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"THE IDEAL NEWSPAPER.

There has been some discussion in magazines and newspapers on the subject of "The ideal newspaper." Of course it turns on the debater's notion of what constitutes such a paper, and each individual has his own ideal. But there seems to be a general desire for a public journal that shall be free from the sensationalism of the times and be honest and truthful in its presentation of facts and occurrences, without partisan and sectarian blas and presenting the better side of current events, ignoring the grossly criminal and suppressing the horrifying details of calamities and woes.

A veteran editor, E. Prentiss Balley of the Utica, N. Y., Observer, says: "The ideal newspaper must be created by an ideal public." That is one way of setting forth a common opinion among journalists. While the public does not really "create" the popular paper, it is certain that the demand induces the supply, and that the successful newspaper is that which its readers want. While a public journal may succeed in guiding the public mind on many matters, it must furnish such news as is desired by the masses of readers or it will fail of the support that is essential to its maintenance. It may do much toward forming an "ideal public," but it cannot live unless it comes up to something approaching the ideal of that public

The general reader of newspapers wants to know what is going on in the world, and often the opinions of the paper cut but a secondary figure in his estimate of its value. The style in which the news is presented has much to do with its accentance, and there is too much of a desire and taste for exaggeration and what is called "spice' to secure accuracy and the simple truth. The reporter or general newspaper man wishes to make his "stuff" interesting and attractive, and the consequence is highly colored and sometimes distorted accounts of real events and sceasionally downright fabrications. These ought to be frowned down and stamped out of respectable publications, and the reading public should be against such misstories, for this are worse than worthless Fictitious "interviews," fake "specirls;" false headlines, written to deceive the hasty reader and stating matiters not to be found in the body of the article; attacks on individuals, unwar. ranted and often libelous and atrocious; distortions of remarks by public speakers and writers; personal defamation; malletous insinuation; spiteful and persistent assaults on men who disdain to reply or to resent them: feul epithets, venomous voidings of spleen and the prostitution of the press to individual comity and wrath; these are some of the marks of the "yellow journalism" that is coming to be despised and that it is to be hoped will soon be rejected of men and allowed to lapse into desuetude if not to reach utter repudiation. The pub-He must begin the work of their condemnation and destruction, by ceasing to give them their support either as purveyors of doctored news or dis-

press. But a newspaper must have the news or it will not be taken by the public, and its publication being necessarily a matter of business, it will have to conform to the public demand or it would soon cease to be. Nevertheless its opinions should be honest and fair and expressed so as to be understood, and be on the side of right and truth as the writers understand and see the light and as God shall guide and approve.

NUMBER OF INDIANS.

The Mobile Register says the supposition that the Indians are rapidly dying, out is a popular fallacy. The first actual census, we are told, was taken in 1836 and then the number of Redmen in the country was found to be, 253,464 Today there are 284,000 Indians, showing an increase of \$0,000 in seventy years. Prior to the time of the first census the estimate of the total Indian population was only guesswork. Thus, in 1829. Morse made a report in which he put the Indian population at 471,036. Five years later the secretary of war re-

ported 129,335. Four years later a new secretary of war said there were 312,-920. Reginning with the count of 1836 the official reports of Indian population are as follows: In 1860, at the beginning of the Civil war, there were 254.200. Twenty years later, in 1880, there were 256,127. In 1900 there were 272.023. Today, by count of the Indian agents on the reservations of the country there are 284,000 Indians. Many of the Indians of Oklahoma are prosperous and highly educated, and there is no doubt. that in course of time, they will exerclse an influence upon national affairs.

