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"There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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How Congress did hate to quit and go home.

Life is life, and that's about all we know about it.

Do we want a million? Not a bit of it. We want a spud.

What is a price booster? God knows, but He is ashamed to tell.

It is no longer the "high cost of living." The Almighty only knows what it is.

Every American boy is a president in the making, but darned few of them ever get out of the sn.

Spade up the back yard, but save the worms. They may be in demand before the summer is over.

Our wife found a bean in the pantry yesterday and now she's saving it for the Sunday dinner. Come over Bill.

The only neutrality that appeals to us is to kick the fellow who kicks us, regardless of who he is. That's neutrality.

Garbage cans should be carefully disinfected and laid away. There may come a time when they will be in demand again.

There is no accounting for the extravagance of American women. Cabbage leaves are now being used for personal adornment.

An exchange wants to know if there is a real demand for two and-a-half cent pennies. You bet. We want all that we can get.

It has been found that by chemical treatment a ton of sawdust will yield a quarter of a ton of sugar. That settles it. Up goes sawdust.

Willing to fight? We are. We accept any commission the government wants to hand us from Major General down to Major General.

No, we're not howling for war, and we're not bellowing against it for we don't want to be a darned fool either way. But, if it comes there is only one flag for us.

A fellow who has become a multimillionaire from war profits has founded an institution for the study of the consequences of war. Probably expects to be the whole show himself.

How we long for a sight of a freckle-faced, bare-footed boy with a stone bruise and a genuine case of bellyache. It would assure us that nature after all has not ceased to be kind to her children.

The action of twelve men prevented 500 Congressmen from expressing their honest opinion by a school boy trick of talking the time away. That action is little less than treason, and we give it as our opinion that they had not better come up for office again.

We can't blame the Germans for retaliating on the British for planting mines in the North Sea. We can all remember when "our crowd" thrashed the "Goon Hollow" crowd for filling our swimming hole with snags. But when they undertake to slap Uncle Sam's ears for what Johnny Bull did, they are in "Dutch." Nature is the same in all ages and all lands.

"Mother and Son," Thursday, April 12th.

Saves Eggs

Royal Baking Powder makes it possible to produce appetizing and wholesome cakes, muffins, cornbread, etc., with fewer eggs than are usually required.

In many recipes the number of eggs may be reduced and excellent results obtained by adding an additional quantity of Royal Baking Powder, about a teaspoon, for each egg omitted. The following tested recipe is a practical illustration:

- SPONGE CAKE**
- 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 3 eggs
 - 2 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 1 teaspoon flavoring

The old method called for 6 eggs and no baking powder

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

made from Cream of Tartar, derived from grapes, and adds none but healthful qualities to the food.

No Alum No Phosphate

TRUE AMERICANISM

There is an endless amount of hot air being emitted these days about Americanism, patriotism and kindred subjects, but when it comes right down to brass tacks few there are who are truly displaying the loyalty to America and her interests that the times and the conditions demand.

There has not been a time since the Civil War when true, genuine patriotism of the citizens of the United States was more needed than to-day, yet we see people still looking more for the interest of their own selfish ambitions and emoluments than for the safety and welfare of the nation.

A fair example of this is seen in the action of the twelve United States Senators in the closing hours of Congress in thwarting the will of 76 other patriotic Senators, 500 members of Congress, and over 100,000,000 American citizens in refusing to give the President of the United States power to defend her citizens on sea and land.

This action was little better than that of Benedict Arnold.

What has become of the spirit of '76 and '61 in this country, when red-blooded men laid down their very lives that their country should be free? Contrast the sacrifices of those days with the spineless, cowardly indifference of the present.

Is true patriotism really dead in America to-day?

Have the citizens of the United States become so commercialized that they cannot see anything but the almighty dollar?

Unless the people of the United States arouse themselves and that right quickly we will stand in the sight of the world as a great over-grown Boob without enough backbone or courage to shake off the flees from our corpulent body, as a free republic a colossal failure, and as the land of the brave a laughing stock of the world and a reproach to the free institutions we have so long been pretending were our joy and our pride.

These Un-American Senators would not have dared to pull off the crime on American citizens that they shoved over last Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning had they not known that their constituents were dead to the spirit of true Americanism. They know full well that what the average American citizen is after to-day is dollars, more dollars, and that there are few who would jeopardize their chances of procuring them by any act of resentment of the rotten deal put over by their misrepresentatives in Congress.

Wake up, men and women of America and see that our patient, patriotic, noble President receives the support and backing that his loyalty, devotion and honesty of purpose so justly deserves.

