

folly. The death of our late president also gave the critics another opportunity to grow fanatic in their denunciations of our progressive journals. The latter have been attacked for their publication of facts relative to municipal and national mismanagement on the part of officials. Perhaps it would be better to let open robbery continue than to raise a cry against this too prevalent practice.

One of the leading features of the "yellow journals" is the cartoon. That the cartoon is an educator is proved by the fact that most all the papers of the country now employ one or more cartoonists.

The literary development of many of our citizens has been sadly neglected. To this class the cartoon appeals and by this method things are shown in such a manner as to become readily intelligible to whom an article consisting of high-flown expressions would leave but a vague apprehension in the mind. Some cartoons hold up to ridicule municipal or national politics in such a way that shows the true state of affairs in a clearer light than would a lengthy news article or editorial upon the same subject.

As I have said before, these cartoons are a special benefit to those who, although illiterate, are endowed with a good amount of common sense. Cartoons are to the general run of illustrations what humor is to literature. Humor is one of the highest species of literature, and very few have succeeded in this line. Still more rare are the clever cartoonist and the number of those who have attained a national reputation can be counted with little exertion. Some of our best writers are renowned for having left an excellent pen picture upon the mind. This is exactly the mission of the cartoon. and it takes little time to see the intricate point.

To say that "yellow journals" deserve the sobriquet, "yellow," would go to affirm that millions of inhabitants of this country who are daily readers of our progressive dailies are wholly without taste. These millions are silent testifiers of the position of so-called "yellow journals" and if questioned would undoubtedly agree in saying that our old fashioned newspapers have been very "yellow" in their denunciations of "yellow journalism." They have all along exhibited those symptoms arising from their weak and loathsome rivalry.

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