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

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### MEMBER



THERE has been much loose talk about drinking among young people. It has been a favorite theme among those who have never reconciled themselves to the passing of the saloon.

### Drinking Among Children

The board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church set about to determine whether school children were drinking strong liquor as much as they did before prohibition.

The officers of the board selected Massachusetts for the investigation and sent questionnaires to one hundred high school principals. Only one principal reported an increase in drinking among children. The others said conditions were better than in 1918, not worse.

Since this is an actual test, it will have to be accepted as fact until evidence more conclusive to the contrary is offered. There is very little difference between the children of Massachusetts and those of any other state.

Where young people do drink, it is principally thru home use or example, or the influence of others, the board found in its survey. This is a significant fact for mature men and women to ponder.

The temptation to drink has been removed as far as possible from paths of young people. If they are tempted, as a general rule, some older person is responsible.

A half million men are using cosmetics, but there are still plenty of He-men left.

THE use of power, together with labor-saving machinery, has greatly benefited the farmer and he has not been slow to see its value in increasing his capacity to till the soil.

### The Farmer and Power

The average farm worker now cares for approximately three times as many acres of crops as did the worker of 75 years ago, illustrating that the farmer has taken advantage of opportunities to improve his condition.

The farmer ranks second only to the railroads in the use of power and he does not depend entirely any longer upon the patient plow horse to get things done.

Tractors provide seventeen per cent. of the power used on American farms, the United States department of agriculture has computed but animal power is still sixty per cent. of that utilized. Also electrical installations account for only 5.5 per cent of farm power this form is rapidly growing.

The old-fashioned windmill still furnishes a little more than one per cent of the farm power in America, but it is gradually giving way to more up-to-date methods.

Take out all the screens and tell the ice man not to leave ice for a week. You'll get the same kick out of it as you would going camping.

LIVES there a man, who doesn't view with sadness, the day that he returns from vacation to take up the daily grind once more!

### Vacation Values

He thinks of the happy, care-free days he enjoyed, with no responsibilities, no worries for his troubled brain, and the undisturbed nights of restful sleep.

Some folks look upon the return from vacation with dark forebodings, much as they do when they arise on a sunless morning, with no enthusiasm for the day's work.

But vacations help to throw off the depression that comes with monotonous work. They give the tired muscles opportunity to relax, the jagged nerves a rest and the fagged brain a chance to begin to function normally.

The return to work may seem irksome but the feeling soon passes, because the daily routine is less burdensome, when the body has had an opportunity to recuperate.

Vacations have value. They send us home with a new appreciation of our job, and better work results.

THE proposal of a large per cent. of the moving picture producers to celebrate the the twenty-ninth anniversary of the use of the motion picture as a means of entertainment will meet with support from the public, if it is an honest effort made to set up new standards for the art.

### Improvement in Movies

The moving picture industry has shown many weaknesses, and some of its critics have been harsh. But criticism should be tempered with some degree of patience when we remember that, altho a giant in stature, the business is a mere infant in years.

Perfection comes only thru years of trying and profiting from experience. The moving picture producers, if they make an honest effort to better the standards of beauty and dramatic interest, will be awarded.

They must have the support of movie patrons. After all, the business of making pictures is governed by what the box office shows.

Those who seek improvement, who condemn the sensational and immoral pictures with their sexual appeal, should be quick to lend their financial and moral aid to better pictures built upon a higher plane.

The industry has made great strides in a quarter of a century. The penny arcades and the nickelos have been consigned to forgotten limbo. The exhibitors are endeavoring to keep pace with the producers. Give the moving picture enterprise time and it will come up to the expectations of the public as all other great American enterprises have.

Grown people are blamed for the way young folks act. Perhaps the children had better teach them how to act.

A CHALLENGE has been issued to the parents of the United States by the bureau of education, which says that about half of the four million children who enter the first grade in the elementary schools each year fail to reach the second grade.

This represents an enormous waste in education from a financial standpoint because the cost of educating a child amount on the average to \$75 a year.

It also means a useless waste of time for a child to spend two years where one year should suffice.

The solution lies in the hands of parents. How well they will meet the challenge remains to be seen. In the majority of cases, failure of children to make passing grades the first year, investigation has shown, is due to physical and mental defects.

The appeal, then is to parents to have children as near perfect as possible, physically and mentally, before entering school for the first time in September.

It is a problem that should command the serious consideration of every parent and school teacher.

More taxes go for war than for any other purpose, and still no army, navy or air fleet is powerful enough to annihilate an idea.

WE ARE all very apt to pass up commonplace things when looking for beauty and search for that upon which man has placed a high money value.

### Common Beauties

A writer in a current magazine, an expert on shrubbery, says that the elderberry bush is the most beautiful shrubbery in America. But how many people ever dug up a common elderberry and planted it on the lawn for ornamental purposes?

They never have because no one ever told them that it was beautiful. Its beauty was never recognized because it grows with common weeds in the fence corners, in great abundance.

Enormous flat clusters of tiny white fragrant flowers nod at you along country roads in summer, with clusters of black berries in September.

Countless common flowers, too, are passed by because they are not cultivated and have never been giving aristocratic names.

The story is told of a farmer who, becoming ill, received a bouquet of flowers, richly embellished and carefully wrapped, from a friend in the city. Imagine his surprise when he found the flowers were the blooms of what he thought to be a weed, growing on his farm, which he had tried to eradicate.

