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

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"Two Dead; Two Injured"

THE season of the year is here when the headlines begin to run to dead and injured, especially those in the Monday editions.

In a recent instance, the driver was perplexed by the blinding lights of the "car" ahead, but his perplexity did arouse him to action soon enough to save the lives of two friends riding in the car with him.

On this, the interurban line frequently crosses the highway from one side to the other, particularly at the entrance to towns. This happened to be at the outskirts of town, and the automobile met the interurban as it was crossing the highway. When the driver realized the blinding lights were not those of an automobile, he made a frantic effort to avoid the inevitable.

There is a lesson in every automobile accident, but so few people ever profit from them, apparently. This one, particularly, teaches the danger of driving too fast after dark on roads with which the driver is not familiar. Many accidents are due to unexpected railroad crossings and turns. No driver is safe driving at a high speed, but the margin of safety is considerably reduced when the driver is not acquainted with the character of the highway.

This is a factor in the driving of automobiles that few take into consideration, that on it hinges the fate of everyone who rides. High rates of speed on strange roads make driving especially hazardous at night but some drivers learn the lesson too late.

Problems are never settled by betting on them.

Times Have Changed

ALTHOUGH the American conception of government does not include legislation that stifles individuals, yet there is a social consciousness that recognizes the obligations of government, as representative of the people, to the unfortunate.

Much of what an earlier generation denounced and damned as "Socialism" is now accepted as a matter of course. The state recognizes responsibility for the unfortunate and who are unable to care for themselves. Gradually we are discovering that some experiments in public charity once regarded as extreme are nothing of the sort.

Widows' pensions furnish a good example. Granting that the public conscience would not permit children to starve after the death of their fathers, we have discovered that it is better to help mothers to care for their children than to confine the children to orphan asylums. It is cheaper too. We are beginning to wonder whether it may not be better—and in the long run more economical—to pay attention to child health now and save hospital expense later. It might be good business to spend more to provide prevention and less for cure.

In the Way They Should Go

"SPARE the rod and spoil the child."

This has always been regarded as good sound philosophy, coming down from many generations back, and now comes Dr. Rudolph M. Binder, professor of sociology at New York university, and reinforces it from the modern viewpoint:

"Spank your children if you want them to grow up in the way they should go," he says. Corporal punishment will impress youngsters when nothing else will. Most parents are convinced of this fact, although there are occasionally some who have found it possible to spare the rod and still not spoil the child.

John G. Brown, an Indiana farmer who has been president of the National Live Stock Producers association, has found such a thing possible, according to his observations on rearing a family, which appear in a monthly magazine.

And the convincing thing about his testimony in favor of the rodless household is the evidence he offers. His family of nine children was reared on the farm and all who have married are farmers or farmers' wives. Those still at home are interested in farming. They have been brought up in the way they should go, which is an accomplishment of which any parent may well be proud.

"We have tried to keep the home influence dominant but not dominating," writes Mr. Brown, commenting on the fact that he never found it necessary to use the whip.

Here is a course of action that has succeeded eminently well and might be studied by parents who actually feel the responsibility of parenthood and honestly want to succeed at the job.

When the home is made the chief interest in the child's life, and when the child is given some responsibilities without overdoing it, the influences that make the rod necessary are not of sufficient consequences to cause trouble.

Airfords

IT MAY not be so many years until every well equipped American household will have its "Airford" so that the family can travel in a straight line on a joy ride instead of being bothered with annoying detours. Then there will be a clear and unobstructed view of the landscape, with no billboards or other distractions that so ruffle the temper of the motorist.

The dream of Darius Green and his flying machine fell far short of what the Ford is today. They will be all metal, will have a wing spread of sixty feet, a fuselage of forty-eight feet, but their total weight is less than that of a sedan automobile.

The capacity, or as it is technically phrased, "useful load," is 2,000 pounds and there will be room for eight to ten passengers, in addition to the pilot's seat.

It is the avowed intention of the "fiver king of the air" to produce these machines ultimately at the low figure made possible by quantity production.

Ford now builds an automobile every eight minutes, and who is there to challenge that he can't build monoplanes the same way?

Twenty years ago the man who dared to predict that automobiles would dot the country's highways as they do today, was ridiculed as a dreamer.

Today he is the richest man in America if not in the United States.

Not all dreams come true, but this one did. And who makes bold to say that in two more decades every community will have its landing fields?

Nature's Gifts

THE blooming fruit trees and the leafing shade trees give evidence of the bounteous blessings that nature bestows in the springtime, when the whole world seems in tune.

Andover is beginning to put on its summer dress, with bright green as the predominating color. The stately shade trees that line the streets are arching their large and spreading limbs high into the air, and in some places, form an arch over the street.

Now and then the beauty of the green canopy is destroyed because of a jagged hole where some tree butcher got in his nefarious work. A few trees are stark and almost naked, and they look as if, were they able to speak, that they would be making apologies for their appearance, in the presence of their gorgeously arrayed brothers and sisters. On the whole our trees have rallied wonderfully from the devastation of the cyclone four years ago.

The Collins Tragedy

THE raising of the body of Floyd Collins, trapped in Sand Cave, Kentucky, is the last chapter in one of the most moving tragedies recorded in newspaper annals.

