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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lapping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be proclaimed from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

TUESDAY, OCT. 24, 1916.

Stick to the farm and its money will stick to you.

War at best is a dreadful thing—even in the home.

Betting is all dead wrong at best, but when you bet on the wrong side it's a howling sin.

We are a great advocate of free speech, provided the speaker tells no tales out of school concerning us.

The wise man takes note of the little things in life—the fool sees only the big ones and forgets even them.

Isn't it sublimely wonderful, the affection Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilson are publicly lavishing upon each other!

Scientists tell us the moon is increasing its speed. But, then, who cares? We're not trying to keep up with the moon.

They say the art of being happy is the finest of the fine arts, but it's so darned fine many people are unable to find it.

Don't rush through life at a breakneck speed. You may stub your toe just in time to fall into the hands of the devil.

If you are cheerful in the position you find yourself in today, tomorrow may find you in a better one and yet more cheerful.

Germany is ready for peace on her own terms. The allies are ready for peace on their own terms. And we are ready for peace on any old terms.

Most people are always waiting for "the lightning to strike them," and when a flash does come near them they shiver and jump like a dog having a nightmare.

According to foreign correspondents all nations are winning tremendous victories in Europe. But, then, it's a poor correspondent who can't magnify a scratch into a carnival of blood.

The "high cost of living" is high enough to scare any one but a millionaire, and it is doubly so when waste and extravagance prevails in the kitchen. The cost of a bite wasted is not much in itself alone, but multiplied many fold it becomes a serious matter.

**A QUESTION OF CITIZENSHIP**

Just at this time the question of neutrality is claiming much attention and the matter of the attitude of our government toward the warring nations of the Old World is one of deep concern. And owing to the fact that our government has had to settle some knotty international disputes arising from the war, a rather mixed up condition of affairs is prevailing in this country.

The disputes with Germany and with England have developed a pro-German and an anti-German element, a pro-British and an anti-British. We are told that we must concede every claim of Germany or lose the sympathy of the German-Americans. We are also told we must conciliate Britain or alienate a large Anglo-American element.

Now the thought that naturally occurs to the patriotic American is: What is the attitude of these various elements toward our government? Are they American citizens or aliens? That is a question to be settled. If this pro-German or pro-British element with whose vengeance we are threatened, are aliens—not American citizens—then their likes and dislikes are of small concern to us. If they do not like our attitude let them go back to their own country.

If, on the other hand, they are American citizens, then another and very large question arises. Are they citizens for revenue only—holding citizenship for the material good to be derived therefrom while their hearts and affections are with the old country? Then the sooner they come out in the open the better for this country. Are they here to call the sweets of the land and refuse to take the bitter? Is it their intention to enjoy the protection of our laws and our institutions while their hearts are with those who may at any day become our enemies?

To the man who has crossed the waters to cast his lot in America, citizenship should be the most priceless of his possessions—is so to the men who is worthy of it. He should be as the bride who leaves her father's house to cast her lot with her chosen mate—for good or ill.

The man who takes citizenship should do so for good or for ill. One sentiment, and only one, should fire the heart of every American—may she always be right; but my country, right or wrong.

And, with due respect to the opinions of our political jingoes, we believe this is the sentiment of the great mass of our foreign born citizens. We can not believe they are more solicitous for the welfare of the land they have left than for the land that afforded them a home and plenty. Naturally, fond memories cluster around the old home, but the allegiance of their manhood lies here.

And, should the occasion call for it, we believe that allegiance will hold firm.

**PUNISHMENT NOT REFORMATION**

Edward E. Dudding of Huntington, W. Va., himself an ex-convict, claims to have secured employment for three thousand ex-convicts. He also claims that of that number less than one hundred have "fallen down" on their jobs.

Mr. Dudding has gotten hold of the right wire in twentieth century reform.

Strange that otherwise kind-hearted and humane people will persist in "punishing" the criminal, even after he has paid the uttermost farthing of his penalty.

Why can not we all see that the logical end of law is not to punish but to reform evil-doers?

Pause a moment and consider that word "punish." Doesn't it smack too much vengeance? And who ever heard of vengeance reforming the transgressor? Perhaps when the vengeance has so completely broken the poor wretch that he has lost the power of resentment we may consider him reformed, but God save us from such reformation.

As men of enlightenment and mercy, we should look on the law machinery of the land merely as the means by which we may reform or re-make the human character which untoward circumstances have warped and twisted out its original symmetry. The very idea of punishment is repugnant to the soul of the merciful man, and should have no place in our scheme of life.

We insist that the idea of punishment as applied to the evil-doer is unworthy of the enlightened citizenship of this great country.

Reform the evil-doer, re-make the warped and twisted character; restrain, if necessary, the incurably vicious, but punish—never.

