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Our Keynote: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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WHO MAKES THIS TOWN?

It isn't any one man, or and half dozen, or dozen. It is every person in the town, as well as those who make a practice of coming to the town.

We have citizens who are so modest and retiring that they imagine their influence is of no value, or has no weight — that it makes no difference to the town what they do or do not do.

They are mistaken. We have become so accustomed to the progressive citizen that we expect to hear from him on any subject of importance. We would be more or less nonplussed if he did not come to the front.

But it is the quiet and retiring element that adds impetus and puts real life into a movement for civic improvement. They may not assume to be leaders, but when they get behind and push the weight is so great there is no such thing as a premature halt.

Little wavelets lapping upon the seashore always precede the great tidal wave that sweeps everything before it. It is so in community life.

In each community there are a few who are always promptly active in every good movement. They are the little waves that never rest that are ever creeping up on the beach, advancing and receding, incessantly, on the move until they create the great wave of public sentiment that moves irresistibly on to victory and achievement.

It is the mass of quiet citizens who constitute the bulk of the public sentiment. It is the citizen who possibly thinks that his own individual opinion has but little influence upon community life. It is the one who acts after others have talked.

You, therefore are one of the number who make this town.

You are expected to aid in making it even a better town.

You can do it, if you will.

Congressmen to realize that they don't know which way waves thinkers will jump — or vote.

Really, it is very trying — to politicians. It's enough to make an ordinary congressman wriggle and squirm. Even a dignified senator is justified in feeling peeved.

Poor devils. No doubt they sympathize with each other. But who wouldn't?

HERE it is again — but we've had it before.

"America should have a great merchant marine," says the inspired writers. "Our goods should be carried to foreign countries in our own ships," they contend.

But how is this to be brought about? Simple, very simple — subsidize the shipping interests.

That's the way the inspired put it, and it's the way the uninspired don't want it just now.

We don't know much about shipping, but we do know a little about taxation — of which we are having an ungodly amount.

Subsidizing the shipping interests would mean millions more in taxes, and the people would have the privilege of groaning louder and harder when the time came to pay.

But groaning comes natural to us, so much of it that it is wholly unnecessary — if congress and the government and its departments were managed and conducted upon sound business principles, minus the usual amount of political pie.

Unquestionably a merchant marine would be a good thing, and it will come along in time — but this is not the time.

Let's wait until we have passed safely thru our reconstruction period and are sure of our footing, and have gotten rid of some of the mountain of debt under which we are staggering.

Of course the shipping interests don't want this delay. They want government coin instead. It makes them richer — and others poorer.

But if our shipping friends can't exist without a full hand in the public treasury there are six feet of ground waiting for each one of them — let 'em hop in.

Later, perhaps, we might favor a properly subsidized merchant marine, but not now — decidedly not now.

BETTER STREETS MAKE HAPPIER HOMES

It is too late in the season now to think of permanent street improvements this year, but it is not too late to continue the value of such action next spring.

When we mention new sidewalks or improved streets the average taxpayer begins to figure up what the cost will be to him individually. That accounts for the prompt action of many people.

But let us consider another line of that, one single line which ought to turn every opponent into a staunch advocate of street improvement.

Are you married? If so, why did you marry? Because you found "the one girl in the world." At the altar you promised to love, cherish and protect her thru life.

The mud from unpaved or dirty streets is tracked into your home and smeared over the floors. This doesn't worry you very much, because you don't have to mop up those floors.

But the wife does do the cleaning — or most of them do. It means extra work for her, much extra work — this constant sweeping and scrubbing in order to keep the floors presentable each day.

Is this protecting "the one girl in the world?"

If it were not for the constant stream of mud being tracked into the house each day in rainy weather she would be relieved of much of the work that gives her "that tired feeling" and takes the roses from her cheeks. And if the streets were paved and kept clean they would be free from the mud that causes so many weary hours of toil.

The winter months will give plenty of time for thinking this matter over from the standpoint of the woman who makes your home life what it is.

It will give you an opportunity to do your part toward making her life better than it is.

There are more important things to be considered than the mere piling up of dollars and cents.

The wife is the most important of all.

The prudent man keeps his unpleasant thoughts to himself. He might get worse ones in return.

If your friends are so numerous as to be embarrassing just tell them the truth for once. They'll fit.

A pretty woman may be quite without friends and yet possess the eternal gratitude of the druggist.

The person whose thoughts are in the right channel has no reason to fear the words that slip out unawares.

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Some people talk much, think little and do less.

Speak softly. A whisper sounds sweeter than a growl.

The average person generally objects to being termed only an average.

The public official who makes a big noise is often a firecracker unaware.

Marriage is never a failure to those who are willing to make it a success.

Every man has a place where brains ought to be. Sometimes they are there.

If it is true that sleep is conducive to beauty, we fear some people should never wake up.

Money does not necessarily produce happiness. Its possession is what turns the trick.

Armistice day will soon be with us, and a few may think to remember it. What is the date?

In childhood we learn many things which in maturity we find it convenient to forget.

It has been a perfectly delightful season of baseball to those who were unable to attend.

The fellow who has no will of his own finds it difficult to borrow one that is worth using.

The man who is dissatisfied with his station in life is taking the wrong road toward a better one.

Pity the man who is considered without sin. It will be a terrible jolt when he is found out.

The baldheaded man is not always to be pitied. Perhaps his head is so full of brains there is no room left for hair to germinate.

A wise woman never finds it necessary to go thru her husband's pockets. She hooks it before it gets that far.

Doctors and undertakers are adept at facial control. They compliment you on your good health with a smiling countenance, while knowing at the same time it is keeping them out of a hot bed.

Even the wisest of men are ignorant of their own folly.

Some people are unable to tell the happiest days of their lives. They have been neither married or divorced.

Just why they continue to call them bootleggers we don't know. There isn't a boot made that would hold enough.

We concede the fact that every mother's boy is perfect, but it gets our goat to know where the sealaws come from.

The fellow who opposes tainted money is generally convinced that the taint has been removed before it comes his way.

WILL the nations of the earth disarm as a result of the Washington conference? They will not.

Will they make any material reduction in their armaments? We doubt it.

If the principal Christian nations were to disarm, would the yellow and the brown races do likewise? They would not.

It would be a case of unarmed Christianity against armed paganism. You know about what would happen.

And yet we hope good may come from that confab.

WHEN a senator or a congressman sits on a pin he doesn't feel comfortable. He wants to bob up in haste.

Ku Kluxism is worse than a pin — to some of them. They don't know whether to get up and be heard or stay down and be tortured.

The enemies of the Klan are seeking investigations with the purpose of busting up the organization, while the friends of the klansmen are beginning to demand that the secret organizations of their enemies be also investigated.

There are said to be approximately a million members of the "invisible empire" in the United States, and that represents a million voters at election time.

And nobody knows who the rank and file are.

The great majority of the people in this country belong to neither faction. They are doing little talking, but much thinking. Some day they, too, will be heard — at the polls.

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Let us carry on our part of the work, and when you are ready to start for the future.

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