This is no time to play party politics or to sacrifice our national welfare and standing in order to fill our coffers with the gold that will be worthless unless protected by the government which we profess to love.

And this apathy of American people to the welfare of their country is not confined to any particular locality. It is as true in Andover as it is in New York City, and as applicable to Los Angeles as to New Orleans.

Right here in Andover an observant person can feel the influence of this indifference. Do you believe for one moment that such a raw deal as those twelve senators pulled off on the American people would have gone unresented in any community in the whole country in either '76 or '61? Not on your necktie. Yet in the whole length and breadth of Andover Monday, but three men were found who had the subject upon their mind sufficient to speak of it to others.

In a party of men in Allegany County on that same Monday afternoon the subject was broached, and by the look on the faces of the men it was quite evident that the subject was not open for discussion. Not knowing the attitude of their political chieftains yet they did not know whether they were to praise or condemn this contemptible insolence.

Oh, American men, you are dead to everything but the accumulation of money. You allow your party bosses to all your political thinking for you, and will shut-up like clams until you get your orders from headquarters. For shame!

This attitude is the most vicious that can possibly be conceived. It is in itself nearly as contemptible as that of the twelve senators themselves.

Wake up, men! Have at least one thought emanating from your own mind and give expression to it. Make that one thought True Americanism.

And let us begin in Andover.

FOOD PRICES FOR 1917

If we could forecast the future even for the space of one year ahead we of this country would no doubt make some amazing discoveries.

One piece of information, however, is being forced upon our attention without our being gifted with any extraordinary foresight. It is that during at least the next twelve months there will be no material reduction in the cost of living.

Already we are experiencing war

prices for foodstuffs without being at war. What the situation will be before another crop is harvested is a matter to be pondered with misgivings.

Should this country become entangled in the war, which at this writing seems almost inevitable, the situation will not be improved.

But even with prices as they are now many grave questions are confronting us. Take, for instance, that of seed for planting. With potatoes wholesaling at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bushel, can the potato raisers (or will they) afford the enormous outlay necessary to plant an acreage sufficient to surpass the crop of 1916 or even to equal it? If the crop is not increased we can hardly look for a reduction in price—unless the government jails the unscrupulous food speculators.

Will the usual acreage of spring wheat and oats be sown, with these grains at their present almost prohibitive prices? Or will the farmer figure that he can clean up enough profit on a smaller crop?

Even the good housewife's onion patch is in danger of shrinking, owing to the enormous rise in the price of this odorous vegetable.

To make the situation more serious still, the indications are that southern farmers are preparing for a record crop of cotton. The agricultural papers and those connected with the agricultural departments have been insistent in their advice to farmers to reduce rather than increase the cotton acreage. But 18 and 20 cent cotton is intoxicating, and it is doubtful if the southern farmers can be prevented from letting go everything else in order to make a killing of cotton. Such a course would have the effect of reducing the South's production of foodstuffs even below normal, thus further complicating the food situation.

It could be remedied, however, if our people would get one idea firmly fixed in their minds, that our lands be made to produce more, and more, AND MORE.

It is the age-old law of supply and demand which, barring the activities of the price boosters, always works to maintain an equitable balance. That the scarcity of an article enhances its value is a law as immutable as those governing the seasons.

It should be the first and greatest duty of every citizen of this country during the coming year to see that every available foot of land under his control be made to produce some crop. Food crops are preferable, but SOME crop should be raised. Mother earth is calling to her children to come and partake of her bounties, and we will have only ourselves to hold responsible if we refuse.

Conservation and increase of food crops is the only thing that can relieve the situation—except to jail the speculators.

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"Mother and Son," Thursday, April 12th.
See the display of the Wilcox House.
The Wilcox is advertising all meals a la carte.
Mrs. Archie ney is passing a note of her mother, M. Brawell, of South, totally destroyed week.

Mrs. Elizabeth her home at Kell, Feb. 25th. Deceased years of age.
Andrew J. Malongia, died at the home of Fred Mapes Thursday, Feb. 2.

Mrs. V. L. E. her left arm in a walk last week. Not broken but the farm house, owned by Mr. and occupied by Mr. was destroyed by fire, Feb. 25th.

The Potter chanced all the Mountain Gas Co. Factory at Round consideration is s.
Edward and sons of Mr. and of Weston Mills, freing from pte resulting from e.

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Rev. and M. ton, of Haminop a little daughter Feb. 26th. Mrs. at Hammondsport little grand-daug.

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