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

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Abraham Lincoln

WITH every approach of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, comes a renewed sense of devotion on the part of the American people to seek men for public office whose honesty and sincerity overshadow all other qualities. Able men are found on every hand; in affairs of state, in great corporations and institutions. Eminent and scholarly men and women attain fame and distinction in science and letters. Genius abounds in great public undertakings and creative ability finds expression in the arts and inventions. But it remained for Lincoln to combine that quality of integrity with his masterful genius in drawing forces for good that the world can not quite forget.

Lincoln, in his time, claimed the respect of those who did not enter into full accord with his politics and the Lincoln of today—the memory of the man—holds its full share of reverence and stands as a shining light to beckon the most humble to attain the marks of good citizenship.

Mr. I, a Chinese student in Baltimore, is nominated for president of the Short Name Club. As the I's seem to have it, he is elected.

The Escape Valve

WHEN General Baden-Powell started the Boy Scout movement fourteen years ago, he was ridiculed by many people who thought the idea a dream.

Today the Boy Scouts of America have 696,271 members, 21,922 troops, 154,053 adult volunteer leaders and the founder is recognized as a public benefactor.

The National Scout organization is preparing to observe the fourteenth anniversary of its founding February 8-14, and to call the attention of the nation to what Scouting has done for the youth of the land.

Everyone knows that you can take a weakling, put him in the army and keep him there a few years and he will come out a reasonably strong and healthy man. It is the rigid and systematic military training that performs such miracles.

The training given the Boy Scouts is much along the lines of that followed in the army, with sufficient variation to appeal to the juvenile mind.

There is a surplus of enthusiasm bottled up in every boy's breast that must escape and Boy Scout activities provide the valve.

When there is no such organization, boys will find an outlet elsewhere—on the street, with the gang or in some sort of mischief in which the boy specially delights.

Boys will be boys until they grow into manhood. The manner of their growth depends upon the manhood and womanhood of today.

In order for them to have direction, Boy Scouts must have leaders, and becoming an adult leader requires some sacrifices.

No greater opportunity awaits the man who wants to do something constructive for the future, than to take the leadership of a troop of Boy Scouts.

They produce better men and thereby elevate the human race in general.

The boy life of the community can not be properly directed without the Scout organization functioning.

Folks who boast of their blue blood are sometimes surprised to learn how many people are color blind.

Friendly Towns

SMALL cities and towns that do not have a "welcome" sign on every main road leading into the place are regarded as "slow" and out of date.

And as a rule, the signs emphasize friendliness regardless of whether the community has it.

Once upon a time, it is related, there was a man who believed in signs and taking the one at the edge of a strange town literally, he drove in and prepared to be real friendly. He sat on the curb for an hour and not one person even looked friendly, much less asked him any questions about what luck he was having among strangers.

This is a mistake common to us all. We boast of our friendliness and advertise the fact to the world, but we never exercise our shaking arm on strangers, and never discommoded ourselves in order to give them pleasant remembrances of Andover.

The touring season is at hand. Thousands of motorists are going to be passing thru. Some of them will stop here if they get the right kind of a reception; more of them will be our guests if we show ourselves hospitable.

If we are going to be friendly, let's loosen up and get human when a stranger comes within. If we are going to treat strangers like they were poisonous, let's tear down the signs and close up the tourist camp.

"Welcome" signs are the most expensive things a town can have if the welcome is not there when the stranger arrives.

Another Mystery Solved

FROM the night when the first man peered into the heavens and cringed in terror at the wavering green tentacles of light poised above him, the Aurora borealis has been one of nature's mysteries. No one knew why or how this phenomenon occurred.

With the increasing knowledge of electricity and its powers, it has been urged by scientists that an explanation of the Aurora would be found in the laws governing the discharge of electricity thru gasses.

This theory has been followed to a successful conclusion and it is now announced that the unearthly ribbons of light of the Aurora are due to action of solar radiation on nitrogen "snow" or crystals of solid nitrogen floating in the upper atmosphere, at an estimated distance of sixty miles above the earth.

To prove this theory, nitrogen was frozen on a copper plate, much as the moisture in a warm room is frozen on refrigerator pipes. The crystals of nitrogen were then bombarded with electric light rays, whereupon the crystals were made to emit a pale green light and this, when examined under the spectroscope, was found to be identical with the green light of the Aurora.

The strange changes of color thru which the Aurora passes have also been explained by the same experiment, for it was found that under the bombardment of electric light rays the solid nitrogen on the copper plate partly evaporated, and that the green light changed to the reddish color seen in the Aurora and now recognized as characteristic of nitrogen gas.

Some young men are so energetic that they never go to bed until just before dawn.

How Do You Explain It?

NEWSPAPERS have editorialized, ministers of the Gospel have criticized and scientists have pondered Dorothy Ellingson, 16-year-old San Francisco matricide, but Dorothy is still laughing with life, we are told in newspaper dispatches.

Her philosophy is "I want to have a good time." She started at the age of 12 to exact all the pleasure life had to offer. Her mother, seeing the black abyss toward which Dorothy was headed, sought to change her course.

Dorothy grew weary of constant interference and took her mother's life—then went to another party. In jail, she displays no remorse and no pity, either for herself or others.

What queer twist is it that makes it possible for her to be so merciless and brazen? What kind of a life philosophy must one have to be able to show such demeanor—an affront to common decency?

Girls and boys have done unprecedented things in this age of thrills, but none has yet approached the heinous crime that this young girl has committed.

Although the average small community does not have the allurements that wean young folks away from home, such as the large centers of population, there are enough to give pause to parents, wherever they may live.

No such fate in life awaits the ordinary girl, because this girl's deed is extraordinary—without precedent, but her life was ordinary. There was no poverty in her home and she had no reason for following the wrong path.

