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## He Had A Lot Of Sense.

There was an old geezer and he had a lot of sense. He started up a business on a dollar-eighty cents. The dollar for stock, and the eighty for an ad Brod him three lovely dollars in a day, by gad!

Well, he bought more goods and a little more space, And he played that system with a smile on his face. The customers flocked to his two-by-four And soon he had to hustle for a regular store. Up on the square, where the people pass, He gobbled up a corner that was all plate glass.

He fixed up the windows with the best that he had And told them all about it in a half-page ad. He soon had 'em coming, and he never, never quit, And he wouldn't cut down on his ads one jit. And he kept things humping in the town ever since, And everybody calls him the Merchant Prince.

Some say it's luck, but that's all bunk— Why he was doing business when the times were punk! People have to purchase and the Geezer was wise— For he knew the way to get 'em, was to advertise.

If there is one instant in this life when we love our neighbor as ourself it is when he comes in and planks down the price of his subscription.

Our unpreparedness in the matter of national defense is in the most part attributable to our state of congressional pretense.

It is no trouble at all to elect a good man to office, but it is a whale of a job to keep him good after he gets there.

Here's to the boys on the border! May they all come back safe and sound.

## As The Editor Sees It.

What are we doing for this town? What are we doing to push it along, to make it something more than just a dot on the map? Ask yourself the question first, and then ask others, and keep on asking until we locate a cause of our backwardness and take steps to remedy the defects. This is not a drifting age, and the town that is content to just drift along will soon learn that there is no place left in which to even drift. It is not a lack of brains, because our people are blessed with an abundance. It may be, however, that we lack the initiative that is necessary to keep pace with the more thriving and prosperous communities of the country. If so, we should at once correct our fault and move forward. We should grasp every opportunity for improvement and expansion that presents itself, and when there are none in sight we should go out and hunt them. Drifting will accomplish nothing but to bury us beneath the enthusiasm and prosperity of our neighbors. Now who wants to drift? Not you?

## He Is A Man Of Facts.

It will not be difficult to keep the farmer trade in this town if our business men go after it in the right way. But waiting and drifting will not do it. The farmer must be convinced by cold facts that it is to his interest to do all of his trading in this city but it will take something besides empty words to do it. He is a man of facts, and nothing but facts will have any weight with him. Hence, we repeat, it is our duty to get together and remedy the defects in our commercial system that now exist and make conditions such that the farmer will turn to this city instinctively as the most logical and profitable place to trade.

## NOW WHO

will make the start in this kind of a forward movement! If each one waits for the other we will simply keep on drifting until we all drift under the sod. Let a leader step forward, and this paper will be right behind him and pushing and shoving to the limit, for we want to see our home town move forward and keep right on moving and climbing. If you know of a man who would make an ideal leader, go and tell him so — punch him, wake him up, start him doing something. Then do your share to encourage him and help him along. If you are the one for a leader, step out and let us see you, and perhaps in the end we will be able to do something besides just drift, drift, drift.

The hungry fellow always gets the little end of an argument at a banquet. Try it yourself.

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They are eating their pudding now, leaving their war debt untouched. At the close of the war Germany, wise old nation will have their war debt provided for. Our great nation will pay it for them. Many Billions of American Securities of the most solid and silt-edge quality, are owned and controlled by Germany. Hence, while the Allies are enjoying their pudding, Germany is cheerfully spending millions per day, knowing that he laughs best who laughs last. We boast of our ability to fight and to conquer the world. Should we become involved in a great foreign war, we could not possibly prevent the country from being overrun by the enemy. With 15,000 miles of Coast line, and our great cities wholly unfortified; with our great industrial plants undefendable; with our towns and farming communities built for permanent peace; adequate defense would be impossible against such armies as are overrunning Europe. It is time for us to awake and establish a peace so thorough and abiding as to forever prevent such devastations as are being wrought over France, Austria, and Poland.

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