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**Editorials**

**THINK UPON THESE THINGS**

In another article is noted the apparent agreement of Lloyd-George with one of the Record's contentions. Now we should like for somebody equally distinguished as a statesman or economist to confirm and broadcast a few other novel conclusions.

First—It is impossible for society as a whole to lay up for the future in the form of money, precious stones, etc. Of course, the individual can do it, under the present organization of society. Second—The accumulations of billions in the form of endowments, foundations, and insurance funds, is a robbery to the generation in which the accumulations are made and a robbery of the generation in which they are distributed, in that they deprive many of their rightful share of the essentials and at the same time through shortage of consumption check increased production.

We shall not here discuss the reasons apparently justifying these conclusions. We have done so on several occasions, but if a man cannot discover for himself the wherefores of the proposition he is not the man we are looking for.

However, we will again say that the world is capable of producing the greatest abundance each year for the next, and that when the time comes when all can be efficiently employed and productions shall be fairly distributed, there will be no necessity for such accumulations. Yet it is questionable whether that time can come till the effects of such accumulations are removed. Old age pensions, disability pensions, widows' pensions, and such provisions as may be readily made out of the annual production of the race and only assure that completeness of consumption which is the greatest spur to increased production, will in that good time make life, accident, and health insurance unnecessary.

Think about these things.

After going out on a subscription canvass one afternoon last week, we feel almost like turning over running the paper to somebody else for a month or two and simply canvassing the county. Anyway, we may skip the Christmas issue, as it falls on Christmas day, and give a week to subscription work. It was really enjoyable to meet the people at their homes, even if for only a few minutes, and the loyalty and goodwill of the people where we went, and a canvass of the whole county in the same way would result in a whopping list for the paper. But it is hard to think that the people of all the other communities could be as clever as those we visited. However, it is clear that Chatham folk are at last fully realizing that the Record will stand by them through thick and thin, and are appreciating the fact.

**LLOYD-GEORGE BACKS THE CHATHAM RECORD**

The Record has several times asserted that money loaned abroad or capital transported to Europe in particular is virtually a gift to the recipient nations. No one took the

proposition seriously, but it is gratifying to have that view substantially supported by no smaller a personage than Lloyd-George of England, who last week stated that America is virtually paying for the goods she imports.

American dollars in Europe will buy American goods, but even if profits come back from investments abroad they cannot buy foreign goods so long as the balance of trade is in America's favor, since all we want from Europe is already paid for with an excess of goods.

Lloyd-George's statement was primarily aimed at the principle of the protective tariff, and suggests that the tariff has killed the America's foreign trade except that which through loans and importations of capital has been virtually financed by America herself. Both these ideas will bear the greatest scrutiny and consideration by the people of America. The protective tariff and the importation of American wealth both mean a robbery of the American consumer. The money that he should buy with is absorbed by the great octopi whose tentacles embrace the country, sucking up from every man a little more than an equitable price for service rendered or goods purchased, and when the many lattes have made a muckle it is carted off to Europe for foreigners to buy the goods that the Americans so much need.

Maybe you cannot see it thus, but put on your glasses and look closely at the matter. It is such things as these that the Record has been insisting that Mr. Bailey study as a preparation for his work in the senate.

The building of a new penitentiary is being discussed at Raleigh, but after seeing that bunch of folk driving through the rain and slush Saturday to see two football teams wallow in the mud, we conclude that the need for a larger insane asylum has the first call.

Mason Gant defaulting clerk of the Guilford county court, has drawn his penalty for his robbery of pensioners and orphans, but State Auditor Durham, who by his official carelessness gave Gant carte blanche, even after the conviction of the Sampson county clerk on similar charges, to continue his stealings uninvestigated, has not even had a robust rebuke. The writer, editor of the Sampson Democrat at the time of the discovery of Sessom's thievery, urged that a thorough checking-up of all pension warrants with the vital statistics be made by the state auditor. We could not have supposed that the auditor would have neglected so important an investigation, but clearly he did, since many of the pilferings of Gant were prior to the Sessom case, and Gant went right on, after that failure to check up his defalcations to which the Sessom's case had given a ready key, taking everything that came into sight. The great increase in pension awards also made the stealing much more profitable, as the increase should also have made the State Auditor the more diligent and vigilant. Sessom was reported to have said that he was not the only clerk in the state that returned no pension drafts, and he wasn't, as the disclosures in the Gant case demonstrate. Yet so far as the auditor's investigations are concerned, 99 others might have been engaged in the same roguery and not have been detected.

