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"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."—1. John 4:8

(The text for to-day was suggested by the Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, B. D., S. T. B., pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church. Next week's text will be suggested by Rev. A. D. Shepard, pastor of the Andover Baptist Church.

COUNTRY EDITORS YOUR SENTINEL

IT REALLY seems as if the only remaining bulwark of American liberty to protect the people against the continuous onslaughts of the special privilege classes is the country press which stands firm for the presentation of truth and declines to sell its soul for a miserable subsidy.

The home town newspaper is essentially a mirror of the life of its community. It tells the truth, and as it is trained and is not ashamed to tell the truth about the old home town, so when it deals with the greater business and economic problems it is equally frank and also equally unafraid.

Only in the country press can the reader get a proper perspective of the miserable trickery that is hatched in the great business centers for the undoing and robbery of the nation.

This newspaper, and happily nearly two thousand other country newspapers, are disclosing, every week, facts of vital moment to the people that the city press would not and dare not publish.

What city newspaper even yet has dared to lay bare the systematic propaganda of the railroads?

The railroads sought to lower the wage rate, draw a red herring over the trail of profits of millions, pose as suffering under great financial strain, and at the same time get the people back of a move for higher freight rates while they raked in millions of profits called "income from other sources"

Not a word from any city newspaper.

What city paper blazed the way as this newspaper and other country newspapers has, to expose the inner workings of the coal conspiracy that meant higher coal prices, not only in this town but in every town, the most outrageous amalgamated exploitation of the public and the worker attempted in decades?

What have the meat packers had to suffer from your city newspapers? Nothing. They have been used simply to spread misleading extracts from skillfully organized systems of bookkeeping that befuddle the public mind.

For years the city press was the sole key to information. By its gigantic wealth it controlled the news supply. Now the times are changed and the country newspaper editor is on the job. Two thousand of them, and we are one, are combined to have sent to them each week news and pictures and features that put truth before the people of the country, and form a source that has no part or parcel in the wanton subsidy that controls the metropolitan dailies.

There is nothing essential in this, except in so far as already the newspaper has shown that truth is indeed stranger than fiction.

OH, THOSE BOLD NEW YORKERS!

LED by the nose, as asses are, perfectly describes the multitude of "astute New York business men" who without protest each month march in line like so many sheep to the ticket office of the New York Central Railroad and put up an extortionate price to have the privilege of standing up in a railroad train without even the accommodation of a hanging strap to retain their balance.

But this is not all, dear reader of the country, you, supposed to be so simple. The gentlemen, millionaires as well as workmen, are told they must be "mugged" and their photographs pasted on their tickets, so that the intelligent railroad conductors may know their bosses are not swindled out of a fare by some one riding on a ticket bought and paid for by someone else.

The fact that the ride has been paid for means nothing in the young life of the New York Central, and so it has established this private little rogues' gallery system of its own and the wise city slickers march to the crack of the whip.

Poor benighted country folks, if they do that to the smart New Yorkers what would they do to us if we had to use their suffocating passenger coaches? We wonder.

The story is not yet told, however. When the New Yorker, in his supine submission, seeks to paste his photograph on his ticket he is plainly told that such a proceeding is entirely out of order. He must have an official photograph taken at the office of the official railroad "mugger," a special photographer, so that a duplicate may be kept in the railroad gallery of notable persons but possible rogues.

Also the prospective traveller is told he must pay 35 cents for being "mugged." And he does. Presumably the finger print system will next be resorted to. If it is, there is no doubt that intellectual Manhattan will still supply a sufficient number of boobs to fill the trains off the New York Central. If they don't, then the road will take off a sufficient number of cars so that the trains will be filled.

The sign known to so many of our boys in France, "4 Hommes 8 Chaveaux" has no place on the New York Central.

Every car should be labelled: "All the asses that can be jammed in."

New York surely has some supply.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

WE WOULDN'T be bothered so much with bad roads if we were more prompt in repairing them when they first begin to go to pieces.

If you dip a saw into a pail of water and wipe it off thoroughly afterwards, no harm will be done. But if the dampness is allowed to remain a few hours the saw will be a mass of rust.

Saws do not cost much, but we are careful to keep them free from rust.

