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

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Will he must be getting "dippy."
He has completely forgotten to
die again.

Will it go into history as an
investigating committee, or as an
investigated one?

These are the days when every
self-respecting egg insists on an
individual price ticket.

Promises, explanations and ex-
cesses have a certain value, but it
is very uncertain at least.

This is a hard day for the neu-
tral. If the partisans can't kiss
him they want to kick him.

The higher the price of the
hat, the more the woman raves and
the louder the old man cusses.

If hell is paved with broken
promises, as some claim, it must
be a great place for politicians.

Don't roar at the price of eggs.
It takes a perfectly good hen
twenty-four hours to produce one.

At the allied bazaar in Chicago
a lone fresh egg sold for \$25.
Must have had a "chicken" in
it.

We just can't refrain from men-
tioning Carranza again. But he
is worth only a line or two at
least.

A British paper talks about "al-
cohol as a war utility." It cer-
tainly has started more than one
fight.

Yes, we are quite neutral, un-
til it pleases us to become other-
wise. And we please when we
please.

A reader suggests that we ad-
vocate "calf conservation," an-
other result, doubtless of the
short skirt.

The fellow who boasts of get-
ting something for nothing usual-
ly finds that it is worth just what
he paid for it.

One day we will open our
eyes and tell the world how
the people love you. But
it will be after you are dead.

We have nothing in mind, at the
moment, worth writing about, we
only think of that dollar and
cents of ours that may still be
lying around in your pockets.

Many newspapers are running
beauty talks by noted women.
But since the ladies of this com-
munity are not in need of the
artificial article we have no space
to waste on a dead subject.

A town improvement commit-
tee would not be a bad thing for
Andover. In fact it would be
a mighty fine thing, a very sensi-
ble thing and a decidedly profit-
able thing.

"I live in a small town where
there's no street-car service to
kick about." "Yes, but I see
by your local paper that the man
who runs the town snowplow hates
to get up in the morning."—Buf-
falo Express.

EDITOR DROPS DEAD

John C. Glade, Owner of the
Depew Herald, Dies Sudden-
ly in His Home

Lancaster, Jan. 21.—John C.
Glade, 46 years old, editor and
proprietor of the Depew Herald,
dropped dead in his home at
noon to-day. Mr. Glade had just
returned from church.

Mr. Glade is survived by his
wife, one son, one daughter, and
his father.

RECLAIM WASTE TOWN LANDS

The question of using idle city
lands for food products is just
now enjoying the attention of the
people of England, as it has al-
ready done those of Germany,
and efforts are being made to
conserve this potential source of
wealth.

It is estimated that in the city
of London alone there are 14,000
acres of idle land capable of pro-
ducing annually \$500 worth of
foodstuffs per acre—an amazing
total of \$7,000,000 yearly.

In connection with the present
high cost of living this item of
news should carry a potent lesson
for every town and city in our
own country.

The subject is full of possibili-
ties for Andover.

Have you, reader, ever tried to
estimate how many acres of idle
land there are in OUR town? Take
a day off some time and count
the vacant lots that are now
given over to weeds, old tin
cans and rubbish, generally. Try
to reduce this combined area to
acres. Calculate the possibilities
of these acres and then you will
see what the people of Andover
are annually allowing to slip
through their fingers for want of
a little energy.

Almost any family can cultivate
from a quarter to a half an acre
of ground and a quarter or a
half acre will produce vegetables
and small fruit for most any
family for the entire year.

Look around you and locate the
men who are making the loudest
howl against the high prices. Are
they the men who have cultivated
good gardens and truck patches?
No, indeed. These men have cel-
lars well stored with potatoes;
they have probably raised and
fattened a pig or two; they have
fruits and vegetables canned and
preserved and are really LIV-
ING AT HOME. And they don't
have nightmares near the end of
the month over the grocery bill
that must be paid on the first.

Let us have a revival of gard-
ening interest in Andover this
year. Let's every one of us who
have a few square feet or yards
of soil see to it that that soil
produces this summer all of
which it is capable. If we have
no surplus ground of our own
then let's rent a vacant lot from
some neighbor and turn it into
food for the family.

Many Andover people buy all
of their groceries and provisions
from the stores and peddlers, pay-
ing out large sums in the run of
a year, while they have ample
land lying idle from which they
could supply a majority of their
wants in this line. This is not
only poor economy, but is rank
extravagance.

And when it comes to not hav-
ing the time to work the garden
that to the ordinary shop or busi-
ness man is sheer nonsense. If
they would spend the time in the
garden mornings and evenings
that they now waste in idleness,
they would not only keep the
garden well cultivated but they
would be improving their own
health and happiness.

But that is the way of the aver-
age American citizen. He buys
beans and raises cockle burrs. He
buys potatoes and raises dogs,
fennel. In short, he buys all he
has to eat and raises hell in gen-
eral with the leisure time. at his
disposal, and then puts up an
awful howl at the prices he has
to pay.

An important phase of the ques-
tion lies in the splendid possibi-
lities for health afforded by the
congenial task of gardening.

