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OUR KEYNOTE:
"If There is not a Way, Cut a Way."

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The usual quietude prevails in Mexico.

Go to church Sunday. Better work Monday. Try it yourself.

Prosperity is within the reach of everyone. But we must first reach.

If prices continue soaring the sky line will soon be painted with wheat.

If you want to cuss, why say "hell"? Make it more emphatic and say "Oh, War!"

If Russia succeeds in seizing the Turkish capital it will be some jolt for the chiet gobbler.

Strange how popular the American flag is becoming with foreign nations! But will it last?

Jerome K. Jerome has retired from the Thaw case.—Exchange. Statute of limitations of course.

It continues to whoop it up the war may in time surpass in violence even the traditional family jar.

When a fellow tells you he "wouldn't be rich if he could," it's a safe bet he is on a still hunt for easy money.

"Let us live the new love," says Mrs. Havelock Ellis. Go to it, dearie. But for heaven's sake get rid of the old one first.

"Church crowded to the doors Sunday! Many people turned away!" What a surprise such an announcement would be!

The Army and Navy Journals intimated that "Japan is feeling her oats." Why "intimate" a fact that is quite evident?

Men of all ranks are pulling off fashion shows now—that is, all except the editorial fraternity. We decline to forsake our native dignity.

Occasionally we hear of a thing wearing breeches who beats his wife. History tells us the same pastime is in vogue among other savage tribes.

If a nickel show advertised a free performance it would require the services of a sheriff's posse to control the mob. But what of a church? Does it hit you?

Brush up on your eye sight, boys, and limber up your necks. Girls are to wear shoes laced on the inside, and every lassie will expect to have them duly inspected—from a distance.

The world will be sending many millions of dollars to America for foodstuffs during the next year or two. Are we preparing to reap our own full share of this rich harvest? Plant—grow—harvest—sell!

Representative McGinnis has introduced a bill in the Kansas legislature forbidding women to pierce the ears for rings, or to use cosmetics for the improvement of the complexion. Married, by Heck!

Don't tell us there are no Simon-pure 18-k gentlemen in this neck o' the woods, for we know better. Several of them walked into our office and forked over the silver plunks this week. There ought to be a million of 'em.

Some Canadians are having spasms lest Germans in the United States pour across our northern border to attack "the foe." Buy we credit our German Americans with too much common sense to undertake a fool move of that sort. The United States looks good to them, or they would hardly be living in prosperity in our midst.

WE HAVE GOOD ROADS

There are an abundance of reasons why we should have good roads, even under normal conditions.

But there are urgent reasons why we should have them this year, when conditions are expected to be as up as even those of normal.

Our roads must be in condition for prompt harvesting of the great crops which the world is demanding of America this year.

Experts in all lines of business predict that 1915 will be the most prosperous year in the history of the United States.

President Wilson has publicly warned the farmers of the country that the task of feeding the world will soon devolve upon us, and he urges us to utilize every acre of land, every foot of ground, that the supply may be equal to the tremendous demand for food.

Europe today is non-productive, yet the people of those countries must be fed. They must not starve. And America is the only nation that is equal to the gigantic task.

And because this herculean task falls upon the American farmer, it is imperative that no part of ours be left undone that may be productive of greater or swifter results.

And herein lies the value of good country roads. Tremendous crops may be grown, and harvested, but they must be marketed in record time this year.

And without good roads this cannot be done.

The time is opportune for the people of this community to take up this matter and see that prompt measures are taken to insure the best roads in the country-districts before the time is at hand for the moving of the great crops we are asked to produce.

Horses and mules must draw this produce to the shipping points and this is a matter requiring both time and animal energy.

An animal possesses only a certain amount of energy beyond which it may not be taxed, and when that energy is exhausted it ceases to be of the greatest value to its owner, and future movements are retarded because of its lost vitality.

If country roads are placed in the best possible condition during the Spring and Summer months, the Fall movement of crops will be accomplished with greater ease and less expense than heretofore. And every hour of time will be needed this Fall if the farmers heed the call of the world and the warning of our President.

"Let us 'up and be doing' here, that we may contribute bountifully of our substance when humanity turns to us for bread.

SOME COMPLIMENT

It is not often an editor hands himself a compliment.

But this is the exception, and that is just what we are doing, because a certain well known citizen of this community has persistently recognized the value of this paper as a disseminator of local news, and has paid us this peer of all compliments in a manner which speaks volumes for his knowledge of the good things of life.

He is not destitute of this world's goods, and he possesses the rare faculty of holding onto that which he gets, lest the pangs of poverty overtake him in his declining years.

He possesses a wide knowledge of local affairs, because he is a constant reader of this paper, and the knowledge extracted therefrom is turned to good account in his own behalf.

