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OUR KEYNOTE: There is not a Way, Cut a Way!

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Such a relief! 1921 looks just like any other year.

Wealth seldom comes unbidden. It don't get a chance.

Friends are like dollars—when you need them the most, they are hardest to find.

Be of good cheer in this new year, brother. There is incalculable riches ahead of us—when we get to heaven.

Some people wag their tongues so rapidly their brains are unable to keep up.

Some people often wonder why they are likened to a dog's tail. But others know.

Most great men have very little to say. That's one reason they are considered great.

Yes, there are plenty of real good people left in the world. And most of them get left.

This would be a bleak and dreary world if we had no fools to tell us of their wisdom.

There is a heap of fun editing a country paper, but we never have time to enjoy it.

The greatest truths often spring from the lips of little children. They do not know any better.

If we could see ourselves as others see us, most of us would prefer to look at something else.

When a fellow becomes convinced that he is a great man, it is a sure sign that his foot is beginning to slip.

Don't be downhearted at the beginning of this glorious year. All things come to him who waits—even death.

Here's hoping you all meet with unbounded success the present year. And don't forget to meet us after it comes your way.

The principal difference between "immigration" and "emigration" is the fact that since the war it has all been immigration.

As president of Mexico, General Obregon is making a great record. He hasn't "sassed" the United States since he assumed office.

Woman is the brightest jewel in the crown of man—or at least she was before she commenced to vote. Now she owns the crown.

And still our gunmen of today serve at least one good purpose. They are so numerous no foreign country would have the temerity to tackle us.

Keeping eyeslastingly at it brings success, but a fellow has to be eternally on the job to keep some other cuss from reaching in and grabbing it away from him.

In former years we used to take some of the lurid stories of the big city dailies with a grain of salt, but of late we have discontinued the habit. The salt bill amounts up too rapidly.

Judge Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, the greatest business concern in the world says we have a long period of wonderful prosperity ahead of us, Bully! Let's catch up with it.

Our dear friends, the big city press have been caught napping at last. They have neglected to regale us with the information that the Harding will reside in the White House and the senator has taken the oath.

Would you judge another business man advertising—so do not.

EVERYBODY'S GOAT

Why not give the former a square deal?

If he is to receive a greatly reduced price for his crops, then the labor he employs and the things he buys to produce these crops should be reduced in proportion.

At the present time there is a marked tendency in this country to "Let George do the reducing."

Everybody wants prices reduced in every line but his own, with the result that manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and dealers throughout the business world are straining themselves in an effort to keep prices up in order that they may level a little longer in the golden waters of excessive profits.

Every human being depends upon the farmer for the food that sustains life, and every hand seems to be leveled at him in an effort to beat him down in his prices.

A great wave of protest against food prices has swept this country from one end to the other and yet this avalanche of criticism which has engulfed the man who feeds us has been voiced principally by men who have been reaping even greater profits than the farmer.

We are not the champion of the man of the soil any more than we are of any other man or woman in this community, or of this country. We are just as adverse to paying excessive prices for the food that we eat as any other person can possibly be, because we have to dig deeply and cough up hard to meet the strain.

But we are the advocate of a square deal in business.

That the farmer is not getting at present

He is everybody's goat.

We do not believe the high prices in this community are due to excessive profits on the part of our local dealers. Their reputation for fair dealing are too well known for that. But there are too many hands thru which the goods pass before they reach Andover, and every hand seems to have grabbed off its "pound of fat."

NOT A SERMON

In this life it is not so much "who can I help?" as it is "who can I do?" and the higher men rise on the ladder of success the more determined they become to "do" the other fellow.

In the early stages this is merely "shrewd business," but as it assumes greater proportions it is dignified as "high finance."

But it is not confined to the ranks of the successful.

The small boy on the street begins his career by winning the marbles away from his playmates.

He follows this up a little later by driving a hard bargain in trade.

These successes only whet his appetite for greater successes, and from year to year he plans and schemes to annex the money of other men.

To all rules there are exceptions, and there may be a few to this, but the description is fairly applicable to the majority of mankind.

Do not become peeved dear reader, and charge us with preaching, for we are all in the same sinful old boat together, and if anybody has to jump overboard to save the craft from sinking, we are unanimous in favor of "Letting George do it."

Away back in the dim past some of us have read the Golden Rule—but we couldn't repeat it now and most of us have ever forgotten what it says.

The preacher tells us some wholesome truths in his sermons but the Sunday dinner tastes so good when we get home from church it simply banishes the ministerial teachings from our minds—if they have endured that long.

And why? Ask some wise man—who don't know.

It's simply in our blood, as it is in yours, and we are not responsible for the blood that flows in our veins.

Yes, we admit that the Lord gave us power of will in order that we might resist these evil tendencies.

but generally they only appear evil to us when we see them in the other fellow.

But, perhaps we've said enough—even a mouthful.

We've just been doing a little thinking, as editors sometimes do, and our thoughts rambled off into this queer groove, as we pass them along to you, as you pay us to do. That's all.

WATSON TO THE RESCUE

THOMAS E. Watson, the new United States Senator from Georgia, is to introduce a bill into the Senate making liberty bonds legal tender. This would put them on a par with the national currency and restore them to at least par value.

It the government ever hopes to sell another bond in this country in time of emergency it would do well to protect the bondholders now.