An embarrassing question confronts the assessors of farm values the coming months. It was Governor Bickett's plea to make the records tell the truth, and at that time the problem was to get the

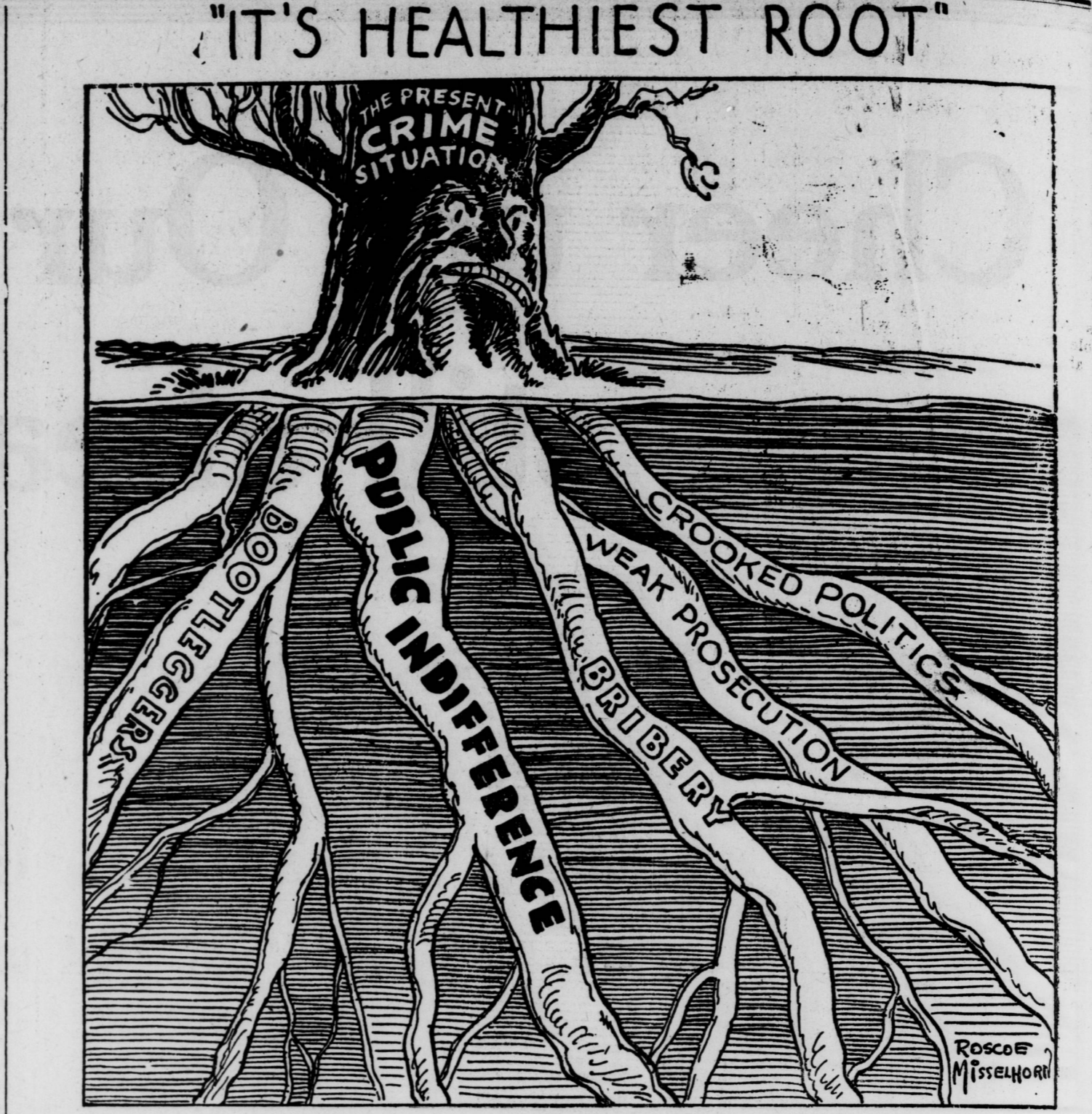
property assessed at values more nearly approaching their true worth. They were too low. Now, the same demand for making the tax books tell the truth former taxation values will have to be slashed fearfully. Yet if that is done, the commissioners are immediately confronted with the necessity to raise the rate sufficiently to produce the required amount of funds to meet debt service and the many and varied expenses of the county. Every town and school district in the county would have to follow suit, and the combined tax rate might readily bounce to four or five dollars. The only alternative would be to cut expenses to the bone. Yet the county would be helpless in the matter of funds needed for debt service and for the support of the schools if the legislature does not take steps to modify the schedule of teachers' salaries, or to annul it altogether. It will look mighty bad to have a three to five-dollar tax rate, but the world would seem to be about the only way to convince the burden placers that the burden is really what it is, and if the writer were an assessor he would value property at its approximate actual worth from the income or potential income standpoint and let it go at that. That is the only fair way—list property at its value, howsoever little, and let the rate take care of itself.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins of Knoxville, Tenn., sued her husband for divorce because the first words of their child were "Damn it to hell," the wife ascribing this fact to the husband's habitual profanity. Evidently, Mrs. Jenkins is not of the newest issue of the modern woman, or the husband might have had reason to lay the bad language to the example of the mother. It will not be surprising, judging from the language of many modern girls, to hear mothers a little later crying out to her child "Damn you to hell; get out of my way or I'll slap hell out of you!" We have known a woman who was known far and wide because of her profanity, but she is no longer unique.

