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The Press as a Factor

THE modern day press, whether it be a home town weekly or daily, a magazine or periodical of any nature, continues to bring more forcibly that the "power of the press" has been an educational fact for more years than the average man cares to juggle in his statistical sojourn.

Today these publications are devoted to specialized subjects. It is interesting to step into a place where papers, periodicals, news, trade and fiction journals are on file and observe how many of them have to do with special subjects of either sport news or feature value, and of a definite educational value.

If we were to stop at one of these places we would find an advertiser's magazine, in which various selling and merchandising problems are discussed by experts of wide experience. These articles go deeper than being just "news." They probe problems both from the theoretical and practical points of view, yet they are news.

Another periodical discusses the short story writer's problems, markets and constantly changing techniques.

Still another discusses the stenographer's world, while the one below this in the pile has to do with weaver's problems. Weavers are a big class interested in many types of textiles, and just as the stenographer's paper goes at problems confronting typists in law offices and so on, so does the various weaver's paper divide its attention between the needs of artisans and artists in a wide variety of mills. New problems are, of course, particularly appealing because they have both news and educational value.

Next in the pile is a national educators' publication, and after that a huge collection of papers and magazines designed for housewives and their multifarious problems. Then comes one for which designers are the audience. Later on, a newspaper for hotel employees, one of a large collection of publications known as "house organs."

Last, but perhaps first in point of public education, are the newspapers, describing, discussing, picturing the events, problems, purposes, joys and sorrows of a nation—yes, a world! Sometimes the scene changes event to other worlds, and we find an article on the possibilities of life on Mars.

Yes, "the power of the press" is a fact; but perhaps we ought to say "the powers."

When we learn to know ourselves as others know us, our pride generally drops.

Praise for the Living

SOMEONE we know is going to pass on to another world some day. No one knows the time or the way of their going.

Their good deeds will appeal to us and will be emphasized when they are gone. We will all vainly attempt to say with flowers what we left unsaid while they were on earth to hear it.

Before the grass grows over them, we will utter many kind words about them. Their sterling qualities will be extolled, and their faults, which we once enlarged, will be written upon the sand.

But that is the way of the world.

It might be different, however. We might commend their good traits while they are here to reap the benefits of compliments that would stir them to greater efforts.

A kind word means much to those who are striving to do right. It encourages them in their laudable undertakings, to persevere in the path of honor, and to help those who are wavering.

Say it to them in life; they can't hear you when they are gone.

In these days of rouge and powder, a rose is not the only thing that is born to blush unseen.

Federal Aid for Roads

THE growth of the movement for good roads was set in motion on July 11, 1916, when the law was approved by which the United States gave its financial support to "aid the states in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes." Prior to that date the government had not given support to the states for highways.

The first Federal aid bill provided $5,000,000 for 1919. Uncle Sam thought he was going some at that. But the experiment was so popular that the expenditures were raised to $75,000,000 for the year 1920, and it has never gone below that figure.

The bill passed at the last congress sticks to the sum of $75,000,000 a year for Federal aid. Representative Gardner of Indiana, who is a member of the committee of the house having charge of roads legislation, declared at the time of the adjournment of congress that every member of his committee favored increasing the appropriation for state aid to $100,000,000 a year, beginning in 1930, but they were restrained from recommending this increase in appropriations because they were informed that the president would not sign a bill increasing the annual amounts expended for Federal aid above $75,000,000.

The American standard of living seems to be about ten gallons of gas each week.

Heralds of Progress

IT WAS less than a century ago that a woman of the middlewest wrote to her cousin in New York:

"Last winter I was told of a curious new device for making fire. It consisted of small splinters of wood with tips of some substance that bursts into flame when rubbed on a rough surface. If you can procure some of them for me I will be grateful."

Matches were in general use in Europe for years before being introduced into this country. There was no means for spreading such news rapidly.

Today the new invention that contributes to comfort or convenience is quickly known the country over. Advertising conveys the information. The farmer's wife in New Mexico or Nevada is as well posted on these things as the city woman of the East.

They are heralds of progress, with real news for you and your family. They save you time, lighten your work and enable you to obtain the utmost for the money you spend.

Physical exercise is good practice, but the mouth doesn't need to be included.

Winter and Children

SOME fond parents make the great mistake of bringing up their children as if they were hothouse plants.

They are continually kept indoors, are seldom allowed to enjoy the companionship of other children and are denied the life in the open that puts red blood into human veins.

Years later when they develop weak or abnormal minds, and show a lack of capacity for success in the world of affairs, their deficiencies become a handicap to them and a source of grief to their parents, who could have prevented such a condition if they had adopted the right course in the beginning.

