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

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IDLE MEN AND IDLE LAND

IN THIS country there are millions of acres of excellent land that has never felt the bite of a plow. This land is capable of feeding many millions of people, altho it is feeding none.

In every city in the country there are large numbers of people who would welcome a return to the farm if such could be effected. Generally they are men of families who have been brought up on the farm, but left in their younger days to "make their fortunes in the city," and are now marooned there as effectually as if stranded on a desert island.

It costs money to change from a crowded city to virgin land and convert the soil into a productive farm. And money they have not — at least not sufficient for the transformation.

If the government could devise some means of placing such families on unused land and aid them to the point where they could become self-sustaining and pay off their indebtedness it would work a wonderful change in this country.

Of course it would, in time, reduce the price of farm products because of the great increase in production. This, however, would automatically reduce living expenses, and that would bring down the cost of labor, and production would become less expensive, and wholesale and retail prices would be lowered in proportion.

In other words, there would be a general reduction in the price of everything throughout the country.

We lose a tremendous amount of foreign trade for the simple reason that our cost of production is so great that we find it difficult to compete in world markets with other countries whose people are not living at so rapid and expensive a pace. This reduction in foreign trade, together with the rapid and constant influx of immigrants from abroad, produces stagnation in our labor markets and creates our armies of the unemployed.

There should be a general reduction of all prices of every nature, beginning with the man at the top, who can best afford it, and ending with the one at the bottom, who can least afford it.

It is useless to ask one element of our population to suffer a reduction in revenue while other elements continue to rake in their exorbitant profits. That is both unfair and foolhardy, because it leads to unrest and trouble.

There can never be any great reduction in table costs as long as a great portion of the land remains untilled and those who are at present working the farms are compelled to pay excessive prices for everything they use.

A careful and honestly administered system of governmental aid to those who desire to return to the farms and become definite producers would go a long way toward solving the most difficult problem now facing the American people.

ABOLISH THE TIP

A CERTAIN class of Americans are nutty on the subject of tipping. They are not only nutty, but they are a nuisance to the rest of mankind.

The tip is an established institution in many of the old countries, but they use their brains there as well as their money. Where an American would tip a quarter or a half dollar, the foreigner in his own country would hand over one or two cents. And they get just as much for their copper as the splurger does for his silver.

There ought to be a federal law forbidding tipping of every nature and fixing a jail sentence for both the giver and the receiver.

When a man goes into a hotel and registers he expects to pay the proprietor the established price of his board and lodging. He should not be required to pay also the waiter, and the chambermaid, and the elevator man, and the bellhop in order to secure the attention and service to which every guest is entitled.

Tipping is degrading, to both the giver and the receiver.

It should be abolished by law, since so many do not possess either the brains or the nerve to abolish it by custom.

Manufacturing machinery may be collecting rust, but the political brand is still on the hum.

And still, the man who lives to a good old age may not be good.

The road to success is not a boulevard.

One of the best curses for a swelled head is a standpat mother-in-law.

The lack of a shave makes many a gentleman a hobo.

AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

GOVERNMENT chemists are now working out a means of producing a cheap fuel for motor cars from corn cobs, and are said to be meeting with gratifying success.

It is doubtful, however, if it will ever be placed on the market where the users of motor cars can take advantage of it at reduced cost. The oil and gasoline interests are too rich and powerful to ever allow such disastrous competition with their industry to exist.

Periodically we hear such reports, and motorists become enthused over the possibility of cheaper fuel for their engines.

Then the project goes the way of its predecessors — possibly through strangulation — and the public continues to line the pockets of the oil barons.

THE great American throat is not so parched as it was. It is becoming wetter every day.

Statistics from Washington state that in 1921 every man, woman and child in the United States consumed an average of forty-nine gallons of milk, or nearly a gallon a week per capita.

That is encouraging. It is also disheartening — to those who would abolish prohibition.

A nation that consumes a gallon of milk a week per person will surely not suffer to any great extent as a result of that "terrible thirst."

In time it may become corpulent even fat.

THE flapper has had a great run for her money.

She has been the observed of all observers, the admired of all admirers, and the cussed of all cussers.

She flapped herself into fame and now she is on the verge of flapping herself into oblivion.

But there's a reason. Americans like sensations — those that are spicy, but brief. We haven't the time to pursue any one sensation to a great length.

