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

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THE leadership in every community consists of men who recognized their opportunities and took full advantage of them.

### Grasping Opportunities

Those who complain that they never had a chance were unable to discern it when it passed. They were looking in some distant place when it may have been under their feet.

Will Rogers, famous cowboy comedian and humorist writer, was quick to see his opportunities or he would still be an obscure performer in a wild west show.

His former employer relates that the show was playing in Madison Square Garden, New York. A wild steer broke loose during the performance and rushed madly in the direction of the audience. Rogers lassoed the steer and prevented a panic. It was his opportunity and he was not slow in recognizing it.

The next night Rogers got a big ovation when he appeared for his lariat swinging act and a vaudeville booking agent, happening in at the moment, thought it was his act that won the applause. Rogers got a vaudeville contract, but he still had to make good.

His cowboy buddies went the first night and "whooped 'er up" for him, but he couldn't afford to carry a crowd of claquers. His chances for continuing as an entertainer were small when, one night, his foot was entangled in his lariat and he remarked that he would rather have the rope around his legs than around his neck.

The dry humor of the remark and the way it appeared to the audience was the turning point for Rogers. He is now nationally known as a humorist thru his newspaper writings.

The big opportunity comes to everyone. Poor judgment, lack of vision and confidence, fear of work are the walls that keep many of us in a narrow life circle.

If we can't recognize our opportunities and make the most of them, we should at least admit our faults and not blame them on others or bad luck.

TO COUNTLESS people summer can not be enjoyed as it should because of the ever present menace of lightning. They have a fear of the blinding shafts of light in the heavens that spells terror.

### A Summer Menace

The danger of being hit is small—about one chance in 240,000, scientists estimate—the horror that some feel when lightning that some feel when lightning is cutting its antics, will not listen to reason.

The natural impulse is to cover up the head or crawl under a bed. As foolish as such conduct may seem, people who have that innate terror are unable to control their emotions.

In spite of odds of being struck, there is no reason in inviting a playful bolt of lightning to strike you. It has been conclusively proved that lightning rods have great value in preventing damage to buildings.

Wise people, regardless of whether they fear lightning, will remain indoors during an electrical storm and if by force of necessity, are outdoors, will stay away from trees, buildings with metal roofs and metal fences. If caught in a storm in an open field or small boat, chances of safety can be increased by lying down.

MORE than half—twelve to be exact—of America's twenty debtors, owing this country over twelve billion dollars, have either completed arrangements for paying or have opened negotiations looking toward the payment of their debt.

### News Cheerful

Latvia, the little republic born after the World War, is the last to take preliminary steps for the funding of its six million dollar debt.

This is altogether cheerful news. It indicates that the European nations have taken seriously the stand of the United States that it must be paid for money loaned to prosecute the war.

The spirit shown by Latvia is commendable when it is considered that in the territory now occupied by the new country, the loss in population due to the war was forty per cent.

It should not be forgotten that the matter of funding and paying the war debts due the United States is a long and tedious process. None of the nations will be able to complete the payments in a few years, because such a course would be financial suicide. The payments will extend over a long period of years, with interest being paid on all deferred payments.

FARMERS received a larger gross income from agricultural production during the year ending June 30, 1925, than in any year since 1921. This statement is on the basis of reports received by the department of agriculture. During the same period, farm population has decreased, notwithstanding the general increase in the population of the country.

### Farm More Attractive

"Considering this season by itself," said Secretary Jardine, "I am convinced that this is going to be a fairly good year for agriculture. Considering this second year of improvement against the previous four-year background of acute distress, I am ready to call agriculture safely convalescent."

The shifting of population from country to city undoubtedly means that there are even brighter days ahead for the farmers.

With fewer people engaged in agricultural production and more consumers in the cities, the compensation received by farmers will rise to the general level of that received by persons in other employments.

The net movement from farms to cities slowed up last year, clearly indicating that farming is becoming more profitable financially.

THE failure of the Grain Marketing company of Chicago is hailed as a victory for co-operative marketing rather than a setback, as reported in some quarters, because it was neither farmer-owned nor farmer-controlled.

### Farm Merchandising

The foes of co-operative marketing have cited the failure of this company as an example of the inevitable end of the organized efforts of producers to control the price they shall receive.

Altho this false propaganda may have some influence, it will not seriously injure the cause of co-operative marketing, because the principle is sound and will prevail, tho it will require time and years of education.

Agriculture produces enough to feed the people the year around. Some of this production should be stored to eliminate the over supply at the times of harvest or during periods of high production. It can then be put upon the market in accordance with consumptive demands.

This is the theory of co-operative marketing. It will be of immense benefit to the producer in stabilizing prices and will be of no harm to the consumer. When the products of the farm are dumped on the market, nobody profits but the stock market gambler.

Co-operative marketing is still in its infancy. Its goal can not be accomplished in a day or a week or a month. Many years will be required to place the marketing of farm products on a scientific merchandising basis.

THE resources of all banks of the United States, including state and national banks and trust companies, have increased twenty-nine per cent. during the past six years.

### Thrift Increases

This fact was announced at the annual convention of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks yet there are people who complain that this country is going to pot.

An increase in bank deposits of more than two billion dollars a year for six years shows that somebody has been making more money and that some people have been saving more.

It is a simple case of mathematics. Some allowance, of course, has to be made for a growing population, but this is so small compared with the unparalleled advance in bank deposits that it is practically negative.

Neither should it be forgotten that this unprecedented development has taken place during a period of so-called depression attributed to the reaction from the excesses of war.

There is nothing the matter with the country. Neither is there anything the matter with Andover. Its future is brighter than it ever was. The only problem is to make the people look forward, who have formed the custom from long practice of looking backward.

THE common view would be, if the United States recognized Russia, that it would amount to a public acknowledgment that sovietism and communism is right; that the United States, a Christian nation, was subscribing to a government policy that is endeavoring to wipe out Christianity.

### Russian Recognition

Stanley High, addressing the Chautauqua, N. Y., conference on international relations from the Christian point of view took a different attitude. He advocated recognition of Russia as the means of breaking down communistic propaganda, on the theory that communism thrives on isolation. Give the communist opportunity to blow off steam, he argued, and he will waste most of his power in blowing off.

There is no denying the logic of the argument. Intolerance and bigotry never cured any evil.

For a nation of people that avowedly believe in Christianity, there should be no fear about the ultimate triumph of the Christian religion over its opponents.

If America had less interference with liberty of speech, radical influence might not be so potent.

In the early days of Christianity, martyrs thrived on persecution. Refusal of the United States to recognize Russia is helping the communists to maintain the illusion the Russian people are suffering with and keeping them in ignorance of the facts concerning this country.

Our women are not so fast. Takes them forty years to reach thirty.

Anyone can pose as an optimist, but the real test is buying a new automobile tire at present prices.

Wonder who will get the fire cracker vote?

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Scientists say that camels roamed over America three million years ago. It was dry then.

Since most banks already had presidents, most of the June college graduates are still loafing.

A good boss never gets mad when he learns that things went better while he was on vacation.

Brilliant millinery on the outside of the head is not always the sign of a dull intellect on the inside.

We are all born equal but we never die that way.

Even tho the dresses are "skimpy," father may take solace in the fact that it takes less goods to make them.

In golf the game is to get into the hole; in life, to get out.

The newspapers always say that the bride was led to the altar, but who ever heard of one pulling back?

He who speaks well of others has a better chance of receiving the same treatment for himself.

It's never the best policy to imitate a bad example.

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