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Our Keynote: "If There Is Not a Way, Cut a Way."

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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

THERE is reason in all things. Often there is much unreasonableness. A noted New York preacher denounces the entire movie world because of the exposure of the unclean lives led by some of the too highly paid stars.

We might with equal justice condemn and denounce the entire ministry because of the few black sheep it contains. But we do not.

There are unquestionably many decent and self-respecting film actors and actresses. Then there are many who are so drug sodden and morally filthy no speed limit is able to curb their ruinous pace.

It is the latter class who are bringing discredit upon the whole movie profession.

There is a law which forbids a person to advocate the boycott, and it is perhaps better so. But we know of no restriction against decency loving people making public announcement of the fact that they will no longer patronize a movie theatre in which an actor or actress appears on the film who is known to be of the depraved class so much under condemnation at the present time.

This is about the only effective method of fumigating the movie industry.

Raging in our homes and then showing our money thru the ticket window will accomplish nothing.

Neither will the wholesale condemnation of a preacher with a single track mind.

One of our great railroad systems, notoriously exploited and dismally mismanaged, needs many millions of dollars with which to pay off bonded indebtedness soon to become due in foreign markets.

Apparently it is too poor a risk for bankers and other financiers to consider.

Hence the management of the road wants the government to make the loan which shrewd financiers can not "see."

The treasury of the United States is the people's bank, and the guardians of those funds are answerable to the people.

If this proposed loan is too risky for financiers who make a business of lending money it certainly is no place for the investment of government funds.

The public eye is watching this proposed deal. The people are not always asleep.

Carrying concealed weapons is a dangerous practice. It is an unlawful practice. It is a practice that is entirely too prevalent, especially in the larger centers of population.

The law abiding citizen has no desire to carry a gun around in his pocket, unless it be for the protection of life and property when they are in imminent danger.

The punishment should be made so swift and severe that the law breaker would shun a gun as he would a poisonous reptile.

Then there would be more honest work and less lawlessness.

While you pause in your hesitation the other fellow gets there by the aid of his determination.

It's no wonder some people invariably say too much. They don't know how to shut up when they have said enough.

Do you know of a confirmed pessimist? Use him as a solemn warning, lest you meet the same fate.

After all, the spendthrift is of some use in the world. He helps to feed other people's families.

Even the homeliest of girls need not be without a bow — if she plays the violin.

People who have the price are generally those who know how to count the cost.

Aim high, but scatter your shot. There are plenty of good things lower down.

It takes a bright woman to appear dull when an unwelcome suitor hovers around.

It may be possible to reform the dance in this country, provided we first inform the dancers.

BARNACLES EXTRAORDINARY

We have an animal in this country with whose services we could not dispense — with prudence. That animal is the "barnacle extra-ordinary."

Humorously speaking, Mr. Webster describes a barnacle as a "persistent office holder."

His persistent is right. He never wants to get loose.

Political barnacles are expensive animals. They can eat up taxes faster than anything that travels on two or four feet.

Chicago is a mignon example of barnacleism. In the windy city taxes this year have been increased 42 per cent. that the army of barnacles may remain fastened to the public payroll.

Chicagoans are roaring mightily, but all they can do is to roar, and pay up, and roar again.

We, however, should be ready and willing to profit from the follies of others.

If we have any barnacles fastened to our payrolls in this state they should be dislodged.

If we have any public servants who are loafing on their jobs they should be replaced by men who are willing to do an honest day's work for a day's pay.

If the political leaders make too big a noise when the people want to clean house we should class them, too, as barnacles and drop them by the wayside.

The day is coming when the great mass of the people will conclude that they are being fleeced by incompetents, and loafers, and often by grafters, and when that day arrives we will witness a great slaughter of the barnacles.

They will drop off like leaves following the first frost.

Progressiveness and the legitimate expenditures incident thereto are highly commendable, and to these no fair minded citizen will object. But boosting taxes in order to provide soft jobs for an army of political followers is damnable and should not be tolerated by the people who pay the bills.

This condition is not confined to any one political party or to any particular section of the country. It is general, but is more pronounced in some places than in others. It is the canker in the heart of our political system, and as long as we allow it to remain we will nurse a destroyer instead of a builder. Keep taxes down by keeping the barnacles out.

WOMEN IN POLITICS

WOMAN'S influence in the political field has proven to be elevating. They exert none of that debasing influence which has debauched our political system for so many years past. They are not traitors, or tricksters, or hangers on. They are, as a general thing, eminently fair-minded and just.

These are excellent lessons for encouraging the political activity of American womanhood.

It would be well if the women of every community would form an organization for the study of political questions, especially those having a bearing on local conditions or affairs. Truth and candor compels the admission that the political rule of man has exerted too much of a degrading influence upon the body politic. That scrupulous honor and devotion to duty which we have a right to expect from our public servants in this country is often — entirely too often — conspicuous for its utter absence.

Political womanhood has the power to compel its restoration, if political womanhood so desires.

It should so desire.

"Bonus" may have a jarring sound to some people but "ingratitude" is far worse to the majority of us.

Even chickens crave a variety in diet at times. A Chicago woman scented the gizzard of one and found a brass screw, a gold collar button, one-inch steel screw and a ten cent piece.

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STUDY YOUR NEIGHBOR

your neighbor and will make life sweeter and more enjoyable to you. Give him the once-over, oft repeated. The unwelcome guest is generally the last one to realize it.

When the first home-buying chance in years is open to you, you'll get the news in the "For Sale" column.

If sufficient opposition is encountered from foreign nations it is possible that congress may do something toward the encouragement of an American merchant marine. Uncle Sam gets powerfully peeved and stubborn at times when others oppose him.

Special Aluminum Sale at Horan's Hardware, Saturday.

Don't YOUR CREDIT as carefully as mobile. credit should have. A well known his promising article past due. When the bank they found "with that" It pays to take either paying them with it. The B JESSE S. PHILLIPS F. W. BURRO ERWIN D. BA Foreign Advertising THE AMERICAN PRES MAILLS East " 26 " 8 Train No. 7 The Post Office Mondays, Wednesday and 6 o'clock Tues and Fridays. W. F. O'CO Report Lent began money" but few Mrs. Burns, of Andover to care for Five million used in the New York system. Mrs. P. Hyland took of la grippe. is caring for her. Lillian Foley, broke her ankle when railroad track last The Inasmuch a tureen supper at Monday afternoon. Mrs. Alice Re those of our reside a severe attack of The Weaver a Rushford, which w fire in December, built. Judge E. W. ship, sailed Feb. 1 month's Mediterranean tour. Rev. A. I. B Va., spoke at the Church this week the Forward Movement The home of M Voorhies, of Richly destroyed by fire caught from a Mark Kemp h ily from his home Avenue to the C cently purchased Street. Melvin Matthe the Stearns farm ing, to the Cotter Hill, which he has of Frank Dean. Dr. O. K. St was called to And consultation with account of the cor land, who is suffe trouble. A. L. Shaner, 65 barrel iron tax barrels of crude o receiving tank fr tank house by fire day. The fire ca was being heated running. Real Esta We ha from 25 to If you over with u "WE BR Calh Phone 24