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PRICE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Increased Cost of Publishing Makes Advance Imperative.
Adrian Mich., Times.

Weekly newspapers in Nebraska, Iowa and several other western states have lately advanced the price of subscription from \$1 to \$1.50, and occasionally one in Michigan is doing the same, while more will have to follow speedily if the price of business. The patent side houses have raised their service about 50 per cent. Labor and material of all sorts have climbed upward until those publishers who keep accurate books say their weekly papers are costing them double what they did a few years ago. As a matter of fact, no decent looking weekly should ever have been sold for a dollar a year, or a daily paper for \$2, for that matter. Omitting all advertising, no weekly could be issued a year for a dollar or even \$2 unless the circulation was very large. On the same basis a daily paper of 3,000 would cost more than \$5 to each subscriber, considerably more, yet has often been sold for \$2 a year by mail. That time has passed and is not likely to return. It never should have been done, for the price was always too low. A fairly readable eight page daily paper is worth 1 cent a copy by mail, and that would amount to \$3.12 for a paper like the Daily Times' mail edition, postage prepaid. To make even change, the mail subscription price should be fixed at \$3, invariably in advance. Any intelligent reader, knowing all the facts, would willingly pay the advanced cost, knowing he was getting the worth of his money and buying his paper for less than it cost.

It is an axiom of the publishing business, a century old at least, that the subscriptions and sales of any weekly paper ought to pay all the expense of producing it, leaving the receipts from advertising to pay interest on the plant, make repairs and reward the owner for his labor. It is safe to say that not a weekly in Michigan today is doing it, and the daily papers are still worse off. In more cases subscriptions do scarcely more than pay for the white paper and possibly the postage.

The only conclusion is that the selling price of weekly and daily local papers must go up fully 50 per cent. It is a hard proposition for most publishers, but it must be done.

"Would you marry again, George, if I were to die?"
"No, indeed!"
"You brute! You want the world to believe that I'm such a bad wife you would not want another!"

MRS. JOYNER'S DISCLAIMER.

Says Every Word of the Reports Published in the Papers About Her Husband, J. W. Joyner, Were Vilely False.
To the Editor of the Observer:

This is to certify that the reports that the papers have told are vilely false in every respect concerning my dear husband's life and death.

I am his lawful wife and we had been married 11 years and 5 months and 26 days. Our lives had been congenial up to the time of coming to Winston-Salem. His way of teasing about girls was natural and I was always forgiving and patient with him, for I loved him and proved my love true till death, and I forgive him all and loved him still.

As to my being raised in Colorado it is false. I was raised in Spartanburg, S. C., and raised by Christian parents and respected. I struggled so hard to keep our last trouble from the public. I only told it to one family. That was our pastor and wife, and only asked them to join with me in prayer for his heart to be changed, for I thought that was all that was needed. We were members of the Baptist church and we attended as often as convenient, and we both tried to live Christians.

His mind became overbalanced on the girl subject and it seemed such a great burden to us both. As to his going west I knew he was going, but I believe he would return to me in the near future and I continued to pray day and night for his heart to be changed, and I now believe his heart was changed, for the last time he left our home on Monday morning at 7 a. m. he waved his hat at me until the train was out of sight.

But our trials were not the cause of his death. He was knocked by an electric light post under his own train and crushed to death while on duty for the Southern. He was faithful to his duty till death and was shifting his train getting ready to start home for the next morning. I still hope to meet him in heaven. I want to thank all his friends for their kind sympathy and his friends will ever be my friends in life and may all meet him in heaven.

Trusting that his name will rest in peace and honor and that I may find comfort in my bereavement, I am his wife.
September 17, 1907.

A young lawyer in Charlotte lost a bunch of keys a few nights ago. He advertised for them and a farmer living near the city carried them up, stating that he found the keys in his melon patch. That is right good circumstantial evidence. — Raleigh Enterprise.

SELECT YOUR COTTON SEED AT SECOND PICKING.

Progressive Farmer.