Things of beauty are not always in distant lands, out of reach. They are generally all about us and they are never revealed to us until we possess a receptive mood and begin to look for the beautiful at home.

A sense of humor is not half as valuable as common sense—there are forty people of wit for one of good sense.

LIFE is a cheap commodity in these days of homicide, matricide, patricide and just plain murder.

A Chicago woman paid a gunman \$400 to kill her husband because he abused her daughter by another marriage. The gunman paid \$200 to another gunman to have the victim slain and the second gunman's wife stole the money and spent it in Milwaukee.

This is a sordid story that is not uncommon. The price of life has become so cheap that men will take it unflinchingly for a few paltry dollars.

It is a sorry commentary on our boasted civilization that we have produced such specimens of humanity.

Someone has discovered that there are 242 kinds of cheese. The sense of smell has made remarkable advancement.

Hard knocks don't hurt very long and never matter much; it's the disconcerting, never-ending raps every day that try our patience.

# CANNON'S CASH SALE

## For Friday & Saturday's Selling

Throughout the stores we have put on sale many articles for Friday and Saturday selling not included in our previous ad. Here are a few of them:--

- Women's Silk Hose, \$2.00 quality \$1.25
- Fibre Silk Hose in colors 39c white 29c
- New Underwear Crepes, yd. 29c
- Ladies' Shirt Waists, values to \$4, your choice \$1.29
- Black Rock Sheeting 13 1/2c
- Bed Blankets, 64x76, reg. price \$2.95---Special \$2.39
- Window Shades, \$1.00 quality 69c

Advance Sale of Fall Coats, any Coat one-fourth off regular price

## James P. Cannon Company

OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS.

### Surprise Visit

A surprise party was given Mrs. LaRue Crandall at her home on Water street, Tuesday afternoon by the Three-G's Class of the Baptist church, in honor of her birthday. A very enjoyable afternoon was passed and a thirteen supper served.

### Mrs. Willard Graves Dies

Word was received Monday morning by Mrs. George Babcock of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Willard Graves at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Page at Polo Alto, California. Mrs. Graves formerly lived at Hallsport and was well known in Andover and vicinity.

### Hornell Fair Next Week

The Great Hornell Fair will open next Tuesday. With arrangements now completed, it promises to be the biggest of all "The Big Ones" ever held.

The livestock barns will be filled to capacity with the finest of pure bred horses, cattle, sheep and swine. Finishing touches are being put on the new school building, which will house the rural school work and other special exhibits. Entries in other departments will be more extensive than ever before.

The daily program in front of the grandstand will consist of several big circus acts, band concerts and prominent speakers. The speeches and all announcements will be amplified thru radio loud speaking apparatus. Race purses have been increased and there'll be some real horse racing. Among the many other special features, which have been arranged, will be the Little Country Theatre and Big Midway filled with new rides, shows and games. This is the fair where you get your money's worth many times over.

### Alfred Professor Dies

Heart Attack is Fatal to Wm. C. Whitford.

Professor William Carleton Whitford, A. M., D. D., sixty years old, for several years a professor at Alfred University, died August 12th, at his home in Alfred. Death was due to an attack of heart disease from which he had suffered for some time.

He was born in Brookfield, and was graduated from Colgate University in 1886, receiving his A. M. degree from that University in 1890. In 1892 he was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary and af-

ter coming to Alfred received his D. D. degree. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and at Alfred was professor of Biblical Literature, Hebrew and Greek.

Professor Whitford was president of the Educational Society of the Seventh-Day Baptist church, a member of the International Sunday School commission and editor of the Helping Hand, a Bible school publication.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Emaline Whitford, who is 92 years old, he leaves his twin brother, Dr. Edward Whitford, of the College of the City of New York.

Interment was at Brookfield.

### Deaths

Albert Witter of Belmont, died Thursday, August 13th, after being an invalid for nine years. He was born September 23, 1845 in the town of Amity, the son of Ira and Susan P. Cannon Co., or the John E. Cannon Co., are to be settled at The Burrows National Bank.

August 12.—Miss Margaret C. Shaughnessy of Wellsville and Leo McGee of Kinney, Pa.

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at her home in Almond. Aged 63 years.

### Marriages

August 12.—Miss Effie Curry of Hornell and Edward W. Plaisted of Greenwood.

August 11.—Mrs. Elna Cummings of Little Genesee and James Howbridge of Friendship. After a wedding trip they will reside at Little Genesee and later on Palm Drive, at Lakewood, Fla.

August 15.—Miss Anna G. Reynolds and Clayton Allen, both of Wellsville.

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### Notice

On account of the discontinuance of the John E. Cannon Co., store, all accounts now due either the James P. Cannon Co., or the John E. Cannon Co., are to be settled at The Burrows National Bank.

JOHN E. CANNON CO., JAMES P. CANNON CO. Alfred, N. Y., June 18, 1925.

## WATCH THIS SPACE For Our Friday & Saturday Specials

- Sun Light Axle Oil, Regular 25c, Special 17c
- Good Bell Faced Steel Nail Hammer, Regular 75c, Special 59c
- Aluminum Colander, Regular \$1.00, Special 89c
- Aluminum Ladle, Regular 35c, Special 23c

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