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What the People Want

THE indictment of approximately 290 public officials in thirteen larger cities, selected at random by a press association, for bribery or conspiracy to defraud the purpose of the publication has, clearly shows the temper of the people.

In addition to the indictments covered by this survey, many other public servants have been indicted or punished in some other manner. Eighty-eight of the 290 indicted have been sentenced and 1,000 of the remaining have not been tried. Acquittals have been rare.

This public opinion is the result of the sentiment not in favor of a corrupt and dishonest why are entrusted their power, which they have abused.

It is the only way to insure that the law is respected. So long as public officials are in a position with no penalties and no honor for the consequence of their acts, there is little hope of insuring any respect for any law, much less the law.

This public opinion is not a large one. Small communities are not so much interested in the temptation to make money "easy money."

It is becoming more apparent that persistent and flagrant violation of the prohibition laws will not be tolerated and those who are engaged in the illicit business are unwise if they do not find a new calling before they come to the end of the road—for surely there is an end for all of them.

"Save the surface, you save all," the paint manufacturers advertise, and the feminine sex is thoroughly convinced on the subject.

The Cost of Doing Business

AN ADVERTISING trade publication sent a trained writer to a city of 24,000 inhabitants to analyze the leading department store's management and in the first article on the subject he sets out that the cost of doing business was 24 per cent., which was "6 to 10 per cent. less" than similar costs in large city department stores.

Here is a merchandizing fact that few small town people take into consideration when they are lured away from their home merchants by what they believe to be better prices of the large city stores.

Every merchant has to make a profit; if he didn't he would soon close his doors. The profit is added to the cost of the goods and the cost of doing business.

The large city store may buy merchandise to some advantage because of the demand for larger quantities but his other costs are far in excess of the small merchant's.

He has to pay rent, clerk hire, insurance, heat, light and the many other items that figure in the operation of a modern store, and it is all more than similar costs in smaller communities.

In addition to all the advantages that accrue from patronizing home merchants, this matter of cost is one that figures most in the question of trading at home.

The prices and the goods may look well, they won't stand up under cold logic, because the big city store can't under-sell the small town store, quality and style being equal.

Appearances Count

The difficulty of the bootleggers to land liquor on the eastern seaboard has added some spice to the "wet" and "dry" fight.

HOW does Andover impress the man who swings off the train at the railroad station and takes the first glance about him.

Will he say, "What a burg! No chance for me to do any business in this place!" Or will he say, "Well, this looks like a live business town. Ought to be a good place to live, too!"

It ought to be the ambition of every citizen to contribute all within his or her power to make the first impression a stranger receives a favorable one.

The first view is generally in the vicinity of the railroad station, altho the traveler nowadays may approach from almost any direction, with the increase of automobile transportation.

Therefore, it behooves us not to slight a single section. Every resident should have enough pride in home and community to keep it making the best appearance possible every day in the year.

Beautiful lawns, attractive shrubbery and shade trees, well-kept houses, good streets, ornamental street lights, business houses in good repair and with up-to-date show windows—all have a part in leaving a good impression with the stranger, so that he will not soon forget the place.

Everybody Rides

MOTHER SHIPTON'S prophecy, made in 1641, "Carriages without horses shall go," has truly been fulfilled to all of the people of the United States, for there is one motor vehicle for every 6.4 persons, one passenger car for every 7.3 persons and one motor truck for every 69 persons.

Thus everybody rides. Those who have no car, have friends who do, and now and then they get an invitation for a ride.

Motor vehicle registrations in the United States reached a total of 17,591,981 at the end of 1924, according to an announcement from the federal bureau of public roads.

There was a net gain of 2,501,045 cars registered last year and gross receipts from license fees were \$225,492,000.

In view of these facts, it is little wonder that interurban lines are complaining about decreasing revenue and steam roads are removing local trains at such a rate as to handicap seriously, the mail of small communities.

The time will come when the government will no longer be able to serve its postal patrons efficiently by dispatching mail exclusively by rail.

It is becoming more apparent that first class highways are essential to the life of every community and how to get them built well and at the lowest cost, for business and pleasure riding, both deserves the best thought of men in public office.

It's not the custom to shake hands in China. From his distance looks like the Chinese are doing well if they speak the language.

Air Gym Classes

GOOD morning have you had your daily dozen by the radio?

By a radio broadcast the "air gym" class is put thru its paces. The broadcast has a number of exercises which are broadcasted to the radio and now leading up to exercises by radio.

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Thousands who first tuned in just to hear the music and find a new form in the exercises, which enable them to start the day full of vim, vigor and health.

With one broadcaster, it is more than merely a stunt in the annals of broadcasting; it is a serious effort to raise the standard of health among life insurance policy holders.

