OUR KEYNOTE "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

ANDOVER, N. Y.

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In Your Idle Hours

WHILE resting in the cool shade these hot summer days, why not let your thots dwell upon Andover and the countryside surrounding us - upon what they need, what you can do for them, and upon how you can spur others to greater exertions in behalf of our community life?

Andover needs most of anything more that of its citizens, deeper concentration, greater action.

Many a great and enobling deed receives its inspiration in an idle moment. The hours of work and action serve but to expand and develop it.

It might be so with that idle that of yours, with our community.

Andover is a mighty good town, but no town is so perfect but what it might become a hundred per cent. more Andover is no exception to this rule.

Cool off your body in the shade if you feel so inclined, but let your mind dwell upon the good of your home town. There is no danger of your mind's getting over-heated by exercise. Let your thots wander afield, and gather in the ideas of fancy that may later crystalize into a greater and better community development.

Yes, you critical readers will say here that the editor is day dreaming, that he is visionary. But did you ever stop to think that there is no great achievement ever accomplished but what had first been merely a day dream of some one. Somebody had to first think out and plan everything that we now enjoy and appreciate.

We add a new coat of paint to our home and gaze upon the flushed product with pride. The improved appearance more than justifies the labor and expense.

If improvement is good for the home of the individual why not for the community as a whole. And you are a part of the community. We all have to do our part to keep up the village. We all have to pay our taxes to help maintain if. Why should we not all work with our thots to improve and beautify it as we do our homes?

And if improvements are good for our homes, why not for the community as a whole?

Let your hours of idleness and rest for the body beget

others of energy and aggressiveness. It will ennoble yourself and enhance your value to

Andover as a citizen. It will develop the community and increase the value

to you.

The most brilliant fool we know of is the fellow who drives with his muffler cut out.

Good news, fellows! Report has it that there will be no immediate rection in taxation.

If wood alcohol produces blindness it would seem that a lot of people prefer not to see the light.

The world is loud in its demand for feverish preparation for the next war.

About the most notable thing in connection with the general depres-sion in business is the fact that it is

The fellow who is looking for a scrap is always the last to lay away, his gun. Japan has been hedging on the matter of disarmament.

Mother Eve set the fashion in abbreviated dress, and a few of her feminine descendants are striving nobly to teach even her a few tricks.

The person who builds character builds fortune as well, not only in be read with perfect safety by the the material things of this world, but growing children of the community in that spiritual life to which our earthly existence is a mere prelude.

As an optimist of the first water, Postmaster General Hayes is it. He elieves the public would prefer to way 25 cents for a special delivery know whether

SMALL TOWN VS. BIG CITY TOR wears it has been a favorite ement of the large city dailies to refer to the local news con tained in the country press as "small

eses the city dweller to read the law breakfust table,

It emphasizes the superiority of 'metropolitan wisdom."

As we of the country press are content to let it go at that, with a passing word or two of comment,

The "small town stuff" which furcity friends may be homely in its phraseolgy-it may be unimportant as compared to the vital affairs of the world-but it possesses the merit of being the truth.

nt peace and silent in its The average country publisher does not resort to marepresentation and sensationalism in the column of his paper. His news articles and items are composed of facts as he finds them, and they are not doctored or colored for the purpose of pleasing any class or faction, or for the building up of a huge subscription list.

When he takes a stand editorilly on any public question, be it local, state or national, he has in view the welfare of the people as a whole, and not the interests of some political faction or machine.

His columns may not contain an over plus of news, but such as there is may without parental fear of instilling questionable thots and desires in their

budding minds. His paper may be small, and provincial, but it is clean.

The reader is never stamp instead of paying the present made by the editor is based upon fact. or whether it is composed principally of what is commonly known as thew paper bunk."

> The publisher of any big city daily ho can legitimately and truthfully say as much for his own paper is at liberty to amuse himself at our expense to his heart's content.
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> It will be viswed by us in a spiri

of fellewship and brotherly love.

THE people of this country are in maze of doubt and mystery ever the millions of interest money that is se and to become due us on the ten billions of dellers owed to us by the allied governments of Europe.

It is the people's money, and yet he people are the last ones who are being offered any light upon the sub-

The London Times is considered the world over to be a truthful paper, and the Times in its financial news makes the positive statement that ar rangements are under way whereby he payment of interest is to be delayed for a period of fifteen years.

Our secretary of the treasury states otherwise, but at the same time he pays out nearly thirty-five millions of dollars to the British government in order to concel a claim for transport ing American troops and freight to France in British ships, when by every rule of right and justice he should have caused that claim to be redited against the billions the British government owes us.

Thirty-five millions would do won ders for the shamefully neglected sick and disabled ex-service men in this country, or it would furnish em ployment and relief to many of our dle millions of men who are facing destitution and want, but it was not for any other legitimate American purpose, so far as we can see.

Frankly, we do not understand it and neither do the people.

We disclaim any intention or desire to attack the administration, for tion in readjustment rather than criticism and discord, but unless the secretary of the treasury can furnish a he is laying the administration open to serious attacks from Republicans and well as Democrats

We are Americans first, and parti-Give us light!

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