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OUR KEYNOTES
If There is not a Way, Cut a Way.
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You'll soon be writing it 1916— unless you forget—

One clerk with a smile is worth fifty with a scowl.

Open up your pocket-books. Old Santa wants his toll.

Over the water it's heaven on hell and close to both.

The man who pays his bills is never afraid of a "dun."

The man with a backbone has little use for a wishbone.

President Wilson wants us to be Americans. So do we.

All the paragraphers are duking him, "Lord the Fool."

The fellow who is too lazy to work may be a man, but—

America has its troubles as well as Europe. Congress again.

Tramp! Tramp! Tramp! General Prosperity on the move.

A wise man controls his anger. Further comment is superfluous.

A good word is like a gold nugget; its value never grows less.

There is some tone to business right now. Let's speed up the volume.

It is not true that some men never cease working. We all do some day.

Plenty of holiday bargains right here in this town. Look for 'em. Read the ads.

The man of brains never needs to advertise the fact. Imitators make a big noise.

Keep on doing your Christmas shopping early and you will have time to do it again.

The wise man spends a little and saves a lot, and that's an evidence of his wisdom.

Of course we are "buying it— at home" this Christmas—Moses to the contrary notwithstanding.

The word "affinity" has been discarded by the devotees of free love. They call it "sex mates" now.

Christmas buying is reported heavy all over the country. Get into line, or what is better, head the line.

When a man puts his property in his wife's name other people begin to wonder who it really belongs to.

Never belittle the boy who does errands on the streets. He may be a bigger man than you are some day.

We picked up a newspaper the other day that didn't have a single word in it about the war— It was two years old.

Andrew Carnegie has given away \$35,000,000 and is rapidly approaching the poverty stage. He has but \$60,000,000 left.

Some men are always ready to rest on their laurels, and if they haven't any laurels they just keep right on resting anyway.

Is Henry Ford working the newspapers of the world for a few million dollars worth of free advertising, or is he just a plain "nut"?

When a man has a few dollars his friends term him a financier. When he goes broke he is just an ordinary mortal, and his friends melt away.

Winston Churchill, British statesman, is slated to become a brigadier general at the front. In point of quality he would make an excellent corporal at the rear.

It may be true that women spend more money on their hats than it takes to support the whole United States Navy. But if we didn't have the dear things how long would we need a navy?

TOO MUCH MIDDLE MAN

The curse of the American farmer is the rapidly increasing expanding and perpetuating middle-man.

No matter what the farmer raises or produces or what price the ultimate consumer pays, the middle-man and his cohorts and satellites get the bulk of it.

When apples were rotting on the ground in many sections of the country last Summer, because the farmers could not get a price sufficient to pay for marketing them the people of the cities were paying a nickel for three little runts. If fair sized they were two for a nickel and in many cases five cents each.

Why can't the farmers of this county band together in some kind of an organization and do their own marketing without the assistance of these grasping and devouring middle-men? Surely some method could be devised whereby their crops could be marketed jointly and in bulk and thus save the tremendous shrinkage that now goes into the pockets of a horde of useless go-betweens.

Orange growers in Florida have such an organization and are getting better prices for their fruit and with less trouble.

In Chicago there are a number of men who have purchased fruit and truck land in Alabama. They have formed an organization for mutual advantage and protection and one man disposes of all their products direct to the retailers realizing good prices on all their commodities.

There are enough farmers in this county to form a large and powerful organization. Agents could be appointed in the larger cities and shipments could be made direct. The services of numerous middle-men would be dispensed with and the increased profits would go into the pockets of the farmers.

The coming year promises to be one of great prosperity to the American people. Why give the bulk of the farmer's profits to a bunch of blood-sucking leeches in the guise of middle men?

KEEP YOUR NOSE AT HOME

Isn't it about time for the government to call a halt on the rapidly growing habit of certain American people poking their noses into European affairs?

Their meddling advice has not been solicited and it will not be heeded, and the only visible effect will be the bringing of our own country into disrepute in the eyes of the people of all nations, a condition which may easily lead to serious trouble for us in the near future.

When European governments at war with each other will not listen to the tenders of good offices from the heads of neutral nations, what reason have we to suppose that they would give even a thought to the blatant demands of private American citizens who apparently think more of newspaper notoriety than they do of peace?

The great masses of our Americans of all degrees are a sane and sensible people who attend strictly to their own affairs. But we are cursed with a minority who are never happy unless they can get into the newspaper headlines, and they will go to extreme lengths to satisfy their insane cravings.

By strenuous work the United States has managed to keep out of the European entanglements thus far, although our prestige has suffered to a degree.

We cannot afford to be drawn into it through the officious meddling of a gang of irresponsible American notoriety seekers who persist in poking their noses in the European face.

Europe will settle this war in its own way when the right time comes. In the meantime let the government insist that the American nose be kept at home.

A Big Show for little money

Saturday Evening, Dec. 11
BETTY LELAIRE in
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By Maurice Havlett

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 15
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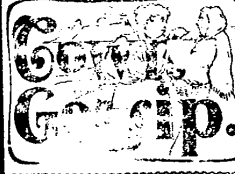
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A. M. W. F. O'Connell, Postmaster



Time is getting short. Start Xmas buying soon.

The home of Gaylord Newell of Bolivar is under quarantine because of diphtheria.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Freeman of Wellsville, last Monday.

Bart Doran has been ill most week at the home of father-in-law, U. W. Stratton.

Mrs. Sherman Weaver died recently at her home in Belfast, interment at Almond.

The net receipts from bazaar held Nov. 24th by Mrs. May's church at Bolivar \$256.67.

If you wish to make a gift to a friend absent the entire year, make a subscription to The News.

Rev. H. B. Williams has been invited to deliver his commencement before the Historical Society at Belmont, in the future.

Mrs. Theodore Woodworth of Belfast was taken seriously ill Tuesday night and removed to the hospital at Hornell where she was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brainerd of James Macken, Miss Harvey S. H. Hanks are among the Voltaire people who have gone to Florida to pass the winter months.

Joseph Owens of Richfield met a loss of \$250 by the burning of a 50 barrel tank of crude oil last week. The gas ignited a lantern which Mr. Owens placed on the ground near the tank.

Mrs. Mary Carpenter of Belfast was stricken with palsy Nov. 28th and passed away Nov. 29th. Deceased was 75 years of age and held in esteem in the community where she lived.

Samuel Ramsey of Cuba, formerly a resident of Cuba, was arrested charged with violation of the election laws. He stated that he claimed residence in both Cuba and Orleans.

Mail was fixed at 1,000 which was unable to secure and taken to the county jail at Belmont.

On or before the 20th pay bills and save discount. EMPIRE GAS & FUEL CO.