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## THE COST-PLUS ERA

In the midst of much still unresolved darkness it is worth while chronicling the first faint rosy fingers of the dawn of a new and better time. For there are now obvious signs that we are passing out of the cost-plus or heads-I-win-tails-you-lose era into the sweeter light of a better day. For three years we have known this cost-plus system not only as an economic fact but as a general state of mind—and a very general one. We have all seen it in its operations—you in your little corner and I mine—in particular specific fragrant cases told by local gossip. So we all know it now.

There were the shipyard scandals—millions and tens of millions of dollars; the military barracks and hospitals; the work that nobody thought to stop when the war was done. You know these things—everybody knows them. They were not criminal necessarily—or even vicious in all cases. They were first of all the natural native products of the cost-plus, heads-I-win-tails-the-government—that is, everybody else—loses frame of mind. There were those—and are still—who dreamed that this thing was going on forever. There was a terrible temptation in it to frail human nature, and it is greatly creditable to the American people that there are signs that we understand the thing and are turning against it.

Take, for example, the recent railroad bill returning the roads to private ownership. Here for two years had been in operation the cost-plus system on its grandest scale. Here to both elements immediately concerned there was every urge of the heads-I-win-tails-you-lose impulse of human nature to throw the whole thing into government ownership; to do a thing in fact much easier than that—merely to arrange to let it stay where it was.

For one party at interest this meant assured and doubtless larger wages; for the other guaranty of investment in a much-troubled financial time. Theoretically it might have seemed certain that these two special interests would unite, and, in the usual default of general opposition, load their burden on the government and slip happily away. That this did not happen, that the whole campaign in that direction was overwhelmingly defeated in Congress is a striking monument to the traditions and horse sense and courage of the American people.

But also it is, before this, a monument to another thing—the widespread almost universal observation in this country of the actual operation of human nature in the individual working for the government; of what might be called the soul of man under socialism.

It was not under actual socialism—no. But it lacked, in its work for the general mass of men, for its government, no altruistic impulse which socialism in practice would afford. It had in fact the unusual and much-stressed stimulus of the call to service of history's most heroic age. We know, we saw, just how the soul of man functioned under that impulse in practice in our own industries.

This spectacle has cost us billions of dollars. It was no doubt worth that. For we have seen now, as closely as we ever need to, the soul of man under socialism; not as Oscar Wilde saw it in his beautiful and wonderfully presented vision of some dream-made soul, but the common, or garden, soul of man as it actually goes to its work day after day under the vague general impulse of altruism.

It was worth it—yes—all that it cost us! Hereafter no one can swing along the fancy of this generation, in the United States at least, with the old recurrent rhapsodic prophecy of

Utopia—the fair Elysian fields, the flashing new Jerusalem where society functions smoothly and unphantly through the urge of altruism on the happy formula: "Each according to his ability, each according to his need." It is the vision beautiful, the song of songs, man's favorite dream. It would be wonderful indeed if the soul of man worked that way—and altruism. But it does not. Not yet—by some thousand years! We know we have seen it in operation.—Monday Evening Post.

## WHOLE SYSTEM RUN-DOWN

Quick Improvement Is Noted After A Few Doses of ZIRON Iron Tonic.

Increase in appetite, the coming back of strength, disappearance of headaches and other ills, are a few of the many good results obtained from the use of a new remedy (Ziron Iron Tonic).  
Mr. Sim Grimsley, of Cordele, Ga., tried Ziron and has this to say: "When I began to take Ziron, it seemed that my whole system was run-down, but soon after I began to take Ziron, I could eat more each day and would feel a great deal better. Ever since it seems that my health has been improving, and I seldom have the headache or feel the least bit ill."  
Ziron is a new scientific combination of pure medicinal inorganic iron, combined with phosphorus, the active principle of nuxvomica and the hypophosphites of lime and soda. It will help to add more red corpuscles to your blood, resulting in more color in your cheeks and more vitality in your system.  
Try Ziron today; on the money-back guarantee.

## Your Blood Needs ZIRON

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Quick and Satisfactory Work  
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**Administrator's Notice.**  
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of C. T. Marrow, deceased, late of the County of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Tarboro, N. C., on or before the 25th day of March, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.  
This the 25th day of March, 1920.  
E. H. MARROW,  
Admr. C. T. Marrow.

