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DIGGING.

The period of the great war ought most assuredly to be known to the historian as the Age of Digging. There probably never before has been so much digging in the world. Everybody is digging or preparing to dig, or else regretting the precious opportunities for digging which have been allowed to slip by unutilized. The soldiers dig; and the armies of the diggers, delving to win the war with some form or other of the prosaic tool of husbandry, run into the tens of millions. Every day adds to their numbers. The world of civilization is organized, one might say, into one vast camp for the purpose of digging.

The run on spades and shovels, hoes and rakes, by men and women, by boys and girls, throughout the warring world, has been enormous. The supplies have often threatened to give out. People have bought extravagantly, enthusiastically. Those who hardly knew a hoe from a rake ordered luxuriously. They wanted to be of the goodly number of patriots who dig war gardens, and they wanted up-to-date tools, such as their neighbors were using, with which to accomplish the work. The big stores and the agricultural implement makers prepared for the abnormal demand. They compiled elaborate catalogues, issued tempting dissertations for the true patriot, telling him how, when and where to dig, and prepared special sets of tools, sets for men, sets for girls and boys. They fashioned model war gardens in corners of their stores, or in the show windows, and put them in the charge of professors of the noble art of digging; while horticultural societies laid out war beds where pater familias and mater familias, comfortably seated in chairs, could watch all those intricate processes of digging which are supposed to be infallible in making a potato or a tomato grow as nature and the gardener intended it should grow.

For more than four years now, the task of digging along the military fronts has been on a gigantic scale. All the while the nations at war have scoured their villages and towns for the men who could dig. These nations have poured out money to arm, feed, and train these men to dig along the most approved lines; dig from morn to night, dig as though their whole future and that of their nation depended on their digging efforts, as indeed they apparently did. Millions of men became highly specialized trench diggers, men who, stretched prone, under galling fire, could dig themselves in at top speed and perhaps, thereby, win a great victory or stave off national disaster. In time, trenches were dug that stretched well-nigh across continents, trenches for men and for guns, trenches for attack and defense, trenches that were to be the rudely constructed homes of warring men for weeks at a stretch. The country-sides were literally seamed with these diggers, which ran in parallel lines with scarcely an interruption for hundreds of miles. Men struggled for their possession or blew them to pieces with cannon, and when they were destroyed or lost, they rapidly dug others. And still the digging goes on. It has grown to be a mark and symbol of the war itself, its ceaselessness, its exacting insistence, its remorselessness of demand, and of the slavery which the success of those who brought the great human strife into being would entail.

On the whole digging has been a great success.

LET CONGRESS ACT

In condemning so-called commercial bribery—the giving of various presents and favors in return for orders and contracts—the Federal Trade Commission has struck one of the worst of business practices. Gratuities and entertainments may seem of small significance, but they very often warp the human judgment. If this country is to have full and fair competition, these wrongful ways of getting business must not be tolerated. The trend of commerce is to be deflected by

favors handed out, the cost of good must ultimately be increased, and trade will not be conducted on the plane of strict efficiency, but according to the standard of the man who adds the most gifts to the buyer. The federal business commission is getting down to some of the fundamental problems of American trade in attacking this form of rebating. Legal authorization to stop it by means of criminal prosecution should be provided by Congress with utmost eagerness. It is a chance to serve the business men of the country as well as consumers in a most definite and signal way.

BUSINESS AND COMMON GOOD

R. G. Rhett, president of the National Chamber, in speaking at its sixth annual meeting the other day at Chicago, warned the American business world that industry and commerce must get together. Then he spoke these winged words: "What is not for the common good, is not for the good of business. When we have all learned that lesson, suspicion between employer and employee will disappear, conflict between capital and labor will cease, thoughts of coercion will change to co-operation, the spirit of greed will be transformed into service." Fine and true, every word of it. The only way is the right way. The only way is the fair way, the square deal way. Any other way leads nowhere but downward and backward, it is time and human energy wasted.

