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

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## Saving the Country

ONCE more the country has been saved. We as a people do it every four years. It's a habit we have that was formed when our forefathers decided and made it a matter of record that we should go to the polls the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November every fourth year and elect a president.

So, regularly, as prescribed by the basic law, we go about the business seriously. Of course, not everyone agrees on how the country should be saved.

At times disagreements of a grave nature arise. Neighbors and friends cease speaking. They belong in different camps, both working for the same objective but along different lines.

Each honestly believes that his course is the wisest and to the best interests of the people. Each has a burning conviction that if the other side wins, the nation will be ruined.

Thus the saving of the country is accomplished every four years. Each time, a few of the consequences that are predicted by the other side come to pass.

We all get back on speaking terms again and peace and harmony is again restored.

The guiding star of America's destiny leads on. Not many calamities have come upon us. From them all we have recovered to carry on.

Political campaigns will come and go, but the nation will live on, proud of its heritage, strong in its union and powerful among the other nations of the world as an influence for good.

Hard work is one way to profit and making the most of mistakes is another.

## Typically American

THE bitter winter of the Pilgrim's first year in America reduced the number of colonists by almost half. One hundred and one came over on the Mayflower, but only 55 remained to enjoy the summer, when nature smiled on them.

The crops were bountiful and their hearts were filled with the spirit of thankfulness. To give thanks to a kindly providence that had rewarded their labor, the first real harvest festival was held in America in 1621. It was instituted by Governor Bradford, the first governor of the Massachusetts colony.

Thus originated Thanksgiving Day as we know it in America. It slowly spread to the other colonies, and since 1863, when President Lincoln issued a proclamation, calling on the people to observe the day, his example has been followed by each succeeding president the last Thursday in November being chosen as Thanksgiving day and observed as a holiday thruout the union.

It is typically American, celebrated thruout the width and breadth of the land. It breathes the spirit of America and keeps alive a tradition that has been handed down to us by those truly thankful colonists who braved the perils of an unexplored land that they might be free to worship as they pleased and work out their own destiny, unhindered by the whims of those who believed themselves divinely ordained to rule.

Its significance may be lost to some extent in the present generation, but the church and the schools have kept alive the fine sentiment that it typifies and good Americans will continue to teach their children the true meaning of the holiday.

It is a time for counting our blessings, one by one. It is a season to give thanks to a good Ruler who has blessed us in larger measure than we have deserved. It is a day for looking hopefully into the future and preparing to merit blessings that will be the reward of honest work and right living.

No girl ever succeeded in marrying a husband that suited the whole family.

## The Magic of the Future

CAN you imagine by what magic a farmer could go to bed at night and wake up in the morning to find that his fields had been plowed without the aid of either human hand or team?

You probably can't, because it is beyond human conception, but B. C. Forbes, widely known economic writer and editor, says that it is neither dream nor fairy tale.

Electricity, he says, will make this seeming witchery reality, because this is only one aim of a movement now in progress to revolutionize farming. Co-operation, Mr. Forbes asserts, between electric companies, their inventive geniuses and the farmers will enable the farmer to plow while he sleeps.

Such a development seems far away, but in the light of progress that has been made, it may be closer than anyone imagines.

Small town men can't put over big town ideas.

## Gasoline Settles It

A WRITER in a metropolitan newspaper takes the position that gasoline has forever settled the prohibition amendment, including the Volstead Act.

His logic is good, in the light of the facts. There are more than fifteen million registered automobiles and motor trucks in the United States, one for every seven persons.

Is there any sensible person who will admit that any one of these fifteen million drivers should be permitted to drink? We scarcely think so.

The locomotive engineer, who under railroad rules and discipline, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is not allowed to drink intoxicating liquor was never under any greater strain than the man who is driving an automobile in city traffic or on crowded country highways.

He needs a cool head, a clear eye and a steady hand to protect not alone his own life, but the lives of those who ride with him.

The power of the influence of public opinion is beginning to have its effect because at least half of the people ride in automobiles and they are demanding that drivers of machines shall abstain from strong drink.

The influence of sobriety will grow with the development of the automobile and it is already expressing itself in more stringent laws to punish drunken drivers. More and more judges are sending to jail men who are caught driving automobiles while intoxicated.

