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## OUR KEYNOTE:

"If There is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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## WHAT DO WE MEAN?

MOST people speak almost reverently of "Our Country." We all sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," with great enthusiasm. What do we mean by such expressions of our supposed patriotism?

Are we thinking of the service which we owe our country, of the love we have for it, or are we thinking only of the protection which our country can afford us, only of the personal benefits we may derive from it? Are we thinking of what we may do for our country, or of what our country may do for us?

Our duty to ourselves as well as our country demands positive as well as negative action. We must be constructive, as well as passive supporters of everything good in our home community, if we would fulfill the obligations incumbent upon us as citizens of this great republic.

Do we exercise our right to vote, and when we do vote do we always place intelligent, efficiency and patriotism in government ahead of every other consideration? In other words, do we feel an individual responsibility for our government—our government?

We can't delegate our responsibility in government to someone else any more than we can delegate our responsibility in any matter. There is no substitute for individual interest in government and individual responsibility for government.

The greatest duty of the banker is not to loan money but to loan himself to the service of the community and help build up an integral part of the country in which we all take pride.

The greatest duty of the business man is not to sell goods, but to sell himself to the community and discharge his obligation as a resident of it.

The greatest duty of the professional man is not to charge a liberal fee for his services, but to write on the balance side of the ledger constructive service for the common good.

The greatest duty of every citizen is to put his home community first and thus perform a real service for our country of which we sing and speak with reverence.

## PARTY RESPONSIBILITY

THIS is a government by political parties, not men. When the parties cease to function and men with the mob appeal, many of whom are now in congress, gain the upper hand, one shudders in contemplating what may happen.

The present chaotic state of affairs in congress is due to the wrecking of party machinery by political snipers—men who used the party name to gain political power and promptly threw overboard the vehicle by which they ascended.

Searching zealously for campaign issues, both parties have resorted toward politics in the senate naval oil leases investigation. Cabinet heads are in the balance and the chances of presidential candidates have been ruined.

Innocent men will doubtless suffer. Characters will be ruined, and the public may lose some valuable servants, their usefulness in public life having been unjustly terminated by malicious falsehoods and deliberate misrepresentation of the facts.

Men of both parties have suffered alike. It is time that strong leaders on both sides take a determined stand and rid the political organizations of the freebooters, the scoundrels of the ship of state who alone are to blame.

Parties can't be responsible to the voters if the voters elect men who have no regard for party platform and promises.

It is clearly up to those who control the destinies of the country in the voting booth to demand honesty and fair dealing of the men whom they elect to office.

## MODERN BUSINESS METHODS

MODERN methods of doing business always bring results and the business man who is constantly looking for new ideas and improvements is the one who reaps the profits.

The men who are too conservative to adopt a new scheme until they first determine whether it is being done in the best circles, are unable to see how they ran their business without the innovations, once adopted, which they opposed.

An exceptionally good memory is not required to recall the time when banks did not pay interest on time deposits. It is now a rare case where a bank has not adopted this policy.

Some banks are advertising that they will pay interest on checking accounts above a certain amount, the interest to be computed monthly on the minimum sum in the account. Others offer to pay interest monthly on the average sum in the checking account above a fixed amount.

Banks will probably be slow to adopt this, but eventually the plan will doubtless be a generally accepted practice in banking.

Much of the financial embarrassment of banks, particularly in the western states, is due to the withdrawal of deposits for investment in tax-free securities, competent authorities say.

Withdrawals reached such an alarming stage that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon withdrew the sale of tax-exempt postal savings certificates and treasury certificates in seventeen affected states.

The blighting affect of these tax-free securities upon business is now recognized in these seventeen states and sooner or later it will be recognized in all forty-eight states.

Banks have a fine chance to combat this growing evil by taking steps to hold deposits. Interest on checking accounts appears to be one remedy that would make depositors think twice before withdrawing their money to invest in tax-free stocks and bonds.

## GOING THE PACE

IT TAKES money to make the mare go," a truism of some age, altho relegated by the advent of the automobile, is just as true today as it was when we depended on actual horsepower to get some place.

