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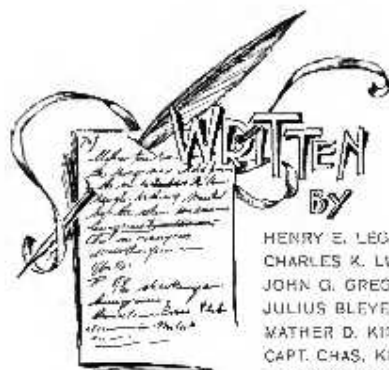
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the name of Chao, H. Dana would  
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FOUR newspaper men cautiously felt their way down the dark back stairway of the old Sentinel building at 3 o'clock in the morning, November 1, 1885. In those days the front door was locked at midnight, and there was no elevator. In the cellars of the Sentinel, Herald and Seabote the presses were clanking away, turning out the usual assortment of puffs, libels and uncolored truths. "Thirty" had been called twenty minutes before, and the quartette hurried down Newspaper Row, turned on East Water Street and headed for an all-night chop-house half-way down the block. As they munched their ham sandwiches and washed them down with the foaming brew indigenous to Milwaukee, the grain was planted that germinated and grew into a Milwaukee Press Club. It seemed a Herculean task to band the boys together in the year 1885, for strained relations then existed (now happily altered) between workers employed on the one paper and "the fellows on the other sheets." It must be admitted that ten years ago there was not the spirit of comradery that prevails to day among the newspaper men of the city--whether of high or low degree. Reporters on one paper regarded those on another as the incarnation of all that was unprofessional. It was suspected that among those higher in authority there was cherished a feeling for contemporaries that ached to find vent in personal peppery editorials. Archie Foster's suggestion seemed impossible of realization. Only a year or two before a futile attempt had been made in the same direction, the only relics of the Club being an elaborate constitution,



James Langland.

dozen were present. They were Jas. Langland, Frank Bissinger, Alex. W. Dingwall, James Bannen, Geo. C. Youngs, Henry C. Campbell, Robert Strong, E. R. Petherick, Curt M. Treat, W. F. Hooker, Archie Foster, Geo. P. Mathes, Frank Markle and Henry E. Legler. One encouraging feature was that every English daily was represented. A temporary organization was effected, with Curt Treat as chairman, and Robert Strong as secretary, and everybody present was put on the assignment book to hustle for members.

And they did. The growth of the Club was rapid, and the Milwaukee Press Club to-day is one of the most flourishing in the country. By bringing the members of the profession together socially, the asperities of business competition have been confined to business hours and business places, and the younger members of the press gang have come to realize that there are a lot of jolly good fellows working on papers other than the ones for which they scratch for a living. The unique rooms occupied by the Club are the delight of all the Bohemians from abroad who have visited them, the public entertainments are social events; and the influence of the Club outside its own membership has been to elevate newspaper men and their work in the estimation of the community.

It has become the unwritten law of the Club to elect its officers—from president down—from among the younger active workers on the press, and this rule was suspended but once.

with by-laws, and a vote of thanks from the managers of the Babies' Home, to whom the proceeds of a benefit entertainment were voted when the Club gave up the ghost.

Whether from the cause noted, or because the newspaper men were unusually busy on the 8th of November, 1885, it appears from the minutes of the preliminary meeting held in a room of the Herald building on that day, that but a baker's