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OUR KEYNOTE:
"There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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Don't cuss the weeds this spring. Pull 'em up.

If you must have variety make it "Jack of all trades and good at all."

Brevity is the source of wit, and sometimes the origin of a punch on the nose.

When your husband begins to treat you with unusual consideration it's time to go through his coat pockets.

No wonder some men are always suspicious of others. They know themselves.

In the event of a shortage of gold we might use eggs as a circulating medium.

There are times when it's a great consolation to know that we haven't all got the same wife.

There is always a better way, but there are so many crooks and turns one often gets off the path.

Michael Folsing stopped up the other day and gave this good advice. "Get a baloon and go up with the high cost of living."

No, there is no selfishness about some men. They just grab everything in sight and then howl for the sight.

If the saloons are driven out of Washington, the thirsty brigade can always slide home and go to work—or drink.

The cities are teeming with strong, husky men who are just asking for an opportunity for honest work on the farm. How many do you want?

Who says there are no wise people in this world. Every time we get off one of our stock jokes our wife laughs—and then taps our pocketbook.

Tom Lawson has been urging Congress to investigate the New York stock exchange. But not a word about investigating Tom—er, Tom is getting his.

If every man in this town could spend a half an hour in washing up the rubbish and accumulations we would soon have a clean town, a better community, a happier set of people and a lower death rate. Is it worth thirty minutes a week?

Andover ought to have a central market where the farmer can dispose of everything he produces for the market price and for cash. Then the market managers should advise some means of disposing of the produce without the aid of a hungry horde of middlemen. The farmer would make more money, have less trouble, get his pay sooner and the profits would be kept in circulation at home. Try it.

It will soon be time again to "clean up and paint up." And while we are about it let's clean up, paint and stay up. To spend a few hours and a few dollars on your yard and property this spring and then forget all about it for the next five years to come is even a first-class extravagance. For the moment a piece of property begins to get "rusty" deterioration rapidly sets in and rushes right on to destruction. A few dollars and a little labor in periodical improvements is the best interest you can get on your investment. And what is good for you is equally good for the village, the town, the county and the state.

CO-OPERATION

Co-operation is becoming the keynote in every line of activity. It has done and will do much good, where properly applied, and it has done, and will do much evil where improperly applied. Mr. Geo. W. Perkins, Chairman of Governor Whitman's Food and Market Commission, says "Co-operation is inevitable." We are all practicing it in some form or another. Mr. Perkins further states: "As long as we know perfectly well that co-operation exists it would be far better to admit it and require that it be practiced openly and legally and not secretly and illegally." It must be that certain clergymen at Dunkirk got an advance copy of George's "Report to the legislature," and began to put the co-operative spirit into immediate use before the pamphlet was issued.

We believe that co-operation as a rule is very commendable. Even the churches in some localities are beginning to see the folly of denominational strife, quarreling and scrapping about creeds and doctrines, and are getting together on the more friendly and christian method of co-operation. It is becoming more popular each day.

But, as with most any good thing, co-operation can be over-worked. For instance in reading a copy of Monday's Jamestown Post we find the following among the news items:

"Dunkirk, Jan. 14.—A committee from the Dunkirk Pastor's Union met Saturday with representatives from local brewers at the office of Police Chief Fred W. Quandt, to discuss co-operation in doing away with liquor tax violators and in bettering conditions surrounding the saloon business in the city. The elimination of saloons against which complaints are made of immoral conditions and frequent violations of the state excise laws was urged.

"The brewers said that they favored any movement which will place the saloon business on a higher moral plane, and pledged themselves to help in bringing that condition about."

Ministers of the gospel and brewers of beer hobnobbing with each other to bring about "better conditions surrounding the saloon business!"

By the beard of Mohammed, is it any wonder that men with red blood in their veins keep away from churches presided over by such men? Is it any wonder that thinking people become skeptical when even the clergy connive with the brewers to "better the conditions surrounding the saloons?"

"The elimination of saloons against which complaints are made of immoral conditions." Whoever before heard of a moral saloon? They must have a new kind up at Dunkirk: the "moral" kind—possibly the preachers have a side-door "entrance."

We would suggest to the pious pastors of Dunkirk that constitute the "Pastor's Union," that inasmuch as they have "moral" saloons in that city that they should be annexed to the churches. Every good moral institution should be used for the betterment and uplift of the church and the community. Why not the "moral" saloons? Then too it would greatly assist their co-laborers, the brewers, in bringing "the saloon business on a higher moral plane."

Then, too, think of the revenue! It might (!) help out some of the tired sisters who, by holding church fairs, church suppers at about half the price of the cost of food, and various other activities, have been meeting the church expense and helping to pay the salaries of these Dunkirk clergymen, lo, these many years.

It would be so nice and so handy, too, for the young people! The societies of Christian Endeavor, Epworth League, Girls Welfare, Brotherhood Classes and

many others could take a hand at this great reformation of "uplifting the saloon" were it brought closer to them. By all means attach a "moral" saloon to each one of your Dunkirk churches. We will guarantee that they will draw the patronage, and the raising of the pastor's salary will no longer be the bugaboo!

We do not know how it might work in Dunkirk, but we should expect (!) that in a city so fortunate (?) in the possession of "moral" saloons, that were they annexed to the churches as suggested it would entirely change the action of the dope sold. When a fellow got "his skin full" of church booze instead of going home to beat up the wife and kids the intoxicated one would undoubtedly go home singing hymns and chanting psalms.

Come to think about it that is undoubtedly what the brewers had in mind when they "pledged themselves to help in bringing that condition about."

