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## Newspaper Responsibility.

The Spartanburg Journal recently published the following editorial on the subject of "Newspaper Responsibility."

"The local newspaper is the window through which humanity views the community. The outsider has no other means of forming an estimate and the home consumer, constantly reading the stories of the town, unconsciously takes his views of the surroundings largely from what he reads about his neighbors day after day.

"The honest newspaper is obliged to print all the news that is legitimate, but in the prominence given an item, in the recital of details, there is a way of making the sheet wholesome and hopeful or yellow and severe.

"However virtuous a community maybe, however alive to the great interests of progress and development along right lines, all have a seamy side. To exploit wrongdoings as great sensations, is the first impulse of the neophyte. He has imbibed the idea that because there is in every community a class who delights to delve in the slime and impurities of the police court, that these should be catered to and the 'hot stories' with the scare heads, given the place of prominence.

The paper that decries such matter can always find it. The reporter who looks for crooks can find them and the paper that caters to sensations need never be wanting in news. But it gives the best element of the community as distinct a shock as is striking to the other classes, and the general public necessarily takes up the idea that such a standard of crime and crook stories as the picture thus painted, is no means a healthy community.

"It is undoubtedly the desire of all newspapers to help the community from which they draw support just as it is to please the individual subscribers. But it is a mistake to suppose that a daily recital of misdeeds as the most conspicuous part of a newspaper's make-up, is wholesome, beneficial or approved.

"Another matter in which there is grave responsibility resting on the newspaper is in giving publicity to business or public matters prematurely or partially. It is best characterized as 'meddling.' It frequently happens that in the mad rush to find 'something new under the sun' the reporter gets an inkling of an item and instead of awaiting developments, he plunges in and either puts the matter in a false light, creates a wrong impression, or else upsets some plan.

"Of course, newspapers are run in accordance with the views of those in charge, and those are generally very fully impressed with the belief that they know how it ought to be done. There is no hope that these remarks will have practical effect in any quarter, but more's the pity.

"When people are given proper intellectual food properly served, they thrive, but there is such a thing as mental dyspepsia or distemper.

"It is not well to look too long on the seamy side. Every community has its good points—men and women who believe that this is a good world—grand world—moving forward along correct lines, despite the occasional jolts in the way. There are flowers as well as thorns, and it is just as well to give the flowers a proper setting in the year so as to keep the thorns from overshadowing prominence."

"Many columns describing the distressing condition of San Francisco have been written, but no description is more touching than the following lines which appeared in the press dispatches of last Saturday:

"The common destitution and suffering has wiped out all social, financial and racial distinctions. The man who last Tuesday was a prosperous merchant is occupying with his family a little plot of ground that adjoins the open air home of a laborer. The white man of California has forgotten his superiority to the Asiatic race and is maintaining friendly relations with his new Chinese and Japanese neighbors. The solitary bells who, Tuesday

night was a butterfly of fashion at the Grand Opera performance, was assisting some factory girl in the preparation of humble daily meals. Money this afternoon had little value. The family who had foresight to lay in the largest stock of foodstuffs on the first day of the disaster is rated highest in the scale of wealth.

A few of the families who could secure willing expressmen are possessors of cooking stoves, but over 95 per cent. of the refugees are doing their cooking on little camp fires made out of brick or stone. Kitchen utensils that last week would have been regarded with contempt are today articles of high value. Many of the homeless people are in possession of comfortable clothing and bed-covering, but the great bulk of them are in need. The grass is their bed and their daily clothing their only protection against the penetrating fog of the ocean or the chilling dew of the morning. Fresh meat disappeared Wednesday morning and canned goods and breadstuffs are the only victuals in evidence.

Not alone are the parks the places of refugees, but every large vacant lot in the safe zones has been pre-empted and even the cemeteries are crowded.

A well known young lady of social position, when asked today where she had spent the night, replied: "On a grave."

## One City Lost—Build Another.

One San Francisco has been destroyed—the work of building another and a greater, a better, a more beautiful, and surer San Francisco has already begun. This is the American way. This is what we did when Boston and Chicago and Baltimore were laid in ashes; that is what we did when Charleston was shaken and broken by earthquakes, and that is what we did when the angry Gulf swept over Galveston. It is our way.—Columbia State.

The city ordinances published in The Chronicle today "to prevent the blowing of steam whistles and other like whistles within the incorporated limits of the city," "to establish a municipal court," "to prevent the moving of cars when disconnected with a railroad engine," and "authorizing the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company to use the streets for the purpose of placing poles and electrical conductors thereon," make some very interesting reading matter and are all moves along the line of progress. The city's new council has made a good start, and we feel sure that the good work will be kept up.

The Palmetto Medical Association of South Carolina, colored, has been in session in Camden this week. All the meetings were very interesting and highly creditable to the profession.

They have the most who make the most of what they have.

## From Our Correspondents.

**Fiat Rock.**

Mr. Editor—While I am not domiciled here I am in position to garner in the news and as this is the tramping ground of my boyhood days I have a warm place in my affections for the place and people.

