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

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LITTLE THOTS ON BIG TOPICS

WHY is it so many public officials think invariably of self and so seldom of the public welfare?

That question has been asked by millions of people many millions of times, yet the answer is simple.

Our political system creates politicians instead of statesmen, men who too often exploit the offices they hold for their own and their party's welfare instead of administering them for the ultimate good of all. This is made possible only in one way. In the heat of a campaign the spoils politicians turns heaven and earth in an effort to get every one of his ilk to the polls to vote, and he invariably succeeds. The clean minded citizen has been fed up on spoilation and exploitation until he remains away from the polls in sheer disgust, feeling that it is little better than a waste of time to choose between two evils — handicapped candidates of the two great parties. Then again, there are others who apparently think less of the public welfare than they do of losing the few hours required to vote. Thus the spoilsman often wins.

If every man and woman of America who believes in placing men of character and integrity in public office would go to the trouble of voting the spoilsman would soon cease to be a menace.

There is no question but what the great majority of our people want good men in public positions, but it is a far cry from wanting them there and going to the polls and placing them there.

What, then, is the remedy? Compulsory voting!

The man or woman who enjoys the right of franchise and is not patriotic enough to exercise that right by voting should be compelled by law to do so.

How could such a law be enforced? Again it is very simple.

Let the penalty for failure to vote be the loss of franchise if the person is without property, and without legitimate excuse, or an increase of 25 per cent. in his assessment, if a tax payer.

The man or woman who is in the habit of voting could have no valid objection to such a law. Others need it in order to jar them into realizing the responsibility of citizenship.

WE of America have received, welcomed and honored Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, most illustrious general of his time, and rival of Napoleon Bonaparte and Alexander the Great.

He is the greatest soldier on earth to-day, and now he has seen the greatest country on the earth. But seeing is not understanding. The famous marshal has yet much to learn of America, and of her people, and of their habits and customs. And without this knowledge there can be no correct understanding.

France should also send her keenest minds of the commercial world to our country, men who will investigate and appreciate the methods by which we have sprung from an infant nation to a position of commanding power among the peoples of the world, and that within a few short years of time. It would serve to remove the feeling of suspicion and antagonism which many of the French entertain toward us, and which is felt to a considerable extent in this country toward the people of France.

We do not understand the French, and the French do not understand us. That was clearly demonstrated when our troops came in contact with them during the World War. It left anything but the friendly feeling both nations could desire.

Great generals win battles and save countries when their people are at war, but it requires the keen vision of the productive genius to maintain a nation on a prosperous plane in times of peace.

The two great republics of the earth should have a closer understanding, both politically and commercially. Each has much to learn of and from the other. Both would benefit from the contact.

Let the welcome visit of the victor in war be followed by others from victors in the realm of peace.

We need it, France needs it, and neither has anything to lose from a broader knowledge and understanding of the other.

Put those weather strips on your doors and you will put less coal in the stove.

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Snow days may make the world go round, but it takes a bunch of coin to keep going.

Nobody seems to mind the long time between strikes — when they are long.

Every man has his hours of weakness, but most of us lengthen them into days.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

THE Japanese ambassador at Washington is refreshingly frank and to the point. He suggests that the Americans and Japanese could come to a better understanding if the practice of backbiting could be eliminated.

Possibly he is right, but we imagine his remarks would be applicable to Japan as well as to this country.

Nations and people have a right to express their opinions in a straightforward and manly way, and it is not to be expected that they will always agree. But backbiting is conductive to friction and trouble. No good ever comes from it.

If we don't want our women to marry Japanese men that is our business. If the Japanese don't want our men to marry their women, that is their business. Neither has a right to object, altho we understand that is one of the reasons the Japanese have for their feeling of resentment toward us.

Our cards are on the table, gentlemen of Nippon. Put yours there and we will have less cause for future trouble.

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OUR national capital is overflowing with the keenest minds of the nations of the earth, sent by their governments to advise with the delegates to the disarmament conference.

When the conference ends it would be well if each of these specialists could make a tour of this country and study closely our American methods of doing business.

All of the wisdom of the world of commerce is not centered in the countries across the water. The fact that America has grown from an infant to a giant within a short time would indicate that at least a portion of that wisdom is to be found in this land of freedom and progress. Europe might benefit by absorbing some of it. Certainly we would benefit from so close a contact with the wise men of other nations.

Then there is another side to the subject.

Foreign countries have reduced the cultivation of the soil and the practice of economy to a science. In this we have much to learn from them, knowledge that would be of inestimable value to us.

We of America are inordinately extravagant and criminally wasteful, with the average European or Asiatic is just the reverse.

We might well take many lessons from them in the development of agriculture and the practice of economy.

A closer interchange of ideas and thots would be beneficial to the peoples of both the old and the new worlds.

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HOLD onto your liberty bonds. Don't let anyone cajole you into selling them for less than par. They are slowly but surely rising in value, and after the high rates of interest come down the bonds will shoot up again in value.

If Congress had the nerve to buck the financial tiger it would pass a law compelling every person to accept the bonds at par with accrued interest when tendered in lieu of currency.

That of course would not please the speculators in bonds, but it would be a boon to the millions of poor people who were induced to buy bonds "until it hurt."

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THE indifference with which many people view the disarmament conference at Washington indicates that they do not fully realize that the future of this country may be swaying in the balance.

If the conference accomplishes definite results we probably will enjoy a long period of peace. If they fail, another great war is inevitable in order to settle the political and commercial problems that are expectedly forward and Asia with every nation of the sea. In such an event the United States can not hope to escape.

The day is past when we can sit quietly on the fence and watch the victor follows "go to it." Some nation will be sure to kick the fence from beneath us, as the kaiser did in the last war.

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Reportorial

—Thanksgiving.

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—The Cuba school has been closed on account of diptheria among the pupils.

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—Forty Hours Devotion has been observed at Blessed Sacrament Church this week.

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—Dance at West Greenwood Grange Hall Friday evening, Nov. 18. Grange Orchestra.

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—John Bell killed an O. I. C. hog a year and a half old, Wednesday, dressing 450 pounds.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hubertus, of Wellsville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Nov. 8th.

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—The Blo-Ro-Ba Orchestra, furnished the music for a dancing party at Greenwood Friday evening.

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—Andover teachers of our public schools were in Wellsville Saturday attending a teachers' conference.

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—John Beardsley, a farmer living near Bolivar, recently found a silver coin in the ground, bearing date of 1735.

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—The American Legion voted to adopt the daisy as their official flower at their national convention held recently.

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—A number from Andover attended the Armistice Day party, at the City Hall, at Wellsville, last Friday evening.

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—Alonzo Slocum, of Payneville formerly of this village, has moved to the Elias Harris farm at that place which he has rented for the year.

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—Frank Haley and family have moved from Davis Hill to their new home on Pingrey Hill which he purchased recently, of Att'y. C. L. Earley.

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—Fay Welsted, of Wellsville, returned Sunday night from a hunting trip in the Adirondacks, bringing with him a fine buck deer which he shot.

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—Wild rice and celery has been ordered from Canada for planting in the city parks of Rochester for the purpose of attracting wild water fowl.

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—Mrs. S. B. Keough, of Wellsville, fell on the icy walk while going to church Sunday morning, breaking her arm and sustaining [illegible] severely.

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—The team on the Rock Fork [illegible] by [illegible] Friday afternoon [illegible] between [illegible] and [illegible] on the road [illegible] Andover. The team [illegible] Andover [illegible] Wellsville [illegible] Andover [illegible] Wellsville [illegible] Andover [illegible] Wellsville