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THE ANGRY NEWSPAPER READER.

The Hendersonville Herald commends the Raleigh News and Observer for refusing to be intimidated by subscribers who disagree with that paper's policies. Recently the News and Observer received letters from certain subscribers who were ruffled because of the paper's criticism of Governor Kitchin and Senator Simmons, and these subscribers ordered their papers stopped. The Hendersonville Herald, like the News and Observer and all other honest, fearless newspapers, condemns the practice to which some people are addicted of attempting to bulldoze newspapers by cancelling their subscriptions whenever the papers criticize their friends or express opinions of which the subscribers do not approve. Such action should be condemned, but occurrences of this kind are too numerous in most newspaper offices to be given very serious consideration. The subscriber who gets mad and quits is likely to return to the newspaper in a few days or weeks or months; and if he does not, the opinion or incident which causes one subscriber to quit is likely to bring the paper another or a dozen or a score of subscribers. Therefore, the newspaper is never likely to be the loser in a case of this kind, while such incidents are unpleasant and the intolerance frequently manifested by subscribers is calculated to ruffle the feelings of the newspaper man.

The average man fondly imagines when he cancels his subscription to a newspaper that newspaper will immediately plunge into bankruptcy. He fancies that his support is absolutely essential to the continuance of the business and that the loss of a subscriber will stop the publication of the paper. He is not aware that in the average newspaper office cancellations of subscriptions are daily received and that they are merely passing incidents. If the newspaper is a going, growing proposition new subscriptions are also being received, and the man who quits receives only the briefest notice. No newspaper desires to lose a single subscriber, but sensible newspaper men realize the futility of trying to hold the irate subscriber, whose position probably is unreasonable and who will not even listen to reasonable and business-like conversation. The best course to pursue in a case of this kind is to let the subscriber quit, and stay until he cools off. Some newspapers give entirely too much attention to the offended and angry subscriber. The Telegram thinks the News and Observer did so when it "wrote up" two such subscribers and placed the article on the front page. The matter was of too little consequence to merit so much prominence.

Subscribers to newspapers come and go, they stop and start. All this is in the course of business and merits only the attention and the weight that ordinary business details receive. Anything in the nature of a boycott or an organized effort to destroy the circulation of a newspaper would, of course, have to be handled in a different manner; but the single mad subscriber, or the same multiplied several times, should be given ordinary business attention. When the irate subscriber finds that his course has not bankrupted the paper and that it continues to live and flourish, he will awaken to the fact that he made a fool of himself and will probably make amends by subscribing for the paper again.

Many people appear to think that the newspaper man will necessarily take their cancellation of a subscription as an affront, and they try all sorts of dodges to avoid his fancied ill will in such cases. There is no more reason why a newspaper man should occupy this attitude than that a merchant should do so when a prospective customer informs him that a certain article does not please and leaves his store without making a purchase.

No newspaper is able to please every-

body; and there is no reason why those who are not pleased with a particular paper should continue to patronize it. Let them apply the rules of good business to the case, pay up and discontinue their subscriptions. Every newspaper wants all the subscribers it can possibly get, but the honest newspaper wants only satisfied subscribers. Satisfied subscribers are worth much to a paper; dissatisfied subscribers are a detriment to its progress.

The public should deal fairly with the newspapers and the newspapers should follow that policy in dealing with the public. This applies to all departments of the newspaper business. A newspaper, if it is properly conducted, is a business enterprise. The public should keep this in mind and remember that it is necessary in dealing with the newspaper to observe only the rules which govern the other lines of business. This will apply if the newspaper is conducted as a business enterprise. If it is not, better let it alone and give your business to a newspaper which is recognized as a business enterprise.

THE FREE ADVERTISING BURDEN.

The free advertising burden which the average newspaper in the small towns or small city bears, is immense. In this respect the newspaper is made a pack-horse for the community and it is generally worked to a finish. The Telegram has time and again stressed the fact that publishing a newspaper is a business enterprise; that honest newspapers have nothing but subscriptions and advertising space for sale, and that if they give away their stock in trade they are bound to fail as business enterprises and ultimately land in the bankruptcy court. Despite all that this newspaper has said, however, there are yet many people who almost daily say, "The Telegram to give them what is for sale. These people would not think of asking the merchant or any other business man to give them the things offered for sale, but they apparently take it as a matter of course that the newspapers must do so and are mighty offended when asked to pay for what is clearly advertising or for papers.

This condition of affairs which prevails in Greensboro is due to education, no doubt. The newspapers here have educated the people to expect free that for which they should pay. The newspapers are largely to blame, we believe, for this condition of affairs and the newspaper men responsible for it should bear the blame without making a kick, but it is rather hard on newspaper men who have come to Greensboro and who have had nothing to do with the building up of a false and unbusiness-like sentiment and practice.

Right in line with The Telegram's views of these matters is the following from the Asheville Citizen:

"The Citizen is compelled by reason of the frequent demands made upon it for free space in exploiting church fairs, suppers, etc., to which an admission is charged, to state that a charge is made for this sort of advertising as well as for regular commercial business."

A newspaper has two sources of revenue, i. e., subscriptions and advertising. They constitute the publisher's sole stock in trade, and no paper can long exist which attempts to give away either papers or advertising space.

