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Our Keynote: "If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way"

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AN AGE OF THRILLS

Consider that two newspapers are before you. The headings to the news articles on the first page of one paper are modest.

A sensational "scare head" in big type stretches across the first page of the other paper.

Which one will you read first? Nine people out of ten will make a dive for the sensational sheet, because there is a chance for a thrill. They may question the accuracy of its statements, but they will read it.

That is a condition which faces the newspaper field to-day—a condition which the country press is combating daily at a financial sacrifice.

This is an age of thrills, and the public demands to be properly thrilled, especially in the large centers of population. If the editor doesn't come across with his thrills the people do not come across with their money.

Take the Fatty Arbuckle case. The legitimate news element in that unsavory mess could have been contained in a column article. Instead, the daily press devoted page after page to it, dwelling at length upon every little insignificant incident. Nothing was omitted. It was indecent, therefore it was thrilling, and in demand.

A rich man and his wife returned from Europe. They were estranged. Immediately the fact was spread over the first page of their home papers, and columns were devoted to a vulgar display of their unhappiness.

Why? Not because the editor glories in that sort of thing especially. He knows it is the kind of stuff the people of his city want. It is the stuff that sells his papers. It is nauseating, debasing, therefore thrilling and in demand.

The poor devil of a city editor is not entirely to blame for this condition. He depends upon his salary to feed his family, and his salary is forthcoming only as long as he makes good on his job. If he doesn't kick in with the stuff he is kicked out into the street.

The local country paper does not resort to such practices. It would not be tolerated in a small community such as ours, especially if it referred to our own people.

Then, too, our local people, or many of them, may read the thrillers concerning other people in other communities, but they are not properly educated down to the point of dragging their own relatives and friends thru the mire of sensational publicity.

It is an age of thrills, but our own must be exempt.

It's a wise girl who knows when not to blush.

Some people never worry about the wolf at the door. They have no door.

A good architect seldom draws a poor house. But not so with an actor.

It's as easy to get rid of your money as it is to hang onto your faults.

Most people would like to do good in this world if they didn't have to be good.

It may be true that man is the sterner sex, but pretty woman seldom finds it so.

"Jobs for everybody," is Mr. Harding's slogan. But slogans are not digestible.

As a last resort, a conference for the limitation of conferences might turn the trick.

No matter how dry a sermon may be, the preacher, at least, always hears every word.

If people were forced to follow their own advice what a sudden silence would prevail!

The wise man keeps his troubles to himself. But the fool is still wiser—he doesn't have any.

No matter who starts the ball rolling, it's the fellow who keeps up with it that gets the glory.

Even a man who is opposed to deception will endeavor to walk straight when he is staggering drunk.

Some say the high cost of living is not so high now, but we are mighty sure it is high time it was lower.

Wedding rings are still used in this day of modernity, but most of them are large enough to slip off easily.

Most of it is made in a dark cellar, the calling it moonshine may cause some people to think it tastes better.

The rest of the world is so supremely indifferent one wonders why the Turks and the Greeks keep on scrapping.

About 43,000 preachers now illustrate their sermons with moving pictures, and it's a bully idea. A little noise and a good picture will keep most anybody awake.

We take issue with the local patriarch who claims that we can not make a statement that is absolutely beyond contradiction or argument. The things that happen most frequently are the things that most frequently happen.

Hang onto life another five or six years. You may have your curiosity satisfied as to the kind of people who exist on the planet Mars. A body of astronomers will use an abandoned mine in South America for the purpose of constructing a powerful telescope 1,300 feet in length. This telescope will reach from the bottom of the shaft to the surface of the ground, and its magnifying power is expected to be sufficient to bring Mars within a mile and a half of the earth. We may even be able to take the mooted question as to the length of the skirts Martian women wear. Don't die yet.

THE DOGS WON'T GET US

DON'T listen to the pessimist. The long period of business depression gives him an opportunity to croak, and he can't resist.

He thinks the country is going straight to the dogs, and is doing his best to help it along.

But the pessimist did not make this country, and neither will he destroy it.

People who consider both sides of a question or dig under the surface to find the reasons for undesirable conditions, are not alarmed.

They realize that we are simply paying our portion of the penalty of every great war, and that when the debt is paid we will return to activity and prosperity.

We have been fortunate. We have suffered less than any other people in the great community of nations. We have wealth and we have food, where millions of others have nothing but hunger. We have hope, while they face the barrenness of despair.

True, we have our unemployed, but we have our national and state governments and civic agencies that are even now devising ways and means of providing work for them. It will be done.

Our great armies and navies have been demobilized and officers and men have returned to the markets of trade and commerce. In other countries they are still staggering under the burdens of militarism.

These are only a few of the many blessings we enjoy even in our days of business depression. An unbiased contemplation of the facts should convince us that we as a people are favored of the gods and have no reason to complain.

Let the pessimist croak, if he must. The dogs may worry him, but they are not looking for the rest of us.

DECENCY TO THE FORE

THE womanhood of California has revolted. It is even possible that the womanhood of America may fall in line.

Twenty-five thousand California women have protested against the showing of films in which Fatty Arbuckle appear, or any of the others who were involved in the Arbuckle-Rappe escapade.

The womanhood of America has suffered much thru the vulgar debauches of these men of sudden wealth and fame. It is not only the degrading influence they have upon the women with whom they come in contact, but the generation in its teens is beamirched by having them and their escapades paraded before their juvenile eyes.

True, twenty-five thousand is only a small percentage of the women of California, or of any other state. But it is a beginning, and if it continues to grow it will have a great and purifying ending. They are to be commended. Their cause is righteous and should prevail.

If the owners of picture shows desire to protect the morals of young boys and girls who attend their performances they can easily do so by putting the ban on any picture in which a man or woman of known questionable repute appears.