Dorothy's parents quarreled and separated, unable to agree how her conduct should be regulated. Her brother was estranged. If there was strife in the family, it was not the cause, but the effect of her waywardness.

The psychologists may be expected to discourse at length on her mentality with ponderous, tongue-twisting words, but most ordinary people will have to conclude that she is just crazy—nothing less.

"Fortune Tellers" never have fortunes—a fact which few of their victims ever realize.

Finding a Calling

THE chairman of the board of directors of the largest bank in the middlewest, tired of "chewing calico" in an Iowa general store, as a young man, and went to Chicago to seek his fortune in "the big city."

He never liked the taste of calico as a general thing or he might have been sweeping the store yet, but he did develop a taste for checkered calico, which may have given him a hankering after checks.

As a clerk he was required to chew samples to show customers that the colors wouldn't run. His sense of taste rebelled and that's one of the reasons he was able to celebrate his sixtieth birthday at his desk recently and advise young men how to win a success in life.

All young men can't be clerks in general stores and have fate steer them into their natural calling because their taste was offended.

But all young men can select the business or profession they want to follow and stay with it until they climb to the top. They can't all be at the top, but there is plenty of room near the top and it is never crowded.

The parking space at the bottom is always jammed, but after you get a few rounds up the ladder you will be able to breathe easier, because of less resistance. However, it is necessary to keep plugging along and hold on tight because the higher you get, the harder you fall, when you lose your grip.

Texas have increased 200 per cent. in ten years. They never did seem so high until we learned this fact.

Economy in Advertising

AT FIRST that there are those who will agree that advertising is expensive, a burden on the consumer and therefore an economic waste.

But the fact is that the estimated expenditure of \$1,284,000,000 a year in advertising of all kinds has been a national economy in the truest sense of the word.

It is not alone an economy, but an accelerator as well.

It has stimulated ambition, increased wages and raised the standard of living conditions.

In truth, advertising is the very corner stone of what we choose to call the American standard of living.

Without it, we would not have many of the comforts that make life pleasant and enjoyable.

Big Special THIS WEEK!

Boy's Two-Pant Suits, blues, greys and browns, sizes 8 to 15 inclusive \$5.95
brand new stock and made snappy
One-Pant Suit \$4.95

QUEEN QUALITY SHOES

The entire line of Ladies' Queen Quality new Spring Pumps and Oxfords are now on exhibition at Cannon's Shoe Store. The new styles and colorings in the different leathers are very desirable.

Special Orders Taken For Any Style Shown

James P. Cannon Company

OPEN WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

INSPIRATION

By SATTERFIELD



—Julius Fleischmann, millionaire philanthropist and sportsman, president of the Fleischmann company, said to be the largest yeast manufacturer in the world, died suddenly at Miami beach, Florida, Feb. 4th, while playing polo. Death was believed to have been caused by an attack of acute heart disease or apoplexy, brot on by the violent exercise.

—Rev. Samuel E. Eastman, minister emeritus of Park church, Elmira, died at his winter home in Daytona, Florida, last Saturday. Thirty-one years ago, Rev. Eastman and his wife, Rev. Annis Ford Eastman, became associate pastors with the Rev. Thomas Beecher of Park church. Rev. Annis Ford Eastman, whose death occurred several years ago, will be remembered by many Andover people who have heard her speak in this village several times during her residence in Elmira.

—Merle, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. McAfee of Lyndon, arrived at his home last week from Honolulu, where he was recently discharged from the United States Army after having served therein six years. He left Honolulu on Jan. 13, reached San Francisco on the 19th, and left there the 29th. Mr. McAfee was in Signal Corps department of the service and held the position of mess sergeant when his enlistment expired. He had been in practically all the states of the union during his service, but spent the past thirty-one months in Hawaii.

PAY YOUR GAS BILLS on or before the 20th of month and save discount.
EMPIRE GAS & FUEL CO. Ltd.

—Sportsmen are deploring the wholesale slaughter of fish thru the ice at Cuba Lake by the use of tip-ups. It is claimed that they are so hungry that they are easily caught and in most cases are filled with spawn.

—P. K. Millsbaugh of Whitesville, Civil War veteran and former deputy sheriff of Allegany county, has had notice of increase in his pension from \$50 to \$72 per month. Mr. Millsbaugh was a member of Co. C, Pennsylvania Cavalry, and assisted in the capture of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. Comrade Millsbaugh is the father of Lee Millsbaugh of this village.

The people who would buy what you would like to sell—or who would sell what you'd like to buy—are, of course, readers of the classified ads.

—Lent begins February 25th.

Train No. 1,000
Monday and Friday
Wednesdays
7:30 P. M.
HALL
—Mr. ... drew entertainment evening.
—The ... summed up first since ...
—Charles ... the Lantry on Dyke Mr. and Mrs. ...
—Mrs. ... group members of her home ...
—Mrs. ... quite ill ... lack of ... ple of W ... care ...
—Wor ... Andover ... day even ... Andover ... of Independence ...
—Mr. ... drew entertainment friends evening, wood structure was ...
—Jet ... of household ... E. Chase ... shipment ... is now ... the B. & ...
—And ... to learn, ... Mrs. ... 18 ... a severe ...
—The ... will be ... coming ... Couders ... April first ... conducted ... years ... on ...
—Jam ... winter ... remain ... likes the ...
—The ... father of ... death ... hospital, ... home of ...
—T ... were ...
—Blessed ... ial made ... was ...
—Glen ... Bessie ... George ... from ...
—Mr. ... about a ... tentative ... including ... veranda, ... the exte ...
—Geo ... of steeple ... can ... frightened ... splashed ... they ...
—Lynch ... school, ... the ... the pole ... damage ... stopped