## McDougall

ON EASY TERMS  
ON EASY TERMS



**The First**

More than a quarter of a century ago the kitchen cabinet idea was originated by C. P. MCDUGALL, founder of the MCDUGALL COMPANY. It was briefly, to build a combined cupboard and work-table for the housewife, in which would be assembled all the materials and utensils needed in the preparation of a meal. From that basic idea and the first MCDUGALL Kitchen Cabinet which evolved from it has grown the whole great kitchen cabinet industry.

The MCDUGALL was the leader Twenty-five years ago. It led the procession then for a host of early imitators, and it still leads in all that goes to make a kitchen cabinet better.

The MCDUGALL is not an ordinary kitchen cabinet—it is a veritable method of better kitchen management. This method extends to every working unit in the kitchen, but its primary purpose is to save time and labor, as well as a better utilization of food, etc. One hundred per cent efficiency and thrif are its inevitable accompaniments when introduced in a home.

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Start them off with a Savings Account.

**Tarboro Building & Loan Ass'n**  
THOS. B. JACOCKS, Secretary and Treasurer.  
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## —Something Special—

# On Monday, April 12

At Ten O'clock We Will Offer for Sale a Five Piece Lot of Cut Glass at Only

## —\$1.29 EACH—

Only one of each piece sold to a customer. Don't forget the date as positively we will not sell one single piece at any price until Monday at ten o'clock. See our window.

Cut Glassware on the table adds the final touch to dining. Its crystal beauty has gained universal appreciation.

No. 1—Celery Tray	Six)
No. 2—1/4 lb Candy Jar	No. 12—Nappy, Shallow
No. 3—Comport, High Foot	No. 13—Sugar and Cream Set
No. 4—Whipped Cream Bow	No. 14—Sugar and Cream Set
No. 5—Comport, Low Foot	No. 15—Fruit Bowl, 7 inch.
No. 6—Fruit Bowl, 7 inch.	No. 16—Mayonnaise Bowl and Plate
No. 7—Fruit Bowl, 8 inch.	No. 17—Pitcher
No. 8—Fruit Bowl, 8 inch.	No. 18—Cylinder Vase
No. 9—Condiment Set 4 Piece	No. 19—Flower Basket
No. 10—Mango Dish	No. 20—Pickle Dish
No. 11—Tumblers (In Sets of	

**W. L. & J. E. SIMMONS**  
Tarboro, N. C.

# JUST RECEIVED

## —A CAR LOAD—

# Detroit Vapor Wickless Stoves

MORE HEAT LESS FUEL  
LESS FUEL MORE HEAT



The season is now at hand when oil stoves are to be more in demand. It will pay you to investigate the Detroit.

—Let us demonstrate it to you—  
IT PAYS TO TRADE AT  
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NOTICE  
Public notice is hereby given that The Tarboro Motor Bus Co. has applied to the Board of Commissioners of the town for a franchise to operate on the streets of the town a passenger motor bus line running on a regular schedule.

If any citizen objects to the town granting this franchise they will have to file complaint with the Board before April the 20th, 1920, as said franchise will be considered at the regular monthly meeting in May.  
J. H. JACOCKS, City Clerk.  
March the 20th, 1920. 1tw-4wks

**DANGERS OF A COLD**  
Tarboro People Will Do Well To Heed Them.

Many bad cases of kidney trouble result from a cold or chill. Congested kidneys fall behind in filtering the poison-laden blood, and backache, a cold. Use Doan's Kidney Pills at headache, dizziness and disordered kidney action follow. Don't neglect the first sign of kidney trouble. Here is an experience told by a resident of this locality.

J. W. Parker, R. F. D. No. 1, Speed, N. C., says: "Being outside in all kinds of weather and catching a cold which settled in my kidneys is what I blame for bringing on my kidney complaint. I was troubled a whole lot at night, because my kidneys didn't act properly, and I had nagging pains in the small of my back. I was also subject to headaches and was often nervous. Hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills, I began taking them and I am glad to say they are just as represented. Doan's entirely cured me."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Parker had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y., adv.

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**PRESCRIPTIONS**  
**Macnair Drug Store**

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KEEPING the buildings painted is a good way to save money when lumber is high, and a painted house makes a satisfied tenant.

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by buying the right kind of paint direct from the manufacturer. SCO-CO paints are made from the very best materials obtainable—they look fine and wear like iron and they are guaranteed by a maker you know well. There is a SCO-CO paint made specially for every use, and you cut out all the middleman's profits when you buy from us.

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