

FIRST NEWSPAPER PRINTED IN LONDON

Issued Near End of Reign of King James; Brief History Is Given Here

Way back in September 1850 the Southern Planter carried the following interesting account about the first newspaper:

"It is remarkable that a means of instruction and amusement so apparent as a newspaper should not have been established until nearly two hundred years after the discovery of printing.

"The first newspaper was issued toward the close of the reign of James the first, and was published in London by a man named Butter. This man had been a hired letter writer in the employ of numerous country gentlemen. His business was to pick up the news of London and send a written sheet of it weekly to his employers. The thought struck him that he might serve his customers more quickly, and enlarge his business indefinitely by printing instead of writing his sheets. At first he met with little encouragement. The English are not a people fond of innovations, and the old manuscript letter sheets were generally preferred. Butter's paper was laughed at by the wise. Ben Johnson made it a butt of his ridicule in his comedy 'The Staple of News.' After some time the invention became better appreciated, and newspapers increased in size, merit and numbers.

First Morning Paper

"In 1797 the first morning paper appeared in London. From this time discussion was combined with news. Before this the journals had confined themselves entirely to the narration of events. More than one editor had been severely punished for printing news about the government. So late as 1710 a lad of nineteen had been hung for publishing an article against hereditary right.

"Before Butter put his paper on the market, several Gazettes had been published in different countries in Europe. These were not newspapers, they were occasional broadsheets published only after some important event. They were not at all permanent neither were they periodical in their nature. These two elements are important for a real newspaper.

"The newspaper did not take its position in the world until the time of Addison, Steele and Swift. These men began to write for it; they were followed by Bollingbroke and, in a later age, by Junius, then the public press took a lofty position, one which it has since maintained and increased."

Several Worth While Exhibits in Progress at the Art Institute

Worth seeing at the Art Institute are the various new exhibitions now current, such as the American paintings and sculpture in the East Wing Galleries. In this show there are two hundred and eight paintings and sixty-eight pieces of sculpture. They represent the most ambitious work of American artists done in the past year or two. Various schools of painting are represented.

resented. Many are extremely modernistic, some are semi-modernistic and some are midly conservative, while others are quite conservative. One may have an enjoyable time placing the various works in their proper categories. Attendants in the galleries hear daily such remarks as "Oh, I can paint as well as that myself."

It is to be hoped visitors with this viewpoint will make the attempt, for it is one of the provinces of an art museum to induce people to become interested in art.

Other interesting exhibits are the Memorial Exhibition of Sporting Prints, given to the Art Institute by friends in memory of the late Curator, William McCallin McKee; the exhibition of Mezzotints, by David Lucas; Early Italian Engravings, lent by Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer; Prints by Albrecht Durer; recent additions to the Albert Roullier Memorial collection; original illustrations used in "Book Trails," in the Children's Museum.

In this gallery may also be seen the newly installed "Donatello's Studio" made and presented to the Art Institute by Lorado Taft, showing many of the master painters and sculptors of Florence in the year 1425. Japanese prints by Utamaro are shown in Hutchinson Wing.

Recent Proceedings in Probate Court

Recent proceedings in Probate Court, of interest in this part of the county, are reported as follows:

Emilie M. Streiber, Highland Park. Executrix authorized to pay loans.

John Dorr Bradley, Lake Forest. Final report approved; estate closed.

George Francis Redmond, Deerfield. Hearing on final account continued to Dec. 23.

Robert G. Evans, Highland Park. Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing Jan. 6th.

Thorma M. Anderson, Highland Park. Petition for Letters of Administration filed. Bond fixed at \$600. Heirship proved.

Nicholas Baldwin, Lake Forest. Petition for probate of will filed and set for hearing January 6, 1930.

Elizabeth Vetter, Highland Park. Final report approved, estate closed.

James Dalziel, Fox Lake. Final report approved.

John Tulley, Deerfield. Final report approved, estate closed.

Knowles G. Stone, Lake Bluff. Letters testamentary issued to Nellie Wade. (Will admitted to probate on Nov. 18th). Inventory approved.

Albert J. Metzger, Highland Park. Inventory approved.

John C. Huehl, Deerfield. appeal bond in reclaim of Coral T. Heydecker approved.

Safety First

This new fad of picking out a dog whose hair matches your topcoat, so his hair is less visible when shed on your coat, is all right; and it might pay some persons to apply similar methods to choosing the stenographers they take out to dinner.—Concordia Blade.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Council at its office in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois, until 7:30 o'clock P. M. Monday, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1930, for the furnishing of all labor, material, tools and equipment necessary for the construction of shore protection for the Highland Park Water Works and Filtration Plant in accordance with the plans approved by the Council therefor.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check made payable to the Mayor of the City of Highland Park for a sum of not less than ten (10) per cent of the aggregate of the proposal.

Payment for said work to be made in cash. Plans, specifications and instructions to bidders may be secured from the City Clerk at the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois, or at the office of Pearse, Greeley & Hansen, Engineers, at 6 N. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Illinois.

The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids if they deem it best for the public good.

By order of the Council of the City of Highland Park.

V. C. MUSSER, City Clerk

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