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A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

WITH this issue of the Andover News the writer begins the twenty-sixth year as editor and publisher and we believe that we can truthfully say, and that our readers will bear us out in the statement, that the News during these twenty-five years has striven to make both village and country better places to live in.

The present management and editorial staff see the possibilities of an even larger period stretching out ahead in which we can grow and prosper with a community that is the best the sun ever shines upon.

At least, it is our aim to continue in the field and always to bear in mind the fact that a newspaper is a public servant, a servant whose duty it is to do its share, and that is a large share, in the development of its community and services to its constituents.

We realize full well that neither Andover or its newspaper has attained the peak of perfection that we hoped both might reach when we took up the editorial pen, with the enthusiastic blood of young manhood coursing our veins. Our town has made some gain. Could we publish a photograph of Andover, twenty-five years ago, as we carry a mental picture of it and contrast it with the Andover of today, the development of our beautiful village would be evident to all. And not a single improvement was ever opposed or criticised in these columns.

We believe we can, without over-stepping the bounds of modesty, call attention to our paper's place among a comparatively few newspapers, which are listed as the nation's leading community weeklies.

We have been trying to give Andover and Allegany County people a paper which no family need hesitate to take into its home, a newspaper with a backbone, with policies which aim to benefit the entire community, and which has moral and patriotic standards.

A quarter of a century, looking ahead looms up, as an awful long period of time, but in looking back at it, it seems a very short time. But when we stop to consider that we have written and printed 1,300 issues of the News in that time, and still find ourselves on speaking terms with the most of the community, we must have been fairly decent.

In the years we have been at the helm we have had the loyal and hearty support of nearly all the business interests of Andover, which has made our business as successful as it has been, and has been of great encouragement to us, at many times, when it seemed almost impossible to "carry on." Our loyal friends are the ones who have made the Andover News, and they will always be remembered by the present publishers.

What the future holds in store for Andover and the Andover News can only be conjectured, but if the people are inspired with the community spirit, as we have no doubt they will be, working hand in hand with them, the News sees large possibilities and the growth and importance of this section will be greatly augmented. In all good work the publisher extends a ready hand.

With a million thanks to all who have helped us during the past quarter of a century, we are yours for a Bigger and Better Andover.

"ADVANCE ANDOVER."

OUTLAWING THE POCKET FLASK

PUBLIC sentiment put the open saloon out of business.

It can do the same thing to the pocket flask. Drinking of intoxicating liquor since the passage of the Volstead Act, first confined largely to the large centers of population in the United States, is spreading to the smaller cities and towns and the rural communities at such an alarming rate that some steps will have to be taken to curb the evil.

People were slow to act against the open saloon, they have been equally slow in the case of the pocket flask. But once aroused, a sentiment that stands for right and public decency will not be denied, as was so clearly made manifest by the passage of the prohibition amendment to the constitution, and the enforcement act.

The pocket flask will have to be ostracized from decent society. Once it is an outcast, so many young people will not think it necessary to "take a nip" at the dance or other social functions.

Making dance hall drinking unpopular will be no easy task. There is not the restraint on youth that there once was, and parents do not have them under control as well as they might, but the job ahead is small compared to that which culminated with the passing of the public drinking place.

The time is coming when the very men and women who made prohibition possible will have to take a stand on this question; and when it can not be evaded any longer, they will form a militant front to combat it.

Perhaps taking such an alarming view of the situation is too pessimistic; perhaps the apparent looseness of so many young people of this day is only another aftermath of the period of strain thru which the people of the world passed during the war.

It may be true that the alarmists are overdoing it, but there have been so many instances where the alarm has been sounded too late and mother's hearts have been crushed and fathers have been broken in spirit.

It is not too late to save the boy or girl who has not been caught in the whirlpool that carries them to the abyss.

The temptation can be taken from the path that they will tread if the people who realize the dangers ahead do not postpone definite action.

Outlawing the pocket flask is the only course that lies before all decent people.

GERMANY'S AFFRONT

THE German government, thru its official representatives in Washington, recanted and decided to pay tardy recognition to the memory of America's war President.

Though the Germans did not fly their embassy flag at half-staff during the time that the funeral of former President Wilson was taking place, they paid the delayed tribute only after it dawned upon them that they had blundered.

The former enemies of the United States did not realize the temper of American people—that Americans respect, honor and revere those who served in the highest office within their gift, regardless of any partisan feeling, and that they wish to cherish the memory of men of such ideals and rare attainments as those possessed by Mr. Wilson.

The first excuse given at the German embassy at Washington was that the German government regarded the former president as a private citizen and therefore did not deem it necessary to show any public respect for his memory.