PALESTINE PROGRESSING

Reports concerning Palestine are rather encouraging to the Zionists. Many Hebrews, it is said, are locating in various parts of the country, and the Turkish government does no longer frown upon that class of immigra- | time at the investors' expense. because it materially increases the revenue. At the same time, the resources of the country are being developed. Lines of transportation are multiplying and facilitating trade, and the exports and imports are greatly increased. In a recent communication to the British government, the writer is quoted as follows:

"At Gaza the government proposes to build a sea jetty, which would give n impetus to trade there, as at pres ent there is only an open roadstead, and whenever the sea is rough the loading or discharging of cargoes is impracticable. Gaza has 40,000 popu-Beersheba, though at present atton consisting of only 50 dwellings, is rising in importance, as it is the seat of government of the 70,000 Bedouins, who inhabit the district. The govertor of Beersheba is doing his best to encourage building. There is a carrlage road being made to Hebron from Beersheba, which is also a telegraph statio

"The Jaffa-Jerusalem railway is prosperous line. prosperous line. Statistics for 1995 are not yet available, but for 1904 the receipts amounted to \$171,000 which 61 per cent was profit, the best since the railway was opened. The number of passengers conveyed was 9,555 first class and \$3,021 second class. The total tonnage of merchan-dise handled was 25,000 tons. The carriage road between Jerusalem and Nablous, the ancient capital of Sa-

misrepresented than President McKinley. He was the daily object of abuse in text and picture, and it is not improbable that this abuse was the indirect cause of his assassination. But who remembers today the vaporings of the traducers of that great American? They are no more, while his personality stands forth in the full light of his true, admirable character, no matter what his human weaknesses and mis-

takes may have been.

Only truth is a permanent, irresistible, and eternal force. Like gravitation and other immutable laws of nature. It is always exerting its influence. There is no escape from it. Falsehood is also a force but like the wind, erratic, of short duration; no matter how furiously it rages at times, it soon spends its violence, and the damage it may have done while raging, is generally repaired in short time. It is unprofitable to enlist in the service of falsehood. To become the slave of any master of evil is to become the loser both in this life and the hereafter.

Philadelphia will wake up now. It is suffering from a plague of fleas.

The question of the hour is not who pays the freight, but who pays the demurrage

Amherst college will make swimming ompulsory. That is better than compulsory Greek. Clark Howell looks upon the Georgia

primary elections as a decidedly Hokeus pokus game. It's a good time to put something by for a rainy duy; an umbrella or a

mackintosh, for instance. A magazine writer discusses "The Vice of Generalizing." It cannot be so

had as that of colonelizing. The "higher world of finance" is where the financiers have a high old

San Francisco has the great credit. of first sending relief to Valparaiso. They are sister cities in sorrow.

As Mark Twain said of his death so Stensland can say of his capture, "the account is grossly exaggerated."

If Lot's wife had stood "pat" instead of turning around, she never would have been turned into a pillar of salt.

> Hon. Joseph G. Cannon says that he is not an active presidential candidate. He cannot deny that he is an active speaker.

The backbone of the Cuban insurrection is said to have been broken. Still it may have only been scotched and not killed.

John D. Rockefeller has taken to slapping people on the back. The Standard Oil's practise is to slap them in the face. W. R. Hearst is sore at Murphy, sore at Sullivan, sore at McClellan, sore at Jerome; in fact he seems to be a mass of sores.

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"The tariff issue is dead." says an ex-

23 words. Dickens' average was 28. Thackeray's was 31. Matthew Arnold's sentences are long, but beautifully bal-anced. They are 37-ers. Henry James' are longer, and, though intricate, graceful and well worth puzzling out for in each of them a wonderful meaning is concealed. They are 39-ers Kipling's sentences are 21-ers. George Moore's are 24-ers. H. G. Wells' are 23-ers. Upton Sinclair's are 22-ers.'

A GOOD INVESTMENT. Springfield Republican

The Lewis and Clark exposition corporation was recently dissolved in Portland, when a phenomenal financial ex-hibit was made. The shareholders received back their investment in full, together with a dividend of 23% per cent on the par value of the stock. The cost of organizing and constructing the exwas \$908,319, the cost of operaposition was \$3,600 a day, or an aggregate amount of \$500,000, while the receipts were \$1,521,783. Thus the 2,488 stock-holders found that instead of making a contribution for the good of the city, they had made a very profitable investment of their money. Portland not only made a good thing in catering to the wants of the many thousands of peo-ple who visited the fair, but there has no reaction in values such as followed the world's fair in Chicago.