Every dweller in a city or
small town should, if possible,
acquire a piece of ground to
work through the summer, be it
ever so small. An hour or two
of diligent work in the soil is
nature's finest tonic. It will dis-
sipate the worst case of grouch.

It is a perfect liver regulator,
cures dyspepsia, is an excellent
remedy for rheumatism and makes
you feel that life is really worth
living.

Let's get down to the business
of conservation in earnest. A
crushed potato will yield as
much nourishment and energy if
raised in one's own garden as if
bought at the store. Beans and
peas, cabbage, lettuce, radishes,
strawberries, etc., coming fresh
from your own garden are not
to be compared with the average
dejected looking articles usually
found in the markets.

So while we are urging the
country to reclaim the waste land
let us reclaim our own waste ter-
ritory. It will conserve our
health, it will lighten the strain
on our income; and last, but by
no means least, it will aid largely
in beautifying our town.

Now what do YOU think about
it?

YOUR BOY'S CHUM

If you are a father, are you
acquainted with your boy's chum?
Do you know him to be fit com-
pany for your son?

Every normal boy has singled
from his friends and acquaintance
one particular chum. This chum
is his "other self," all of the
"other self" he will have until
years of maturity develop in him
the sex attraction.

If you have studied boy nature,
or even can recall your own boy-
hood days, you must know that
these are the days wherein the
lasting impressions of life are
formed. It is also the period
when the domination of a strong
personality is more potent for
good or evil over a weaker or
more plastic nature.

Have you studied your boy's
chum? It may be almost as neces-
sary as a study of the boy him-
self. Is that chum all you could
wish him to be? Is he stronger,
or weaker of purpose and char-
acter than your boy? If stronger
all the more reason for you to
know his real character, for he
is so sure to impress his person-
ality upon your son as that
strength overcomes weakness.

The boy rarely develops habits
or traits of character acquired
from mere chance acquaintances
or from strangers. It is from his
intimates that he absorbs ideas
that become fixed in the mind
and develop into character. Hence
the imperative necessity that
these intimates be of right char-
acter.

Some think it is a risky busi-
ness to try to regulate a son's
friendships, admittedly so, yet
you have it in your power, in a
large degree, to control the mat-
ter, and it is a much more risky
business to allow him to make in-
discriminate acquaintances among
his boy friends.

Every normal boy has great
respect for his father, providing
that father is deserving of that
respect. The first step, therefore,
is to secure and deserve the boy's
confidence. This accomplished,
a little tactful consideration on
your part, together with a per-
sonal interest in his every-day
life, ought to give you control of
the situation.

But the surest way to control
the matter is to constitute your-
self the boy's chum. This can
be done if the matter is taken in
hand early in the boy's life.

To every young boy his father
is a model of perfection. His first
boyish ambition is to imitate
father. If that father is worthy
of imitation and will cultivate his
boy's confidence, the problem is
solved, and both father and son
will be much better citizens and
happier throughout their entire life
on account of this mutual friend-
ship. Each will help the other.
The son will help to keep father's
heart young and the father the
son's life clean.

Every father should seek first
place in his boy's confidence. He
should make certain that he
stands higher in his boy's regard
than all others. And as the years
pass he should see to it that the
bond is strengthened instead of
weakened. But this can only be
done by fully entering into the
life of the boy and making his
life your life.

It will pay better than any
other investment you can make.

THE END OF THE FIZZLE

Another long drawn out effort
to come to some terms with Car-
ranza has resulted in the usual
fizzle. The Mexican-American

joint commission has failed of its
object, because Carranza has re-
fused to ratify the work of the
commission.

It is the end of the fizzle,
that is, of the present fizzle.

It is said that General Perish-
ing and his men are to be with-
drawn from Mexico. It is just
as well. If they are not to be
allowed to "take Villa" or pro-
tect their countrymen, then they
should not be made ridiculous by
compelling them to loaf around
and suck their thumbs.

Taft fizzled when he sent the
army roaring down to the border
and then halted them there. Wil-
son fizzled when he rushed them
to Vera Cruz and then rushed
them out again.

And the army is fizzling because
it is not allowed to do anything
but fizzle.

With two administrations fizzling,
the American people seem to be
in somewhat of a fizzle all
around.

There is much more reason for
President Wilson's "watchful
waiting" than many give credit
for. Without doubt what he is
"waiting" for is not for a
changed condition in Mexico, but
a changed condition in Europe.
He fully understands that all of
the belligerents of that country
are eager to draw the United
States into that scrap.

President Wilson is as de-
termined to "keep us out of war"
as they are to draw us into it.
Well the administration knows
that should we start intervention
in Mexico to-day, it would be only
a matter of a few days before
the war dogs of Europe would
be able to accomplish their de-
sire, as they would then have op-
portunity to make use of that sit-
uation and force the United
States into the great world war,
on either one or the other sides.

Under other and ordinary con-
ditions we question very much
that our president would have
allowed the Mexican situation to
become the fizzle it has been.

And from all indications we are
to keep right on fizzling.

PUBLISHERS TO MEET

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gany County Publishers Associa-
tion will be held Friday, Feb. 2nd
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