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The State Editorial Association Resolves
to Unitedly Fight the Libel Bill.

The annual outing of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association was held at Atlantic City recently. Of the editors of the State over one hundred were in attendance. Among other matters to which the Association gave its attention was the Salus-Grady libel bill, to accomplish the passage of which Governor Pennypacker backed by the Republican State ring, put forth every effort. Of this vicious act the editors said:

As an association of editors of Pennsylvania at this our first meeting since the enactment of that most vicious and crime-covering act, the Salus-Grady Libel Bill, a measure passed in violation of constitutional requirements, and approved by the Governor in defiance of the appeals and protests of both the people and the press of the State, for the evil purpose of degrading the newspapers and protecting public thieves and official wrongdoers, we take this opportunity to express our condemnation of, and pledge our earnest and continuous opposition to both the manner of its passage and the pernicious purpose of its enactment.

And as this Association was created in part to "promote and protect the interests of the press," and as their interests are now seriously menaced by the Grady-Salus Libel Law, in that said law needlessly and unjustly creates opportunities for damage suits against the newspapers of this State, whether they have libeled or not; Therefore be it.

Resolved, by the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, in convention assembled, that the newspapers of the State should join in defense of any paper made defendant in action brought through opportunities created by the Grady-Salus Libel Law and contest such action to the court of last resort in order conclusively to test the constitutionality of said law; and be it further.

Resolved, That earnest effort to secure the repeal of said Grady-Salus Libel Law by the next Legislature be made by a committee of this Association acting alone or in conjunction with similar committees of other organizations; and be it still further.

Resolved, That expense involved in defending actions brought under said law, and in securing its repeal, be provided for by a fund created for these purposes.

On motion a committee of five were appointed.

The president appointed the committee, as follows: Dietrick Lamade, Pennsylvania Grit, Williamsport; P. Gray Meek, Watchman, Bellefonte; P. C. Boyle, Derrick, Oil City; B. F. Meyers, Star-Independent, Harrisburg; E. B. McKee, Review, Towanda.

H. H. Rutter, son of Dr. J. C. Rutter of town, who for more than six years past has been the editor and proprietor of the Muncy Democrat, has sold the paper and plant to M. G. Peters, a practical newspaper man of Philadelphia. The Democrat is one of our best weekly exchanges.

NEWSPAPER "ROASTERS"

Unprofessional, Unprofitable and Should be Discouraged.

A Herbert Spencer can outline a code of moral and ethical conduct based on the laws of nature that all mankind can follow with impunity, but he who would attempt to compile a complete code of ethics for the newspaper profession applicable to all localities will fail in his undertaking, as the writers of many excellent articles along this line in previous issues of "The American Press" have intimated, and truthfully, that the policy of newspaper, and a country newspaper especially, is necessarily governed by environment. Yet there are rules of conduct that have a worldwide application—verities governing the profession that are as broad as civilization itself—and, failing to observe this code, no newspaper man can hope to reach a dizzy height in the profession.

First among the sins of newspaper men, and a failing common among country editors, are the petty quarrels among themselves. If there is anything that stifles the country newspaper and warps the judgment of its editor more than quarrelling with a contemporary I have failed to observe accurately. But I am positive that there is not. It seems to me that these little "scraps" among editors are purely a disregard for the dignity of their calling and a gross violation of the ethics of the profession, if we are to place journalism in the category of the professions, and today more than at any stage of the world's progress is the newspaper given a place among the callings of dignity.

Let us for one moment imagine two lawyers, two doctors or two merchants engaged in a foolish little war of words and branding each other with the appellations of "grafter," "shyster," etc., as some editors are continually doing. How long would their supply of dignity last, and how long would the public repose in them the dignity due all men engaged in honorable callings? Whenever I pick up an exchange and see a "roast" directed at some other member of the craft I at once conclude that here is an editor who is wasting his energy on the desert air and making a consummate ass of himself besides. And isn't this about what the average person thinks about it?