JUST FOR FUN.

Coming a Cropper. Although the Russian revolution is "not yet ripe," all the indications point to a bumper crop.-Kansas City

They Are So Grateful. she-What did Miss Antique say when you kissed her? He-She said, "Thank you."-Yonkers Star.

Cottagers' Saturday Night.

New Guest (at summer resort) --- You had a dance here last night, didn't rou? How many couples were on the floor Landlord-One regular couple, and

the halves of twenty-eight others --

Resorts of Fashion.

'What is your ida of a 'smart set?' " There are different kinds of smart sets." answered Miss Cayenne, "Some of them are merely bad company in good clothes."—Washington Star.

The inspector asked the boys of the school he was examining: "Can you take your warm overcoats off?" "Yes, sir." was the response. "Can the bear take his warm overcoat off?" "No, sir." "Why not?" There was silence for awhile, and then a little boy spoke up: "Please, sir, because God alone knows where the buttons are."-St. James Gazette.

Given Away.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson Smith was being married for the fourth time in the little country church in which she had been raised. The ceremony was proceeding with all solemnity until the minister reached the point, "Who gives this woman to this man to be his wife?" and a voice away back in the congregation replied, "I generally do."—Harper's Weeekly.

Like a Dog-Watch.

Mamma had not noticed the clock striking during all of the afternoon, and, thinking perhaps it had stopped, she asked little Rita to go into the hall and see if it was running. After a hasty survey of the long pendulum swinging back and forth, Rita ran back and announced: "Why, no, mamma, it isn't running. It's standing still wagging its tail."-Harper's Weekly.

Not True to Life. Mark Twain, while visiting a friend's house, was asked his opinion of a

new marble bust representing a young woman colling her hair. "Very beautiful," said the humor-

The Unexpected.

W. A. Glasgow, Jr., of the interstate

"That was an unlooked for answer, truly," he said. "It was like the an-swer the policeman gave to the good

A good citizen, breathless and ex-

cited, ran up to a large, calm police-

man one day and cried: "Officer, there's a terrible fight go-

ing on around the corner to the right. "Thank you, sir. I'll do as much for you some day sir,' said the police-man, gratefully, as he took the turning to the left and quickly disappeared."

Cured.

Doctor-Does your husband complain

nuch of thirst? Wife-Yes, at first, but I offered him

a glass of water each time and now he doesn't say anything more about

Ample Evidence.

He Doesn't Need One.

Philosophy's Silence.

If you can't be a genuine philosopher

you can at least keep still and listen

that misery is all right -Atlanta Con-

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The American Mugazine for Septem-

her offers an unusual variety of good articles and stories. Sherman Morse

leads off with an interesting description

of a real awakening in Wall street-how the trusts, after years of silence, now

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-New York Tribune.

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players of the signs of business. People get into the habit of continu-

ing to patronize a paper that they have for some time subscribed for or advertised in, while they condemn it for ever had, have been the objects of fts unreliability and gross indecency or slander and vilification, and many of vila personalities. As is argued in them, though innocent of offense, have many leading magazines and other beet slain, as if they were malefactors. prints, the fault lies with those who II is not necessary to go to the pages sustain such publications. Leatie's of ecclesiastical history for fligstra-Weekly, commenting on the subject tions of this fact; secular history furremarks: "If advertisers would boycott the indecent press, decency would the Square Deal remarks; "Many hononce more resume its sway. Money est and patriotic people were induced makes the mare go." That is in the line of truth. But there is another con- an exectable character. Abraham Linsideration. Some folks continue to make it possible for inflamous sheers to gnant misrepresentations during his pursue their cyll work and influence. life-time." And many others, both in because they fear to invite their attacks by quitting. This is sheer moral tioned, who shared their fate in this cowardice. And it is poor policy, for respect. Whatever may be the philobusiness is injured by the maintenance of such menaces to the public peace, self is in prominent view. From the and the general loss occasioned is much beginning of the history of man on greater than is busgined.