**AS THE EDITOR SEES IT.**

It is an old saying that two heads are better than one, and on the same principle two heads together are better than when they are facing in opposite directions. It will pay us to keep our heads together in Lancaster, for the good of the town and each individual in the town.

When we are facing in opposite directions and pulling apart we get nowhere and accomplish nothing. The result of our labors is a cipher.

But not so when we get our heads together. Not so when we act as a community and not as individuals. Not so when we all face a definite object and pull until we get there.

It is good to keep our heads together. We learn each other's ideas and ambitions and thoughts, and from this knowledge springs the impetus that brings success to any community.

Let's get our heads together in Lancaster and keep them there.

**Talking People.**

Some people talk much and do little. Others talk little and do much. A few are betwixt and between and never succeed in setting themselves or the world afire.

There is, however, a happy medium which will afford us the necessary outlet for our thoughts and yet serve the food of the community at large.

Don't be a clam, and don't be a big noise. Talk when you feel like it, but talk sense and talk to people who have sense. When we do that we will gradually bring to the surface the good points in each other; we will open up opportunities for the development of the community, and will be able to hit upon the means of pushing our town along.

The man who talks little but says much when he does talk is often silent when a little talk from him would accomplish wonders. On the other hand, the big noise is known as a noise and commands about as much attention and remembrance as a passing gust of wind.

Talk up, but speak gently and to the point. You will be both heard and heeded.

**The Mind of Man.**

Every person knows his own mind, but it is not every one who knows how to apply it. Many have positive convictions on certain subjects, but have not the power of will to assert those convictions in the face of determined opposition.

Every person has a mind of his own, but each mind is susceptible to influence from other minds, both great and small. The babble of the fool will sink into the brain of the man of intellect, and sooner or later will have its effect in one way or another. The fool listens to the wise man and immediately imagines that he is himself the fount of wisdom. The man who walks the middle course absorbs both the wisdom and the foolishness of the others.

**The Kicker.**

The fellow who goes through life kicking at other people usually is propelled into eternity by a kick from the devil. Kicking don't pay either the kicker or the fellow who is kicked. The injustice of an unjust kick leaves many a heartache behind which rankles and grows into bitterness which lasts for months and years. At times it ceases only with the death of the victim. But the victim of the kick is not the only one who loses in the game. The kicker makes a reputation for himself with every kick that he gives, and that reputation follows him through life. When the day comes that he needs the services of a friend he often finds that he has kicked the only people to whom it is possible for him to turn. He loses because he has kicked himself out of the confidence of his fellow men. Don't kick.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Question No. 1** Are you satisfied with what you are paying for your groceries?
- Question No. 2** Do you think that you are getting your money's worth?
- Question No. 3** If a firm or a person should tell you that they could save you money what would you think?
- Question No. 4** Why are you trading where you are now?
- Answer To No. 1** No! Nobody is because every thing is high---higher---highest.
- Answer To No. 2** You think so, but you are not quite sure. Visit our store and you will know what you think is true.
- Answer To No. 3** You would think that, as a matter of course, he would be obliged to say that.
- Answer To No. 4** Because, as a matter of fact, you don't hardly know ---you think of course that so and so is such a nice polite fellow and then too he always sells YOU just a little cheaper than any body else.

**Four Reasons why we sell cheaper than any body. We don't have to pay a book keeper. We sell absolutely for cash. We don't lose any bad accounts. We sell more with the same amount of clerks now than if we were charging. Now think it over and see if you are not convinced that a firm who sell more goods with the same clerks and don't lose any bad accounts shouldn't sell cheaper than the firm who has the extra expense of a book-keeper, loses bad accounts and can't possibly sell as much. What do You Say?**

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**"MIDWAY HEADQUARTERS."**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAM.**

Program of the Flint Ridge Community Fair which is to be held at Caston School Building Oct. 31, 1916.	Department.	Apple Race (open to girls 12 years of age and under.)
The program will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.	11:30-12:0—Cattle.	Baseball Thrown (open to all girls.)
Prayer by Rev. J. W. H. Dyches.	12:00-12:30—Swine.	Sack Race (open to all boys.)
Address of welcome, O. C. Adams.	12:30-1:00—Household Department.	Greasy Pole (open to all boys.)
Song by the school, America.	1:00-1:30—Needle Work.	
10:30-11:00—Farm Products.	1:30-2:00—Poultry.	
11:00-11:30—Horse and Mule to boys 12 years of age and under.)	2:00-2:20—Baby Department.	
	2:20—Horse and Mule Race, 50 yard dash (open to girls 12 years of age and under); 50 yard dash (open to boys 12 years of age and under.)	

**The Way To Greater Growth**

No town or city can make its industries great, but industries can make a town or city great. A live community is the manifestation of business enterprise. If this community is to grow in importance it will have to be by the enterprise of stable business interests.

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