

ANTIQUITY OF NEWSPAPERS.

The Art of Printing Is Modern, But the Principal of Publishing the News is Very Ancient.

"Those who think the newspaper is a modern institution should read up on that subject, as I have been doing recently," said a man yesterday, who has been perusing the encyclopedias and other sources of information on Newspapers.

"The first Roman Journal, as it was called, was published over 2,000 years ago, and appeared only once a year. This paper, intended to be read by the public at large, was known by the title of 'Annales Maximus.' The editor of this journal was Pontifex Maximus, whose duty it was to chronicle all the important events of the year. This news was written on white wooden tablets and hung on the outside of the residences of the citizens. It must have been a curious sight to see the old Romans crowding around these tablets to get a look at the latest news, some of it being perhaps a year old.

"But the thirst after knowledge and the curiosity of the people grew rapidly and in such a measure that the government, the only publisher of a journal, found it necessary to issue a daily. The name of what is supposed to have been the first daily journal was 'Acti Populi Romani Diurni.' From the lack of material political articles were, perhaps, fortunately not to be had.

"It would be interesting to read a verbal translation from the oldest journal extant, supposed to have been issued 168 years before the birth of Christ. The literal translation reads: 'Consul Cicinius was the acting judge today. There was a heavy thunder-storm, and the lightning split an oak at the foot of the hills at Vellia. In the hostelry at the foot hills of Janus there was a fight in which the landlord was badly wounded. Titinius punished some butchers on account of their selling meat which had not been inspected, the money thus paid being used to erect a chapel to the goddess Laverna. The broker Ausidus fled from town today, taking with him money belonging to other people. He was caught and had to refund the money. The brigand, Demiphon, who was captured by officer Nerva, has been crucified today. The flotilla from Asia arrived today.'

"We see from this that it was in olden times pretty much as it is today. We haven't got very much on them. We only wish that our officials would treat our butchers after the manner Titinius dealt with those of his time. And then they had a run-away banker, just as we have them. No doubt Banker Ausidus hit a hot trail for lands beyond the Tiber, just as dishonest bankers do for those beyond the Atlantic nowadays, but a sharp Roman detective went after him, caught him, and forced him to refund the poor people's money. They don't do that today; times have changed.

"It is also interesting to note that Julius Cosear, the greatest of all Romans, saw the necessity of instructing the people in regard to current matters and for this reason spent much time in his attention to journalism."

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Governor Glenn Condemns the Plea of Legislative "Courtesy."

Raleigh New & Observer.

An uplift was the address of Governor Glenn at the Methodist church Sunday night, when in words eloquent he showed that North Carolina's continued and growing greatness depended upon Christian development, that the young men must be stong and Christian young men in order to make our greatness an enduring greatness.

His subject was "North Carolina's Needs for Strong and Christian Young Men." and in the course of this he dwelt at length upon the need of sobriety, reiterating his position for prohibition in North Carolina for all the people, and to come by the vote of the people. He declared that he longed to see the day when the Democratic party would see to it that the whole people expressed their wishes on this subject.

But perhaps the greatest departure from the usual lines of his address were his remarks upon the matter of the effort in the Legislature to pass laws by "Legislative courtesy." He condemned this and held that men should be guided by their conscience, and not by pleas of friendship and "Legislative courtesy," which was no proper argument to be addressed to legislators to have them depart from the sanctity of their oaths. Referring to attempts to bind men by individual views, he said that while the Democratic State platform commends the Watts and Ward laws, it did not say that no further steps should be taken for temperance and prohibition.

The Governor was talking to a great audience that filled the lower portion of the church and overflowed in large numbers in the gallery. Great numbers of the men and women of Raleigh were there, as well as many from outside the city, in the congregation being numbers of the members of the General Assembly, the latter being told "straight from the shoulder" that their acts in the Legislature should be based on what is right, and not what other members might ask from "Legislative courtesy" on friendship.

Five out of Seven.