Brain power and physical power go hand in hand. For the business man and the indoors worker can be cashed into dollars. Energy and enthusiasm at work are the best insurance against failure.

If the radio gym classes educate people to take better care of their bodies, surely a valuable service will be performed.

German Socialists seek an injunction to keep Hindenburg out. They might use the methods of the Allies with more success.

Lessons Learned Too Late

TWO young brothers who were electrocuted in New York for the murder of two bank messengers protested their love for their mother and gave advice to young men before meeting their maker.

One of them sent a "message to young people," reading like this: "Keep away from bad company. Love your parents, honor your father and mother. Abide by their wishes and remember always that it would be better to be a \$10 a week clerk in a small store than a notorious bandit."

This is sound advice, but too many young men, as in this case, do not realize it until too late. Before being led into a life of crime, thoughts of where it will end never change their course.

Most law violators are penitent after they are caught. They have some very fine ideas about the disgrace they will bring upon their respectable relatives if their misdemeanors are known.

But it is a fault common of youth to refuse to listen to the wisdom born of experience. And this fault is leading young men and women into wrong paths.

Some men hire efficiency experts to straighten out their business affairs when any of their neighbors could, qualify.

Signs at Crossings

IT'S difficult to justify the large road signs that mar the landscape, at best, and they become intolerable when they are erected at a railroad or interurban crossing so that they obscure the view of the track to motorists.

The chances that are taken in crossing tracks are great enough without having them increased by signs that might just as well be placed in another location, if they must be put up at all.

The average person loses his patience by having his view cut off and chopped up by innumerable wooden structures that spoil the beauty of the countryside.

They can be tolerated when they do not imperil life, but when they increase the risks of motoring, which are already high enough, they become a menace that require some summary action.

The law may permit signs to be erected at crossings, the people who own property thus situated might have enough consideration for the other fellow not to allow them to be erected.

There are times when the noise on the radio sounds like it might be from another world—it's so unnatural.

This would be a great world if we could all see twice as far behind ourselves as we see in front.

First Showing

Straw Hats



Not just a "straw," but a hat made with all care as to head conformity and summer comfort. Such are our straw hats, combining style and comfort; and at a reasonable price. You must put on one to know just what we mean. Illustrated here is the new rough braid wide boy all good dressers will be wearing this year. It may be had with black or fancy band.

\$2---\$3---\$4---\$5

SHOE STORE

We have selected from one large stock of Women's Pumps and Oxfords, several neat styles in patent leather, tan and suedes. Specially Priced, \$2.95

Misses' Nu-Tan Southern Ties, regular price, \$3.25 Special at \$2.69

Men's Thrift Goodyear Welt Oxfords ..... \$3.65

W. L. Douglas, tan or black Oxfords ..... \$5.00 and \$6.00

Walk-Over, black or tan Oxfords, ..... \$7.50 and \$8.50

James P. Cannon Company

OPEN FRIDAY EVENING UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK CLOSE AT NOON SATURDAY

A THOUGHT FOR MEMORIAL DAY--Have We Kept Faith? By A. B. CHAPIN



Memorial Day Luncheon

Following the Memorial services held at the Auditorium, Saturday, luncheon will be served at G. A. R. Hall, by the ladies of Edward Seaman Relief Corps, to which all members of the Grand Army of the Republic, World War veterans, Spanish War and Sons of Veterans. The speaker for the day, and the pastors of the churches and wives are cordially invited.

Alfred Coach Resigns

Coach T. C. Kasper has resigned as head of athletics at Alfred University, to accept the supervision of all athletics at Columbus college, S. D. In his new position he will have 900 boy students under him and will be given five assistants for his work. His resignation was received with deep regret by Alfred and all athletes in this locality as his work has been of the most satisfactory.

Closing Hours

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, commencing June 1st, 1925, the undersigned banks will close their offices at four o'clock, p. m., instead of at five o'clock as heretofore. BURROWS NATIONAL BANK, ANDOVER STATE BANK. Someone will own a new home as a direct result of one of today's real estate ads.

Train No. 1, 7, 1001, Mondays, Wednesdays, 7:30 P. M. Memor... B. S. E... dence on... Mrs. I... ed the Cot... noon. The in... Wallace b... decorated... Among... that have... Wm. McD... The r... John Wah... repaired... work. Mrs. O... derwent... Jones Me... ville, Mon... The... float from... residence... heroes liv... Miss... vice-presi... at Alfred... election o... Ten... \$12,000... day after... Mass., wi... operation... Har... who atte... in Roche... track me... a 200 y... And... esse ste... car, whil... He had... and head... Floy... family f... on Dyke... by Glen... Donnell... this we... And... large de... well as... field me... Robert... the Jun... Mr... of Mid... son, Br... May 23... pital, V... tipped... Mr... road V... recent... James I... to be t... Lynn L...