

Andover News

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OUR KEYNOTE: There is not a way, but a way.

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Hit the pace, or it may hit you.

"Give and take" is good advice, provided you are the taker.

Advice is like medicine. It is very objectionable to most people.

People who are annoyed by gossip are generally the ones who listen to it.

"Truth is mighty and will prevail," provided a lie doesn't get the upper-hand.

No, we can never mend our own faults by complaining of those of others.

Yes, it is quite true that some people are totally devoid of fear. They are dead.

As long as there is life there is hope, but hope does not always prolong life.

If you want a divorce from your wife let her do the getting. Just tell her that she snores.

Popularity is not always an evidence of brains. The sight of a pocket flask works wonders.

Some people find it unnecessary to search out their own faults. Their neighbors can do it for them.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself," says the good book—and especially if she is young and beautiful, say we.

In the absence of food the Russian bolshevik might fall back upon the ancient custom of eating one another.

A drug store complexion can hardly be termed "the blush that won't come off"—especially if the weather is warm.

Some men take vociferous pride in their ability to wiggle their ears, but the jackass is more discreet in his egotism.

It is hoped, in passing, that the time will eventually come when uncivilized civilization will again become civilized.

Just now one hour is more profitable in the garden than a dozen on the street corner—and the corner won't miss you.

If prices do come clear down it will be an awful job for people who buy it on credit and then brag about how much they paid.

Even with the advent of spring we can't lose the weather man. He'll soon be roasting us just as gleefully as he tried to freeze us to death.

Of course, if you don't like to have the old straw hat cleaned you can always drum up an excuse for buying a new one. You have our permission.

Teddy, Jr., assistant secretary of the Navy, is taking lessons in boxing. It will be a long time, however, before the chip is the size of the old block.

Remember the old days when we youngsters used to get out behind the barn and smoke grapevines? If the worst comes, etc.—but perhaps they will prohibit g. v. 's, as well as the weed.

One means of reducing the number of divorces among the rich would be to follow the example of the Turk and allow them to annex three or four wives. But at that the Turk would probably object to being in the same class.

YOUR HOME, AND OURS

NO matter how much of a chestnut a story may be, it is always new to the person who hears it for the first time.

It is even so when we advocate faith in, loyalty to, and the building up of the home community. We have written and preached until the subject has almost become a chestnut, yet in every new effort of our pen there is a sentence somewhere that strikes a sympathetic chord in the heart of some person. No effort for local-betterment is entirely in vain.

We live in Andover because we believe in it. We believe in it because it is a good town, regardless of its few defects, and its people are the peers of those to be found anywhere. Andover may not have the wealth of some more favored communities, but it has character, and character is a possession which can not be purchased with gold.

If you believe in your home town you will like it, and if you like it no effort toward its improvement will be too great for you.

Again we ask you who have faith in your own powers to also have faith in your own town.

When you feel like criticising it, check the shot before it is spoken. You can always find something good to say instead, and even then the half of the truth will never be told. It is a good town now, but faith, loyalty and united action will make it a better one.

Our faith in Andover, brother, is simply faith in you, because the town is a collection of yous.

Surely your faith is not less than ours. Let us unite—let us act—for a better and a more cohesive community. It is your home—and ours.

WILL IT WORK?

YEARS ago the public whipping post was abolished as being a detriment to enlightened humanity. It was believed that respect for and observance of the law could be maintained by other and more humanitarian methods.

In Delaware at least the reform appears to have proven a failure, and the whipping post is to be revived. So much the news dispatches tell us. It is frankly admitted that prison sentences alone are not sufficient to check the alarming wave of crime in that state, and the officials as a last resort will resurrect the ancient custom.

In the golden days of the western frontier the respectable element of a community adopted equally forcible methods when the law officers failed to curb the "bad men." They organized vigilance committees, took the law into their own hands, and decorated convenient limbs of trees with the dangling bodies of the desperadoes.

It was less spectacular, than a public whipping, but quite as effective and more lasting as a cure—at least in the case of the danglers.

Delaware is not the only sick spot in this country to-day. Crime is rampant in practically all of the centers of population, and the ordinary functioning of law appears incapable of checking it.

It is inconceivable that present conditions are to be allowed to continue indefinitely. An evil unchecked soon grows to engulfing proportions. It enlarges and expands until eventually it destroys every moral force that opposes it.

