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OUR KEYNOTE

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

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COMPLAISANT AMERICA

IT IS not to be expected that the recent indictment of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Illinois for alleged illegal acts while acting as state treasurer should escape widespread discussion thruout the United States.

Time and a jury will determine truth or innocence, but their indictment serves to bring forcibly to the public mind the fact that we Americans are entirely too complaisant for our individual and collective good.

The average voter has too little to say in the selection of candidates who are to make the race for public office. Our self-appointed political leaders very considerably do the selecting for us by secretly choking off those who are not acceptable to them, while the rest of us perform our "sacred duty as sovereign citizens" by toddling up to the polls and voting for them like good little fellows.

It is seldom that we ever dig down into a candidate's past to determine whether or not he is a suitable man for an office of public trust.

It is equally seldom that a politician's past is resurrected to plague him unless a rival politician goes gunning for him, as it is charged was done in Illinois.

It is often the case that rival candidates for an office are both tarred with the same brush, and neither cares to scratch beneath the surface for fear of being forced to swallow a dose of his own medicine.

What we need in the United States is more independence and assertiveness on the part of the plain voters. We will always have political leaders, because we cannot well get along without them, but they should be taught to select men of character and ability for public office or expect them to be defeated for the nomination, or at the polls. They should be taught to understand that we want men who will labor for the collective good of all of the people, and not be swayed by the wishes of the bosses who place them in office.

But these are things difficult of accomplishment until the plain voter removes the political halter from his neck and stands forth a free and independent man, voicing and voting his own convictions and accepting dictation from no source, but manfully accepting the verdict of the majority when the votes have been counted.

Public office is a public trust. It should not be made an object of distrust.

It's but a short step from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day.

A loose tongue is invariably a sign of a weak mind. Neither are any particular value to mankind.

The bee's reputation for industry comes mostly from its buzzing — and some human beings are just like that.

One of the high courts has decided that a man is the head of his family — but most men will still have to prove it.

According to telephone companies it takes a thousand dollars to develop a "hello girl," but it takes only a ten dollar wedding ring to get her away.

How times do change! There are some men about town old enough to remember when folks spoke contemptuously of "drug store" whiskey.

Every citizen of the United States should make a careful study of existing conditions in this country and governmental methods, of dealing with them. The greater the knowledge and interest displayed by private citizens the more carefully will public officials watch their steps.

Will H. Hays can get mail transported and delivered with the same speed that he got votes for Harding, he will prove himself the right man in the right place as Postmaster General. Here's hoping that he can do it. Our present mail carrying system is a joke.

The one-time Want A territory fails to sell property — but so would the one-time man fail, in nine times out of ten of the things he might ever undertake.

"The habit of trying" is the winner's habit! Almost every classified ad represents somebody's manner of trying to accomplish something.

VERY MUCH AWAKE

THERE may have been a time when the residents of a small country town or a farming district took little or no interest in affairs outside of their own local community, other than to vote their straight party tickets at election time.

But that time is not now. It has not been for many years. The man behind the counter or the plow is just as vitally interested in state and national affairs as is his cousin in the great city.

The foreign news is just as carefully scanned from day to day, and the field of research and invention is religiously scrutinized.

There is little that transpires in the world of affairs that is not known and understood by the man in his rural home, for it is thru his constant search for advanced knowledge of a practical nature that he is enabled to keep pace with the swiftly moving tides of life.

If a just comparison could be made it is probable that, man for man, the person in the country town or on the farm would be found to be better posted on the affairs of the world in general than the average dweller of any of the great cities.

WITH MAN'S APPROVAL

ALL honor to the Mayor of Boston, the birthplace of culture and the home of beans.

His Honor has approved the wearing of knickerbockers in daily life of the women of his city, and there is not a gasp. He sees in this innovation greater freedom of movement, increased health, and a degree of feminine modesty superior to that of the present mode of dress.

And possibly he is right. Women are always hampered in their movements by trailing or clinging skirts, and especially in this as by

those who say that skirts are not in vogue any more. They are necessary at all times. They are necessary and an ever increasing source of expense. There is no reason why they should not be sidetracked in favor of garments that are more sane, sensible and economical in every way.

When knickerbockers make their appearance they will be criticised, but if the wearing of knickerbockers is restricted to those who are thoughtful without fault there will be but few of them thrown.

DON'T HECKLE THE PRESIDENT

IT is now a practical certainty that a meeting will be held in Washington some time in November for the purpose of discussing international disarmament and certain far eastern affairs. This meeting will be attended by official representatives of the governments of the United States, England, France, Italy, Belgium, China and others.

The conference will be a possibility that German may be present. The conference will be a great and everlasting good to the world, or it may end in a farce. That is yet to be determined.

