

THE REPORTER

You may pick up any paper, published in most any town. And you just glance at the headlines and your eye runs up and down. Along the printed columns, with the "ads" of store and shop. For maybe you are busy, and you haven't time to stop— Then, all at once your glance will light upon a bit of news. That you've simply got to finish, no matter what you lose— A fire or a murder, or perhaps a baseball game. And written by some fellow who forgot to sign his name!

It may be something funny, or it may be something mad. Or dramatic or pathetic—or perhaps it makes you mad. Telling of some deed or other—that's been made by tridead— Showing up a gang of grafters who are subjects for the "pen." Anyhow, you read it twice, and save it up to read aloud. When you get back to the office. And it passes through the crowd. Talked of by ten thousand people—yes, and quoted as it came. From the pen of some poor devil who forgot to sign his name!

He writes this unknown genius on all subjects, good and bad. And he has the biggest audience that author ever had. The nation laughs and weeps to read the tales he has to tell. And he has to tell them quickly, so he has to tell them well. He's not obliged to write his stuff and then sit back and wait. For readers half a lifetime to-morrow'll be too late! And yet no book or monument will ever record his fame. For when he's done his writing, he forgets to sign his name!

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, October 24th, 1920

Members of Walker Lodge, A.P. & A.M., and visiting brethren, attended divine service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, when Rev. T. M. Moyer addressed them.

Two new postage stamps will shortly be issued by the Post Office Department—one for 13c and one for 16c. Since the registration fee has increased to 13c for some countries and 15c for foreign countries, the new stamps will be more convenient. The seven cent stamp will be withdrawn.

The Monday evening meeting of the Epworth League was in the form of a model Council session and proved very entertaining as well as teaching municipal procedure.

Prohibition was carried in four Provinces in Canada on Monday by large majorities. Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta all voted dry. Ontario will take a similar vote next April.

Mr. Fred Warren, of Beatrice, Neb., whose father spent his boyhood days on Cedar Creek Farm, paid a visit to the old homestead.

A 12-box crate of raspberries was sold on Hamilton market by a Milton farmer at 50c a box.

DIED

ALDERSON In Tra'algar, on Sunday, October 24th 1920, Thomas Alderson, aged 70 years.

KEOUGH In Rockwood, on Wednesday, October 20th, 1920, Annie, wife of James E. Keough, in her 40th year.

RELIGION SUPPORTS

Stockholm (CP) Taking over command of the Swedish army, Lt.-Gen. Ivar Holmquist told soldiers that they needed "the support which religion gives."

HAILS DAVIES A TRAMP POET

Welsh Paper Says he was Greatest Nature Poet Since Wordsworth

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct. 23rd (CP) "English literature has lost the greatest nature poet since Wordsworth," said the Cardiff Western Mail, in a tribute to W. H. Davies, the tramp-poet, who has just died.

It recalled the adventurous nomadic life led by Davies and how he described his own experiences amongst "tramps, hoboes in 'The Autobiography of a Super-Tramp'."

A Welshman, born in 1871 at Pill, Newport, Davies began life as an apprentice to a picture framer. He dropped that, however, and went to America "to lead a wandering life, peddling and begging, broken by trips to Britain on cattle boats." As he himself put it, he spent some of his early years "hemmed in by wrecks of men." On returning to Britain he lived for a time in common lodging houses and travelled as a peddler.

His first book of poems was called "Souls Destroyed." Subsequently he published 20 or 30 other volumes. The Western Mail recalls he could not speak Welsh, but says he loved to dwell on the sounds of Welsh place-names.

In an editorial tribute, the paper said "He belonged to the period of Blake, Herrick and particularly Dekker, and it was the triumph of his genius to write songs that are not unworthy to rank with the work of those immortals."

WHAT? NO APPLES

LAURENS, S.C. (CP)—Dr. and Mrs. Sam W. Wilkes went to hospital on successive days here to have their appendixes removed.



ANNOUNCING—

Additional News Service

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Starting this week the News Columns of THE FREE PRESS carry an added news service to our usual complete coverage of events of Acton and the district surrounding.

THE FREE PRESS is now a subscriber to the Canadian Press Service, and this general news service brings a variety of items of interest to all our readers.

Special Articles

One of the special features noted this week is headed "The Week at Ottawa." Here, in brief form will be found a summary of the week's events at the Dominion capital.

The Women's Page has a new variety of items of particular interest to FREE PRESS readers. These articles all carry the known (CP) mark. We hope readers will find this new and additional service of interest. We will welcome your comment. Only by such comment can be judge the requirements and desires of our readers.

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