Finding how its announcement reacted, the embassy then authorized the statement that "It having been officially announced this afternoon that there will be general mourning for the late President Wilson after 12:30 o'clock, the Germany embassy will join the expression of the nation's mourning by flying its flag at half-staff."

The incident means more than its outwardly appears to. It gives Americans a direct insight into the attitude of the German government, which reflects the state of mind in Germany.

It clearly demonstrates that Germany was a poor loser in the war and that she still harbors hatred for America. No other construction can very well be placed on the incident.

It portrays to this country a condition that no one imagined existed—at least to a very great extent.

America has been Germany's best friend. Even now two of its foremost citizens are in Europe trying to bring order out of chaos and to help restore German economic conditions.

Even while Germany's embassy officers in this country were laying themselves open to violent criticism, American friends of Germany were making a stirring appeal before a committee of the house of representatives for an appropriation of fifty million dollars from this government to help the starving people of Germany.

Citizens of the United States have already sent millions to Germany for relief work among the war survivors and a campaign is being conducted at this moment to raise more millions to feed the undernourished and starving children of Germany.

In the light of these facts, even though Germany did intend a studied insult to the memory of America's foremost private citizen, which Americans will not tolerate, especially from its former enemies, the affront will not be forgotten and will serve to reopen the war wounds, that were being healed by time and a forgiving people, who were led to believe that Germany had repented.

THE BIG THINGS

THEODORE Roosevelt once said of a consular agent, whose ability he recognized and whose friendship he prized:

"If a man disappoints me the first time, it is his fault. If he disappoints me the second time it is mine. I never blame a man who fails from accident." He is kindly, courteous and successful in all the small things but he fell down in the one big thing that came his way.

How true that is today as it was in the days when Mr. Roosevelt occupied the White House. But how many men measure up to the former president's standards?

So many of us fail to realize that we disappoint our superiors, we lose their confidence, and when we find what our failure to meet the expectations of others has brought about, we are very apt to lose our self respect, our grip on ourselves.

The two thots expressed by Mr. Roosevelt link up together. Disappointing those who have confidence in us that we can do the right thing at the right time, and falling down on the one big thing that comes our way.

Inability to recognize the big thing when it does come is the fault that is inherent with most of us and that causes us to fall down. Most any man can be successful in small things, little daily detail, routine work, but the man who gets ahead and rises above the ordinary type is he who sees the big thing when it presents itself.

You can pick out the men in this community who have been successful. Study their characteristics and most of them you will find to be very similar to other men's. But they have that one trait, that has caused them to forge ahead—the ability to see their opportunities when they come and to make the most of them.

Law enforcement, unlike law enactment, can't be overdone.

Wise men never allow themselves to forget their past follies.

Selfishness begets misery, but few realize it until it is too late.

A single track mind is all right providing it never gets on a siding.

Right is never on the wrong side. It's only the way you look at it.

Time waits on no man, but a slow watch sometimes make a good alibi.

Grease spots are not going to be any recommendation for men seeking office since the Teapot Dome revelation.

Someone has figured out that there is one telephone for every eight farm houses in this country, but you wouldn't believe it when your tire is flat and you haven't got a spare.

A good neighbor was once regarded as one who had a plentiful supply of sugar and lard on hand at all times, but now to come under that classification it is necessary for one to have automobile tools and a good spare tire ready for emergency use.

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Never run automobile engine in closed garage; open doors wide.

Never crawl under car with engine running, even if car is in open air.

Never sit in closed car with engine running, even if in a ventilated garage.

Never sit in closed car with engine running and all windows shut, even if car is in open air; always have window open.

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THE STORE OF QUALITY

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The Strange Adventures of a Drop of Water

A little drop of water was floating peacefully on the surface of the Gulf of Mexico. Fiercely beating rays of the tropical sun transformed him into vapor and snatched him up to the sky. The south wind bore him away with millions of companions in a great cloud that turned to rain over Lake Michigan. The little drop of water wandered down the Great Lakes and darted swiftly into the Niagara River.

Suddenly a swift current urged him into the mouth of a submerged tunnel. He raced through the darkness to fall headlong, struggling and beating with his millions of companions against barriers of steel. By main strength they swept back the barriers, and the tired little drop of water and his companions flowed out of their prison back to the sunlit river.

At the same instant a woman in Syracuse was ironing her baby's dress with the electricity made by the little drop of water and his companions as they fought with those barriers of steel. But little he knew or cared as he danced through the Whirlpool Rapids, ever seeking his way back to the sea.

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