The house that declines to conform to the laws of decency should be closed thru lack of patronage. Public welfare demands it.

IT WOULD, BUT IT WON'T

AN association of prominent people has been formed to raise a million dollars to be expended in scholarships as a memorial to Enrico Caruso, the great baritone. Caruso is dead, and the honor won't do him any good. A million dollars spent on some kind of public works would give employment to many of our jobless men just now. They are not dead, and the money would do them a world of good.

Of course, it is possible that some woman might win at a wedding because it reminds some of the days when they made the same mistake.

A For Sale Ad. written with some thing in mind, is a good thing. It is a good thing to see the man who is selling it.

JAMES P. CANNON

WET FEET

Make Doctor Bills

We have a complete line of Ball Band U. S. and other standard makes of Winter Footwear which we are selling at prices within the reach of everyone.

- Men's "all-rubber" 16 inch top vacs for leggings \$6.50
Men's high-top "Swampers" for leggings \$5.75
Men's high-lace Pace for leggings \$3.85
Men's lace Lumber Jacks \$3.00
Men's Coontail Knit Boots with snow excluder \$3.35
Men's heavy, 4-buckle, Jersey Top Arctics \$3.75
Boys' Hi-top Shoes, were \$5, now \$3.95
Boys' Leggings with Lumber Jac or hi-lace Pac Overs, sizes 9 to 6

- Children's two-buckle Arctics, sizes 6 to 3
A new line of Women's House Slippers, priced lower
\$2.00 House Slippers now \$1.65
\$2.50 House Slippers now \$2.00
\$1.75 House Slippers now \$1.35

We have a complete line of Men's, Boys', Misses' and Children's House Slippers, priced much lower than last season.

MERRILL SILK HOSE

We have added to our line a complete stock of the famous Merrill Silk Hose for Women. Every pair is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Prices \$2.25, \$2.75, \$2.95
Women's all-wool heavy ribbed Hose in leather colors, \$1.50 and \$1.95
Women's 4-buckle Arctics in brown and black, \$4.75 and \$4.95

CLOTHING STORE

- Young Men's Double Breasted Suits \$19.00
Men's odd Coats in blue serge, sizes 36 to 44 \$ 6.00
Men's heavy cottonade Pants \$ 1.85
Boys' Overcoats, an odd lot \$ 2.95
Men's heavy ribbed Shirts and Drawers 90c
Men's heavy wool Union Suits, Stephenson brand \$ 3.50
Men's conservative style all-wool Overcoats \$25.00

James P. Cannon Company

CLOTHING Store Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights SHOES

WELLSVILLE HAS FOOTBALL STAR

Won Block Letter as Member of Varsity Team at Syracuse Uni.

"Dutch" E. A. Heera, "22, New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University has proven a veritable tower of strength to the Syracuse football team. Heera comes from Allegany County and undoubtedly destroyed much of his high ability and rugged persistence when a boy romping over the old hills of his native heath around Wellsville, N. Y.

Heera made the football squad his freshman year and developed so rapidly as a valuable pickup chaser that he won his block letter the next year as a member of the varsity team. He played creditably on the western trip last year when Syracuse met Indians and Nebraska in hard fought games.

Heera has figured prominently in every game this year starting in the first lineup in the last three contests. He has played well in every position of the line especially right guard. He weighs 192 and has allowed few holes to be made thru his position by his opponents. Heera is one of the most popular men at the University aside from the laurels he has won in football.

G. O. P. DOUGH BAG

Had More Money Than Needed For Past Election

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BASKET BALL

Monday Even'g, Nov. 28

Co. K. of Hornell

VS. Andover Town Team

Andover has developed a fine Basket Ball Team this year. Come and see for yourself at the School Bld'g, 8 P. M., Monday.

ADMISSION

Adults 25c School Children 15c

ORAMEL MAN HELD UP

T. F. Branga, of Oramel, was the victim of an outrageous highway robbery recently while driving his car on the ...

machine when in an instant he was covered by the revolver, one held at his head, the other against his back, while the "robbers" went thru his pockets ...

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Reportori

Moses Gordon is coming at Alms by illness. All articles for O'Connell will be left with Mrs. R. daga.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elm Valley, have a son-b November 7th.

Erwin Anderson, you of Station Agent W. J. A. been ill this week.

The St. Joe Dr. Office at a party at West Green Hall Friday evening.

The News is issued a than usual this week to a force to enjoy Thanks.

Walter Houghton, of was operated upon recent removal of turbinated bone nose.

Mrs. Edward Welch Quinsy and her daughter with tonsillitis, at their Greenwood Street.

The King's Daught Presbyterian Church will home of Mrs. Robert Thursday afternoon, Dec.

Fred Mulholland had tune to run a butcher kn leg, while working in Saturday, inflicting a bad

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grove, celebrated their ding Nov. 28th. Over relatives and friends were

Mrs. and Mrs. George of Fredonia, passed their 60th anniversary Nov. 1921 over 90 years of age and good health.

Supervisor E. M. Bolivar, who recently un operation, was unable to sessions of the Board of at Belmont last week.

So great has been for hunting license, in the year that the supply of been exhausted and licen being issued with out bu

The old saying that gasoline don't run in tru over people had an abbe week that also demonstra that whiskey and bicycl well together.

At the recent electio there was a lively electio visor. Edward M. Stray can, defeated his brother P. Root, for that offic out of a total of 416.

Harry Wilkinson of Town of Bolivar, drew number 477, which was New Ford roadster given Kenyon Andrew Post, An son of Bolivar, recently

It was not present at of numbers and held out which he purchased at an

Hotel ... party ... their ... Glen ... the ...