NOTICE!

State of North Carolina—Pitt County.
To J. C. Gaskins, Entrytaker for Pitt County.

Take notice that the undersigned claimant, L. H. Mills, a resident of Pitt county, State of North Carolina, has entered and laid claim to and he does hereby enter and lay claim to the following described parcel or piece of land in Chicod township, Pitt county and State of North Carolina, fully described hereinafter, said land being vacant and subject to entry under the laws of North Carolina, the said lands being described as follows:

Lying and being in Chicod township, County of Pitt and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of the Carolina Land & Development Company, Arcissia Sutton, Fred Mills and L. H. Mills and others, and lying on the west side of Clay Root Swamp, near the mouth of Reedy Swamp, beginning at the Sweetgum, now L. H. Mills' and Fred Mills' corner; thence running east with the line of L. H. Mills to a pine in L. H. Mills line and Arcissia Sutton's line; thence south with the Carolina Land & Development Co., thence with the line of the Carolina Land & Development Co., back to the beginning, containing fifteen (15) acres more or less by estimation.

The said undersigned claimant hereby makes demand and prays for a grant for the above described property.
L. H. MILLS,
Claimant.

This May 20, 1918. 5-20-4tc.

NOTICE!

A request by the Pitt County Board of Education having been filed with the County Board of Commissioners stating that the petition filed by voters of Farmville Special School District be withdrawn by reason of the unsettled conditions of public sentiment, the high rate of interest, the great demand of money, and the demand for labor and material, the County Board of Commissioners has authorized me to notify the public that the said Election to be held on 4th day of June, 1918 for the issuing of bonds is hereby cancelled, the order revoked and the notice recalled.

This the 8th day of May, 1918.
J. C. GASKINS,
5-9-4wc. Register of Deeds.

Administratrix's Notice

I have this day qualified as administrator of the estate of J. D. Andrews, deceased. All persons holding claims against said estate will present the same to the undersigned, duly itemized and verified within twelve months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This 18th day of May, 1918.
C. P. WHITEHURST,
5-20-6wp. Administrator.

Administratrix's Notice

I have this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Daniel L. Maulsby, deceased. All persons holding claims against said estate will present the same to the undersigned, duly itemized and verified within twelve months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.
This 16th day of May, 1918.
Mrs. Daniel L. Maulsby,
5-16-6wp. Administratrix.

MAIDEN HAIR OR GLORIA FERNS.

Only 4 left, Mrs. Haskett. 6 5 2tp

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CARD OF THANKS

I appreciate heartily the large vote which the voters gave me in Saturday's primary, and which put me within only one hundred and fifty-eight votes of being nominated for Clerk of the Superior Court. In the second Primary I urge the continued loyalty of my friends and the support of all, and to my opponents I extend my friendly greeting.

Respectfully,

A. THURMAN MOORE

To The Democratic Voters of Pitt County

I cannot refrain from expressing my deep appreciation to my friends and supporters during the recent primary for the office of Sheriff of Pitt county. It is surely gratifying to me to know that I led my next opponent by about 150 votes. This gives my opponent the privilege of calling another primary to decide whether he shall have a third term as sheriff of Pitt county or whether I shall be honored with that office.

According to the vote polled in the first Primary my opponent has the privilege of calling a second Primary, which I understand, is his intention.

For every vote given me I am truly thankful and for those who support me in the Second Primary I shall feel grateful. I ask once again for the support of all good democrats in the forthcoming Primary and if chosen to the high office of Sheriff shall endeavor in every way possible to merit the confidence of each and every one whether they were supporters of me or not. Inasmuch as a Second Primary is called I once again ask for renewed confidence of those who supported me in the first Primary and also those who did not support me in the First Primary to do so in the Second Primary.

If elected I shall endeavor to do my duty—no man can promise more.

Respectfully,

E. R. DUDLEY