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

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TOWN FACTIONS

PERHAPS no other one factor yields so great an influence in retarding the growth and prosperity of a town as factionalism. It spreads itself as a pall over the community life, and under its malign influence all progress wilts like a pear tree under the blight.

Take the average town torn by factionalism. A measure of public improvement is proposed. It comes from one of the two factions. It really has merit and would be beneficial to the town. Does it meet with approval? Yes — from that side of the house. From the other side, bitter opposition. Why? No mortal man can tell, except that it emanated from "the other side."

There you have the meat in the cocanut. "The other side" stands for everything that is undesirable and vicious. And it is a sad commentary on our boasted Christian civilization that this spirit of bitter factionalism too frequently originates where it should never be found — in the churches. With them, all too frequently, "our folks" does not mean, as it should, all of God's creatures, but is contracted to apply to "our church," be it Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, or what not.

But from whatever source, the fact remains — and the factionalism flourishes — a sad commentary on the boasted "progressiveness" of our countrymen.

And the pity of it is that it is all useless and fruitful of no good results to either side.

United effort would invariably accomplish for both what divided wrangling accomplishes for neither.

There is a world of truth in the old emblem of the bundle of sticks, bound together, which no man could break, but which, taken separately, a child could destroy.

No factional fight in a community ever yet resulted in complete victory for either side.

Many communities have had the sagacity to recognize this fact and, while there have always been and will always be differences, have had the good sense to endeavor to harmonize and work together for the common interest.

When we see a community torn by factions, we feel like reminding it of the old fable of the cats and the monkey — the cats found the cheese, but the monkey ate it at last.

The most useful of all libraries is a man's thinkery.

We arise to remark that it is often safer to remain seated.

Keep a stiff upper lip. Drooping ones are not becoming.

Forget it. The other fellow can growl enough for both of you.

Silence is golden when the other fellow has the longest reach.

The only thing that is worse than a flat joke is one that is flatter.

And still, the movie stars are not all bad. Some of them would just like to be.

As an evidence of our extreme courtesy, we continue to call them courts of justice.

It is a waste of energy for some people to say they can't. It is a self evident fact.

We agree with the ministry that jazz is immoral. Otherwise it would not be so popular.

It's a fact. The more we do the more we can do, and the less we do the less we want to do.

At least one thing can be said in favor of bootleg booze. It is seldom found in dirty bootlegs.

The thief in the night is becoming a back number. Most of them are now pulled off in daylight.

Keeping our best foot forward may be good advice, but it is a difficult method of progressing.

There is one common ground upon which we can all agree. That is our inalienable right to disagree.

Sometimes we wonder what this world would be like if everybody were to suddenly tell the truth about everybody else. Gosh!

There are some "time saving ads" in this issue, awaiting your personal attention — and wholly worthy of it.

When you pay a dollar more than you need to pay for something simply because you do not read ads, you're not showing very much business ability — do you think?

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STRONG arm tactics seldom win out in the end. They may triumph for a time, but sooner or later the one who uses them comes to grief and is promptly kicked to the rear.

You have noticed, of course, that in an argument the strong arm advocate in his own estimation is always right and the other fellow is completely wrong. There is no debatable ground for him.

You, perhaps, have also noticed that it is generally the other fellow who is in the right, because "other fellows" are invariably men who reason things out before they begin to make a noise.

The strong arm man depends upon his tongue work and his bull dog tenacity.

The other fellow depends upon his brain work and upon the ability of the public to understand calm and common-sense reasoning.

These are things it might be well to remember in the training of the children of this town.

As the child is trained in youth, so will it be when it arrives at the age of maturity.

WHENEVER improvements are to be made in this town, or township, the work should be done if possible by people who live and pay taxes in this community. By so doing we would keep a majority of the money expended in circulation among our own people.

Outside concerns are always ready to come in and do the work for us. They are even more eager to take the money home with them. Spending a dollar with the people who produce it is the least of their intentions. In fact, it is not their intention at all if there were no brains in this section, we might consider importing them from elsewhere.

But are you ready to admit that our braineries are nothing but empty shells?

Our village officials are to be congratulated on their efforts to do the paving work this summer by use of home people.