Farm work has progressed in a manner satisfactory to all for the last three weeks as the weather has been good. Farmers are hard to down and still harder to keep down. He's had his neck squeezed for several years by the speculators but the law takes a change and a new era dawns. The labor question butts in but that will all come right wash day.

I have suggested to some of my friends to make a requisition on the immigration authorities to have imported a colony of geese from Gooseville post office, Geary county, State of Georgia, and exterminate all the grass in this country and that would be an advance step towards solving the labor question. Then the revenue is a feather which would be an attraction as well as give better facilities to more people to sail down the stream of life on feathery bits of case.

That detained cow is still the subject of comment. Noted for her religious proclivities, she has fasted forty days and nights and the Sabbath observed by her one leg, as she was hitched to a post, convulsed into a gawk, with her legs protruding out about two inches.

A colored woman signed me down recently in quest of rent. Informing me she had better send goods from from Mr. Rose Bank and you catch out after an item ten who knee de ar dare."

The mad dog fever grows no less and I'll be dog if I've got much dog gone time to appropriate to the mad doggie business.

Mr. W. R. Gregory killed a collier dog last week on his place and will extend the same courtesy to as many more as may come under his observation. A large number of these dogs belong to the class that has no owner about the time of year when returns are made, and it's a pity we haven't a law to send an agent out to confiscate these dogs roaming about imposing on the people from year to year.

Ed. Trustees.

Things have been somewhat prosperous in Mayor's court this month. The date fines have been paid to the amount of \$119.50. Most cases were those for intoxication. Why is not more money spent for self advancement instead of alcohol which leads to debauchery?

## Peas Wanted.

We want five or six bushels of seed peas and will be glad if some of our subscribers will bring them to us on subscription to The Chronicle.

## Like Ours.

Our new jail should be attached to the Court House, so that the prisoners could be brought from his cell into the Court room, without having to be taken out of the building, or through a gathered crowd.

## The Russian Easter.

Easter Day is set apart for visiting in Russia. The men go to each other's houses in the morning and introduce themselves by saying: "Jesus Christ is risen." The answer is, "Yes, He is risen." The people then embrace, give each other eggs, and drink a great deal. They present a colored red egg to the priest of the parish on Easter morning. The common people carry one of these red eggs in their hands on Easter Day, and three or four days after. They use it in token of the Resurrection, whereof they rejoice.—Ex.

## Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the Key-stone Baptists will convene with the Bethany Baptist church on Saturday evening the 5th Sunday in April, embracing two days—28th and 29th. Starts at 10:30 a. m. Devotional services by N. Spolton Welsh.

11 a. m. What should be the attitude of our churches towards our delinquent members?

1:30 Dinner on the yard.

2 p. m. Women's Work.

Sunday 10 a. m. Is the Sunday School a work of the Church and is the Church responsible for its progress?

11:30 Pleading.

Brothers, we expect representatives from all the Churches in Kernaw county.

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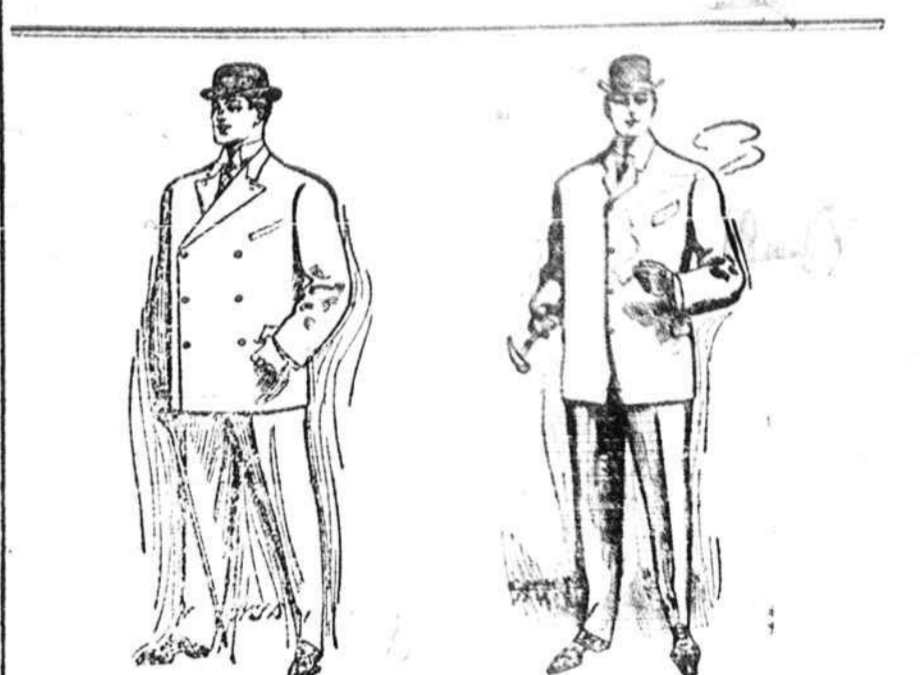
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