

WHY NOT BUILD?

"The year 1920 has been an unusual one in the lumber industry," says the American Lumberman. "When the year opened business was extremely active, so active indeed that prices were rapidly mounting. At the end of the year business is quiet, with purchase less than the considerably curtailed production and with prices, on the whole, 50 per cent below the peak attained by wholesale prices in the early months of the year.

With prices 50 per cent below the maximum of the inflation period, the lumber situation is certainly such as to encourage building. Men of means ought to take advantage of the opportunity and build more houses for rent. Home-owners make the best class of population, but we can't banish the renters completely, can we? And since we must have them why should not conditions be made as tolerable as possible for them?

The main argument against a more ambitious building program has been that the houses cannot be rented at profit-yielding prices. That argument is at least partially destroyed by the fact as already cited that prices of lumber are 50 per cent lower than they were a year ago. Other material is down also.

Besides, if an investor is doing fairly well, why is it necessary that he insist always on a good-sized profit? The farmer, it has been rather impressively demonstrated has now and then to take heavy losses instead of profits. Plain people with a few hundred dollars-savings are glad to get a profit of 4 per cent from the banks. Why must real estate men be so insistent on being eternally on the safe side?

Home-building is a most beneficial activity. When you have helped found a home, you have helped serve the higher interests of humanity.—News and Observer.

SEES EVIL IN EARLY RISING

"Day Begins After Breakfast," E. V. Lucas Declares.

(Manchester Guardian.) Gladstone might well figure in the list of famous men who disliked the practice of early rising. "I hate getting up in the morning," he once told Sir Henry Lucy. "and I hate it the same every morning. But one can do everything by habit, and when I have had my seven hours' sleep I get up."

Li Hung Chang held the same views. At the close of his visit to Petrograd in 1898, the Chinese statesman wrote in his diary: "I have learned that we start early to-morrow morning. This is not to my taste. I would much prefer to begin the journey now and sleep on the train. To arise so early in the morning seems to be foolish western practice—foolish especially among statesmen who could so much better transact their affairs at night, when all is quiet and the mind is most alert. But from all I can learn these statesmen and lawgivers look for their pleasures at night, going to banquets, theaters and parties. To this I attribute much of the intrigue known to all these courts. Women cannot enter the council chamber or make speeches in parliament, but they work their wiles at the parties and operas."

E. V. Lucas has also written against early rising. "The day rightly begins after breakfast. Now and then, for worthy purposes, such as bathing in a Thames backwater or

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intercepting the postman, early rising is desirable. But in the main it leads to self-conceit, intolerance and dullness after dinner. The old poet was right.

When the morning riseth red, Rise not thou, but keep thy bed; When the dawn is dull and gray, Sleep is still the better way. Beasts are up betimes! But then They are breaks and we are men.

The Fertilizer Situation.

It is approaching the time when the farmer is to figure on his fertilizer supplies for his spring crop, for he must be planning for how much he will use, and start it on its way to the farm that he may haul it during the dull season. Inquiry among fertilizer men points to another season of high fertilizer, which will probably have its effect on the acreage planted to all crops that need fertilizer, and on the quantity used in making the coming crop.

The chief crops of the South cannot be made to best advantage without a generous use of fertilizer. This is one of the big questions that always face the farmer. Much of his disquiet now is brought about by the low-priced product that he made with high priced fertilizer. The mills have been mixing their goods for the spring trade and must have a big proportion of their supplies ready to move out soon after the holidays, and they have put into the mixtures high-priced goods. Much of the cotton seed meal on their hands and other nitrogen ingredients, have been bought at the higher prices that have ruled, and potash acid phosphate have been laid in at high prices for the crop that is to be made with the fertilizer now being sold and made. This matter is one to be faced now in short order, and many farmers are not certain what they will do, nor what they can do. Many have not yet paid for the fertilizer they put down last year. Many are afraid to venture very far on a new crop with large amounts of expensive fertilizer, for they are in doubt as to where they will come out.

This is another of the subjects that the farm meetings need to discuss and that the Department of Agriculture experts can throw light on for the benefit of the farmers between now and fertilizer buying time, which is not far enough away to allow any delay.—News and Observer.

Annual Migration to Florida.

Each winter the migration from the north and middle west Florida-ward increases. This season the southward tide promises to exceed even that of last year which is accredited the largest in history.

It is a democratic throng which flows into the Peninsula State—the multimillionaire, the moderately well-to-do, and even those of meager means. For Florida welcomes and provides for all. There are all types of hotels from the most palatial and expensive to the simplest; there are winter homes from magnificent villas to humble bungalows.

Lack of living accommodations to meet the influx of visitors has led many to own or rent winter homes in Florida. Many people have proved that with vegetables and fruit gardens of their own they can escape the rigors of the northern winter and live more comfortably and economically in Florida.

Florida's resorts are divided geographically into three main divisions—the east coast chain, those which cluster about the interior lake and river, region, and the west coast recreation centers built for the most part upon indentations of the Gulf.—Literary Digest.

—Constantinople has several woman-suffrage clubs.

AMERICA REPLIES TO CRIME WAVE WITH DEATH SENTENCE

One Hundred and Twenty Men and Women Are Under Death Sentence One hundred and twenty men and women under death sentence!

