

THE ANDOVER NEWS

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OUR KEYNOTE:

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

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Entered an second class mail matter under act of Congress, at the Post office at Andover, N. Y.

Taking another cat nap in Mexico.

Latest puzzle: Who is President of Mexico?

What you commenced yesterday is whooping it up to-day.

The Turk retains a death grip on his remaining tail feathers.

Say little, think much, and you will be heard when you do speak.

Speak softly, and the world listens. Howl, and you get a kick.

The store that never advertises is easily recognized by its stock of cobwebs.

Good fortune is the lot of the average man. But some men are a long ways from average.

Our Spring crop of afflictions is on the decline, probably due to the high cost of meal tickets.

Civilization is slipping backwards," avers an exchange. Slipping! It's a full blown slide.

Our latest cable from abroad is to the effect that marriageable men are commanding a premium.

Hereafter Vice Presidents of the United States are to have their own flag. We want one, too.

Warning! No Spring poetry wanted in this shop. The office devil is peaved and not in a receptive mood.

"What is international law?" inquires a local reader of the war news. Nothing, brother, quite nothing.

If you want to convert a man to better ways, appeal to his reason or his pocket-book—never to his conscience.

A nation that cannot back up its protests had best quit protesting. It is not pleasant to be told to.....

If European countries succeed in kicking international law into the discard we may eventually return to the good old days of piracy.

There's a deal of peace talk floating around in this country, but apparently our voices fail to carry across the blue expanse of the briny deep.

News dispatches tells us American manufacturers are getting a foothold in the South American trade. Slow, too slow! Let's shove in the whole foot.

Here's to the man who pays his subscription! He's a gentleman—may he live to pay it many times! Hit the high places, fellows. Never mind the breeze.

The man who believes in keeping the United States in a consistent condition should be consistent and leave his barn door unlooked while horse-thieves are abroad.

A noted writer is searching for a farmer who says "By Heck, Not guilty around here, brother. Farmers are all bloated plutocrats and have us mere mortals on the run."

A year of this paper will cost a small dollar. It will tell you of opportunities for buying and selling, and investing that will bring you many dollars in return in the run of the year. Put that dollar out at a thousand per cent interest to-day.

China has four hundred million people who have not been trained to fight in their national defense and she is in a blue funk over the encroachments of the little Jap. In the United States we have a hundred million people, but practically nothing with which to fight. Final chapter.

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WAKE UP

Dreams make pleasant pictures and pleasing fancies, but they do not build up a town.

However, if some dreams could be realized the world would be brighter and we happier.

To awaken from a dream to the fact that before us lies the stern realities of life sends the cold shivers through one's whole anatomy.

The facts are that if we accomplish anything it must be done through a struggle. "The life that wins is a strenuous life," is a true today as it was ten or a dozen years ago—when uttered by one of America's greatest statesmen.

What matters it what people think of us if we can only live to leave the impress of our lives upon the community in which we live and call home?

Who can deny that the world is better when we help men to realize their dreams?

They say a man cannot rise above his surroundings. But did it ever occur to you dear reader, that a man to a great extent makes his own surroundings?

What if, with the advent of Spring, there should come an awakening and every man in this community should start out to lead a "strenuous life," devoted to improving, beautifying and pushing to the front good old Andover!

This town has possibilities before it that lay wholly in the hands of its citizens to develop. It is up to you, each and every resident of Andover to say whether we are to forge ahead and keep up with the changing conditions that are evidenced on every hand or whether we fall back into the rut and dream of what might have been.

We have little use for the pessimistic view that the small towns are to become nearly extinct and that the larger cities are soon to become the whole chere. It may be that way if the citizens of the small communities allow themselves to be contented with the day dreams, but to the wide-awake, progressive small town that works together, co-operating with each other and pulling in double harness together for the prosperity of the community as a whole and not for the sole benefit of some one set or class in the community, no such future is possible.

A story comes to mind of a calf that was calling for its mother. A half-witted boy was asked what the calf was saying. The boy replied: "You can't do it." There was never an enterprise launched but some one cried: "You can't do it."

Better to fail trying than to "die" in dreamland.

When the water works were suggested wasn't it said, "You can't do it?" "It won't pay." It was done and every man, woman and child in this community is to-day realizing what a blessing it has been to health and to the whole community.

When the factories were being secured for Andover, the silk mill, the cutlery, the stamping works and every other industrial improvement, the familiar "You can't do it," was heard echoing up and down the streets. They have come and all but one of them to-day are proving the wisdom of their installation.

A man in a western city had a well of good pure water, and a frog got into it. One of those "croakers." The frog croaked and croaked. Finally the owner got so disturbed over the multiplicity of the croakers that he filled in the well. When asked about it he said: "That was a good well but the 'croakers' killed it."

Is that what's the matter with Andover? Are we letting the "croakers" kill the town? If they are to run the town it would be better that we do as the westerner did with his well, bury it.

What if we do have to pay a few more dollars in taxes, we can afford to do so.

Let us look squarely at this matter. A good, clean, live, up-to-date, progressive village means better citizens, means more money for the business men, the merchants, and the factories, means better homes for our residents and the farmers on the hills—for they will also catch the spirit and go forward.

Shall we wake up?

Or shall we continue our sleep and our dreaming?