That errors creep into the most careful of daily newspapers is not to be cide goes on his way to enjoy the wondered at, when we consider the worldis pleasures for which he yearns. great variety of the sources of infor. The story illustrates a principle which mation and the rush of getting out is seen more or less clearly all through such a mass of news in so short a human history, in the affairs of men. time. It is marvelous that the blunders . It shows the conflict raging between are not more numerous and mortifying. But it is wilful mendacity that is umph, or apparent victory of the evil to be condemned, the manufacture principle. of matter that has no basis in truth: the vilitfication of character with de- truth that performances inspired by sign and purpose to malign and jujure; | malice, are only of temporary effect. the voiding of hate and frothing of They are passing clouds. They may fury, that do no good to the public obscure the sun for a moment, but and are indicative of a depraved heart they do not affect that luminary in and a deformed disposition. These are any manner whatever. They pour out unmistakable signs of corruption and their contents, and are no more. The moral decay and should provoke dis- deplorable weakness of the human gust and cease to gain the aid necessi heart, which makes people prone to sary to their existence.

that bears many meanings, each according to the views and opinions of the person expressing it. A newspaper that does not give accounts of the evils to the nobler instincts and the sounder s well as the goods of actual life will

terate out before the live journal scandal monger and the fabricator of Ajax the public demand. A mag- falsehoods one day finds himself de-Lower published that treats puba s rational way, devoid able creations, while the trath obtains

An easier, though slightly longer, road than the present one is also about to be made down to the Dead Sea and Jericho, and it is expected will be finished in the course of a year. As the gradient will be less steep it will be more suitable than the existing road."

of the country. Any enterprising government would long ago have constructed piers either at Jaffa or Haifa, or in some way provided safe anchorage at those important cities, for the steamships that ply up and down the coast. It seems that this defect is to be remedied to some extent, by some harbor improvements at Gaza, but such improvements are even more needed at other seaports. But there stems to be an awakening. The spirit of progress, so characteristic of our age, has touched the sleeping Orient. It is coming out of its long slumber. It is resuming activity, preparing for Its part in the final scenes of the

TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD.

drama of history.

It is a peculiar fact that some of

the best and poblest men the world nishes many proofs. As a writer in to believe that George Washington was coin was the object of the most mali-America and elsewhere, could be mensophical explanation of it, the fact it? earth the blood of righteous Aber is shed by an assassin, while the fratrigood and evil, and the temporary tri-

But history also teaches the precious listen to, and believe, in spite of evi-"The ideal newspaper" is a phrase dence, falsehoods about fellow beings eenturies) and particularly those favored by Providence with gifts and graces of LENGTH OF SENTENCES. no common value, will eventually yield judgment, and thus it happens that the

verted and left alone with his miser.

change. If American history teaches anything it teaches that the tariff issue will live as long as the government does.

"Why not?" asked the owner. "Hasn't her mouth full of hairpins," said Mark.-Ladies' Home Journal. So in Germany bakeries are used for Seaports are one of the great needs housing cats and chickens and the ovens are turned into geese pens when bread is not in them. A Prussian government official medical report says so. commerce commission's counsel smiled. He had been interrogating a reporter in his hotel, and the reply he received That beats anything produced in American slaughter houses. And the Germans were so horrlfied at the Packingtown revelations.

> Bishop Tuttle, presiding bishop of the Episcopal church, formerly bishop of Utah, and now bishop of the diocese of Missouri, will publish a volume of recollections, entitled, "Reminiscences of Missionary Bishop," In them he gives a record of the past four decades in church and state particularly in the west, by an eye-witness whose vantage ground has been especially favorable for observation. The book should prove interesting to Utah and intermountain people.