We do not blame the brewers—only we feel that they were in very bad company. They are out to make their business more respectable and therefore more profitable. A respectable man has more coin than the soak from whom he has already extracted almost the last dime. But it did jolt us to learn that there are men so low in the scale of humanity as to pass themselves off as representatives of the Christian church on Sunday and on week-days "co-operate" with the brewers in an effort to "better the conditions surrounding the saloon business" and "place the saloon business on a higher moral plane," thereby increasing their business and their profits.

WHY RURAL LIFE IS DULL

Rather we should have asked why SOME rural life is dull. Not all rural communities are dull. Many are just teeming with social life and interest.

Do you realize why some communities are lacking in social life and "snap"? Simply because you, yourself, are deficient in these qualities. And your neighbors are very likely in the same condition.

Suppose you wake up and take an interest in matters that tend to the betterment of the social side of your community, especially of your immediate neighborhood. Soon your neighbor will come "to life and join you. Then others will come trooping along and you will have the ball rolling and it will surprise you how rapidly everybody will step into line and march to the tune of greater life and happiness.

Many communities think that if they have their farmers' meetings, preaching occasionally and prayer meetings once a week they have fulfilled the social laws. But no. To be content with these is like living on a heavy diet of corn bread and meat. The human family is a fun-loving creature by nature, and with his work he must mix a reasonable amount of play if he is to retain his mental and physical faculties unimpaired.

If your community has not a good social club, organize one. Have singing and debates, musicals and concerts, athletic sports and other healthy forms of amusements. Put the young people of the community at work in the line of entertainments. You will be surprised at the amount of really good talent that will come to the front.

But above all things take an active interest in these affairs yourself. You may be the very person who in time will develop the "snap" that breeds success. Community life is just what the people of the community make it and YOU are one of the people.

Do your part before asking others to do theirs.

Give your child a nickel occasionally. It won't break you and it will give the child its first lessons in the art of handling money. But most important of all, teach it to save at least two cents of every nickel you give it. That

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Have you ever wondered what the result would be if the people of Andover thought and said nothing but good of each other for thirty or sixty days? Think! It would work a revolution in both body and mind. People who are constantly nagging would have lost the habit. The best that is in each one would have unconsciously forced its way to the fore and nobility of character would have made rapid strides toward supplanting the ignoble and vicious in man and womankind. After all is it not the highest folly to hold a grudge? The one who holds it is usually the only party that it injures. It sours their disposition and makes them uncomfortable and effects the hated one in no way whatever. Andover might not be a Garden of Eden, but it would come nearer to it than any other spot on earth. And it wouldn't cost a penny.

No functions, however, have been noted in the market quotation on postage stamps. Though one of our citizens did purchase at the local office thirteen 2-cent stamps for a cent and a quarter.

Young girls should get their "bloom" in the open air instead of at the drug counter. It looks better, lasts longer and is more pleasing to the masculine mind and eye. The drug man will never get rich from the sale of "bloom." He is a man of sense and discernment, or he would not be a druggist, and he would rather see one rosy cheek with the bloom of nature than to sell a barrel of the artificial article. Just get your druggist wound up on the subject some day and see what a world of good common sense advice he would give you, for he thinks even more of you than he does of the sale of his "bloom."

will teach it thrift and the art of saving. Let it take its pennies out and count them over. Every time it counts them it will want to add a few more to the pile. That will inculcate the art of accumulation. But don't let it depend alone upon what you give it. It should be taught to earn money and the first lesson should go with the first nickel. That will demonstrate the necessity and increase its capacity for work. And in after years when success has crowned its efforts it will look back over the lapse of time and tell others that it had the best father and mother that God ever permitted to live.



SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. L. Eggleston, Stated Supply.

Morning service at 10:30. Bible School at 11:45. Federated service at Presbyterian Church. Mid-week service Friday at 7:30.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. L. Eggleston in Charge.

Sunday morning at 10:30. Rev. J. Stewart Wahl will preach. Bible School at 11:45. Jr. C. E. at 3:30. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Federated service at Presbyterian Church. Mid-week service Thursday at 7:30.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Chas. Collins, Pastor.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 10:30. Only three Sundays and then the great tabernacle meetings. All our services from now until the opening of the tabernacle will be in view of and in preparation for those meetings. Come and get into the swing of the movement. Everybody welcome.

Federated service in the Presbyterian Church, at 7:30. Sunday School and League services at the usual hours.

The Bible institute, conducted by Rev. Dr. Davies, closes tonight. Dr. Davies' own sweet spirited personality is as great an inspiration as his lectures, and the lectures are clear, spiritual and highly instructive. We shall hope to have Bro. Davies with us again some time. The institute has been well attended.

On Tuesday evening the League cabinet sat down to a sumptuous supper in the church parlors at which Doctor and Mrs. Davies were the guests of honor. After the supper Dr. Davies gave a brief address on "Getting into

the Activities of Life" which was much appreciated by those present.

The Brotherhood annual social, Friday evening, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The feature of the program was an address by the District Superintendent, Dr. Ideman, on "Bringing God to the People." It was a masterly plea for practical religion and very helpful to all. Cottage prayer meeting next week.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hamilton B. Williams, Minister.

Morning Worship, Jan. 21.

The sermon will be based upon the incident of Andrew's first impulse after becoming a friend of the Christ.

Evening Meeting, 7:30.

The evening meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church. A most cordial invitation to all.

Mid-week Meeting and Efficiency Talk

This is the Thursday evening program. Sunday School—11:45. Christian Endeavor, Sunday Evening, 6:30.

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