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NEWSPAPER EDITORS AND PUGILISTS.

The average newspaper reader has been told that its favorite chrosicler of the day's news mirely reflects the community or world in which he lives. This is partially true. What you read in your newspaper is nothing but what has been done, is about to be done, or the thoughts relating to "this and that" as expressed by various informed individuals. But back of all this sodial activity, commotion, chaos, and whatnot, is the editorial office of your research or wherein one or more more or women decide.

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There isn't a man or woman who sits at the destiny of any reliable chronicler of news who doesn't agree that war, for instance, is bad for society. In their editorial and news columns newspapers try to guard against war. They play up the brutality of it, the inhumanness of it; they want to crush it forever-from the activities of the world. And this is a good thing.

Everybody knows that Jack Dempsey, bolder of the heavyweight puglistic championship, was not the most

Everybody knows that Jack Dempsey, holder of the heavyweight pugilistic championship, was not the most valiant defender of his country's honor during the late World War. We have read scathing dedunciations of Dempsey in the Detroit newspapers, newspapers at least two of which would be models of journalistic efforts, yet these same newspapers always find space on their sporting pages to paint Dempsey's Pugilistic provess in glowing colors. Scintillating sport writers paint the, 'romance of the ring' with great daubs of colorful verbiage. The editor watches the "copg" get into the paper with pride; he wants his "sheet" to properly portra; the activities of such heroes (?) as Dempsey—Dempsey, a human why gathers into his hands more money each year than is paid perhaps any dozen editors of America's greatest newspapers today.

papers today.

Every newspaper that prints features or ordinary news stories of such people as Jack Dempsey contributes to the brutal instincts of society. The average newspaper reader who is a good citizen DOES NOT demand news about puglistic affairs, and any newspaper that prints such news is NOT compelled to do so because of popular demand!

Gentlemen of the Press, your "white space" is worth Gentlemen or the Fress, your "White space is worth more to social uplift of mankind than merely chronicling activities in which the "hero" is a biped of Dempsey's color. And, what is more, every man-jack of you knows it. There actually is so much of GOODNESS going on

about you that your readers ought to be told about, that no excuse remains for giving free of charge millions of dollars worth of space to describing the physical dimensions of Dempsey, and in another column lamenting the minuteness of his brain cells.

LET THE CITY PLAN WAIT.

The citizens of Birmingham have neard and read a good deal about changing this community from village to city form of government. Arguments for and against the idea have appeared in this newspaper. Many of you have already formed your own opinions about the matter.

But you will not have the opportunity of voting on the plan
next month, since the Commission did not put it on the ballot

ballot.

True, there are some benefits to accrue from being a city. But here the disadvantages perhaps offset the advantages. At least so it appears to date. Birmingham ought to have more representation on the County Board of Supervisors. Birmingham probably pays several thousands of dollars each year into the Bloomfield township treasury for which it receives no direct improvements within the village limits. But this is not so wonderful a thing, nor a great hardship upon our citizens.

The Village Commission has had men from Royal Cale come to tall us of the wonderful advantages of being

Oak come to tell us of the wonderful advantages of being a city. "It increases our limit of bonded indebtedness; it makes our municipal bonds more desired on the money markets of the world; it allows us to grow faster." Yes, and although the gentlemen from Royal Oak did not men-tion the fact, it allows the tax rate to increase!

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The Royal Oak situation might be summed up in the following short remark which we heard one of its City Commissioners recently make: "Down at Royal Oak we want improvements, and we're going to spend every cent that we can lay our hands on."

Birmingham wants public improvements; and it will have them. But we thank whatever gods there be that we have never heard any such remark from a member of the local Commission.

Commission.

We believe that the village government under which this community is governed has not been given an entirely fair trial. What we do need, however, is a revision or complete amending of, our Charter. Once this is done, we believe that the city plan will hold no alluring enchantment for us-not for some years, at least

WATCH WOODWARD WIDENING.

To date, local people have been heartily in favor of a wider Woodward avenue. They have done many things to assist Governor Groesbeck and Thaddeus Seeley in acquiring right-of-ways between Detroit and Pontiac. acquiring right-of-ways between Detroit and routac. They want to make traveling safe on "America's Most Dangerous Highway." Birmingham thing, however; if a special assessment district is created to pay for this great project, let us keep within the bounds of our purse-strings. Local officials will every angle of this widening process.

BE A CERTAIN KIND OF DREAMER.

"Dream a practical dream; put plenty of work be-hind the plan; any boy of today who does this may reach

the heights of success in whatever line his dream leads him." So admonished Dr. M. S. Pittman at the recent annual Father and Son Banquet here. A boy or girl may do wonders with kindly parental indulgence and assistance.

The formation of an Exchange Club in Birmingham is a good thing for the town. Any kind of organization that will bring people together on an equal footing is good for those who belong. And when an individual acquires we qualities of goodness, these qualities are bound to be reflected to others. Birmingham should welcome the new Exchange Club.

Public opinion is being stirred to the necessity of raising the salaries of members of the United States postal service. It is about time that men and women who give service. It is about time that men and women who give their lives to this service should be decently remunerated. All the braiss of this country are NOT at present detained in Washington D. C.—this can easily be shown by the alleged statement that Col. C. R. Forbes dissipated over two hundred millions of dollars from the Veteran's Bureain. In the meantime, the postal service was neglected, as usual. We need something new at the head of this department and its name is not New, either.