The cotton growers of the South have lost millions by planting scrub seed—seed selected with haphazard recklessness at the common cotton gin; mixed seed of good stalks, bumblebee cotton from galled hillsides, starved and misshapen cotton from fields practically turned out to grass by negro tenants, all this degenerate, unproductive seed mixed with seed of the better sort, and the farmer's planting seed taken from this disgusting mixture only to breed poverty for him by poor yields of poor cotton. If the seed used on your farm are carefully selected, and carefully bred up through a period of 15 or 20 years, undoubtedly you can increase your yields 20 or 30 per cent without one extra lick of work. A very simple plan of seed selection is suggested herewith by Dr. H. J. Webber, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the only amendment we would suggest is that the farmer go through his field and select his seed plants for himself, instead of leaving it even to his best laborers. Dr. Webber's plan of seed selection is as follows:

"Take careful pickers that remain on the farm plantation continuously from year to year and train them to recognize the best plants, that is, those most productive, earliest in ripening, and having the largest, best formed, and most numerous bolls. Each year before the second picking, have these select pickers go over the field and pick the cotton from the best plants only. These pickers should be paid by the day and not for the amount picked. Preserve such seed cotton separately, clean it separately on a carefully cleaned gin to avoid mixing, and use the seed to plant the general crop the next year. If sufficient seed is not secured at the second picking, the same pickers can be sent over the field again before the next picking."

Would Be Unwise to Defeat Senator Overman.

Taking occasion recently to refer to the high position taken by Hon. Lee S. Overman in the United States Senate, and the meritorious service rendered by him to his State and the nation, the Wilmington Messenger said:

Still there are some Democrats in the State—a fact hard to believe—who are desirous of retiring him at the end of his first term and putting a new man in his place. We feel sure, however, that a large majority of our party will recognize how suicidal, as a State measure, such action would be, to say nothing of its unfairness to Senator Overman.

The only truthful reason those who wish his retirement can give is that they want the office for a personal friend, who is very anxious for the place. The question for the Democratic members of the next legislature to decide is: Shall the interest of the State be sacrificed and her reputation of being represented in the Senate by one of that body's brainiest and ablest members be lost, for the sole purpose of gratifying the personal ambition of a politician?

We have no personal interest in Senator Overman or his re-election. It is a matter of State pride with us—the desire to have North Carolina represented by Senators who will bring honor and credit to her by the position they take among the foremost statesmen of the nation.

An Enemy to Beware Of.

Charlotte Chronicle.
There was a small strike of cotton mill operatives in Charlotte a few days ago, and this was followed by a small strike of mill operatives in Gastonia. Both strikes were so easily settled as to sustain the belief that there was no need for either. When matters are sifted over, it will be found that the Southern cotton mill managers give no cause for a strike. In the two cases cited, the operatives found that their demands could have been secured by the sensible course of a conference with the mill men and that the spectacular display of a strike was altogether unnecessary. This should teach the Southern cotton mill operatives to think twice before being influenced by the strike agitator. He never suffers, but those who follow him suffer. The strike agitator is an enemy the wage earners of this section of the South need to be on their guard against.

A Boy or a Girl Can Earn as Much as a Man.

We want boys and girls who want to earn money to solicit subscriptions for the Atlanta Semi-Weekly Journal. Don't hesitate because you are young, as you can do this work as readily as older persons and will pay you just the same. The Semi-Weekly Journal is the best known semi-weekly newspaper in the South, and your spare time spent working for it will pay you handsomely, not in toys, watches, or other small wares, but cash. In addition to cash commission, we are offering seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) in prizes. This money will be sent out in time for Christmas. The contest closes December 15th, 1907.

The Passenger—How dare you use such terrible language to the poor horse?
The Cabman—Can't help it, ma'am; but if you was a real lady you wouldn't understand it.

A COTTON-HUNGRY WORLD.

Progressive Farmer.

The close of the cotton year on September 1st was the occasion for the publication of some figures of absorbing interest bearing upon this universally demanded staple. One of the most striking things brought out by the statistics was, that of the world's crop of 18,500,000 bales, 1,500,000 bales remain on hand as a surplus. A more striking thing about the situation is, that this surplus seems to have no appreciable depressing effect upon present prices of cotton.

The absence of such effect is due apparently to two causes: (1) The prospect of a shorter crop for this year, and (2) the universal prospering increase in facilities for spinning it. The 119,000,000 spindles in all parts of the world which spun 17,000,000 bales of cotton last year have grown into 125,000,000 spindles equally as hungry for this year's crop. Great Britain alone added 2,000,000 spindles, or half the increase for the entire world. The same rate of increase, 4 per cent., was made in New England or Northern mills with the addition of 400,000 spindles, while the Southern States with an addition of nearly three quarters of a million spindles score an 8 per cent. rate of increase in a single year. In Europe, the East Indies, Japan, China, Canada and Mexico the business of building new mills and adding to present ones goes on at a rate the world never saw before.