Roads cost many thousands of dollars, and we allow them to become ruined from neglect.

Can you supply a satisfactory reason for such marvelous inconsistency?

MAKE home attractive for the children and they will not hunger for the attractions of the street.

Children are not interested in market quotations, or political discussions, or the latest morsel of scandal. They require diversions suitable to their age, and when these diversions are not to be had in the home their minds naturally turn to where they are to be found.

Parents who understand this have little difficulty in controlling their children and making them a credit to the community.

THERE are lots of soft snaps in the world, but they seldom come to people who are looking for them.

The young man who starts out to hunt them generally finds an old man who failed to find them.

Honesty, thrift and perseverance will produce them in time, but an eternity of mere seeking will be of no avail.

WHEN you find a man whom dogs and cats instinctively avoid he is invariably a person you will do well to avoid yourself.

Dogs and cats understand human nature about as well as some of us mortals know it. They respond quickly to kindness, and are extremely sensitive to brutality. The claws under the polished human surface are not easily concealed from them.

Keep your eye on the dog, and you will soon get the number of its master.

If a lion cub becomes unruly the mother lioness does not mince matters. She administers prompt punishment by a swipe with one of her paws.

Some people could take a leaf from the lion's book with profit to themselves and to their children.

But they don't, and the child pays for its mollycoddling long before it reaches maturity.

The lioness knows, remembers, and acts.

Many humans know, forget, and later repent.

And still, we wouldn't care to be a beast, tho' their intelligence does at times appear to be superior to ours.

MR. HOOVER has talked much of preventing profiteering in coal this winter. The people listened, and wondered if he really meant what he said.

Now it is up to Mr. Hoover—bang up against him.

If he climbs up into the skies, gets a firm grip upon coal prices, and jerks them back to earth again; we will believe that he is a man of truth. But if he does not—well, he won't be the first man who has bluffed his way thru a sea of political and profiteering filth.

The people are looking your way, Mr. Hoover.

Will you make good, or have you been making a bluff?

We have no comment to make on the booze situation. Comment is superfluous.

If you were to call a preacher a middleman he might vigorously object, and yet that is exactly what he is when he ties the customary knot.

Never despise the perspiring boy behind the soda fountain. He can give you an extra allowance of cream if he so desires.

Underwear • Under-priced

We are Showing this week Bargains in MEN'S AND BOYS' UNDERWEAR

- Men's Heavy Ribbed Union Suits, elastic knit \$1.50
Men's Extra Heavy Fleece Union Suits \$1.75
Men's Heavy Fleece Shirts and Drawers 85c
Stephenson's All Wool Shirts and Drawers
Stephenson's All Wool Union Suits
Boys' Heavy Fleece Union Suits 85c to \$1.25

SHOES

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A new and beautiful line of House Slippers \$1.00 a pair and up
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Army Roast Beef 25c a can
O'Neill's Coffee 25c a pound
Fresh Fig Bars 2 lbs. 25c
Fresh Ginger Snaps 2 lbs. 25c
Best Bread Flour, 24 1/2 lb. sack \$1.05
Shredded Wheat 10c pkg
Aluminum Ware 98c each
Army Corned Beef 25c a can
Fresh Soda Crackers 2 lbs. 25c
Fresh Graham Crackers 15c lb.
Best Red Salmon 1 lb. cans 22c
Best Pink Salmon 2 cans 25c
Scrap Tobacco 3 pkgs. for 25c
Camel Cigarettes 15c pkg
Chocolate Creams 20c lb.
Sweet Potatoes 10 lbs. 25c
Mixed Candy 15c lb.
Calla Hams 17c lb.
Salt Pork 16c lb.
Fine Japan Tea 45c lb.
Earley June Peas 15c a can
Canned Corn 3 cans 29c
We carry cold smoked meats.

FRESH BAKED GOODS PARKER HOUSE ROLLS & FRIED CAKES

Andover Laundry Price List

Table with columns for DRY CLEANING GENTS' LIST, DYEING GENTS' LIST, LADIES' LIST, BOYS' LIST, GIRL'S LIST. Lists items like Suits, Coats, Pants, Skirts, etc. with prices.

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