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Seeing Opportunity.

Much has been written about opportunity knocking at your door. Almost every successful man has issued a statement telling the world how he attained fame or fortune.

Of course, luck and good fortune often are contributory elements to success. This cannot be gainsaid, because the proof is to be found all around us.

If you do not believe that the United States is still a land of opportunity, and Richmond a place where you can earn a good competence and save some money, look at the foreign-born men and women who have come to this country and city without a cent, ignorant of our language and customs, and yet within a comparatively few years have acquired a working knowledge of our language, built homes, put money into the savings banks, and financed and developed business enterprises.

We sometimes sniff at the immigrants from the South European countries who have settled in Richmond in the last few years. True, their standard of living is far inferior to that of the average American of today; but compared with the standard of living of our forefathers, two and three generations back, who cut down the forests and cleared the land, is the difference so alarmingly great?

Again, the standard of living among the foreigners in Richmond improves very rapidly. A survey of some of the homes of our alien fellow citizens will show that they are fast acquiring many of the things that are often rated as small luxuries.

Investigation shows that these foreigners are saving their money. They are depositing it in Richmond banks, and it is staying there and not going back to Italy as many of us believe it is.

A Word for Logansport

The growth of the health idea in American municipalities has been phenomenal. Cities nowadays are cognizant of the importance of giving citizens health protection as well as police and fire protection.

In 1914, there were twenty-nine deaths and 182 cases attributed to typhoid fever. In 1915, there were twenty cases and only four deaths. A year ago Logansport stood low in the health statistics of Indiana; today the city ranks among the highest in the state. Whence this change?

"The present excellent condition is due to the activity of the health department, the sanitary survey and analysis of the water from every well of the city by state water chemists, the tagging of wells containing contaminated water supply

and the vigorous anti-typhoid campaign conducted during the latter part of November, 1914."

Logansport merits commendation for its zeal in wiping out a condition that formerly made that city one to be shunned and feared. Health is an asset to the individual and to the city and state. Logansport's fight was waged in behalf of its citizens. Healthy citizens mean men at work, women enjoying themselves, children well-fed and clothed, money added to savings accounts, prosperity for the merchants, happiness for the city.

Continuation Schools.

Continuation schools teach working people those things which they need to know to make them more efficient and capable. A continuation school is what its name implies—a school where a person may continue studies forcibly interrupted when the struggle for existence drove him into the store, shop, or factory; or a school where he takes up such branches as will increase his vocational or cultural efficiency.

Men and women are afforded opportunity to study branches which they need or which they failed or neglected to take during their school years, in the night school conducted here. The most interesting phase of the night school is the course offered to men and women of foreign parentage who are anxious to perfect their knowledge of the English language.

The growing rate of illiteracy in the United States is attributed to the influx of foreigners from the South European countries. The department of immigration and the department of labor are urging municipalities and school authorities to combat the growth of illiteracy by opening night schools and by instructing the resident foreigners.

An illiterate person in a foreign country is a useless citizen and a poor patriot, even if he has taken out naturalization papers. He is an easy tool for the politician, the plaything of the ward healer and the vote buyer. When a foreigner can read, he is able to peruse a newspaper, and therein is supplied with an agency that exposes the political crook and enables him to judge for himself as to how he wants to vote.

The effort of the Richmond school authorities has received the commendation of the federal bureau of naturalization which expresses the hope that other Indiana cities will follow the example of Richmond.

It is interesting to note in this connection that illiteracy among the foreign born is increasing in the Middle West and not in the eastern states, indicating that the best men of the south European immigrants are retained there, and that the West has to deal with a more ignorant class.

The foreign born residents of this city have taken kindly to the educational opportunities offered them here, which shows that many of these men and women whom we often call "foreigners" in a disparaging sense have a yearning for knowledge and education and are willing to learn our language, customs and traditions.

Preparing for the Xmas Rush.

Christmas will be here in five weeks. At a distance of five weeks, the holiday arouses sentiments of home-coming and pleasure in the hearts of many, while to others it brings thoughts of drudgery, hard work, grinding toil and a day spoiled because thoughts of drudgery, and a day spoiled because thoughtless people stifled all the joys of the approaching festival by waiting to the last minute to do their shopping and buying of Christmas gifts.

Merchants are already displaying their holiday goods. They are ready now to take care of the Christmas trade. Their clerks are acquainted with the goods, eager to show them now, and willing to offer counsel and advice.

Two days before Christmas, the sales forces of the stores and shops will be jaded and worn out by the rush of late shoppers, their nerves will be on an edge, their patience almost exhausted, and their bodies wearied by the long hours and steady grind.

Why not get better service, a better selection, more efficient attention, and more satisfaction by shopping early?

Why not exemplify the Christmas spirit, not only in the messages you send, but also in practice, by making work easier and more pleasant for the clerks?



REMEMBER. Remember people to always think of what you say another may sink. Of what a person may be struggling under. That may cause a decided blunder.

Always speak of the best. For others to gain honor and lust. So always remember and keep in mind. That what you see to another is blind.

MUSICAL CRITICISM. "My dear, how I do love to hear you eat soup," was the comment heard in a local eating joint recently.

WHAT'S THE USE? A harness factory in St. Louis now sells bladders for chaperons. Great chance here for some of the high school bunch.

PINCH HITTING. Johnny, the Hagerstown barber, who is now playing the big time was all dolled up Sunday with a new overcoat that was a dream and also a new bonnet that was a scream.

WE HAVE. Speaking of chickens we have not heard recently from the lady who objects to the sobriquet. Perhaps she has been mistaken for a turkey and is slaughtered by this time.

SAY, ABOUT 132 1/2%. Anyhow we haven't got you in a window with people guessing at your weight.

CAUSES FOR THANKS. Yes, we have to work on Thanksgiving day and will miss the turkey. Our molars will have to be content to sink into a fifteen cent lunch as per usual.

Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure Avoid All Substitutes

This Karo Premium Griddle. Labels from 50c worth of Karo (blue or red) and 85c brings you fine 10 1/2 inch aluminum griddle by parcels post prepaid.

Modern Dentistry. Good teeth are an absolute necessity, and we make their possession possible. All our work is practically painless.

Masonic Calendar. Wednesday—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in Master Mason degree, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Permanent Relief for Chronic Constipation. Knowledge and Practice of Correct Daily Habit the Great Essential. Constipation is a condition affecting all classes of all people and can be permanently relieved only by acquiring habits of regularity.

The greatest enemy of your teeth. When scientists recently discovered the cause of that dread disease, pyorrhea, they discovered the greatest enemy of your teeth. Why yours? Because the germ that causes this disease inhabits every human mouth.

TIME TABLE AUTO HACKS. HEADQUARTERS 19 N. 9TH ST. PALLADIUM BUILDING. Glen Karn-Richmond Line. Owners—Welsh & Spencer.

EARLY CITY HISTORY. Contributions on the pioneer days of Richmond will appear in this column daily. PREPARING FOR WAR. When news reached Richmond years ago that Fort Sumter had fallen, the city was hostilities.