The disconcerting thing that the actual finding of the body revealed, is that the stone which pinned Collins in the underground tomb weighed only 75 pounds. Why Collins could not be released from such a weight is something that the average person will never

be able to understand. They in turn, by understanding, had every contrivance that might be applied yet they failed.

The people of the United States "looked on" with breathless impatience as one misguided attempt after another failed to save the underground explorer.

And to discover that only a 75-pound stone stood between Collins and life, is to raise a doubt as to whether he might not have been saved.

Business is Good, Thank You

IT IS rare to find a man in business of any sort who will tell you that business is good, yet it is good, if a survey of business and industry taken, by the National Association of Manufacturers is any criterion.

The summary, based on 10,000 answers to questionnaires, shows that consumers' prices are lower, price variations are less severe than a year ago, stability has supplanted hysteria and indecision, employment is on the increase for the summer, wages are high with no indication of wide reductions, production is at a healthy flow and business is at a higher volume.

Good is a relative term in any case, and especially when applied to business. What some men regard as good may be poor or indifferent to others.

There is plenty of reason for encouragement of these reports. Business has to be good before men engaged in trade will admit it.

If the cause you represent is not right, it's dangerous to ask people to do their own thinking.

The world may laugh at dreamers, but someone has to dream if anything is ever accomplished.

You have to be a mighty big duck in the puddle before you can defy custom and get away with it.

A British baronet has been found to have shipped liquor to American boot-leggers. Sort of a baronet in a net, as it were.

It has come to pass that when a woman asks the clerk for powder, he doesn't know whether it is face, baking or gun.

Finding a four-leaf clover and putting in about eighteen hours a day working are looked upon as signs of good luck.

It's difficult to imagine how the grandchildren can look back on the modern bungalow as the old homestead.

When man himself becomes infatigable, then he may have the right to ridicule women for being slaves of style.

An Illinois man's clothing caught fire and he was burned to death. Women still wearing long hair please take notice.

In the case of the Ford airplanes, the day will come when you will have to make a down payment to get up.

OUR CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN

Regular morning service. Rev. Clyde Ehret will bring the message. Sunday School following morning service.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clare C. Conrad, Pastor
Morning worship 10:30. Sermon: "The Abuse of Forbearance." Sunday School at 11:45. Christian Endeavor, 6:15. Union Evening Service in the Methodist church, sermon by Rev. Walter Greene.
The monthly business meeting and social of the C. E. Society will be held in the church this Friday evening. Bring a photograph of yourself when you were a baby.

SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST

Rev. Walter L. Greene, Pastor.
Sabbath Services at 2:30 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Bible School following the church service.
Prayer and devotional meeting Friday evening at 7:45. Leader: Mrs. W. L. Greene.
Union Services in the Methodist church. Pastor Greene will speak.

M. E. CHURCH

Rev. A. W. MacDougald, Pastor
Sunday morning service at 10:30 o'clock with message by the pastor. Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Union Sunday evening service in this church at 7:30 o'clock. Message by Rev. W. L. Greene. Mid-week prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Homespun Yarn

Gelatin helps make little left-overs into tempting dishes, whether fruits, vegetables or meats.

The original fly would not have been in the original ointment if his family tree had been well swatted two or three generations back.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: It's a good thing that the big joys and the big sorrows of life seem generally to be distributed to those who can stand them.

Notice of Special School Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the inhabitants and all persons in-

terested in Union School District No. 1, of the Town of Andover, N. Y., that pursuant to the action of, and resolution duly passed by, the Board of Education of said Union Free School District at the last regular meeting of said Board, a Special School Meeting of the inhabitants of said District, will be held at the School House in said School District, Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1925, at 8 o'clock, p. m. of that day, for the purpose of considering, acting and voting upon the following proposition:

"That the Board of Education of Union Free School District No. 1, of the Town of Andover, N. Y., be authorized to purchase for the sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00), ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the Village of Andover, County of Allegany, State of New York, portion of lot number eighty (80) in township number two in the seventh range of townships in said County of Allegany and known and distinguished as lot No. five (5), in a plot of village lots laid out by B. C. Brundage and bounded as follows viz: Beginning in the center of the highway at the northeast corner of Lot No. 4 conveyed to Elizabeth M. Elwell, thence along the center of the highway south 87 degrees east three chains and seventy-five links to stake; thence along the center of the highway south 3 degrees, west one chain and sixty-two and one-half links to a stake at the north-east corner of lands now owned by School District No. 1; thence along the north boundary of said school district lands North 87 degrees, west three chains and seventy-five links to a stake in the east line in said lot No. 4, thence along said east line North 3 degrees east one chain and sixty-two and one half links to the place of beginning, containing 0.61-100 of an acre of land to be the same more or less.

And also authorized to borrow the amount necessary to pay the said purchase of the said land and premises, not to exceed the sum of Thirty-five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00), and issue and sell bonds of said Union Free School District No. 1, upon its faith and credit, said bonds to be paid within seven years from the date of issue, in seven equal annual installments, with interest payable semi-annually, and also authorized to raise annually by tax upon the taxable property of said Union Free School District sufficient funds to pay said bonds and interest as the same become due and payable, or such portion thereof as shall not be otherwise available for that purpose," and for the further purpose of considering and acting upon such other matters pertaining thereto or connected therewith as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated May 13, 1925.
FLOYE G. LEVER,
Clerk of Board of Education,
Union Free School District
No. 1, Andover, N. Y.

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