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OUR KEYNOTE

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

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"COMMUNITY - MADE"

FRIEND, stop and consider what you owe to your community. But first, stop and think what your community has done for you.

How many men in your community have accumulated what they have outside of the community in which they live? Very few, you will admit.

Now, how was it possible for you to accumulate property? Was it purely by your own exertions, or did business conditions contribute largely to the result? If you are a farmer and were your farm a hundred miles from civilization, what would it profit you? How much wealth could you amass?

No, friend, your holdings are not solely the result of your own energy. The entire population of your community has contributed to your upbuilding.

What, tho you are a most capable lawyer or doctor, or professional man, if you are located in a sparsely settled country where there is little demand for your services, what does your capability profit you?

What of the expert builder if there are no houses to build? What of the engineers if the nearest approach to a locomotive were the old ox-wagon of our grandfathers?

So you see that wealth is very largely a matter of environment. Without a populous community all men are at a disadvantage in its accumulation, and as the community grows in population the opportunities for accumulating wealth increases.

This by way of reminding you that however "self-made" you may boast your self, you are in reality "community-made" and you owe a debt to your community, and the size of that debt is in exact proportion to the amount of your holdings in the community.

Now if you owe this debt — and we do not think that you will try to dispute it, — isn't it up to you to discharge it when called upon to do so?

How many times has your community called upon you in vain when plans for its betterment were being made? A road was to be built for which funds were not available.

Did you contribute? Funds had to be raised to keep a certain industry in town or get a new one to locate here. Was your name found on the paper contributing towards that end? How much did you help? Your church was old or out of date and the members wanted to rebuild. Did you chip in?

In short, you are paying your debt to the world and to the community in the only logical way—assisting to the extent of your ability to make it a better community for your children and your children's children to live in.

You will admit that you owe to your parents a debt you can never repay to them. The only way you can possibly pay is to pass it on to another generation. That is nature's eternal plan.

Just so you can pass on to the community of the future what the community of the past has done for you.

Will you pay the debt?

It makes not a bit of difference who you are or what you are. Andover has done more for you than you have for it. You may be rich, or you may be poor, or just in moderate circumstances, but in either case your home town has done much for you that you have never recognized or repaid. This statement is worthy of serious consideration by every citizen who believes in giving as he receives. If you give it the consideration it deserves you will get busy right away and do your full share toward making Andover a bigger and better and more prosperous town in every way.

People who play with fire often get cold feet.

Free advice is generally worth no more than its costs.

Many a big gun politically is a small bore morally.

Possessing a will to do is the best assurance that it will be done.

The day of the soap box orator has passed. Boxes are too expensive.

Remember the Sabbath day, and see if your neighbor keeps it holy.

Most women are guided by instinct, but a few refuse to be guided at all.

Experimenting in the effects of wood alcohol is not confined to chemists or physicians alone. But you'd better "let George do it."

Millionaires are often successful in matrimony and unsuccessful in love.

That fellow feeling causes a few people to quickly recognize the grunt of a hog.

The high cost of everything prevents the advent of the low cost of anything.

Few men are ever without friends until they begin to "borrow" money from them.

Women look into a mirror in order to see themselves as they want others to see them.

When a fool man attempts to argue with a woman he first gets licked and then gets mad.

Anyone is justified in loving this town. It is full of beautiful women and attractive children.

THE Washington conference is held in Washington to determine the result in the limitation of armaments and the reduction of standing armies. If it accomplishes no more than these two things it will justify its existence.

But for the sake of humanity it should do more. It should put an end to submarine and gas warfare.

The whole world knows the horrors of submarine warfare—how even helpless women and children have fallen victims to the hornets of the deep. Civilization has been set back a hundred years by their use.

The man who shoots another in the back without warning is called a coward. The submarine is no better. It strikes in the dark and murders whole shiploads who have no means of striking back.

The use of gas is another evidence of the degeneration of mankind.

In other days savage Indians burned their prisoners at the stake. They did not burn women and children.

The use of gas in warfare comes dangerously near to being on a par with burning at the stake. Its full horrors are known only to those who have suffered its agony.

Since the close of the World War gasses have been produced that will exterminate entire armies. If we have another great war this will mean the wholesale destruction of a great proportion of the male population of the earth. It will also mean that entire cities will be depopulated—non-combatants and innocent women and children falling victims to its deadly fumes. Such attacks will come from the air. The temptation to annihilate will be too great for an enemy to withstand.

Gasses and submarines should be outlawed among the nations of the earth.

The Washington conference is an opportune time for such action.

Civilization requires it and humanity demands it.

AUTOMOBILE TAXATION

WHEN certain well meaning people discuss means for augmenting the federal revenue they suggest adding another tax on the automobile.

They go on the theory that if a man has money enough to own a car he can afford to pay an additional tax for the pleasure of its use, apparently giving no thought to the fact that the car owner is already paying heavily for that privilege.

When the tax assessor comes around he lists a man's automobile as a part of his property, upon which taxes are paid.

He pays an annual license fee to the state and to the city in which he lives. It is true, however, that in some of the smaller towns no city license is required.

He pays an excessive price for the gas and oil which he uses, and in some states one cent a gallon of the cost of gas goes into the tax fund. This simply adds a cent to the price of gas.

There are many excellent automobile repair men, but the country is overrun with a lot of sharks who know about as much about the mechanism of a car as a doctor does about shoeing a horse. The car owner doesn't find these birds out until they put his car on the "blink" and they have to have the work done over again. The law affords him no protection against these sharks, unless he takes the matter into court in the way of a civil suit.

If a pedestrian or a child suddenly steps in front of a moving car without warning and is injured it is always the driver who is at fault and who pays the bill. Public sentiment never concedes that it is possible for him to be in the right.

The automobile is in greater use to-day than the horse and buggy, and motor vehicles are rapidly displacing the wagon in commercial use.

We hear no crying demand for placing a special tax on wagons and buggies, or horses or mules.

And yet periodically some excellent citizen arises and demands that the motorist be soaked again.

Advertisement for James P. Cannon Company. Features 'REAL VALUES AT Real Low Prices!' and lists various clothing items like Boys' Colored Blouses, Boys' Striped Madras Blouses, etc. Also includes 'SCHOOL SHOES, KEDS AND GYM. SHOES AT REDUCED PRICES' and 'Time and Tide Was Never Put on the Waiting List'.

Continuation of the Automobile Taxation article, discussing the car owner's perspective and the impact of taxes on the industry.

Advertisement for H. H. Williams, 'THE STORE OF QUALITY'. Features 'CUBA'S BIG FAIR' on September 13, 14, 15, 16, 1921. Lists various acts and troupes like 'TASMANIAN TROUPE', 'THE APOLLO TRIO', etc.

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