SIMPLON SUBWAY VENTILATED

SL Louis Post-Dispatch.

Customs Official (to friend)-Hur-For seven years work on what may rah, Paula loves me. I explained the new customs tariff to her the whole of well be considered one of the greatest jumphs of modern engineering has been carried on uncensingly. The fa-10.67 nous Simplon tunnel is now an accom-Figaro. plashed fact. The work has cost over \$15,500,000. One terminus of the tunnel is at Brieg, in the Rhone valley, and the other at Iselie, in Italy. It consists of two tunnels, only one of which will Arthur-So the rich banker is your uncle. Then you must certainly have lots of debts? at present be used for trains, the sec-Friedrich-No, none at all. and serving the purpose of a ventilating Arthur-But then what do you do with a rich uncle .- Kleiner Witzblatt, shaft, through which 1,800 cubic feet of air can be passed every second, bridging the temperature down to 77 degrees Farhenheit

OAKS OF MANY CENTURIES.

Gen. James Grant Wilson in the Independent.

Many of the most interesting British many of the main days are the oaks, the annuals of which take us back to Saxon Some that are still living were centuries old in the days of Harold and us Norman conqueror, and may have been growing and gazed upon by Ro-man Caesar. Herne's oak, which the writer saw in Windsor Park before its fall in 1863; the Newland oak, mention-ed in Domesday Book, and the still more dimentic sub at Leathant more gigantic oak at Lowthorpe, with a circumference of 55 feet. Then there is the Major oak, in Sherwood Forest, said to be fifteen hundred years old. under whose broad branches Robin Hood and his merry band held their evels, and the Winfarthing and Bently caks, believed to be equally ancient. There was a celebrated tree by Kentish Town, known as the Gospel oak, and ther at Addiestone, beneath which Wiellife preached and Queen Elizabeth dined. The Cowthorpe oak, near Weth-erby, it is claimed, is more than sixteen hundred years old, and the largest in England, measuring seventy-eight feet n circumference. But this was ex-Devonshire, destroyed by a severe storni in 1702, which enjoyed the dis-

From the Philadelphia Bulletin. The English sentence grows shorter and shorter," said an essayist. "Spencer. Sir Thomas More, Lyly and Sydney used sentences of the average length of % words. Nowadays the sentences of 4 a rational way, devoid May Day, he dark side of human Nevada Hi
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speak through authorized and acknowl edged press agents. Of course there are portraits of some of the leading men now employed by capital as publicity men-one at an annual salary of \$29,000, "Chicago's Five Maiden Aunts," by Williar Hard, is an account of Eve women who boss Chicago-Jane Ad-dams, Julia C. Lathrop, Dr. Cornelia DeBey, Margaret Haley and Mary Mc-Dersell Somuel Working Adams and Debey, Margaret Haley and Mary Mc-Dowell. Samuel Hopkins Adams and Stewart Edward White go on with their serial story of adventure. 'The Mys-tery.' Broughton Brandenburg pre-sents an account of the millions in gold and gems concealed on land and sea, W. N. Wright, a veteran hunter, writ-ing on "The Lynx and Llon," gives a tinction of having lived through twenty

ing on "The LYNX and Lion," gives a practical hunter's account of the traits of these animals. Julian Willard Hei-burn presents it." facts and theories about liquor in a paper he calls "Can We Keep Sober" Benjamin Franklin Daniels, United States marshal of Ari-zona, is described by Edwin B. Fergu-son as "A Bad Man Who Made Good." There are short stories by Margaret Bushee Shipp, E. S. Johnson, Wilber D. Nesbit, Flora Charlotte Finley, Holman Day, Leo Crane and William R. Ligh-ton. Judd Mortimer Lewis, Truman Roberts Andrews and Theodosia Garri-son contribute verse.-141 Fifth Ave,