If an important event is soon to occur he knows of it in advance, because he has read of it in this paper.

If there is a bargain to be had anywhere in the community he is promptly apprised of the fact, because that, too, he has read of in this paper.

And if an acquaintance is sick, or death has overtaken some member of a family, or the stork has paid a visit to the home of some friend, he is among the first to extend his condolences or congratulations—because of these, also, he has read in this paper.

He is a man of wisdom—a pillar of strength—with a brain which absorbs to the utmost of the essence of life.

Few things escape his notice—he is ever on the alert.

But the one thing which he never overlooks is this paper, and therein lies the compliment which we take unto ourself. It gives us a feeling that we are something more than a mere human worm, that we are even a whole cog in the community wheel.

True, he is not a subscriber to the paper—his dollar never reaches this office—but he reads the paper just the same.

His neighbor is a subscriber, and pays in advance, and in his generosity he lends the paper to the "pillar of strength"—by request.

But it may not always be so. In time we have hopes that the "pillar" will pay us the super-compliment of permitting us to humbly add his own distinguished name to our subscription list.

Time works wonders—even in the newspaper field. Yes, we have hopes—strong hopes.

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

Who would think such a wonderful organism as a human being could be made out of dust? But we're not all dust.

There's something thrilling through us so marvellous that we go outside earth-fields to the Father. We are of the house of God, made, we think just a little lower than God, and crowned with glory, which same is character. We think we are souls garbed in a magical coat.

We're very beautiful when God is our intimate friend dwelling in the house. We're very full of demon when the evil is giving orders. Our friends and neighbor-folk are very well aware

whether God or demon is sitting on the throne.

If one turns his house into a sty of gross and sensual desires, or make his soul power work hurt, if one is the slave of whim and violent temper or seething malice, or cowardly envy, or poisonous covetousness, if one do the will of a mean, low, gross, selfish, inhumanity shall God trace the marks of purity, truth and beauty on the face!

If one seek to become a temple of God, a house of light, a gate of peace, a garden of holiness, shall God brand such a soul with the marks of brutality and grossness? We classify folks by

the outstanding signs, by the gloom or gleam that lies upon their faces.

Even as race marks tell us whether the person is of this or that country, tongue, speech and other deep-bitten marks, so our citizenship earthly or heavenly is proclaimed.

On the trail of life we go back to the thought of the heart. That is ourselves. Here labor the sculptors of character.

John Ruskin has pointed out four determining destroyers of soul and body: Pride, Sensuality, Avarice and Cruelty. All sinners are out of these four inhuman qualities. Pride is the seed of all sorts of selfishness. Traditionally pride was the first sin. "By it the angels fell." Grossness is the seed of perverted appetites whether the hunger be on the stomach or palm or eye. Covardice begets weakness, compromise, indifference, irresponsiveness to duty, responsibility and obligation. Cruelty is the pool of the sins that run from careless apathy to peoples sufferings to the monstrous brutalities, physical and commercial and military, which make the earth a place of torment. There can be no dread of any dogmatic hell to the person who is the victim of the ordinary brutality of common life, certainly no dread to the person who is the victim of commercial brutality and war's monstrous cruelties.

But the qualities that make for beauty are Love and Joy and Goodness and Kindness and Gentleness and Hope and Faith.

These garb the face with a shining quality that can't be hid.

How shall we become beautiful?

"Looking unto Jesus." This means fellowship with him in spiritual quality.

This is scientific and sure. If anyone doubts seek the fellowship of some beautiful Christian.

Whose face is the growing image of the Son of God.

Sin spills his poison in the heart of us poor earth-folk, and terrible the wreck he makes of God's fair face once imaged there.

Through life-deep hurt God bends to kiss away the stains. A father's pity is His care.

As you and I would cherish some poor child that we begot, if it were marred, how terribly marred.

So nestles to His breast our Heavenly Father us and beautifies us with His deep love's precious nard.

Every human being faces the straight road to happiness. But there's many a by-path enroute.

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Gowling Gossip

Some profits are not without honor.
Mrs. Clara Crandall is at J. ch's, caring for the little his mother.
A son is a recent arrival home of Mr. and Mrs. A. rence of Cuba.
Miss Leona Gibbs of Frank and Floyd Reeland of I were married Feb. 9th. The next number on the course will be the Eng ra Singers, Thursday, Ma

The young daughter of Mrs. Elmer Shipman of C a broken leg resulting f a stinging accident.
A card sent by Banker J. ndage pictures the beau lake Park, at LosAng with the statement thinks he likes that be the Andover Park in ter time." gives one gh of envy about this tim when the gas man is Brundage also states that le from the ocean to ntains in a Ford that de he did not tell us who ascended "on high" or

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