In the meantime there are many newspapers in this country that will be editorially discussing the various phases of these subjects with a view to swaying public opinion to their way of thinking, and especially the throwing of light upon the more or less obscure points.

There are others that will have for their secret aim the embarrassment of the president just at a time when he should receive the support of the American people in this laudable undertaking of his.

The peace of the world in general and of this country in particular is of far more importance than the evening up of political scores and private grudges.

A free and frank discussion of these subjects is legitimate and is to be desired. It is in accord with the traditional policy of the American people.

But deliberate heckling of the President just at that time will be unfortunate, if not disastrous.

It is difficult for any President to make good on an international project of this magnitude when he is being pulled back by his own people. Don't heckle the President.

YOUR FOREIGN INVESTMENT

NEWS dispatches from Washington recently informed us that there was an "understanding" under the Wilson administration whereby the payment of interest on the ten billions of dollars owed to us by certain foreign governments was to be deferred for something like twenty-five years.

Indications now are that the present administration will adhere to this "understanding."

There are something over a hundred million people in the United States. Ten billions of dollars, with interest now due and unpaid, means one hundred dollars pro rata for every man, woman and child in this country.

That represents your forced loan to foreign governments. Apparently you are not to expect any interest on this loan for twenty-five years or more.

You should not be surprised if you never see either the interest of the principal. How do you like it? Or do you like it? The tax collector will be around as usual.

Can't you conceive how this may be true? Suppose it's an ad offering employment that would be both congenial and profitable to you — or an ad of a place to live where life would be twice as good and livable to you as where you are now "passing" it — or a real estate ad affording an undeniable profit opportunity to an investor who has real estate "gumption" — or an ad for which that nearly-satisfactory servant is at last found! Would not ads of these sorts be of really greater importance to you than to the people who wrote them and paid for having them published in this paper?

Your next Classified Ad will probably sell that used article for its cash value.

HABIT WAS STRONG ON HIM

Even Smith's Words of Wisdom Failed to Keep Jones' Attention From Wandering.

Smith and Jones were personal friends, so one day Smith took a personal friend's liberty and said to Jones:

"You mustn't take offense if I speak to you about something I have had on my mind for some time—just a little habit of yours."

"Nobody has ever had the nerve to tell you before," Smith continued in a hesitating sort of voice, "and you are such a splendid, noble fellow."

"Yes, yes," answered Jones. Smith cleared his throat; then, with great determination, launched out:

"You're one of those fellows who never really know what is being said to them; you're always pursuing some train of thought. Any one can tell half the time you are not listening by the faraway look in your eyes. You've offended a lot of people. Of course, it's terribly rude, only you don't know it. You mustn't say more old chap," putting his hands on Jones' shoulders. "Promise me you'll get."

"Jones was then obliged to face his friend.

"Just what were you saying?" he inquired in a faraway voice.

"Is Your Hair Long?"

The fact that a person was wrongly certified as insane led to a discussion the other day as to whether long hair was a sign of insanity, London Answers states.

It was said that, although this was no evidence of insanity, it might probably be proof of eccentricity. Many of our greatest geniuses have possessed remarkable crops of hair.

It was once said that the love of music, or the possession of musical talents, tended to increase the growth of hair, and, indeed, when one looks round there are many instances to make this seem feasible.

A great man once made a statement to the effect that there was only a thin dividing line between genius and lunacy. So if long hair is a sign of insanity and genius and there is only a thin dividing line between the two, it behooves us to be very careful how we treat long-haired, eccentric-looking individuals, for fear they prove to be some one too great to risk offending.

Wealth in Hawaii.

The territory of Hawaii will produce enough motor fuel for its own needs within two years. They would also be able to supply the requirements of the army and navy forces there, should their bases of supply be cut off. Commercial manufacture of motor gasoline from sugar molasses has been made profitable on a large scale on the island of Maui.

REAL VALUES

Real Low Prices!

School Days are here and we have just received some values for the SCHOOL BOY

Table listing clothing items and prices: Boys' Colored Blouses 7c, Boys' Striped Madras Blouses 90c, Boys' White Madras Blouses \$1.00, One lot Boys' Knickerbockers \$1.00, One lot Boys' Knickerbockers \$1.25, One lot Boys' Knickerbockers \$1.50, Young Men's Blue Serge Pants \$4.00, Young Men's Cassimere Pants \$5.00, Boys' Two Pants Suits 10.00, One lot Men's Work Pants \$1.75

SCHOOL SHOES, KEDS AND GYM. SHOES AT REDUCED PRICES

Table listing shoe items and prices: One lot High-cut Brown Shoes for Girls \$3.45, One lot High-cut Brown Shoes for Misses \$3.00, One lot High-cut Brown Shoes for Children \$2.50

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