It requires simply an act of congress to make every one of these bonds legal tender. That would require every person to accept them in payment of obligations just the same as currency.

They would possess an added advantage over currency in that they would be drawing interest where currency would not.

They would become a possession of value even to the small investor whereas now they are but a despised and depreciated drug in the market.

It's clearly up to our Uncle Sam to be so shrewd in so many ways, but so blind in this, for some of these days he may need the wherewithal to gain patch his pants.

And the dear and confiding public has a disagreeable habit of remembering disagreeable things.

PROSPERITY AHEAD

THERE is much comfort to be had from the statement recently of Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, the greatest business concern the world has ever produced.

Judge Gary says a long period of wonderful prosperity is just ahead of the people of the United States.

When Judge Gary opens his mouth, he is in the habit of saying something, and he never says a thing unless he knows what he is talking about.

He has been a wise prophet in the past, because he possess the ability to read conditions and possibilities as they are.

There is no reason why his prophecy should not be one of wisdom in this case, because there is no reason why we should not prosper and every reason why we should.

Banks and financiers generally state that we have passed thru our worst period of depression and are now on the up grade. Only the rankest kind of pessimism can hold us back.

And who wants to be a pessimist when every human instinct spurs us on to optimism?

Let's demonstrate our faith in the return of prosperity by recognizing the fact that it is here and by doing our share toward its maintenance in this community.

Let the watchword be production, wisdom in spending, and the employment of a systematic course of saving.

A proportionate amount of the prosperity of the country belongs to the people of Andover.

Let's get all we can and keep all we get.

Other communities are doing the same.

OFFICERS FOR 1921

World's Benefit Association; of the World, Andover Review No. 188

- Mrs. Ida Brewster, Lady Com. Mrs. Mary Warfield, P. Com. Mrs. Clara Childs, Lt. Com. Mrs. Rose Gilbert, Chap. Mrs. Clara Caples, R. K. Mrs. H. D. Smith, F. A. Mrs. Frances E. Beebe, F. A. Mrs. Ida Williams, L. at A. Mrs. Jennie Howland, Sergt. Mrs. Edith Holmes, Sent. Mrs. Maggie Mullen, Picket. Mrs. Ethel Kemp, Organist. Mrs. Calla Crance Col. B. No. 1. Mrs. Hazel Burgett Col. B. No. 2. Mrs. Gertrude Scott, Capt. Andover Review 188 of Andover, N. Y., will hold their meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 2 P. M. in the hall.



Paying the Fiddler

The country is recovering from the effects of its orgy of spending. Extravagance, profiteering and unbridled speculation have brought a burden to all. A cry for economy is heard all over the land. Such conditions have occurred before and will occur again unless checked. In 1874 the Grange adopted its policy of thrift. It declared opposition to excessive salaries, high interest rates and exorbitant profits. It proclaimed the need for the most direct and friendly relations between producers and consumers, that wasteful trade practices might be eliminated.

This program represents the farmer's attitude now—as it did then. The Grange always has adhered to it. It has sought steadfastly to check needless extravagance, both private and public, both individual and governmental.

THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN is in full accord with these principles. It, too, is fighting the farmer's fight. By practical examples it shows how farmers can correct abuses. And it will make you acquainted with up-to-date and profitable farming methods that are being followed all over the country. This, however, is only a part of the help and pleasure you will get in a year's 52 big issues, which now cost only \$1.00. Find out for yourself! Let our secretary care for your order—today!

Our farmers, by reason of sane habits of living, are a great steadying force in the nation. But they need leadership and a common spokesman to widen their influence. The Grange offers you both!

Allegany County Pomona Grange

E. P. Ayers, Secretary, Cuba, New York; F. M. Carpenter, Master, Belmont, New York

Dear Secretary: I'm glad to see the Grange being pushed with good advertising. And here's my dollar for THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN for a year—52 weekly issues. Please forward my order to the Publishers at Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

(My Name) (My Address) (Town) (State)

To get Good Printing come to the News Office.

DAY YOUR GAS BILLS on or before the 20th of month and save discount. EMPIRE GAS & FUEL CO. Ltd.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

THE BURROWS NATIONAL BANK at Andover, in the State of New York, at the close of business on December 31, 1920.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Loans and Discounts, U.S. Government Securities, Deposited to secure circulation, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, etc.

Of the total loans and discounts shown above, the amount on which interest and discount was charged at rates in excess of those permitted by law (see 6192, Rev. Stat.), exclusive of notes upon which total charge not to exceed 50 cents per \$100 per annum, was \$20,000.00.

STATE OF NEW YORK: County of Allegany, ss. I, John E. Cannon, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1921. B. H. HARRIS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: J. E. Cannon, Cashier; J. E. Cannon, Cashier.

What Will You Eat in 1921?

We solicit the privilege of supplying your table the coming year. We are exceptionally well equipped for this service, as we carry a complete stock of everything desired in the grocery and food line, and know from long experience the high quality of the brands we handle.

Cordial relations with the wholesale houses enables us to buy at the closest possible figures, thereby making it possible for us to quote YOU prices that can not be undersold.

H. H. WILLIAMS THE STORE OF QUALITY

STOVES

Big Reductions on Stoves for the next TEN DAYS. We still have a good line of Heaters in stock.

Horan Hardware

CRY a News "Want" or "For Sale" adv. and quick results.