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**A DEBATABLE REMEDY**

"There are a great many benefits in being out of work," said Samuel M. Vauclain. "It teaches people the value of a dollar. It teaches people the value of health, but that is no reason why any one should applaud the appearance of disease. It is true that a great many people never learn to appreciate a thing until they are left suddenly in want of it. But the burden that follows upon enforced idleness is too heavy and too widely distributed to be accepted as a factor for social or economic reform. It may teach people to value a dollar, but it also teaches children a knowledge of hunger. It weighs first upon families, then upon whole communities and finally on the state and the nation, and in the last analysis upon business everywhere."

**THE IMPOSING CITY**

The House in Washington continues to be in pleasant contrast with the Senate. The House has faith and it has imagination and the vision that, often is a consoling substitute for temperateness of mind.

Here, for example, is Mr. Focht, a representative from Pennsylvania, clamoring for a federal appropriation of \$800,000,000 to make the city of Washington "fairer to behold than any city of the ancient Nile, more imposing than Nineveh or Tyre."

That is optimism for you. Mr. Blanton, of Texas, rising to remark that \$800,000,000 is a lot of money, speaks a truth that cannot be doubted after mature consideration. The folk in the jack-rabbit country, Mr. Blanton observed, would be shocked if it were to be revealed that Babylon in the heart of the United States.

We agree with Mr. Blanton, who objected shrilly to the Focht plan. We agree with Mr. Focht, who cried that \$800,000,000 is what you might call small change in this fair land. The expenditure of that amount would not gain us.

But isn't Washington, in its mental state at least, a little too much like Babylon already? Why create a new Nineveh if you are to go on thinking in a manner calculated to insure its fall?

For ourselves, we should approve a scheme for the appropriation of \$800,000,000 to improve Washington if that money were to be spent to improve the colleges and the House and the Senate.

**THE "SLACKER LIST"**

The War Department is about to publish lists of so-called slackers, men who are borne on the records of the draft boards as failing to respond to the summons for examination for military service during the war. This publication is at the request of patriotic organizations, which hope to secure the arrest of those who have evaded service without justification or excuse, and have suffered no penalty for their evasion of military duty.

The list is a long one, comprising it is estimated, between one and a hundred thousand names, after much painstaking by the department. It is obviously imperfect. Despite checking and rechecking names are included in it of men who actually served honorably and in many cases voluntarily, some of them seizing the first opportunity offered to join the Army or Navy.

Plainly, the publication of the general list would be in these circumstances a grave injustice to those who are wrongly included. The War Department has urged all who may have reason to think that their names are included to make certain of a clearance of the record by personal application and proof of service. This, however, puts the burden upon the individual, where it should not rest. The records of the War and Navy departments are assuredly available to those who are preparing or have prepared the lists, to make these corrections. If the rosters of men in the two services are so incomplete that they will not serve now to check the slacker list, no publication should be undertaken.

The Public Ledger will not print this list of those who are recorded as "slackers" within the local jurisdiction. It feels that the possibility of performing a valuable service by such a publication is not as great as the possibility of doing a grave injustice to many men in announcing them as evaders of service when, in fact, they discharged their full duty in the Army or the Navy during the war.

**TWO MINUTES OF OPTIMISM**

(By Herman J. Stich)

**Here's to the Dissenters!**  
"The idea! The idea! Think of it! Lighting a city with smoke sent through pipes laid in the streets! Fancy lighting lamps without wicks!"

Such was the rather warm reception accorded Murdock for trying to introduce gaslight in place of candle light; but the pipes burnt their smoke.

Edison had to supply electricity free for six months before he could convince hard-headed business men it would work.

People used to think thirty miles and hour would stop the circulation of the blood.

The man who drove the first steamboat up the Thames was so unpopular the London hotels refused him a room for the night.

Morse pleaded and begged before ten Congresses before they believed the telegraph was something more than a crank's toy.

It took McCormick fourteen years to sell his first hundred harvesters.