WE can not go back to ten years ago and do the things we should have done then.

If each property owner had planted a profusion of trees, and shrubbery, and roses, various kinds of plant life, ten years ago, our town would now be a bower of beauty, a veritable garden of Eden.

But the majority did not, and we are not enjoying the delights of a beauty spot of nature.

Since time will not wait for us it behooves us to keep up with time.

This spring is the time to begin the cultivation of that beauty which we would all enjoy in the decline of life.

Age comes to us all, but it can be made more attractive by the exercise of forethought and the expenditure of a little energy while we are still enjoying the heritage of comparative youth.

IT takes a long time for a farmer to drive a loaded wagon to town over a rough and muddy road. The time lost on such trips costs him much money, for which he receives nothing in return.

The motorist who drives over such a road consumes an enormous amount of gas, and the strain upon his engine materially shortens its days. Again money pays the penalty of poor roads.

The pedestrian who attempts to walk on such roads toils and flounders instead. He gets to his journey's end if he keeps going until he arrives.

This condition prevails because good roads can not well be made without cement, and the cement trust is endeavoring to gather in all of the money in the country and then foreclose on the roads.

The remedy is simple. Let the states make their own cement and tell the trust to pave hell when they get there.

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CLOTHING SHOES

JAMES P. CANNON CO.

GOOD BUYS

- Men's heavy, all wool, Worsted Suits, hand tailored, conservative styles, reg. price \$32.50 \$27.50
Men's "Rugby" ribbed Union Suits \$1.00
Men's Athletic Union Suits \$1.50
Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers 50c

SHOE STORE

- New Sport Oxfords with the new saddle strap effects in lighter leather and reignskin Oxfords, trimmed with patent leather \$2.75 to \$6.75
New Patent Flapper Oxfords with strap and buckle and the new flange rubber heel \$4.95 to \$6.75
Barefoot Sandals, all sizes \$1.00 and up
Misses' and Children's One-step Patent Pumps

James P. Cannon Company

Store Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights

ONEILL'S

Andover's New Cash Grocery

34 Main St. (Trainer's Old Store)

"It Pays to Pay Cash and Carry a Basket"

- Davis Baking Powder, 25c size, 19c a can
Premier Salad Dressing, 40c size, 35c a bottle
Best Bread Flour, guaranteed, \$1.19 a sack
Best Pastry Flour, 24 1/2 lb. sack, 99c a sack
O'Neill's Coffee. Try it this time. 25c lb.
Pure Cocoa, fine quality 3 lbs. for 25c
Ward's Cakes, delicious 10c each
P. & G. or Star Soap. Save 2c a cake, 5c a cake
Canned Corn, 15c quality 3 cans for 29c
Scrap Tobacco, any kind 3 pkgs. 25c
Fresh Soda or Oyster Crackers, National, 2 lbs. 25c
60c Japan Tea, worth more 45c lb.
White House Coffe, specially priced 35c lb.
Paragon Succotash, big value 2 cans 25c
Hawaiian Pineapple, 45c value, large cans 31c
Waldorf Toilet Paper, specially priced 3 25c
Pink Salmon, 1-lb. cans, 2 for 25c
Elbow Macaroni, big food value, 10c a pound
Fine Dairy Cheese, special 25c a pound
Leggett's Coffee, The Best, 33c lb.
Boneless Codfish, Gorton's, 23c lb.
Bacon Squares, 1 to 2 lbs. 19c lb.
Coconuts, 20c size 2 for 25c
Armour's Oleo, needs no color, 27c lb.
Chocolate Creams, 30c value, 20c lb.
Evaporated Milk, tall 1 lb. cans, 9c each
Best Red Salmon, tall 1 lb. cans, 25c each
Asparagus Tips, 1 lb. cans, 2 for 35c
75c Brooms, great big value, 59c each
Campbell's Soup and Beans, save 2c a can, 10c each
Welbach Mantles, 15c grade, 2 for 25c
Mince Meat, best quality, 2 pkgs. 29c

EXTRA SPECIAL!

BEST STATE CREAMERY BUTTER

Every Pound Carries the O'Neill Money-Back Guarantee. Special for This Sale 40c lb

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The money you way to-day. Not itself.

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