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Cavalcade of Journalism Depicted by Museum

No wonder our grandparents always say, "Let's go back to the good old days." An exhibit on the ground floor of the Los Angeles museum in Exposition park provides a likely explanation for this statement. This exhibit, in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of printing in this country, shows that the price of a 26-page newspaper during the World war was one cent.

An Outline of Printing

Printing was started in this country three centuries ago in 1639, when on a simple hand press, Stephan Daye produced the first printing ever done in the American colonies. Today, the United States government, through a special postage stamp, commemorates this event which led to the growth of a great new industry.

Pictures of modern newspaper presses are on display together with old newspapers, lead picture plates, and picture mats. The modern newspaper press of today shows a far-reaching advancement over the old presses by printing more than 20,000 complete papers per hour.

An Indian Attack

During 1792, the Middlesex Gazette ran a story of a Cherokee Indian attack on the town. The paper

is on exhibit at the museum along with a facsimile of the New England Courant published in Boston, February 11, 1723. The Courant was the first paper ever issued by Benjamin Franklin. The facsimile was printed in 1856.

The exhibit shows a group of papers printed during three of United States' wars; the Civil war, the Spanish-American war, and the World war. The Civil war is represented by the New York Herald of April 10, 1885. The makeup of the paper was different than it is today. The headlines ran down the left-hand side of the front page and the story continued toward the right in columns.

Tribune Had 16 Pages

The Chicago Daily Tribune of February 17, 1898 consisted of 16 pages and cost one cent. The makeup of the Tribune was much like the makeup of our modern papers. The front page of that issue was almost covered with a diagram of the battleship Maine.

The World war is represented by a copy of the Los Angeles Times of November 11, 1918. The Times of that year cost three cents. The headline was probably the largest ever used by the paper, it consisted of the word "peace" in ten-inch letters.