Every man whose idea in the head has been worth two in a box has been a victim of more or less conservatism—and ignorance, incompetence and ridicule.

New ideas hurt almost like new shoes.

Mankind never seeks novelties. It resists them. It prefers two cents to them till it is forced to use them and understand them.

We have to be given time before we will have anything to do with what has been without our ken—almost everything old is assumed to be good and the new is prejudged poor.

The men who have put more comforts into the average two-by-four than kings used to enjoy in their palaces and the pleasure of seeing themselves lambasted in cartoons and comics.

If you would see the trend of progress and science, read the "funny sheets."

Most great inventions and discoveries have been ugly ducklings. It has taken hearts of oak and wills of steel to transform them into beautiful swans.

The common run of us find it safer, more pleasurable and far more profitable to conform, to come into the fold and let well enough alone, to float along with the current and let others buck the tide.

But here's to the Dissenters—the charters of untried trails, the blazers who eternally seek a better way.

Theirs is the horizon that views the dim light as it glides the mountain top, while we of shorter scope and lesser vision toil on in the valleys below.

In the second annual piano playing contest held for the high schools of the state at the North Carolina College for Women Saturday, Miss Helen Glenn Rankin, of Greensboro, representing Guilford county, was the successful contestant in a very close and interesting contest.

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**AMERICAN LEGION TO THE RESCUE OF TWO MEN**

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Mutilation of a picture of former President Wilson by two brothers in Lodi, Calif., roused the people of that city to such an extent that it was necessary for the members of the local American Legion post to protect the accused. A mass meeting, presided over by the commander of the Legion post, found the brothers guilty of an unpatriotic act, and gave them thirty days in which to set their affairs in order and leave town. It was during this interim that their safety was guaranteed. Both, after the verdict of the trial, had signified their willingness to leave.

—Because he criticized newspapers which display "sensational events," a Denver pastor published an "ideal newspaper" for one day. The publishers of the Denver Post invited the pastor to become editor-in-chief for May 5. On that date the minister dictated how the news should be displayed, determined news values, directed assignment of reporters and had complete control. From a newspaper standpoint the venture was a failure.

—Receipts at the 50 largest post-offices, representing 54 per cent of the postal business transacted in the country, amounted to \$20,522,611 during April. That was a decrease of 8.24 per cent from April a year ago. The total receipts of the southern offices for April were: Atlanta \$214,767; New Orleans \$178,200; Richmond \$119,073; Memphis \$108,654; Nashville \$110,552 and Jacksonville \$60,156.

**NOTICE.**

Mr. W. C. Wicker, of Elon College will give a series of lectures for two weeks, beginning May 30th, at the Masonic Hall. A large attendance is urgently requested.

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**THE FARMER AND GOOD ROADS AND TAXES**

(Charlotte Observer)

The one class of people will derive the greatest benefits, direct and indirect, from the building of good roads is the farmer. This has been demonstrated on a small scale by the results of what we have heretofore been pleased to call good roads in this State. The people have paid a heavy tax construction of these roads of the sand clay and top soil variety, and even at that the farmers have had handsome returns, with the roads good only during good weather, and with some of the roads in condition of mud blockade during the winter months. Not only has the farmer benefited by facilitation in marketing his produce, but his family has been immeasurably benefited through the privilege of getting away from home on business and pleasure trips to town and on social calls among the neighbors. Even our undependable mud roads have proved a source of much blessing to the farmers.