President Roosevelt has "whang-doodled" William J. Oliver out of an opportunity to build the Panama canal, but has not lost faith in all southern men, for in reorganizing the canal commission he proposes to appoint five southern men out of seven. The southern men are: Maj. William Luther Sibert, born and reared in Gadsden; Major David Dubose Gaillard, born in and appointed to West Point from South Carolina; Col William C. Gorgas, assistant surgeon-general, of Alabama; Senator J. C. S. Blackburn of Kentucky, and Jackson Smith, born in South Carolina, where he was a railway official. The remaining two members are Rear Admiral Endicott of Massachusetts, who is retained because the law calls for a naval engineer, and Maj G. W. Goethals, born in New York, but who was long connected with the construction of the Muscle Shoals canal.

These commissioners bid fair to dig the canal, and five out of seven are southern-born men. The south hurt over the Oliver incident, can find solace in the fact the President was compelled at last to turn to southern men. The commission will be reorganized by a request for several resignations, and the men named will then be appointed. When that is done the south will not be in a position to declare that it has been discriminated against at Panama, for the canal will then be in southern hands.

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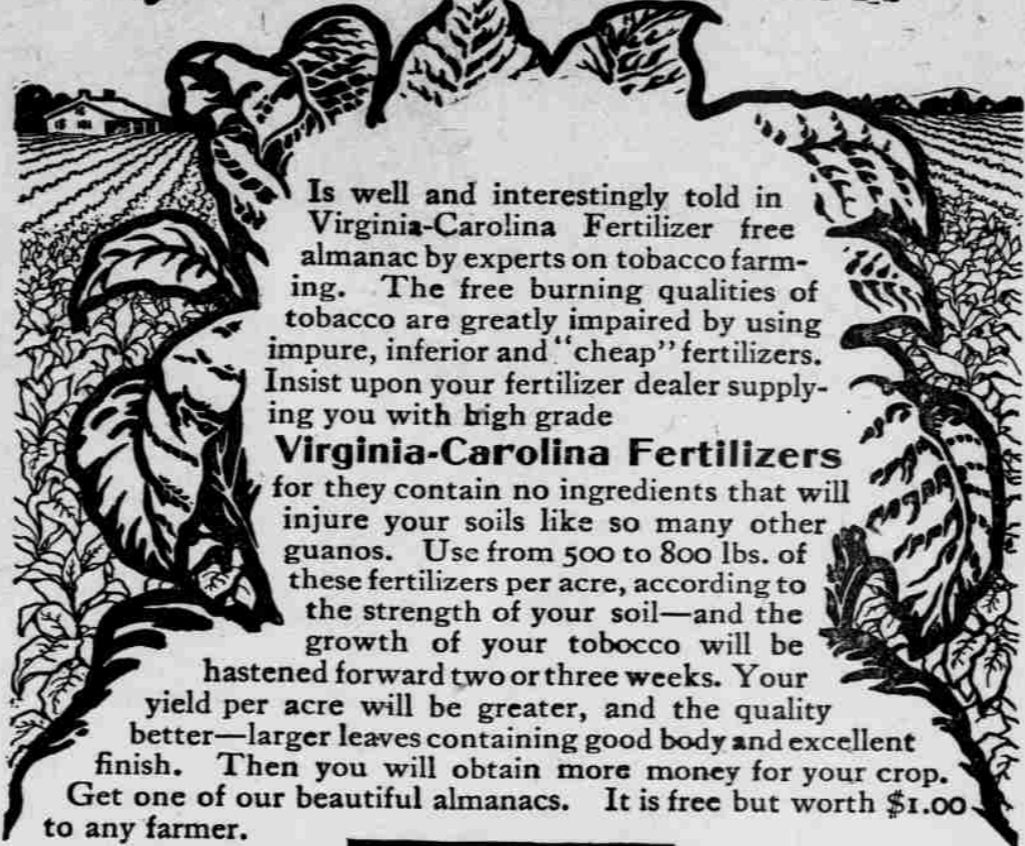
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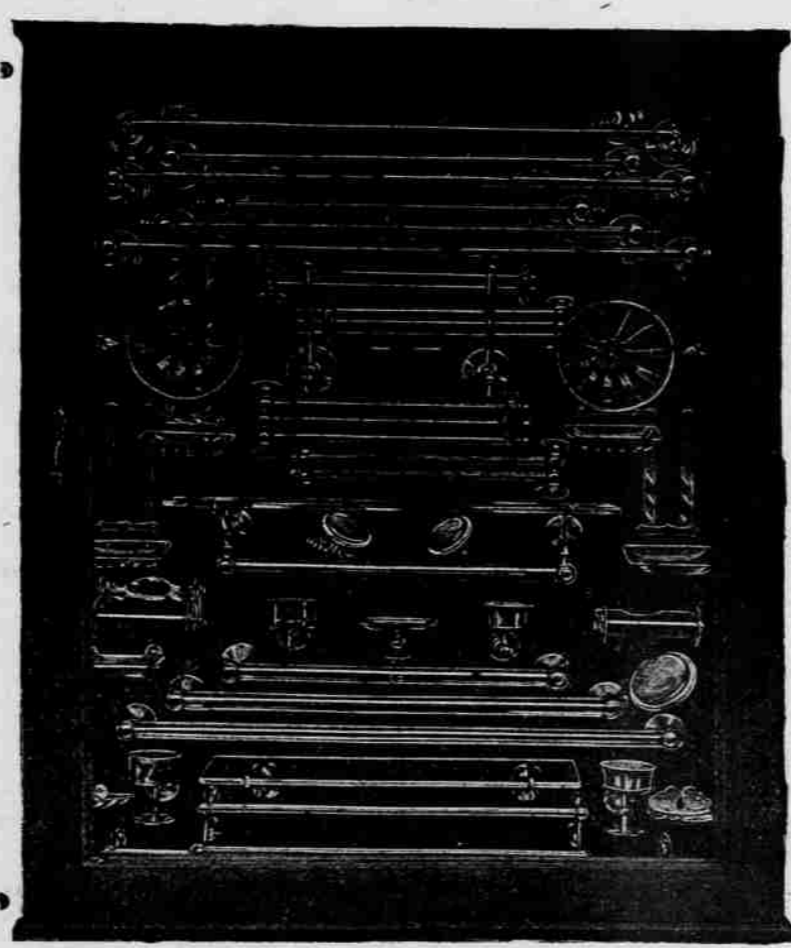
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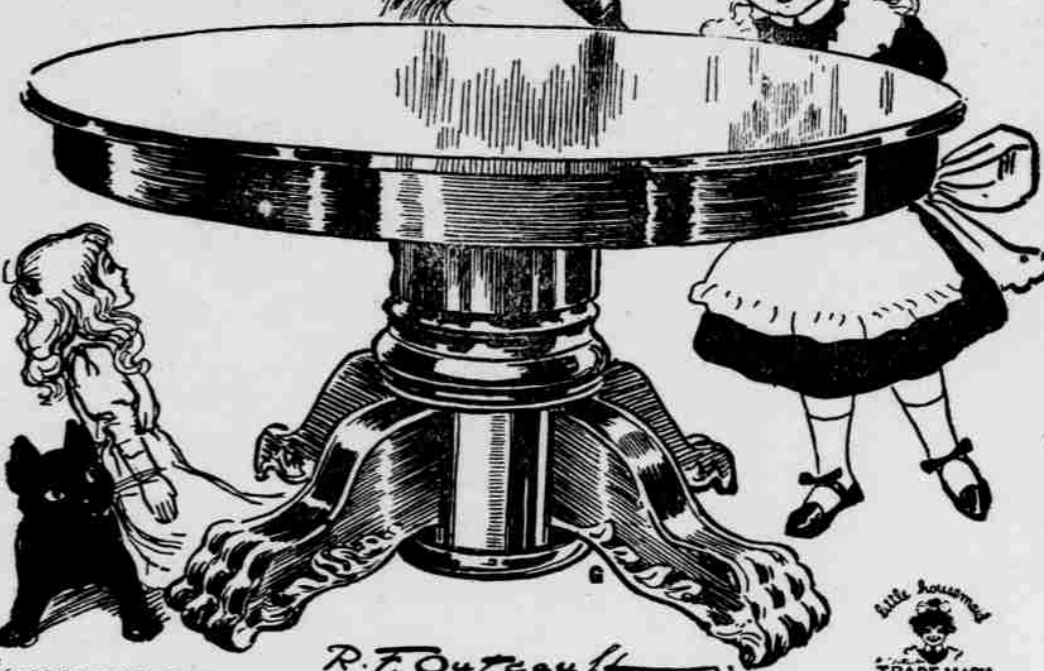
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