There are too many others waiting to edge in.

The flapper was a sensation for a time. But she flapped so strenuously, in season and out, that she became wearisome to the public, and now she is about to become a nuisance.

Soon she will be flapping only for her own admiration.

But she was quite worth while. She furnished us a few thrills, and was the object of many new jests — all of which is necessary in the average American day.

We will bid her adieu without regret.

But, Lord! What will we get next?

LAWs are made for the protection of the people who live under them.

If a law is a good one it should be enforced. No favor should be shown either to the rich or the poor, to the powerful or to the insignificant. If it is not a good law it should be repealed.

We have too many laws that are dead letters. They are only resurrected when some crusty cuss wants to satisfy a grudge, or some prosecutor wants to make a safe splurge. At other times they are disregarded with impunity.

This condition is well known to the public, and even to the younger generation just merging into manhood. It is not conducive to respect for either law or order. It is a breeder of evasion and is the father of contempt.

We need fewer laws, but we need good ones that are enforced.

"Truth is stranger than fiction," they say, but telling it often gets a fellow into trouble where he has to resort to fiction to squeeze out.

Keep on investigating advertised properties until you find the one which suits you best as to price, terms, location and future possibilities.

Very often a classified advertising campaign is halted before it gets fully under way by the prompt sale of the property. That doesn't always happen — so plan to make a real business matter of your "Real Estate" for sale advertising. You'll win maybe in a day or two, maybe in a week or two.

JAMES P. CANNON CO. CLOTHING SHOES SHOE BARGAINS! We have a large assortment of Women's High-Canvas Shoes, Pumps and Oxfords. Values to \$5.50 Price to close 95c Small sizes in Women's Black Pumps and Oxfords 95c Walk-over Patent Pumps just arrived, all sizes and widths \$7.50 Elks-In Sport Strap Pumps, new arrivals, all sizes and widths \$5.00 Women's Vic and Gunmetal Oxfords and Pumps in brown and black \$3.45 NEW THIS WEEK BOYS' SUITS BOYS' STRAW AND CLOTH HATS BOYS' OXFORDS James P. Cannon Company Store Open Every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Nights

O'NEILL'S 34 Main St., Andover, N. Y. "It Pays to Pay Cash and Carry a Basket." Buneless Codfish 21c lb. Bacon Squares 19c lb. Shredded Coconut 21c lb. Word's Cakes 10c each. Ward's Cookies 12c a dozen. Shredded Wheat 10c a pk. New York State Corn 3 cans 29c. Cigarettes (Camel, Lucky Strike) 15c a pk. Scrap Tobacco 3 pkgs. for 25c. Chocolate Creams 20c pound. Soda Crackers 2 lbs. for 25c. Army Roast Beef 25c a can. Kellogg's Corn Flakes 8c a pk. O'Neill's Coffee 25c lb. Premier Salad Dressing 35c bottle. Best Aluminum Ware 98c each. P. & C. or Star Soap 10 cakes 20c. Ivory Soap 3 cakes 20c. Best Bread-Flour 1.19 a sack. 60c Japan Tea 4.5c lb. Palmolive Soap 3 cakes 23c. Seeded Raisins 19c a pk. Ginger Snaps 15c tin. Davis Baking Powder, 25c size. Best Red Salmon 25c a can. Best Dairy Cheese 23c lb. Best Pastry Flour 99c a sack. Fancy Salt Pork 15c lb. Best State Creamery Butter Every Pound Guaranteed 1 lb. Prints 35c.

O'NEILL'S ANDOVER, N. Y. Store Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday Evenings. NEWSPAPERS EVERY DAY Buffalo Evening News Buffalo Express, Early Edition Buffalo Express, Late Edition Rochester, Democrat and Chronicle Elmira Advertiser Elmira Star Gazette SUNDAY PAPERS Buffalo Express, Early in the Morning New York Times ARTHUR WAGNER NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS Water bills must be paid by July 1, 1922, or water will positively be turned off the following Monday, July 25. By Order of Water Board. BURDICK REUNION The fourteenth annual reunion of the descendants of Amos Burdick, Sr. will be held at the home of Mrs. Bertha Potter, at Alfred Station June 28th, 1922. RUTH M. BAKER, Sec.

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