Not only have they and their families been able to "get about" in the manner described, but the farmers, aside from profiting by more expeditious marketing methods, have seen their lands increase in value at a rate far outstripping the rise in their taxes. Some of the Mecklenburg farmers may have heard reference to the Arkansas experience in building an extensive system of hard-surfaced roads for that State, and it is probable that some of them have not heard the cause of the trouble—the difference between the Arkansas plan of financing roads and the North Carolina plan. The row about Arkansas is raised principally by capitalists who had invested in Arkansas lands and who found themselves taxed under the "abutting property" system. But the farmers of Arkansas are exceedingly satisfied with what is being done and are not kicking against paying their share for the work. A Connecticut man who went to Arkansas 30 years ago, is sending The New York Times an account of how the landowners are profiting by the building of good roads. He says among other things:

"We have been discussing building good roads in this State for several years and finally got started when prices of labor and material were high, and our roads are probably costing more than they would have five years from now, but with the richest land on earth we have made up our minds that we are going to have it protected from overflow, drained and roads built that can be traveled the year around. The farmers will save enough in the use of good roads in time and wear and tear on their teams and wagons to pay the bonds, if they receive no other benefits."

But that is not all. He has something to say about the question of taxes. "I am not so familiar," he writes, "with other counties as I am with Pulaski, but if we build every road contemplated in this county, and five of them have not been started nor the assessment made, our total tax for all purposes will not exceed 55 mills, which is much less than they are paying in many prosperous communities in the North."

He says further: "The writer is president of the Arkansas Land Title Association and president of the Little Rock Real Estate Bureau, and it is part of our business to keep up with the question of taxation. The tax rate for Little Rock does not include special improvement districts, as it does in Northern States, for the reason that we cannot issue bonds under our Constitution, but if our road program is carried out we will still be taxed much less than they are paying in other places. "Seventeen pieces of property sold in the business district within the last year show an aggregate tax rate of only 29 per cent. I am today selling a piece of property, for cash, which is assessed at 21 per cent of the price for which it is selling. I am also today paying the taxes on eighty acres of as fine bottom land as there is in the State, which would probably sell at this time, with cotton as low as it is, at \$100 per acre, and it is assessed at \$20 per acre."

—President Harding is expected to send to the senate this week the nomination of Judge Edmund Waddill, of Richmond, to be circuit judge on the fourth circuit, succeeding the late Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. Judge Waddill is now on the district bench.

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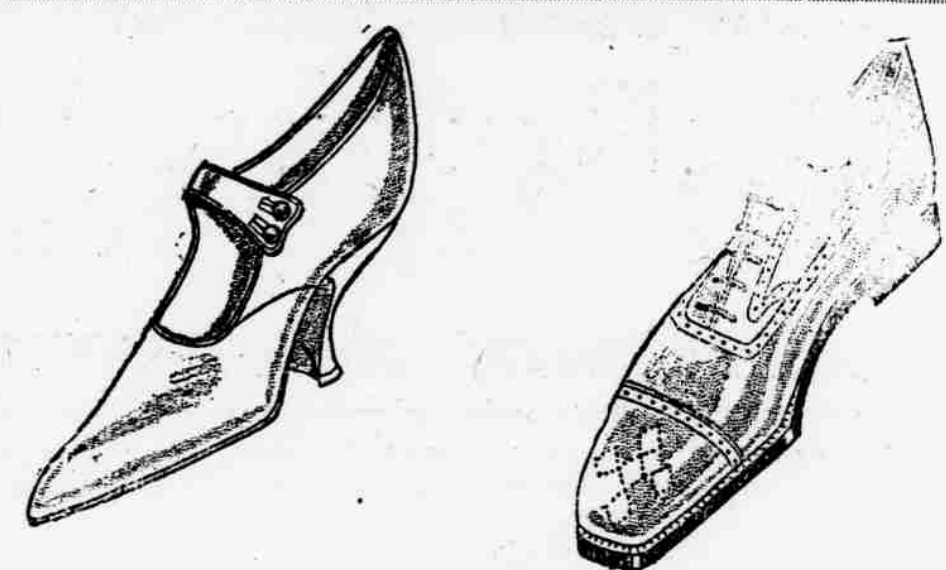
A leading hair dresser says she found nothing as good as Parisian Sage to banish all dandruff and make the hair wavy, thick and lustrous. J. G. Hall sells it on money back plan.



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