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NO LAUGHING MATTER.

SUCH action as was taken by the citizens of Arkport, last Thursday, in taking the enforcement of the prohibition law into their own hands, is commendable in every way. They did not adopt the Ku Klux Klan method of covering their indentivity with masks. They evidently were not ashamed to let people know who they were or of what they intended to do. They adopted more the Carrie Nation variety of law enforcement.

Politicians tell us that they wish to know the sentiment of the people on these questions. There can be no doubt in the minds of the most stupid as to the sentiment of Arkport people on the temperance question after the demonstration of last Thursday. They mean business.

When the people make up their mind that it is time the prohibition law is enforced, the officials will enforce it, Arkport people did not stop to discuss whether it was the business of the state or the federal government to enforce the law. They seem to believe that it is the duty of all the people to enforce the law, and went at it in a common sense way and did their part as business men put across their affairs. We will wager that hereafter the local authorities of Arkport will not question whether public sentiment is for enforcement of the prohibition law or not. They know now. They have been told in the most forceful and energetic manner possible. Arkport has told the world where she stands on the temperance question.

They tell us that the laws that are not backed by public sentiment are always impossible of enforcement. The reverse English applied to this would read now, Public sentiment in Arkport is for law enforcement therefore the law will be enforced.

Nearly a week had passed in Arkport since a terrible automobile accident, caused by drunken drivers, had occurred in that village, causing the death of a much beloved lad in that community. Nothing had been done by officials to bring the guilty parties to justice. But just note how soon after the demonstration Thursday the sheriff of the county got on the job for the purpose of ascertaining who were the guilty ones. Officers have a little good common sense, sometimes, as well as ordinary mortals. Usually they prefer to enforce the laws if they are sure public sentiment is back of them. Arkport people made it perfectly clear to the officials that they were for enforcement. They will get it.

Arkport has given an example to the whole country worthy of emulation. If other towns had the nerve and backbone to come out openly and express their convictions as energetically, officers and politicians would no longer have the excuse for not enforcing the law that the law was not enforceable because of the apathy of the people.

The great trouble with the enforcement of the prohibition act is that we have been making a joke of the whole thing. The brewers and distillers, by the use of their sinister propaganda, have nearly laughed the whole prohibition law, that took the temperance people nearly fifty years to obtain, out of existence. In this way they have been ably assisted by the daily press of our larger cities. It was no joke to Arkport people after the death of their loved one. When we get serious and do not allow ourselves to be made the laughing stock of the world, even the Volstead act and the Eighteenth Amendment can and will be enforced.

Temperance people did a fine job when they secured the enactment of the prohibition law. They evidently thot, however, that when that was put into the constitution and became the law of the land, that the whole thing was settled, so they laid off the strenuous work that had been theirs for so many years. The booze-fighters, the brewers and distillers saw the handwriting on the wall. They immediately began to organize, and since then the United States has been treated with a scourge of scoffing. Even the temperance people themselves have fallen for the joking. They have at times swallowed the bait, and laughed with the others.

Lets stop our joking. This is no laughing matter. Join with Arkport in showing the world that we mean business. When this is done even Andover can be pointed to as a village of law-abiding, serious-minded, and God-fearing people.

If the devil had his dues there wouldn't be enough people left on earth to feed the canaries.

It requires years of time and considerable wisdom to grow a healthy tree, but only a fool and a few minutes to destroy it.

The pot of life bubbles over in youth, in middle age it simmers, and in old age it is dry.

As proof that the world is becoming better, we hear very little complaint about meddling mothers-in-law.

WHY WAIT ON GEORGE?

ANDOVER is a pretty good town, as towns go. We all admit it, and are proud of it.

But there is one fly in the community ointment that prevents us from advancing as rapidly as we should.

Everybody is willing to have things done, but wants to "let George do it," and when George reaches a certain point he balks. He gets tired of carrying the whole load.

What we need is a greater spirit of co-operation, a willingness on the part of each one to do his or her share in the advancement of our community interests.

In every community there are always a few who are willing to work for the public good. They are the Georges.

There are also a lot of others who are willing to let them do it. They are not Georges.

Once in awhile we read of some town that keeps looming and showing right along regardless of conditions of handicaps.

Such a town is full of Georges, and because the Georges are so numerous none of them are overworked and there is no reason for balking.

Why can't we all be Georges in Andover?

There is room for improvement, and we have plenty of people with the brains of a George.

IN AID OF THE FARMER.

IN HIS speaking tour President Harding has been advocating co-operative measures to aid the farmer in disposing of his crops to better advantage and in the buying of machinery and supplies at lower rates.

If there is any class of people on earth who need aid and protection in these essential matters it is the American farmer.

He is about the only man who earns his living by manual labor who is not thoroughly organized in some manner or other, and because of this lack of organization he is at the mercy of hordes of middlemen and roustabouts who are doing their utmost to transfer his legitimate profits from his pockets into theirs.

The farmer's relief must come through co-operation, and the president is wise in advocating such a course.

There should be in every city of any size and importance a co-operative unit for the distribution of farm products direct to the retailer, and these units should be operated by the farmers upon an actual cost basis. This would eliminate the millions of dollars in profits that are now gobbled up by middlemen, and would aid the consumer as well as the farmer.

And if congress would pass a law making it a criminal offense for any person to buy or sell produce for purely speculative purposes, that would also afford wonderful relief to the farmer as well as the consumer.

Of course board of trade gamblers and speculators would bitterly oppose such a law, but it is about time to quit running this country for the benefit of such gentry.

Without the farmer the rest of us would starve to death.

Why should we allow a gang of speculators and gougers to take the bread from his mouth?

AMERICAN newspaper photographers, noted for always being "on the scene," slipped a cog recently and missed a golden opportunity.

As the commanding general of the British forces in Germany was crossing the border Belgian custom officials boarded his special train, routed him out of his comfortable bed, and forced him to stand for an hour shivering in the cold on the car platform, clad only in his nightshirt, while they inspected his baggage.

What a corking picture it would make for the illustrated sections of Sunday editions!

A noted British general, teeth chattering in the cold, and the wind whistling through his whiskers while his shirt tails flapped in the breeze. Ye gods!!

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What a change from the old horse and buggy days. And every change is a monument to the progress of plumbing.

Without plumbing — the science of sanitation, which is the science of better living — all of us would be limping along, shaking hands with disease at almost every step.

Now plumbing brings us pure water, which makes us healthy, which makes us strong, which makes us youthful even in old age.

And plumbing carries away the wastes and impurities, which, before plumbing came, were the breeders of typhoid, cholera, yellow fever and other death-gripping plagues.

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When you are sure that you are right take another thought and be doubly sure that you are not wrong. It won't strain your conscience in the least.

Some girls take a peculiar delight in breaking men's hearts, and then make an awful row when some man smashes theirs.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT
I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of District Attorney of Allegany County, subject to the Republican Primary to be held September 18, 1923.

WALTER N. RENWICK,
Cuba, New York, July 11th, 1923.

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