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## OUR KEYNOTE:

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

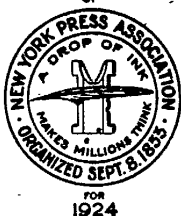
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## MEMBER



## Policies, Not Persons

IN THIS political campaign, just as in presidential campaigns of recent years, attention seems to be centered more on the men who are running for president than on the parties and principles they represent. Newspaper and magazine comments and political speeches run largely to a discussion of Coolidge, Davis and LaFollette rather than the issues which are the battleground of the campaigns.

The great danger in this trend of thought is that the great policies and principles at stake will be overshadowed by persons; that the institutions of government about which all citizens are concerned will be lost sight of in the striving of individuals.

Principles, not persons, are the main issues. Men are on the stage but for a comparatively short time, but the great underlying principles of government for which they stand, or which they oppose, live on. Men are remembered largely because of the causes they championed, and not for any traits of character.

The man in the street who likes to boast of his liberality in political views; the man who says, "I'm for the man, not the party," would do well to remember that voting for the man is dangerous; to vote for the party that man represents because it stands for America; because it upholds the traditions of our representative form of government.

The extension of the popular election of officials and the direct primary system have injected personalities into politics, but there is a limit to this type of campaigning if a truly representative form of government is to be maintained in this country.

Cheer up. You may be president some day, but just what you may be president of we can't say.

## Conserving Savings

IT IS just as much the part of thrift to know what to do with money as it is to save money.

Postmaster General News says that one billion dollars a year is lost annually by the people of the United States who purchase fraudulent securities through the mail. This sum is equal to two-thirds of the estimated total cost of government in the United States, including federal, state, county, city and town expenses.

And this makes it manifest that one of our greatest public duties is to strike at fraud, which cheats people out of their savings, whenever it raises its head.

The government is doing everything it can to encourage the saving of money and the banks are lending valuable assistance with their laudable efforts. In the schools, children are being taught to save through the establishment of school savings banks.

But more will have to be done and said to impress upon the minds of the people that the proper care of savings constitutes a very vital part of thrift.

A billion dollars a year absolutely thrown away is a heavy penalty to pay for national ignorance in matters of personal management.

Andover has contributed its share to the toll that get-rich-quick schemes exact from the credulous, and the people of this community will do well to profit by the experience of those who have listened to the siren song of the worthless stock salesman.

The marriage ceremony ought to have a clause prohibiting back-seat driving.

## A Good Example to Follow

LOTTA CRABTREE, noted actress of a day that has gone, who died the other day, worth four million dollars, set an example that should be held before men of wealth, to show the possibilities of doing good that lie within their grasp.

She did not leave her estate for relatives to quarrel over, but willed it to those persons and objects that she held dear during her life.

Miss Crabtree knew the misery and disappointments of poverty and misfortune. She knew the trials of those who had not prospered as she, because as a child she saw the sinful life of the California mining towns when she danced for drunken miners who threw gold at her feet.

The poorest of us dream of being able to give material help to the less fortunate, but many of us would not be so unselfishly liberal if we were blessed with the opportunity to do good, that Miss Crabtree had, and took advantage of.

If every person in this community could be inspired with the same ideal of unselfish service that this woman has demonstrated she had, most of the acute distress and unhappiness due to poverty and misfortune could be overcome.

Her life and good deeds may be a lesson for every person. They make more apparent that wealth carries a responsibility. She lived up to hers, but how many do?

## Boosting With Taxes

AN EXCHANGE suggests that since everyone in any given section, be it small community, town or city, profits from good publicity, the taxpayers should be taxed to pay for promotion of its interests.

This is dangerous doctrine. Already too many projects have been loaded on to the shoulders of the taxpayers. The complaint is growing that taxes are too high, due to the freedom that taxing units have in issuing tax-free, long-time bonds for public improvements.

No one in this day and age doubts the wisdom of publicity as a means of boosting the interest of a town or city.

The cities and states and the individual concerns which spend most freely for publicity work are the ones which are growing most rapidly and accomplishing most for their own progress and prosperity.

The argument is good that the growth of a city, accomplished by favorable publicity, enhances the value of all property and hence all taxpayers benefit by it.

But such a step is too paternalistic in character in a nation that is now beset with scores of schemes to put the government into business and take initiative away from the individual.

Communities that have citizens who appreciate the value of publicity will get ahead because there are enough public-spirited men who are willing to make the investment required, realizing that they themselves will benefit. They are willing to do something for the common good as well.