With 123,000,000 hungry spindles busily buzzing at their wonderful work, only a month would be needed to lick up the last year's surplus of a million and a half bales. And that month has nearly expired already. No wonder, then, that this surplus makes so small an impression upon prices. Twelve months ago, with not only no surplus, but a deficiency of over 900,000 bales, the price of cotton was three cents less than the market to-day. No matter if the price is fifteen cents, it now appears likely that as soon as the new crop of cotton can put on its traveling costume (and the neater it is clothed the better), it will take up its journey in a thousand directions over land and sea to answer the call of the spindles.

Stopped Car for a Kiss.

Winston, Conn., Dispatch.
A trolley car in charge of Conductor James Furoy stopped in Windsor Locks to take a man aboard. After the car had started again the conductor saw a woman waving her hand and running toward the car. Suspecting she desired passage, the conductor stopped the car. The man who had just seated himself, jumped from his seat and ran back to meet the woman.

As soon as the couple met the man put his arm around the woman's neck and kissed her three times. Then the woman kissed him. The man took his arm from around the woman's neck, looked at her for an instant, kissed her again, then turned and started back for the car. Conductor Furoy said this was the first case he knew of a woman stopping a trolley car to get a kiss.

An Untaught Cow.

Down on a Southern plantation the dairy hands were accustomed to do the milking squatting down in a primitive fashion, until the owner introduced milking stools with other improvements. But the initial experiment with the innovation did not exactly succeed. The dairy who first sallied forth with the stool returned bruised and battered and with an empty pail.
"I done my best, sah," he explained. "Dat stool looked all right to me, but de blamed cow she won't sit on it!"

Cures Woman's Weaknesses.

We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.
Dr. John Effe one of the Editorial Staff of THE ECCLÉSIOLOGICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (Hemionus Dioica) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription":
"A remedy which invariably acts as a uterus invigorator. It makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system." "It contains in its composition the element which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug with which I am acquainted. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Effe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Hemionus (Unicorn root). Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; chronic (weak) menorrhagia; irregularities of the reproductive organs of women; mental depression and irritability; nervousness; general debility; the reproductive organs of women; constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flooding), due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; general debility from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs; chronic (weak) menorrhagia; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the body."
If more or less of the above symptoms are present, the medicine should be taken. Dr. Effe further says: "The Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Hemionus, and the medical properties of which are most faithfully represented."
Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of Favorite Prescription, Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says: "It is an important remedy in the treatment of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general debility, it is useful."
Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root: "In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine in use about which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."
Prof. H. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal: "Valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flooding) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (obstructed menstruation)."
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PROHIBITION IN GEORGIA WILL BE ENFORCED.

Atlanta Constitution.

The fear, indicated by expressions from several sources, to the effect that the authorities of this city will not concentrate their best efforts toward the enforcement of the state prohibition law when it becomes effective on the 1st of January is based on a misconception of the spirit of this community.

The fact that the people of Atlanta, in the mass, did not support the movement toward total prohibition, and the further fact that the exact present status of popular sentiment on the question has never been definitely ascertained, will not operate to the prejudice of a conscientious observance of the statute when it becomes operative.

At bottom, it is simply a question of law and its enforcement, and the local officials charged with such duties have not been found derelict in the past. It is so logical to assume that the same loyalty to the obligations of their oaths of office will obtain in the future, regardless of the particular nature of the law under discussion.

There may be—there doubtless is—divided opinion in Atlanta with regard to the wisdom and expediency and feasibility of state prohibition. That condition will not prevent an honest and complete enforcement of the provisions of the new act, as framed by the recent session of the general assembly.

Any other prophecy of future developments is a reflection on the law-abiding character of the citizens of Atlanta. Whatever course other cities in Georgia may elect to pursue, that of Atlanta is a plain one—adherence to the letter and spirit of duly constituted law and authority.

Pie.
The old lady who distinguished herself by marking them with a "T," signifying "tis mine" and "taint mine," has been outdone by the culinary expert of a little hotel among the Green Mountains. The chance guest had finished the serious part of a wholesome dinner, when the cook, who was also waitress and landlady, asked him if he didn't want some pie.

"What sort of pie have you?" he asked expectantly.
"Well, we've got three kinds," said the hostess, "opened-faced, cross-barred and kivered—all apple."

Mr. Hardup (entering the nursery).
Why, what are all your children hiding for?
Small Boy—Please, papa, Tommy's the bill collector, and he's called with an account.

A girl thinks it wrong for a man to attempt to kiss her and a young widow thinks it wrong if he doesn't succeed.

Profits aggregating \$490,315,934 were made by the Standard Oil Company in the seven years from 1890 to 1906. Testimony to this effect was given by Assistant Comptroller Fay of the company in the federal hearing Tuesday.

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