The sun shines for little children as well as grown-ups. Permit them to enjoy it to the fullest if you would have them justify the love and devotion you bestow upon them.

Winter sunshine, and the cold out-of-doors will harm no one, provided, of course, the body is well protected from the wintry blasts. When our forefathers were children, they survived much colder winters than do our children of today, and it was just such conditions that made for us a sturdy nation.

One of the joys of an old man is to tell all the mean things he did when he was a youngster.

Criticism Without Thought

IF THE most good is to be derived from school visits of parents and other patrons, the school should have the benefit of any suggestions or criticism they may have to offer. The public schools are a co-operative enterprise, and to obtain the best results, we should all be thinking and working on plans for their improvement.

It might seem presumptious for one who has not been in a school building since he graduated, to offer a criticism of a school teacher or executive, but since school authorities always invite an expression of sentiment regarding the conduct of the schools, patrons may feel free to say what they wish.

The Parent-Teachers' Association will offer a good outlet for such expressions, and every well-wisher of the schools is hoping that a renewed interest will be taken in this organization. It can be made a forum for discussion of school problems in an intelligent way, with the entire elimination of personalities, and with only one aim—school betterment.

And in offering criticism, school patrons should not do so in the spirit of finding fault, because such methods will not build up, but will tear down the school morale. Criticism given only with the best interests of the schools in mind will be of some value.

At times the criminal business seems good, but it is really bad.

A Most Expensive Rodent

THE United States Public Health Service has estimated that rats cost this country annually four hundred million dollars, in food they consume and property damage, and that the rat population equals one to every individual.

The service department is attempting to create interest in this appalling waste, by urging steps to eradicate it. One of the first steps in their program is that of eliminating the hiding places and making life more difficult for them, so states a bulletin which the department has prepared.

"The general unawareness of a condition which has assumed the proportions of a grave national problem," the health service declared "is proof of the marvelous resourcefulness and cunning of the rat. What other dangerous and destructive animals could have lived so long in such close proximity to man without having made itself so seriously obnoxious as to excite a wave of resentment leading to speedy extermination?

"In this age-old fight for survival, the rat has learned lessons of sagacity, patience and agility which fit it well for a contest in which man must exercise his ingenuity to the utmost if he would win."

Direct measures of attack, the health service believes, have but a limited usefulness in the hands of the public, but suppressive measures offer the best means of exterminating the rat. The most effective suppressive measure is to separate the rat from its customary food supply and the health service recommends that food be kept in rat-proof containers wherever foodstuffs are stored.

A man the other day made his first after dinner address at the age of 75 years. He was old enough to know better.

Men of science say that hair grows after death, but there isn't any consolation in that for a baldheaded man.

It is funny that some persons never realize what big chances they take, until after they reach the hospital.

Experts just now are finding but that the most dangerous thing about an automobile is the driver.

Leap year is a thing of the past and, there are still plenty of marriageable girls unmarried.

When a man lights a match to peer into his gasoline tank to see if it contains any gasoline, it generally

Births

Dec. 25.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dyell of Canaseraga, a daughter.

Dec. 10.—To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gregg of Alma, a daughter, Hilde Jeanette Greene.

Deaths

Dec. 11.—Mrs. Frances Ellison of Wellsville, aged 80 years. She leaves a son, Ray Ellison and daughter, Miss Jessamine Ellison, both of Wellsville. The body was taken to Canisteo for burial.

Dec. 29.—Mrs. Evelyn Cronon of Wellsville. Deceased was born in Canada in 1902. Her husband, Thomas Cronon, and a daughter survive. The body was taken to Arthur, Canada, for funeral services and burial.

Dec. 29.—Mrs. Anna Kruger of Wellsville. Deceased was born in Germany in 1851, and had lived in Wellsville 17 years. She leaves two sons, Henry Pohl of Washington, D. C., and Emil Kruger of Wellsville.

Dec. 27.—Hugh B. Sutfin, Wellsville oil producer, died at his home in that village after a long illness, aged 65 years. His widow and a son, Garwood Sutfin survive.

Dec. 27.—Peter Stechman of Chamberlain street, Wellsville, aged 68. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

Dec. 17.—Walter J. Whitehead, at his home in Richburg, following an illness of two years. Aged 58 years. He leaves a wife, two brothers and a sister.

Dec. 20.—Mrs. Mary Ann Conklin of Lyndon Hill, Cuba township. Mrs. Conglin was among the oldest residents of the town, born Sept. 2, 1830, on Union Hill, then known as Yankee Hill, in a small log house in the woods, just across the road from the home of a grandson, Monroe Conklin, Jr., now a resident on the original farm settled when Erastus Upson, father of Mrs. Conklin, took up his home in the then densely timbered almost wilderness. When the Upsons settled near Cuba and the father came to town he had to find his way back and forth by a blazed trail thru the virgin trees. One son, Wallace M. Conklin, survives.