People who want to "keep pace with the times" and never want to allow another community to outstrip them in public improvements need not be surprised when the bill shows up on the tax duplicate.

You can't sign every petition that is presented to you and expect taxes to be reduced. You can't agree to help every other fellow get his road thru, by signing his petition, so that they will sign your petition when you want a new road by your place, and at the same time not expect taxes to mount.

The expenses grow in exactly the same proportion as the people spend the money.

Some of us, looking for an alibi, like to blame public officials for apparent exorbitant taxes, but we need only to come back to our own doorsteps to get at the seat of the trouble.

We are not opposed to public improvements, but we do believe that if a man signs a petition for a new road or bridge, he should stand up and take his medicine in the form of higher taxes, and not whine about it.

## TOO MUCH SPEED

DEATHS due to organic diseases of the heart increased during the past year and exceed those due to any other cause.

It is becoming more apparent that there is too much speed in life today. Men in the prime of life suffer nervous breakdowns just when they should be the most proficient.

Competition in every line of business activity is so highly developed that men have to draw on all of their stored up nervous energy to shoulder continually mounting responsibilities.

Women, in addition to discharging their duties at home, find so many demands upon their time in meeting their social and civil obligations, that they have little time for relaxation and rest.

The pace that the twentieth century has set for us is so strenuous that it is little wonder the heart wears out and ceases to function.

It is about time that we were calling a halt on the modern tendency to put full steam and leave none in reserve for emergency use.

If we don't, the race will degenerate into a misfit people, broken physically, and incapable of carrying on for the betterment of future generations as it should.

## DELIVERING THE GOODS

WE ALL know plenty of smart fellows who never get anywhere. They always made the best grades in school and were always ready with an answer to every question. Yet they never accomplish much.

We also know plenty of dull fellows who take home so much money on Saturday night that if they were paid in silver, they would have to call a five ton motor truck. In school they were slow to learn. The teacher told them they would never amount to anything—but they did.

The answer is plain. We are all paid in proportion to the ability we use, not what we possess. The man who buries his talents finds they have rotted when he goes to dig them up. The man who uses his to their utmost develops them and keeps them working to the maximum.

Human ability is purchased C. O. D. Delivering the goods is the main thing in life and is the true measure of any man. The person who pays sees only what he gets; not how he got it. He is not interested in what is in the other fellow's head, but what comes out of it.

Are you delivering the goods?

## MAN IS A QUEER ANIMAL

MAN is a queer animal after all, because he does such queer things.

He wakes up in the morning after sleeping comfortably all night on an advertised springs and mattress.

He pulls off advertised nightclothing and takes a bath in an advertised tub.

Continuing his toilet, he shaves with an advertised razor, washes with an advertised soap, powders his face with advertised powder and dons advertised underwear, hose, shirt, collar, cravat, suit, shoes and handkerchief.

Feeling fit and ready to face the world another day, he sits down to a breakfast of advertised cereal and advertised coffee.

Then he puts on an advertised hat and overcoat, lights an advertised cigar, rides down to work in an advertised automobile on advertised tires.

An advertising man interrupts his morning work to solicit some advertising and he turns him down on the theory that advertising doesn't pay.

If your business isn't good enough to advertise, then advertise it for sale.

## CARELESSNESS

THE Dead Letter office in Washington stands as a testimonial of the common human failing—carelessness.

If everyone were careful in addressing mail, there would be little need for this branch of the postoffice department.

More than two hundred million pieces of mail matter pass annually thru the postoffice improperly or carelessly addressed, and seventeen million of these ultimately go to the Dead Letter office.

If there is such a loss in the postoffice department thru carelessness, it is difficult to imagine what vast sums can be charged up against this besetting sin of practically every individual.

Material loss thru carelessness might be estimated, but what of the irreparable loss which affects the destiny of lives and souls?

The careless deed or word that costs a life or causes human wreckage on the sea of life would probably have been left undone or unsaid, if they had been given more thought.