"The Citizen does not mean to convey the impression that this paper does not intend to champion in the future, as it has done in the past, any worthy cause. It will be a grown-up joke if she does not. Still it could be made into a fairly decent literary stable.—Winston Journal.

NEWSPAPER OPINION.

"What's the use of Greenville County, South Carolina, voting a bond issue to build a court house when South Carolina has a Governor who has pardoned or paroled 200 prisoners in the past few months?" impotently asks the Greensboro Telegram. Didn't some of the inmates in Tennessee build new court houses when Patterson was Governor?—Greenville, S. C., Piedmont.

"Fashion and Morals" is the subject of an editorial in The Greensboro (N. C.) Telegram. We are glad to see The Telegram preaching both of these to the Greensboro people.—Greenville, S. C., Piedmont.

We are printing at another place a very readable character sketch from the Charlotte Chronicle of "Candler of Tishah," the most unique politician of South Carolina. But does the Chronicle know that "Candler of Tishah," like most Americans who attain anything, from politics to baseball, was born in North Carolina? "Candler of Tishah," or "Jim Candler," as we knew him, is a native of Catawba county, and carried to South Carolina some time in the early seventies a good drilling in Latin, Greek, mathematics and declamation from Catawba high school, then in palmed days, under the management of Dr. J. C. Chapman and Major S. M. Finger.—Newton Enterprise.

The progress of towns and communities has been retarded more by the people who want things to remain like they were when Noah came out of the ark than by any other influence that can be mentioned. Until a person becomes possessed of a certain amount of pride in his town or community and of a willingness to put forth some effort toward making the section of country in which he lives look like something besides a last year's bird nest he isn't going to be worth much outside of providing a mere living for his immediate family.—Marchville Home.

Guildford superior court convened at Greensboro yesterday, and the first work of the court was the freeing of five couples from the bonds of matrimony. And the business of marrying in haste goes merrily on. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" appears to be the popular motto.—Salisbury Post.

The Greenville Piedmont seems to think that proximity to the Twin City has injured Greensboro. Too, only sprouts grow in the shade of a large tree.—Winston Journal.

Columbia as yet has not taken Greensboro's white elephant, the auditorium, off her hands. It will be a grown-up joke if she does not. Still it could be made into a fairly decent literary stable.—Winston Journal.

PRINTERS' HEALTH.

Their International Union Presences Its Campaign.

The volume containing the reports of the officers of the International Typographical Union for the fiscal year ending May, 1911, is now in circulation.

The International Typographical Union has for years conducted a health campaign from its international headquarters, and working through local committees, to which an admission is charged. In his report this year President Lynch has this to say as to the progress of the campaign:

"Your president has continued the agitation during the past year for better sanitary conditions in the work rooms where our members are compelled to labor. We have also continued the distribution of the tuberculosis pamphlet.

"As to sanitation and other work room conditions, our local unions should continue to give these subjects attention.

With the movement against filth and non-ventilated composition rooms there will be entire sympathy on the part of the general public, and no employer can afford to resist the demand for a change in working conditions that will guarantee health and comfort. As a matter of fact, well ventilated and scientifically arranged composing rooms are as good an investment as is the latest improvement in typesetting machinery, or the newest and most up-to-date face of type. The worker who is in good health and who is working amid pleasant surroundings is the best kind of a worker, for both mentally and physically he is equipped to produce the best that his art knows. Good printing means additional patronage for the printing office, and to a very great extent good printing requires artistic typesetting.

"All of our local unions should have health committees, and these committees should be uniting in their efforts to improve sanitary conditions and other features in composing rooms requiring betterment. Whenever a condition exists that requires improvement, if the employer fails to make the improvement on request of the health committee, then the bad condition should be called to the attention of the local board of health, and if the local board of health refuses to act, agitation should be started through pamphlets circulated liberally, and through the withdrawal of our members from employment in the composing room of the offending proprietor, if this

last radical step is an absolute necessity.

"As I have often toldly asserted, a higher wage scale is of no benefit to a member of the conditions under which he works make for the propagation of disease and early death. The family might better retain the provider and protector under a low wage scale than enjoy the fruits of a high wage scale for only a limited period, and then when husband and father is removed become subjects of the charity of the public, or of the union, or of fraternal societies."

President Lynch also touches on the great white plague, and says:

"Scientific research has proven that there is no known medicine that will cure consumption, and that it is a waste of time and money to use so-called 'consumption cures.' All advertised cures of this nature are frauds. Doctors who advertise should be avoided as much as medicines which are advertised. Reputable doctors do not advertise. When a person learns that he has consumption he should go at once to a physician or dispensary and do as he is advised. He should not waste time or money on patent medicines. Advertised cures and advertised doctors are all worthless. This is the advice given by one of the most eminent physicians. Over \$1,000,000 annually is poured into the coffers of those who exploit and advertise fake consumption cures, according to the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis; and for this vast sum the victims receive nothing in return, but are often permanently injured, and, in the majority of cases, cheated out of the chance for a real cure. Sanitary workrooms and an abundance of fresh air at all times are the best preventatives. These admissions are being constantly proclaimed by the International Typographical Union through its travelling tuberculosis exhibit, its sanitarians at the Union Printers' Home, and by the annual distribution of thousands of pieces of literature.—Columbia State.

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