Notice to Creditors

Pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Ackerman, surrogate of Allegany County, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of Frank Raufenbarth, late of the Town of Andover, Dec'd, deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned Executrix at her residence in the Village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the 15th day of April, 1929.

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Dated at Andover, N. Y., October 17, 1928.

FRANK S. CLARK,
ANDREW D. FULLER,
Executors.

MIRA DIFFIN,
Attorney for Executors,
Andover, N. Y. 16

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Pursuant to an order of Hon. B. B. Ackerman, Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of George Hartrum, late of Andover, N. Y., deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned Administrators of said estate at the Law Office of Crayton L. Earley in the village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the 25th day of June, 1929.

Dated November 10, 1928.

MARY HARTRUM,
C. A. SLAGHT,
Administrators.

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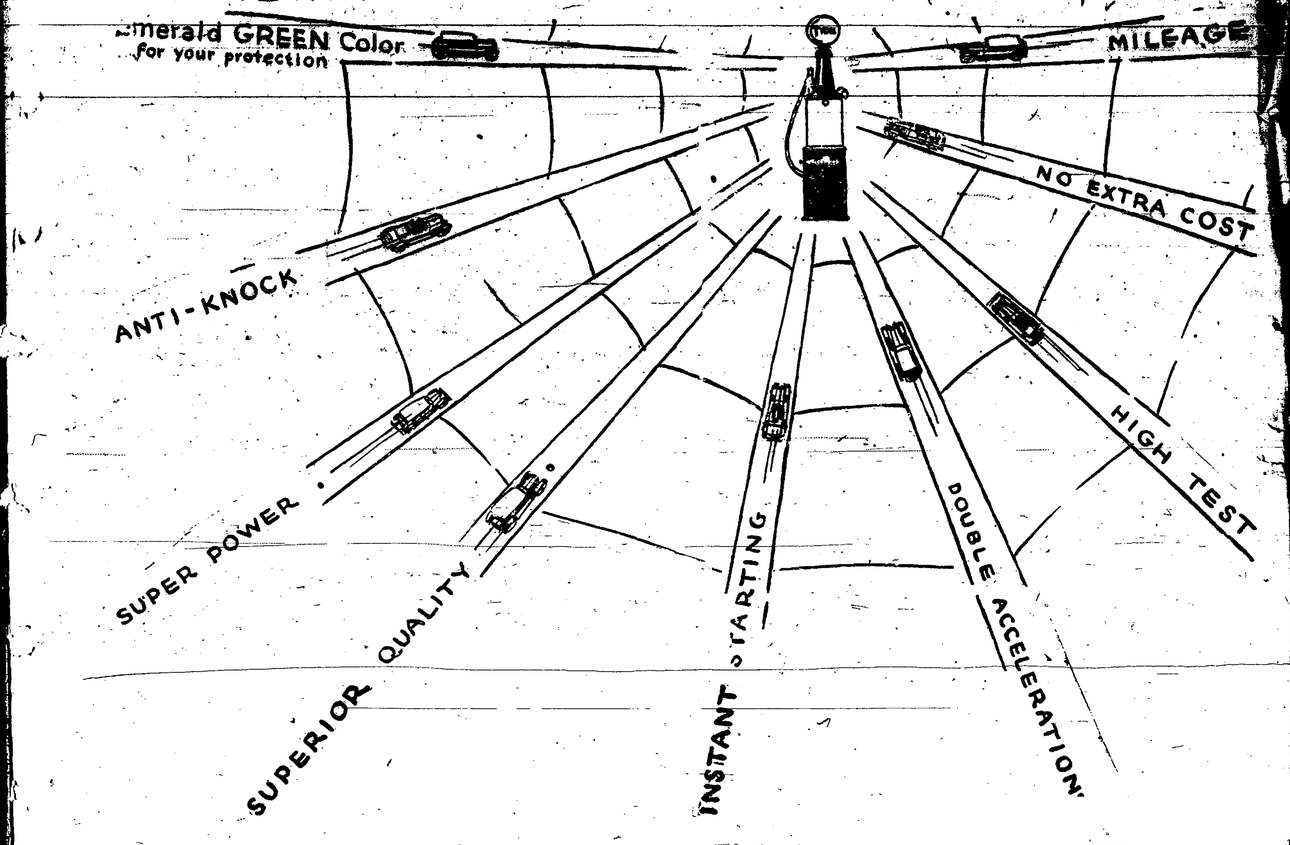

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