Gasoline is undoubtedly going to settle the prohibition question for all time.

Something will have to be done about our timber supply or there won't be enough for the next generation to build billboards.

## Our Greatest Industry

THE greatest industry in this country is now well under way, to continue for several months. It is one in which there are no strikes. It depends upon child labor, but its finished product is good citizenship. That industry is the American public school.

The American people, whose motto sometimes seems to be, "Let George do it," have a way of evading the responsibility for this great idealistic and practical enterprise, and leave it all to the teachers and school executives.

They kick with great gusto when the high school graduate can't spell or write well, or when the school has failed in some other respect, yet they never ask themselves if the success of the undertaking does not depend in large part on home co-operation.

Teachers and school executives who have to contend with parental indifference, find that their plants turn out only an indifferent product.

The success of the school operation can be greatly promoted and the children can be prepared for more useful futures if the school patrons will work with those in charge of the schools.

Teachers will testify that the best results are obtained when the school work is placed first and outside pleasures get secondary consideration. They will also bear witness to the fact that the best results are obtained when parents back up school discipline.

These are two things to keep in mind if we wish to accomplish the end in view—making useful citizens out of boys and girls.

If you begin checking up now on your blessings, you may find more cause for being thankful when Thanksgiving day rolls around.

## How to Live Long

THE average person may not be aware of the fact, but you can live six hundred years if you spit your cholin.

This is the assertion of Dr. William Held of Chicago, who explains that cholin is the substance that coats glands, clogs them up and results in old age and senility.

So, to get at the seat of the trouble, the natural thing is to have a "cholin splitter," a disintegrator, as it were, which routs cholin and restores youthfulness.

Dr. Held insists that he has found a serum, made from the fresh glands of steers, which will do the work.

There is nothing new in the knowledge that cholin exists in the human blood, he says. It is ptomaine poisoning filtering into the blood from products of decomposition.

Thomas Parr, an Englishman, is reputed to have lived to the ripe old age of 154 and the Hungarian Zartini is said to have been 185 when he died. Dr. Held believes they absorbed some cholin splitter into their systems.

Medical science has not passed on the "secret" to long life, so most of us will suspend judgment and keep on absorbing our cholin until such time as those fitted by technical knowledge and experience come to some conclusion about the merit of the serum.

But the prospect of living to be six hundred years old has something that recommends itself, even tho the means by which such an end is to be attained can not be regarded as very tenable.

## It Makes a Difference

IT IS not uncommon for people to remark that "it makes no difference what others think."

But it does make a difference—a big difference.

A community is a collection of people.

This state is a collection of cities, towns, villages and surrounding countryside.

This country is nothing more than a collection of sovereign states welded together in a single and central government for their own protection and advancement.

The government is dependent upon the states, the states are dependent upon their cities, towns and rural sections, and all of these divisions are dependent upon the people, in whose hands rests the future of them all.

So it does make a difference what others think, because upon their thots, which is the basis for their actions, depends whatever course the nation will take.

If you and the "other people" think constructively and always have in mind the interests of your community, you will be better citizens, which is the only way the local community, the state and the nation can keep on advancing.

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## Tidbits From Our School

Tuesday morning both grades and high school held chapel in the study hall. Mr. Palmer reviewed briefly in an interesting way the World War and the meaning of Armistice Day. Patriotic songs were sung.

Both basket ball teams are regularly practicing every week. Fourteen boys and about the same number of girls are reporting for practice.

There is no school today because of the Teachers Convention in Rochester, today and tomorrow, which nearly all of our teachers are attending.

The report cards were given out Wednesday noon, to the sorrow of some.

Thursday morning was school color day, everyone being requested to wear something of the school colors.

During a talk at the Commencement exercises last June, the principal of the school made the statement that there was an organization connected with the school which could render an enormous amount of help to that institution and to Andover as well, if its members would turn out for and show some interest in its meetings. He was referring to the Parent-Teachers Association. He is now wondering what has happened to that organization, as we are now well into the third month of school and the first of the regular monthly meetings has just been called, by a few of the interested members. In another column you will find the date. Remember, Man, the mystery.