We are not prepared at this time to advocate whipping posts or the art of dangling, except in the last extremity, altho we frankly admit the urgent necessity of some radical measure that will make this country safe for people who themselves respect and obey the law.

The Delaware experiment will be watched with considerable interest by students of criminology.

The United States has succeeded Great Britain as the world's banker, Europe owing us the tidy little sum of fourteen billions of dollars. The fourteen billions look better to us than the honor of being the w.-b. Get 'em back.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

LIFE is getting slow again, remarked a leading citizen as he laid aside his morning paper.

Perhaps it is. Yet in the last twenty-four hours he has traveled two million miles. Some jaunt that, even for one who is accustomed to hitting the pace.

But of course, he traveled along with the earth, and never gave a thought to the speed at which he was tearing thru space. We seldom more than half think when we do any thinking at all.

THE Chicago River interferes with the growth and beauty of the Windy City. This does not please the people where the wind blows, hence they will pick up the river and move it over to a spot farther removed. Paying \$3,000,000 for the privilege will add spice to the job. No, there is no wind in this item, even if there is plenty of it in Chicago.

WE read that the Secretary of State is studying Mexican conditions. Perhaps he will find that we have something to learn from the sane and determined course of President Obregon. The Mexican executive seems to have accomplished the impossible by quickly restoring order and a semblance of normal conditions in his country.

Mr. Harding may prove as resourceful as General Obregon. We hope so, at least. We need it.

THE wife of a Red Cross worker has brought suit for divorce against him. While overseas this representative of a noble band married a demure French lassie, unmindful of the fact that he had left a wife in the states. Later there was a child.

Wife No. 1 preferred her freedom to being linked up to a brute, even tho he wore the emblem of the Red Cross.

The respectable brute creation, however, will probably object to having this animal classed as one of them.

THE red terror is gripping Germany, just as the German terror tried to grip France and England; and would have done had not the American foot trampled her up just at the psychological moment.

The German terror, devoid of teeth, probably knows now how it feels to have another terror gripping it.

And yet we can not help a feeling that the German terror of war days consisted of the kaiser, the aristocracy, and the militaristic class. The common people were simply herded up and driven to the slaughter.

Terrors are terrifying, no matter which side they grip.

IN Washington they are working on a scheme for tax-revision. It is hinted that there will be a general downward trend, with the excess tax eliminated entirely.

In other words, the burden of the poor man will be lightened by a few pennies, while that of rich men and corporations will be clipped off by the hundreds of thousands.

That is the gist of the press dispatches. We hope, however, they are in error. We prefer to feel that President Harding, at least, is an advocate of the square deal.

A vicious Canadian timber wolf was rounded up in the railroad yards of Chicago having surreptitiously traveled from the wilds of Canada in a freight car. No one paid the freight. It's too bad we can't lead up our vicious human wolves and ship them up where the tall trees grow. An even exchange would be to our advantage. We might even find it profitable to pay the freight. There are degrees of viciousness even in wolves, you know.

DO YOU NEED A NEW SUIT? Many ladies have delayed buying Spring Suits for seasons past on account of high prices. This season we are pleased to announce that the prices are lower—and the materials and workmanship are wonderful.

We want to sell you a suit this season and we want to sell it to you Friday or Saturday of this week. These days we will have an extra large assortment of remarkable values. You can buy your suit of us for less and you will be satisfied. ROCKWELL BROS. & CO. Wellville, N. Y.

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Finck's Detroit Special Khaki Trousers, \$2.25 to \$2.75

Finck's Detroit Special Overalls, were \$3.75, Now \$2.25

Freeland Overalls, were \$2.50, Now \$1.50

Men's Work Sox 15c and 20c

Army Work Shoes, soft toe, Munson last, \$3.45

Men's Tan Elk Shoes, were \$4.00, Now \$2.95

Boys' Scout Shoes, Special at \$2.50

NEW CLOTHES

We received this week 25 Men's Suits, made in the season's latest styles, priced at \$25.00 and \$32.50

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The undersigned has made arrangements to do all kinds of Harness Repairing in the Jerry Updyke Shop on Greenwood Street. Farmers wishing harnesses repaired, call. MICHAEL FOLSING

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Paints and Varnishes, Linseed Oil and White Lead is unsurpassed

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