This is America's answer to the crime wave. A canvass made by the newspapers of every state in the union shows that sentiment is swinging back towards capital punishment.

In 1918 there were 85 legal executions in the United States; in 1917 there were the same number. Before that war clemency was gaining on vengeance, reform on punishment.

But the tidal wave of crime that has swept the nation since the war has brought swift reaction in a swing toward the death penalty in the states that invoke it.

In 25 of these 36 states, and the District of Columbia, from 1 to 14 persons are awaiting the gallows, or the electric chair, or the firing squad. In Idaho two women are under death sentence.

Reports from all these states are that juries are more severe, judges slower to grant infrequently commuted sentences.

The canvass of the nation shows the following have prisoners awaiting execution:

Table listing states and number of prisoners awaiting execution: Alabama 2, Arkansas 14, California 4, District of Columbia 3, Georgia 1, Idaho (two women) 3, Indiana 2, Illinois 8, Kentucky 1, Maryland 1, Mississippi 6, Missouri 2, Montana 4, New Jersey 4, New York 13, North Carolina 8, Ohio 8, Oklahoma 4, Pennsylvania 8, South Carolina 4, Tennessee 4, Texas 10, Utah 2, Virginia 2, West Virginia 1, Wyoming 1.

There are 12 states that do not have capital punishment. They are: Arizona, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin and Iowa.

Eleven states that have capital punishment laws, but report no executions pending are: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, Vermont, Florida, and New Mexico.

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The Unemployed Soldier.

(Philadelphia Record) Among the growing ranks of the army of the unemployed there are unfortunately many who served faithfully in that other army in France. This should bring the blush of shame to the faces of numberless men who consider themselves good citizens. The ingratitude of Republics is no new story, and the great war hasn't charged selfish human nature. It may be commendable in most of us to try to forget the war with all its horrors, but none of us who remained comfortably at home should forget our obligations to the fighters; and those of us who are employers have a special duty to see that no man, once in our employ, who answered his country's call, should now be compelled to walk the streets looking for a job.

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Happy Mother Says She Felt Like "Shouting For Joy."

"When I saw that my son's health had been fully restored by Tanlac and that he had actually gained twenty pounds in weight I just felt like shouting for joy," said Mrs. O. D. Flaherty, of 1905 Grace St., Lynchburg, Va.

Samuel, who is now seventeen years old, had always been a healthy boy until one day in October, 1918, he came home from school sick, and from then on he went down in health rapidly. After every meal he suffered terribly from severe pains, palpitation and shortness of breath and had awful headaches. The most delicate dishes I could fix failed to tempt him to eat, and at times he became so nauseated he couldn't retain even a glass of water.

He was terribly nervous and for six months I don't think he slept well a single night. He fell off until he was almost a skeleton and I could hardly stand to see how weak and bad he was looking.

But he had only been taking Tanlac a short time when his appetite came back, and it was just wonderful to see how rapidly he was building up. His troubles all soon left him, his strength and color came back and he has been feeling fine ever since. He is working now every day and is in as good health as he ever was in his life. I just can't find words to fully express my gratitude for Tanlac.

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The Yam, the Yum-Yum Yam

(Collier's Weekly)

Florida gave in the color of its orange; Georgia, the humness of its peach; Louisiana, the sweetness of its sugar cane; Mississippi, the breath and balm of its pines; Tennessee, the milk and starch of its corn; Arkansas, the richness of its rice; and Texas, the nourishment of Western beef.

They gave these to what? To the yam!

Did you ever taste one? No? That catalogue of virtues makes yams seem quite appetizing, doesn't it? Your imagination begins to sit up and take notice, amazed at having missed this treat all its life. And there's more. At the same poetic pen puts it: "The Southern sunset was the solvent, and the yellow yam had being. It is the palate's own partner—the yum-yum delight incomparable—pastry, porridge, and pie in one."

The author of this is quite earnestly convinced of the glory of his cause. He is wholeheartedly enlisted when he starts to enlist you.

When you believe with all your soul in the thing you are doing, whether it is buttering parsnips or gathering moss, you are bound to get somewhere. The editor of Facts and Figures, a Southern trade magazine, preaches the development of the Southern sweet potato—the yellow yam—and if he keeps up the pace of his present propaganda canned yams will be as common in Northern kitchens as any other food delight that now comes in that form. Which is his intention.

Some people send off hundreds of miles to buy articles at mail-order houses, and then they are mad because local stores do not carry missing parts when the thing breaks down.—Holly (Colo.) Chieftain.

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From present indications we believe that the designers of ladies clothes are doing their best to make both ends meet and we shudder for fear that they may succeed.—Richmond (La.) Clarion.

Possum dog out in Dallas county treed eighteen quarts of moonshine liquor. Fellow over in Shelby county wants to know the price of the dog.—Carthage (Tex.) Register.

Some of the children of the people who used to attend spelling schools are making their living writing bad spelling rube stuff for the newspapers.—Cabool (Mo.) Enterprise-Press.

Many a man who in his time shucked 100 bushels of corn in a day now has a son who finds it mighty hard to bite the grain off a roasting ear.—Rochester (Ind.) Sun.

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