Sign Boards on the Up-road

By Hamilton B. Williams

It is recorded by Mathew in the 18th chapter that the Master lifted up a little child and said: "Except ye become (ye learned, strong and independent, ye subtle, wise and far-seeing) as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The Master teaches two lessons here.

The life of the heart is the all-important qualification for eternal life. There is no device of salvation that may avail or be a substitute for the humble and contrite heart.

In the second teaching Jesus anticipated by 19 centuries the belated conviction of the life-visioned fear of to-day.

If the flower does not live for the sake of its color and fragrance and form, but for the sake of the seed, so all the economy of life looks toward the conservation of the race. The child is all-important. Men and women must learn that happiness, pleasure, learning, culture, success are by-products, and that the supreme reason for being is the welfare of the race. In nature the individual welfare of the race. In nature the individual is lost sight of. It is the variety, the species, the race that count.

It is highly probable that the reason why so many marriages

are failures lies in the deplorable fact that people marry for the sake of happiness. Happiness may indeed come from the relation, but it is the happiness that grows on the road of hardship and that is gathered on the bleak hills of sacrifice. The object of marriage is not sensual enjoyment, selfish complacency in strength and beauty, is not the romantic love we hear about—but the object of marriage is to culture children. Marriage is a heroic sacrifice of self. It means a giving up of one's own notions and ambitions and desires. It means humility and not the spirit of the "boss." No persons should dare to marry unless they, like the flowers, are willing to lose themselves in the lives they shall produce.

I am far from being sure that marriage was ever intended to be a means of happiness according to the romantic ideas prevailing. I am perfectly sure that God made it the great test of hero-

ism for the sake of the race.

A marriage that finds two persons big enough to submerge their selfish ambitions and sensual desires, and big enough to make the kingdom of the home as safe as the heart of the rose for the children, is a marriage that has the seal of divine ap-

proval. All other marriages are crimes.

In the same chapter in which Jesus glorifies the child, a type of the people who shall inhabit heaven, he uttered a mysterious phrase that has puzzled the ages: "See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

It would be a beautiful belief, that of guardian angels, but it is scarcely to be established on so slender a foundation. But we wonder what the Master meant.

I like to think that the people in heaven are interested especially in the children. But I fear the would reap more sorrow than joy seeing what we see. This epoch is strangely brutal in its treatment of the submerged people.

It gives us no joy to know that 50,000 children in New York City are hungry all the time, that millions of children die needlessly, that millions are doomed into life to be broken on the wheel of a vicious social condition.

Alabama passed a prohibitory law, but forgot to destroy the child labor law! If the children have guardian angels they must weep night and day before the face of God.

We are still deep in the jungle in our snug social life.

See that we despise not (great slightly, as a thing of little value) one of these little ones. How many children come into the world faced toward God? How many have a fair show to keep their lives? How many parents are big enough to play this God's part? How many children are doomed because their parents think more of themselves, prefer to be a cheap house-boss rather than be a calyx of God for the sake of God's life wrapped in the heart of children?

I would there were Guardian Angels of the Home-Eden lest self writhe in—with vases of healing for the wounds they bring into life—with bushels of food for the millions hungry—with garments for the millions ragged—with coals of fire for the millions cold—with love for the hungry which the common brutality gives—with sympathy for the hurts they must take of a vicious world-life!

SUFFRAGE NOTES AND NEWS

Billy Sunday would have you know that he was on the suffrage wagon in those early days when it was thought to be a hearse and not the band wagon, as it is now known by all men to be.

It was something for bills granting presidential suffrage to women to pass one house of the Vermont and Indiana Legislatures. Pretty good straws showing which way the wind is blowing.

Woman Suffrage goes to the voters in New York and New Jersey next Fall. The legislatures of both states have passed bills giving women the right to watch at the polls.

What is this but a plain admission by those law making bodies that women can't trust men to protect their interests at the polls?

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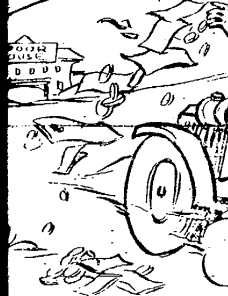
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ad what the Forum has to "Punctuality."

D. Hyland returned to his at Coleville, Pa., Monday.

rs. T. H. Appleby died at me in the town of Bolivar 15th.

daughter was born to Mr. rs. Delos Marsh of Duffy Tuesday.

ss Frances Metcalf o Arthur Jansson of Corning married March 15th.

—Twins, a boy and girl, recently born to Mr. and Roy Breaden of Angelica.

J. Zias of Mount Alto taking T. J. Regan's place Erie Station during his a

rs. Lucy W. Tucker die home on the Vandermar 23rd, aged 85 years. Burial

at the organization of the Village Board Monday night Tunker was appointed V. Clerk.

A card from T. R. Regan Tuesday p. m., tells that he was 250 miles west Chicago, going at a 65 m

Arthur Common went et, Colorado last week some time with his brother who has taken up a claret theica Advocate.

The bee keepers of Steu Allegany counties met at the House, Hornell, N. h 11, for the purpose of forming an association.

r. and Mrs. E. P. Ostran Whitesville were given a on at the Methodist church in that village, March 11, for their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Dr. Helen B. Owens of touring Allegany County interest of woman Dr. Owen will be in A Saturday night and a short address at the show.

The ladies have been attending the millinery openings parlors this week, and selecting their Easter Andover has seldom display of styles and than is shown this seas