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**"Mexia—The City That Vision Is Building."**

## THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

"I believe that the interest of the general public and the good work of the press is going to be responsible for many constructive changes in our present governmental affairs."

Thus Attorney General Dan Moody sums up his faith in the people and his confidence in the press of Texas.

The two are bound together in General Moody's statement. Indeed, "the interest of the general public" is always attended by "the good work of the press." And "the good work of the press" invariably results in "the interest of the general public."

Thus, encouraged and now stimulated to further service along this line by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, the fight is to be continued for clean government and for a full dollar's worth of service for every dollar of taxes expended by this government of the people and for the people.

The patriotic press all over this state is going to stand four square and unwavering in defense of constitutional rights, in the present stressful storm, just as it stood for country in time of war.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees the freedom of the press. Its freedom assures the perpetuity of our institutions; the salvation of our government and the protection of the rights of the many against the unlawful encroachments of the few. The voice of Liberty cries out today, the same as it did in Patrick Henry's time, and demands that a loyal, unfettered press be forever free to warn against graft, corruption and fraud, either constructive or actual, on the part of public servants and public contractors; that the press has a right and public policy demands that it be protected by the courts, to speak out in behalf of the people; that graft, corruption, fraud and unconscionable contracts on the part of public servants and public contractors may be thoroughly exposed, thereby pointing the way whereby almost unbearable and excessive taxes may be lifted from the burdened backs of taxpayers.

Indeed, upon a free press depend the usefulness of our courts of integrity and the pursuit of legitimate endeavor and business. The entire fabric of our democratic government by nature hangs upon an unafraid and an untrammelled press. Where the press is held in bondage, there courts are hampered in their judicial relations and are held in some form of slavery. Where the press is free to render a loyal, conscientious, honest service and to speak out against the encroachments of corruption and fraud, unshackled and unawed by threats of litigation and persecution on the part of those who are grafting on the taxes of the people, there the courts are true Temples of Justice and the people are free and sovereign.

As Ben Hunt says in a fine poem of recent publication, in which he pays a glowing tribute to veteran Texas editors, dedicated to Major N. P. Houx of the Mexia Daily News:

"If editors should cease to write—  
O, soul, the raging sea!  
O, fierce and dark the bitter night  
And bleak the world would be."

*Thinking of Currier-Baxter*