

ABOUT PAPERS.

THE NEWS MILLS ARE

The Country Press.

Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette.

Occasionally some philosopher goes in search of the "power of the press" and when he does so he almost invariably directs his attention to some of the chief cities and expects to find it there.

The same man, perhaps, if he was told to locate the source of life in a tree would point to the topmost branches or if asked as to the stability of a great building would base his opinion on the appearance of the cornice and the distance of the weather vane from the ground.

It must not be denied, of course, that editors of great papers are great men. Their sayings all have enormous weight, and if they have cribbed the sentiment from some less prominent journal they get the credit for it and who is to know the difference?

The country press is an unflinching indication of the condition of the public mind, and just as it is heeded by the cooped-up city man is he right or wrong. Examples are not wanting in the immediate past to prove that the supposedly great editors and correspondents can go astray.

The London Chronicle wanted information and sent Mr. Norman after it. Did he go to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia or Boston after it? Not by any means. He was too old a newspaper man. He bought a through ticket for Washington.

When you desire to learn what the people think waste no time on the guesses of some editor of a great city paper who entered college at eighteen or twenty years of age and has learned nothing of the average citizens since that time.

When your stomach begins to trouble you, it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and until it gets it, you won't have any peace. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous.

Eight for Ten.

A lady who is heart and soul in the temperance work sends to THE COMMONWEALTH the following clipping from the Christian Statesman:

The Missouri stagecoach driver shed light on the vitality of the saloon when he said: "You can never down the whiskey business when there is an eight-cent profit in a ten-cent drink."

At Maidstone, England, recently, the action of a local brewer who withdrew his support from the church because of the vicar's attitude upon the temperance question, drew forth at a public conference a rousing resolution which was carried with applause.

Old, But Good.

Topic.

The following story originated in Ohio many years ago, but will bear repeating:

A minister in one of the orthodox churches, while on his way to preach a funeral in the country, called to see one of his members, an old lady who had just been making sausages, and she felt very proud of them, insisting on the minister taking some of the links home to his family.

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Living Work.

Monroe Enquirer.

If a man could look at his life, as it will be looked upon by others after his little day of existences has ended, how differently he would sometimes act.

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Toplady wrote some of the most bitter, burning articles against John Wesley. Those writings are scarcely known to-day. No one reads them, no one loves them.

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