The same principle, in my opinion applies to attacks on private citizens or even those in public station. Just as soon as a man becomes an apologist he is surrendering, and just as soon as a man starts to pursue the course of malicious "roasts" just as sure is his paper in a state of decadence. No newspaper can be in a healthy condition when its editor is in an unhealthy frame of mind, and an editor in a healthy frame of mind is and an editor who is broad minded, optimistic, generous, fearless and free from malice.

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Not alone are out and out "roasts" to be discouraged, but all indiscreet hints and jabs of any description. Little sarcasms and semihumorous squibs directed at individuals may appeal to the vulgar sensibilities of a certain element, but that element of right thinking people to whom the newspaper that wishes to attain any standing must devote itself, as a rule, has no time for matter of this nature.

Newspaper men of a combative nature often charge their brethren of more conservative views with weakness and a cringing fear of expressing themselves lest they suffer a pecuniary loss, and rarely are these charges true. Instead the latter class have a deep sense of duty they owe the public and their profession. There are few editors in this land who will not speak out fearlessly and honestly when matters of grave public concern demand it. And when they do speak their utterances fall with far heavier weight than those who are continually harping on the wrongs of society and jabbing at public men and private individuals.

There is a something inexplicably grand in the feeling that you are laboring in a community where you have the good will of all—not alone your patrons, but your brothers in the calling. Evolution in its onward march has not left the newspaper by the wayside, but has, on the other hand, placed it in front of the caravan of progress, and no editor need flatter himself that anything but fair, impartial utterances, constant vigilance in working for the best interests of those about him and kindly words for those in his calling will meet with lasting success.—By Daniel Wheaton, editor Franklin (Minn.) Tribune.

The Harvest of Republicanism.

Strikes here strikes there, strikes everywhere; lynch law and bloody race riots in the Republican State of Delaware; graft and grab in the Postoffice Department; loot and plunder of the taxpayers by lavish appropriations of the people's money and extravagant and corrupt administration. Such are the conditions which have supervened upon the grant of unlimited power to a political party which believes in a loose construction of the constitution that enables the government to exercise powers expressly reserved by the constitution to the several States and the people thereof. Until the country shall return to the same conservative policy of a strict construction and rigid observance of the fundamental law of the Republic there can be neither industrial peace nor social tranquility.—From the Harrisburg Patriot.

Tires, innertubes, cements, bells, pedals, toe clips, grips, pumps, saddles, &c. at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Trackless Trolley for Freeland.

A number of Freeland citizens have organized a new company to be known as the Freeland Electric Coach Co., which is virtually a branch of the Trackless Trolley Co., of Scranton. A charter has been granted and an organization effected with the following officers: President Hugh Malloy, Vice President Albert Goepfert, Secretary S. J. Neuberger, Treasurer M. Schwabe, Board of Directors Hugh Malloy, v. Goepfert, S. J. Neuberger, M. Schwabe, A. Oswald of Freeland and Harry W. Davis of Wilmington, Delaware.

The company was organized for the purpose of transporting passengers between townships on the North Side. The right of way has been secured through Hazle and Foster townships.

It is said that the new line will be the first of its kind to be operated in America and that Freeland was given flattering inducements by the originators to adopt the system as an experiment. A line will be run to Upper Lehigh, St. Johns Eckley, Sandy Run and other towns.

THE STATE AT A GLANCE.

—The Girardville school district is in a very bad financial shape and can see no way out of it. The teachers have not been paid for the last three months, and are clamoring for their money.

—The Pottsville High School Alumni, numbering about 1000 members, have started a movement which they hope will provide Pottsville with a handsome new public library. They already have 800 volumes, and have asked Andrew Carnegie for an endowment.

—Governor Pennypacker on Monday made the following appointments: Members of the State Board of Health, Dr. Charles E. Harvey, Philadelphia, and M. A. Embeck, Boiling Springs; Port Warden, Philadelphia, William R. Tucker, Philadelphia; member State Quarantine Board, J. L. Forwood, Delaware.