While it's true that in every community there are men willing to sit down and let the enterprising citizens carry forward the campaign, the benefits of which all will share in, the suggestion that expenses of such campaigns be born by taxation is a dangerous theory and should never be put into operation.

Long trousers were born one hundred years ago. It was about that time when men's legs began to lose their plumpness.

## Observe the Hog

THE hog has been maligned and libeled, according to John M. Evvard, professor of animal husbandry of Iowa State College.

When we think of hogs we think of gluttons. When human beings gorge themselves on food, in decision people call them pigs.

But human beings can learn a lesson from the hog, according to this educator, who advises those who want to learn how to keep fat and fit, to study the occupants of the sty.

Long ago the hog was a slender, bony fellow, when business of rooting for a living was more serious than it is now. Then man took him in hand and made life easy—and now look at him.

All this because farmers treat hogs more like humans.

Hogs have profited by being domesticated, but some people, with all their superior ability, have not earned as much as the hog.

The hog is possessed of the same traits as man and he isn't as low in intelligence as the majority believe, but stands with the horse in reasoning power.

So let's give the hog credit for making something of his opportunities, which is more than can be said of people who waste or bury their talents.

A community is not made by the number of square miles it covers, but by the number of square people who live in it.

## Human Weakness

HUMAN weakness has been put to a hard test in recent months.

An Illinois minister has confessed poisoning his wife and conceiving the plan for his affinity to poison her husband that they might wed.

An Oklahoma minister ran away with a fourteen-year-old girl and was arrested for the crime.

A New York state preacher was convicted of the charge of outraging public decency by his association with a young woman.

But it is not good logic to reason that all clergymen are of the same stripe. Where one minister reveals himself a moral pervert, there are thousands who are pure and spiritual.

Because two college students brutally murdered an innocent young boy, it does not follow that all college students are fiends.

It is well to remember that men who violate the laws of society do not represent their class or profession, but that they are exceptions.

If all men were like those who have succumbed to the frailties of the flesh, there would not be much hope for the future.

Walking has its advantages. You can say what you like, as loud as you care to, without fear of your friend making a dub shot.

## Good Manners

THE ill-mannered boy invariably becomes an ill-mannered man and the girl who has no manners grows up to be a woman whom everybody dislikes.

An ill-mannered man is not often successful in a business which requires that he come into daily contact with the buying public.

An ill-mannered woman never has any friends and lives a dissatisfied and discontented life.

School teachers are always endeavoring to improve the manners of their pupils, but they find it difficult where good manners are not taught in the home.

Parents who wish a happy life for their children, both in a business way and socially, will begin to teach early that to have friends, it is necessary to recognize the wishes and privileges of others.

The dangerous curves would not be marked if there had not been a fool and his automobile over the ground before.

The hair mortality rate is said to be low among widows. That is probably due to the fact that they have no one to tell them not to bob it.

Sex is a good argument with the speed cop. Let your wife drive once in a while.

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## Attention, New Voters

All new voters are required to present evidence of literacy (ability to read and write English) in order to vote at the coming election. This may be done by one of the following methods:

1. By presenting a certificate or diploma showing that he has completed the work of an approved eighth grade elementary school or of a higher school in which English is the language of instruction. This certificate may be presented to the registration officials at the time of registering and the new voter will be credited on the register that proof of literacy has been presented. Or, the eighth grade certificate or diploma may be presented to the election inspectors at the polls.

2. All new voters who are not able to qualify by the method men-

tioned above must obtain a certificate of literacy. Applicants for the literacy certificate should apply in person on one of the following dates and at one of the places mentioned: Friday, October 24th, 1 to 4 p. m. Election Day, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Town of Alfred—School house in the Village of Alfred. Town of Andover—School house in the Village of Andover. Town of Independence—School house in the Village of Whitesville. Town of Ward—School house at Phillips Creek. Town of Willing—School house at Hallport.

Town of Wells—Rural districts only, at district superintendent's office, Village of Wells.

The examination for the literacy certificate cannot be given at the polling places, nor can the certificate be obtained there, to avoid con-

fusion and delay secure your literacy certificates before going to the voting places.

**Determination of New Voter.** 1. The following classes of persons are "new voters" and must present evidence of literacy to the election inspectors: a—All men and women born in the United States who became qualified to vote in New York State after January 1, 1922.

b—All men and women of foreign birth who became qualified to vote in New York State after January 1, 1922.

c—All persons who have previously voted in one or more other states, but who became qualified to vote in New York State for the first time after January 1, 1922.

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