distinctions applying to this gathering of club women which, irrespective of considerations of gallantry, should cause the men to regard their visit as an especial honor. Their unit organizations were formed for the highest purposes—for mental improvement, for civic betterment, for better living and higher thinking. Our business and professional men form organizations to promote the general welfare of their professions, and to exchange ideas as to how to make business more profitable; we have the fraternal societies, banded for social diversion, mutual help, insurance against accident, sickness and death; some are altruistic, some largely selfish. It is seldom that delegates of any convention body represent persons banded together for such high and pure purposes as furnish the motives for the organization of these women's clubs, and for this reason, amongst the many worthy and honorable bodies that the city of Asheville has been privileged to entertain, the Federation of Women's Clubs is properly accorded a distinctive place, as peculiarly select. Much good and pleasure may they find in their deliberations; we doubt not they will accomplish much for the welfare and glory of the State.

THE HOBBLE SKIRT BANISHED.

Queen Mary has put the ban on the hobble skirt and this is considered its funeral. The queen's objection to it seems to be based on an old-fashioned reason—viz., that it is not decent. She dislikes the hobble skirt and has let it be known that she deems the pancho, or harem skirt an impossible garment. Ladies eligible to attend the British court endorse her ruling, saying that it is almost impossible to courtsey correctly in a hobble skirt. (Let no pun be permitted here.)

The queen, who is a sensible woman, will, it is believed, soon follow this decision with an intimation that the immense hats and huge pyramids of store hair worn by women also are objectionable, as the queen is known to regard with extreme disfavor anything oute in the attire of court ladies. "A hint also has been conveyed to peeresses," it is said, "that the practice of having sketches of their court and coronation gowns published in the newspapers also is distasteful to the queen. So the illustrated journals probably will have to be content with portraits of the robes and accessories worn by mannequins."

As for the hobble, perhaps without Queen Mary's most commendable ruling against it, its vogue would perhaps have been brief. For the hobble, on the average woman, is ugly.

Cleveland, O., is to have summer schools for children who failed to pass in the regular classes. School all the year around is the ideal we are rapidly approaching. The larger colleges have it already, making possible the three-year course. Why should American cities follow the precedent set by rural district schools that "let-out in layin' time" to permit scholars and teachers alike to work in the fields?—New York World.

It would be a most excellent precedent for them to follow, if they would follow it literally.

Shopkeepers and landlords in Washington are doubtless loyal democrats or republicans and despisers of the pomp and trumpery of monarchy; but thoughts of the \$150,000,000 in loose change that will be attracted to London because of the coronation are not the most pleasant thoughts in the world.

The Democrats, so far, have not taken with any noticeable degree of enthusiasm to the suggestion of reducing the mileage allowance from ten to five cents; probably because there is such a thing as too much of a good thing, even retrenchment and reform.

It is reported in the gentlemanly district today to show that the Democrats can give Asheville just as good government as any non-partisan body could.

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DISTRICT COURT CONVENED TODAY

There were evidences of some attempt on the part of the weather to observe May Day.

TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA DISPUTE

Land Involved in Boundary Question Between 6000 and 8000 Acres—The Contentions.

The hearing before Commissioner Garland A. Thomason in the matter of the boundary dispute between North Carolina and Tennessee, which began here yesterday, was concluded this afternoon, three witnesses being examined. E. B. Bruns, a surveyor, was examined yesterday and S. S. Cannett of Washington, who had been over the disputed territory, was examined this morning. M. E. Cozard testified to a question of fact. The deposition of John R. McClellan will be taken at Murphy May 10. The testimony taken by Commissioner Thomason is to be sent to the Supreme court of the United States where the suit is now pending.

The land involved in the litigation is about 6,000 to 8,000 acres which lies in the Slick Rock valley in Graham county. The disputed line begins after the line crosses the Tennessee river at the mouth of Slick Rock creek, North Carolina contending that the line runs up Slick Rock creek for about five miles and then to the Foderstack mountain and thence to the main ridge of the Unaka mountains. Tennessee claims that the line leaves the creek and runs to the Hangover mountain and thence to the main ridge. The original survey called for the "main ridge" and the dispute is as to which is the main ridge.

The original litigation arose several years ago in the case of Hibbard vs. Belding. Hibbard claimed under Tennessee grants and Belding under North Carolina grants. This suit was decided in favor of Hibbard. After this decision an old plat was found signed by the commissioner and surveyor acting for both states and this plat seemed apparently to uphold the claims of North Carolina. North Carolina then brought suit in the Supreme court of the United States for a settlement of the matter.

ASHEVILLE FOLK WILL "CLEAN-UP" NEXT WEEK

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Selected as Cleaning-up Days—Get Trash Ready.

It has been decided to have three "cleaning-up" days in Asheville this year instead of two as heretofore. The sanitary department has selected next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as "cleaning-up" days and the people of the city are urged to clean up all the trash in their front and back yards and place all trash and rubbish in boxes or barrels. These boxes and barrels of the sidewalk on "clean-up" days when the sanitary wagons will call for them. The wagons of the department will remove all trash and rubbish thus conveniently placed without charge.

"Cleaning-up" day in Asheville has become popular. The people have for the past few years co-operated with the city officials in an effort to keep Asheville clean and attractive and it is believed that they will again co-operate this year. Last year many wagon loads of trash and rubbish were carted away and after the work was ended the back yards of many of residences presented a more pleasing appearance.

The sanitary department requests that the people remember the days—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—and have all trash and rubbish ready for the wagons on those days.

PRESENTMENTS ARE MADE FOR RETAILING LIQUOR

So It Is Understood—Grand Jury Will Probably Adjourn Tomorrow.

The grand jury resumed its investigation into the alleged sale of whiskey in Asheville and during the day a number of witnesses, it is said, have been examined. It is further said that other presentments have been made by the grand jury. The presentments made last week and those returned today will be turned over to the solicitor for action at the next term of court for the trial of criminal cases. The grand jury will probably adjourn tomorrow.

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