—Miss Nellie Price, of Mahanoy City, night operator in the telephone exchange at that place, is suffering from a very sore neck, the result of a bite by a bed bug, and it is feared that blood poison will develop. Miss Price was bitten one morning last week when she lay down on a couch in the office to take a rest after her night's work.

—Work is about to begin on the new Odd Fellows' orphanage at Snyderstown, near Sunbury. It will accommodate 250 children and the estimated cost is \$30,000. The structure will be brick and stone. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy within one year and inmates will be admitted from over a dozen counties in this part of the state.

—Those in charge of the Natalie colliery, near Shamokin, are taking account of stock, and people who know say the working will soon be leased and in operation. The stock taking is under the supervision of the receivers of the Shamokin Coal Co., the Pittsburg Trust Co., who are now in command. They want the inventory in their hands in Pittsburg as soon as possible, and there is every reason to believe the rich workings, so long idle through schemes and schemers, will soon be in operation again. The colliery employs one thousand.

—While the husband of Mrs. Miles O'Rourke, of Woodward township, Clearfield county, was absent, a stranger called at the house and asked Mrs. O'Rourke for something to eat. She was preparing coffee at the stove when the man struck her on the back of the head, leaving her semi-conscious. He then bound her in a chair and demanded where the family kept its money.

At first she refused to divulge the hiding place. The man lighted a lamp and applied the flame to her feet. The pain caused her to point out the place where the money was hidden. The sum was a trifle over \$2000.

In his hurry to get away from the house the robber dropped a part of the money, which Mrs. O'Rourke picked up and placed in the bosom of her dress. The man missed it and returned, prepared to torture her further. A noise outside of the house frightened him and he left hastily. The authorities have offered a reward of \$500 for information that will lead to the arrest of the thief.

—Colonel George A. Bayard, one of the oldest citizens of Bellefonte, and who served through the Civil war as major of the 148th regiment, was struck by a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Bellefonte on Tuesday and instantly killed. He was 76 years old.

—Andrew Hudock, aged 35, of Freeland, treasurer of the Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, was found dead on Tuesday in his butcher wagon as the horse attached to the vehicle came into the limits of the town from Sandy Run. There was a bullet hole in Hudock's temple and a revolver was found along the roadside. The coroner in making an investigation to determine whether Hudock died by his own hand or was murdered.

Hon. James Gay Gordon of Philadelphia passed through town on Tuesday morning in company with James Scarlet Esq. on his way up Fishing Creek to fish for trout. Judge Gordon is one of the best known Democrats in Pennsylvania, and has long been prominent in politics. He was a candidate for the nomination for Governor several years ago, and filled the offices of State Senator, and Judge in Philadelphia.

The latest advices this morning are that the Pope is still living, though he may die any minute.

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- A good weighty bleached muslin with no starch, worth 8c. the yard.
10 yards 65c.
- A good, fine bleached muslin, same grade as Hill's, the kind you use for making underwear.
10 yards 75c.
- It always comes handy in the house—we mean calico. Best indigo blue during this sale,
10 yards 49c.
- Unbleached muslin, fine and soft, worth 6c. the yard,
10 yards 45c.
- Good, fine unbleached muslin, the threads are fine and round, worth 7c.,
10 yards 50c.
- Unbleached muslin, fine and heavy, about the same quality as Appleton A., worth 8c. the yard,
10 yards 60c.
- Best quality of unbleached muslin, worth 9c. the yard,
10 yards 68c.

Extra good quality counterpanes, full size, hemmed, ready to use. Real value, \$1.50. Sale price, \$1.19.

F. P. PURSEL.

The Fourth was a quiet day in Bloomsburg. Many of our people attended the celebrations at Milton, Wilkesbarre and Benton, and the town after noon, when the stores closed, took on a Sunday appearance. The excursion train over the P. & R. from Milton arrived here at 12:45 and the Berwick people were taken up on the trolley.

The dapper young salesman entered the editor's sanctum carrying in his hand a fine polished oak cabinet. "I want to interest you in a talking machine," said the salesman. "Got one," said the editor. "What kind?" The best kind. "What did you get it?" "Married it," and there was no room for further argument.