

FAKING CURED AT AN EARLY STAGE.

This Reporter Had a Narrow Escape, but He Thoroughly Learned His Lesson.

The most painful experience of my career occurred when I had been in the business only three months, said the old reporter, whose words are quoted in the New Orleans Times-Democrat. The city editor assigned me to interview a big northern politician, who had dropped into town on his way to Frisco. I rushed to his hotel, saw my man, and he promised to give me a talk at 8.30. So that evening after supper I went to call on a young woman, thinking I would be back in good time for the appointment. As bad luck would have it, we had a fierce discussion, and when we got through, and I looked at my watch, it was 10 o'clock. I was horrified. I took my hat, flew to the hotel, to be informed that my man had been in bed for an hour. What was I to do! To own up meant certain discharge and disgrace, and on the spur of the moment I had a desperate inspiration. Why not fake up an interview? The big man was going away early in the morning, and if he ever saw the article, it was dollars to doughnuts that he'd ignore it altogether. So, without realizing the enormity of my idiocy, I wrote up a story. It was a very conservative interview, but I handed it in, feeling like a felon. Next morning I was slinking to the office, nervous as a cat, when whom should I meet but the politician, bound the same way! I felt my hair stand on end, but to my unbounded amazement he greeted me cordially. "That interview was very satisfactory," he said, "very accurate indeed;" and he invited me to have a drink. I construed his remarks as biting sarcasm, and supposed, of course, he had prepared some horrible revenge. But I went along mechanically, like a man hypnotized. In the café he seemed curiously embarrassed. "By the way," he said, confidentially, "I didn't say or do anything unusual last evening, did I?" "Unusual," I gasped, "I—I don't understand." "I ask," he said, smiling, "because—well, to tell the truth, I have only a very—er—indistinct idea of what happened after I met some old friends. I know I talked with you, and that you have the—er—substance of my remarks correctly, but I thought possibly I might have said something else." "No, sir, not a word," I replied fervently, and we shook hands and parted. It was the narrowest escape and the biggest scare of my life. It cured me permanently of faking.

A WISE AND PROPER RESOLUTION.

A New Jersey Publishers' Association Sets a Good Example to Follow.

At a representative meeting of the Publishers' Association of the Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey, held in Newton, September 23d, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the members of this association charge a minimum rate of \$2 for publishing, in their respective newspapers, resolutions of respect; not less than 50 cents for cards of thanks and not less than 5 cents per line each insertion for locals advertising entertainments, concerts, fairs, festivals or other enterprises of a money-making character, excepting when in connection with printing matter turned out from the job department of said newspaper; that this resolution be printed, and forwarded by the secretary to all members and other publishers of the district; that all members be required to publish the same or the substance thereof in their respective journals.

Notice of this action has been sent to all publishers in the district, and those who are not members of the association have been invited to co-operate with their fellow publishers in this measure for mutual benefit.

It would be a good idea if other associations of newspaper publishers, both large and small, took similar action.

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