Wayland Livermore  
Jim Ryker, the lawyer,  
Mollie Macklin, the housekeeper,  
Ted, the groom, Lenford Horton  
Elsie, the bride, Ellen Casey  
Senator M'Corkle, the father,  
Warner Palmer

Those on the Honor Roll this month are:

First Grade  
Elbert Cable; Silvia Cartwright;  
Roberta Church; Dorothy Nobles;  
Elsie Wagner.

Second Grade  
Edwin Alderson, Martha Eldridge,  
Anna Fulkerson, Doris Howland,  
Donald Kemp, Marion Lever, Mary  
McAndrew, Philip Lynch, Virginia  
Smith, Peter Packard.

Third Grade  
Ruth Walton, Helen Vickers, Ruth

Slocum, Ethel Haynes, Bernice Williams, Florence Mulholland, Mary Moineca Lynch, Maxine Eldridge, Paul Alderson, Raymond Lehman, Richard Appier, Howard Cummings.

Fourth Grade  
Malcolm Brundage, Charles Howland, Richard Crance, Eleanor Baker, Evelyn Lloyd, May Gardner.

Fifth Grade  
Aileen Walsh, Margaret Holmes, James Wisner Cook.

Sixth Grade  
Ella Adelaide Baker, Lorella Boyd, Marion Cook, Florence DeRemer, Ellen Horan, Doris Yager, Carmen member that date and answer the call.

In the same talk he asked how many of the parents of children in Andover were interested in their child's school progress to the extent that they made sure that the school work for the next day was prepared before bed time. Judging from the number of pupils with unprepared lessons and from the number of pupils who are playing in the streets at night, that number is not so large as it might be.

Parents, please don't put it all up to the school. The teachers have the children under their control and influence but six hours a day for five days a week. You have them the other eighteen hours of those five days and two whole days besides. The school can accomplish almost anything with your help without it, very little can be accomplished except in rare cases.

Rehearsals for the Senior play, "And Home Came Ted," are now under way and the following cast has been chosen:

Skeet Kelly, the clerk,  
Diana Garwood, the heiress,  
Henrietta Darby, the widow,  
Miss Loganberry, the spinster,  
Ira Stones, the villain,  
Aunt Jubilee, the cook,  
Youmans, Ralph Williams.

Seventh Grade  
Mary Branch, Blanche Chapman,  
Doris Church, Lucile Dawson, Letta Lehman, Marguerite Perry, Jay Cummings, Elwood Williams.

Eighth Grade  
Edward Cannon, Margaret Folsing, Lillian Holmes, Cecelia O'Connell, Dorothy Snyder, Angilee Dodge, Bernadine Hann, Robert Common, Ima Williams, Sarah Nobles.

Ninth Grade  
Frances Brundage, Margaret Livermore, Gertrude O'Connell, Howard Baker, Clifford Howland, Wayland Livermore.

Jokes  
Why is it that Dutchy S. can never keep the powder on her face and Art can never keep it off his sleeve.

Kenny cannot decide whether he wants to be a Methodist or a Presbyterian this year.

We notice that a few people in school are wearing 1925 Wellsville High School rings. Got your locations mixed, didn't you?

A few of our girls hope that the firemen will discontinue their leap year dances soon.

Robert L. (blushing)—"Priscilla, can you go to the show with me tonight?"  
Priscilla (pouting)—"M-m-mama won't let me."

We see that Robert has an uncontrollable eyelid.

## OLEAN YOUTH KILLS HIS FATHER

Used Gun When Intoxicated Man Beat Family, Says Youth.

Olean, N. Y., Nov. 9.—Joseph M. Swanson, 21 years old, of No. 120 South Seventh street, shot and killed his father with a shotgun at 2 o'clock this morning.

The elder Swanson, Charles O. 60 years old, it is charged by the son who did the shooting, came into the house very much under the influence of liquor. He pulled his wife and daughter from their beds and chased them from the house. The son attempted to interfere and was ordered back to bed.

A few moments later the father came into the room where two sons were in bed and began to beat them. When he refused to leave the room, Joseph reached behind the bed and grabbing his gun, fired the full charge into his father's chest. Death was almost instantaneous. After notifying his mother and sister of what he had done, the young man went to police headquarters and gave himself up.

In an informal statement, the boy told the police that the gun, fully loaded, had been behind his bed for over a year. He placed it there, he said, after burglars had attempted to enter the house some thirteen months ago.

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