There is plenty of everything in this world for every-Intere is pleifly of everything in this world to' every-body. The man or woman who tries to acquire a thing hastily generally gets something else in the bargain that he or she doesn't want. Some folks are so busy trying to-get money that they forget fresh air and sunshine; then old Mother Nature, in later years, asks them to spend it in traveling to some health resort. That's probably where the old saying, "Cough Up," originated.

LIVIN ROOM.LYRIGS

By CHARLES S. KINNISON of Birmingham THE CLEAN WATERS.

THE CLEAN WATERS.

Live tread the shores of waters, pools and streams, and I have seen That the water always moving is the water always elan. But when I to sluggish waters and to stagnant pools have come, I behold no dash and sparkle, but a greenish, filthy scum. So, it seems to me the waters that flow onward to the sea Always adding to its volume, teach a lesson meant for me.

If I live for self entirely, giving nothing as I go,
Like the water that is sluggish, like the pool that doesn't flow.

I'll become a thing that's stagnant, robbed of all that's rich and fair.

But if, rather, I am helpful, and to life I give my share,
Like the stream that's always flowing, adding volume to the sea,
I will find that life is yielding more and more of good to me.

Yes, the life that's always richest, is the life of him who gives
To the world, to make it better, all he can each day he lives.
And the more a man is giving, all the more will he be blest;
Life returns to us exactly all that we in life invest.
Like the stream that's always giving of its waters to the sea,
I will find my life is freshened, as I share what's given me.

HULLO

W'en you see a man in woe,
Walk right up an' say, "Hullo!"
Say "Hullo!" an' "How d'ye do?"
"How's the world a-usin' you?"
Slap the fellow on the back;
Bring yer han' down with a whack
Waltz right up, an' don't go slow;
Grin an' shake an' say, "Hullo!" whack!

Is he clothed in rags? Oh, sho! Walk right up an 'say, "Hullo!" Rags is but a cotton roll Jest for wrappin 'up a soul; An 'a soul is worth a true Hale an 'hearty "How d'ye do?" Don't waif for the crowd to go; Walk right up an 'say, "Hullo!

W'en big vessels meet, they say. They saloot an 'sail away, Just the same are you an' me-Lonesome ships upon a sea: Each one sailing his own jog For a port beyond the fog. Let yer speakin'-trumpet blow. Lift yer horn an 'cry ''Hullo!''

Say "Hullo!" an' "How d'ye do?"
Other folks are good as you,
We'n ye leave yer house of clay
Wanderin' in the Far-Away;
W'en you travel through the strange
Country t'other side the range;
Then the souls you've cheered will know
Who ye be, an' say, "Hullo!"
Anouynous

Anonymous.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNSof Long Ago

of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up the Historical Background Of the Birmingham Of Today

The Detroit Pulpits are thundering red but sermons at theatres and theatre goers in general and at Sara Bernshard in paradish.

Matried in Detroit Monday events and Missing land Detroit Monday events and Missing land Miss Anna Sayles of Birmingham.

The Birmingham Band were out serenading the successful candidates accitation will take every precaution of the recent village election and reter to see that no improper persons are tarn their thanks to A. Whitehead, admitted to the hall, at their second

GROUCH VERSUS SMILE.

I woke up with a grouch one day.
And never a pleasant word did I say,
But werl about with cross look and word
For every jerson I saw or heard.
But soon I found that those I knew,
My very best friends and others, too,
That at first had smiles, I could plainly see,
Had a grouch on as well as me.
I grew angry, and turned away,
And to no one had a word to say,
But alas, I found to my sad dismay
That they treated me the very same way.

Next day I awoke with a song in my heart, And my cheer worked magic from the very start. Gloomy looks responded at lone to my smile. And my world turned to joy in a little while. I thought about it, and wondered why. Those folks which one day passed me by Sol loved me now; and I reasoned this way: Twas in me, not the rest, where the fault of it lay. If you think that the world is treating you wrong. You're carrying a grouch instead of A song. Start smiling this minute; this is my plea, And the world will smile back; you just try it, and see.

By Geraldine Everett, of Franklin, Mich

annual ball which will take place at MARGAGE BALE—befaus saving National Hall Wednesday evening, eaker from Frank W. Wass and Mar and which, the managers have deedly saving the West of the West and Mar and which the managers have deedly saving the West of the West of Hall and West of the West of Hall and Hall

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Married Emanuel Germ Miss Olive Knott; Thursday ary 24, at the residence or Mi near Pontiac.

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John Allen is rusticating at Nash-

H. S. Leonard has gone to Sand Beach to live. The oyster supper at William Todd's was the boss affair of the season.

The prize fight between James Mc and Frank H. has been indefinitely postponed, the backers, ex Judge Rassell and I. W. Allen have withdrawn the money put up on the result.

25 Years Ago.

Business at the old stand of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. is quoted all over the state as brisk.

"A. 1" and it is true too. Some time arow told you of three members taking their first degree white his healthy lodge, but last Monday afternoon and evening capped . the climax in work for, for W. M. Dan! M. Johnston began at five o'clock.

"P. M. to make 'full fieldged' 3rd degree masons and as it was near has six new members to rise up and call him blessed.

Baby Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Smith his been under doctor's care for the past few days.

The business places of W. A O'Neal and Tom Cobb are each adorned by handsome new signs They are immense in size and style.

At Ye Olde Folkf Concert, if the old ladies who are troubled with cold feet will bring foot stoves, the usher will see that fresh coals are put in when wanted.

Postmaster Hanna is now in charge of his office, but will not move into his office, but will not thoroughly repainfed, overhauled and thoroughly repainfed, overhauled and his work of the control of the

Last Sunday Mr. Jacob's straw tack south and east of here was truck by lightening and burned such things do not happen often in ur locality in February.

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