Addressing mail carelessly or illegibly is bad enough, but infinitely worse is the careless act or words that lead to tragic results.

When your friends get upish, it's not good policy to get down on your knees to them.

## OUR CHURCHES

### BAPTIST

Rev. A. D. Shepard, Pastor

Morning Worship, 10:30.

Subject: "Goodness of God."

Bible School, 11:45.

Y. P. S. C. E. at 4 o'clock.

Topic: "The Bible in all the World: How it is Sent Forth and What it Does."

Evening worship, 7:30.

Theme: "Tempted and Tried."

Monday: Recreation night.

Tuesday: Church social at the home of Miss Minnie Clair. Offering will be taken for choir music.

Thursday: Meeting for prayer and Praise.

Friday: (this week) Community Night. One-half hour of vocal instruction beginning at 7:30. This will be followed with a study of "Fight the Fly."

Saturday: Choir rehearsal.

Sunday: Choir rehearsal.

### METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Rev. C. H. Whelan, Pastor

Human life is Divine-human co-operative enterprise, for the bringing the rule of God to pass in this world, this was the message last Sunday morning.

In the evening, "God is good, and this is his world in which he has chosen a method which seems good to him for the fulfillment of the welfare of his people."

Next Sunday morning, "The Wonder Book of Methodism," a talk on the new World Service Program of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with a presentation of the World Service Book.

Sunday evening, "The Responsibilities of Public Officials," another in our series of talks on the Responsibilities of the World.

Thursday evenings during Lent, "Meditations on the Cross of Christ."

### PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. Royal E. MacGowan, Pastor

Sunday March 16th.

Morning Service, 10:30 A. M.

Sermon: "The True Test."

Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.

Sunday School immediately following the close of the Morning Service; there are classes for all, and everyone is invited to attend and join one of our classes.

Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:30 in the evening.

Topic: "The Bible is all the World: How it is Sent Forth and What it Does." Psalms 43:1-5.

Midweek Service every Thursday evening. Next Thursday evening, we will continue our series on "The Religious Message of the Great Poets." With the subject, "The Religious Message of Wordsworth."

On Friday evening of this week, March 14th, the monthly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held in the church parlors. After the business meeting, there will be a social with a program of games, music, refreshments, etc. All the young folks are invited.

### DRAWING OF JURORS

STATE OF NEW YORK

ALLEGANY COUNTY CLERK'S

OFFICE: ss.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Friday the 21st day of March, 1924, at 9 o'clock a. m., a panel of TRIAL AND GRAND JURORS will be drawn at this Office, to serve at a term of SUPREME COURT to be held in and for the County of Allegany, at the court House in the village of Belmont on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1924.

D. P. SNYDER, Clerk



## In Our Window

Irresistable in appeal—authentic in style—the new SPRING HATS now showing are accepted as style leaders for the season. Light colors come into their own with grays ruling supreme in popular demand.

There is more, however, to a hat than style and color. Quality is the first essential—and this is always to be found combined with all that is new in Cannon hats at

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Cap, too—for SPRING. The new lightweight soft wools with full tops—and a tailoring that insures perfect fit.

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When you buy groceries from us there are three things of which you may be sure—best quality, lowest prices, prompt attention to your order—whether it be large or small.

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THE STORE OF QUALITY

## You Can't Carry Electricity In Your Pocket

Electricity is a commodity—one of the most important bought and sold in modern business. It becomes more and more important every year.

But there is this material difference between electricity and other commodities. You cannot carry electricity away in your pocket; you cannot ship it by freight; you cannot keep it in stock.

In order that electricity may do useful work for you, it must be delivered to you continuously by a highly-organized, technical transmission service which requires an enormous investment of money for installation, maintenance and operation.

Niagara power would be of no practical benefit to the people of New York State without the efficient \$30,000,000 transmission system of the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Company.

The Niagara Falls Power Company sells electricity at the lowest average price received by any generating system on the North American Continent.

THE NIAGARA FALLS POWER COMPANY, Producers

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