We note that Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the Chapel Hill Baptist church, preached a sermon on prohibition. We suggest that it is time for preachers and others interested in the young people to begin to preach against liquor itself and to undertake to set up personal inhibition in their hearers. Only a conviction on the part of a youth that it is personally unsafe for him or her to drink liquor really amounts to the value of a pica-yune. Prohibition has so long been held as a fetch that real temperance teaching has been neglected.

Again appears that absurd statement that every day in high school gives a boy \$33.33 more earning power. We see it in an article in the North Carolina Teacher, written by Supt. Smith of the Shelby schools; also there is the statement that a man with a college education earns so many thousand more than the mere high school graduate, etc. But what will become of the comparison when the high school and college graduates become so numerous that they have to do the very work that they have heretofore, in their fewness, been able to avoid? During those times, it was a matter of getting more rather than necessarily earning more. Put a college graduate to saw milling, operating looms in a cotton factory, ploughing, picking cotton, etc., and his getting power will be very little, more than that of the ordinary hand in the same position, though he may be actually procuring greater results for society than many a graduate has given when he was enabled through his superior education to grab more than his share. However, when it comes to the grab game, it will be hard to find college graduates that can match dozens of experts at that game who never entered a college door. Education is a good thing, but it will not make a \$2.00 a day job into a ten-dollar a day one. The whole army cannot be composed of generals, nor can all the common sailors become ship captains. In other words, arguments that were potent when the educated were few cease to be so when education approaches the universal.

It is an easy matter to show one's hands and demonstrate their cleanness, and if a man doesn't show them when the question is raised there naturally arises a presumption that they are unclean. Frank McNinch wouldn't show where he got the money he spent two years ago against Al Smith and in favor of Hoover, and now he can blame only himself that his appointment by President Hoover is a position on the power commission is meeting an opposition that will certainly be effective against the confirmation of his appointment by the senate, at least, till he has convinced that body that his hands are clean.



The fact that Al Smith was assailing the power trust naturally suggested that power money was being against him by the chairman of the anti-Smith group in this state. That suspicion could have been more easily allayed than now, and Mr. Hoover would not have again been confronted with the embarrassment of a possibly victorious opposition to his appointment. It is safe to predict that the people will now either learn where McNinch got the money or will see his confirmation denied by the senate.

It seems to us that the authorities have charged the wrong persons with the murder of that girl in the west last week. The young matron who provided a gallon of alcohol for her party for some of the "best" young people of her city, would seem to be the guilty person, though she might successfully plead insanity.

We appreciate the hearty approval of the stand of the Chatham Record on several subjects by Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of the Sanford Methodist church, in a conversation a few days ago. Mr. Adams remarked pastors' salaries had not been cut but should be, and before us as we write is the statement that Rev. Dr. J. H. Barnhardt of the First Methodist church of Salisbury has asked for a cut of \$300 in his salary, and has been accommodated. There is no justice in any class of people getting more now than when all the people had a chance to make a fair living, and that is what it means when the same salaries are retained. For instance, Mr. Simmons, manager of the Williams-Belk store at Sanford, says that he buys goods this year 35% cheaper than last, and that means a similar saving to the salaried purchaser. A \$5,000 state employee now should live well and be able to buy him a good farm every year at present prices. On the other hand, the farmer runs the risk of losing the one he does have. The same salary now means practically twice as much as it did three to twelve years ago. Since we wrote the last sentence, we note that Rev. Wm. H. Moore, pastor of the First Baptist church of Kinston, has had his salary cut \$1000 at his own request. That is religion, and we hope it is catching and that the high-salaried officers of the state, including school superintendents, principals, college professors, and chairman of the highway commission, will catch it in all its force.

Firpo, Argentine boxer, spent \$300 talking from Buenos Aires to New York. The world would be better off if some people had to pay for their talk without any telephone.

**A Great Discovery**

When Pasteur discovered, in 1852, that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of inestimable value to mankind. Since then medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that may enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound, is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borzone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borzone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from

**PICK'S TOPIC**  
By John E. Pickerrill

The best radio joke of the year was when a station manager apologized for interference with the broadcasting and then found out it was somebody singing over the air.

Calvin Coolidge's famous phrase "I do not choose to run" becomes more famous when we reflect that Cal knew when to get out.

With winter coming on it is apparent that the clothes line will follow the bread line.

Well, if we can't enforce Prohibition, maybe we can pass a law requiring the bootleggers to drink their own stuff.

After all, the instalment houses probably can do more to abolish poverty by closing up than can a president.

Better feeding of the dairy cow is expensive—it makes the dairy farmer buy more bottles and milk pails.

**Doctors Disagree**  
When children are irritable and peevish, grind their teeth and sleep restlessly, have digestive pains and disturbances, lack of appetite, and have itching eyes, nose and fingers, doctors will not always agree that they are suffering from worms. Many mothers, too, will not believe that their carefully brought up children can have worms. The fact remains that these symptoms will yield, in a great majority of cases, to a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the sure expellant of round and pin worms. If your child has any of these symptoms, try this harmless, old fashioned remedy, which you can get at 35c per bottle from

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**A TIME FOR ALL THINGS**

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There is a time to be serious, too;  
There is a time to be independent,  
And there is a time to be happy all through,  
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