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COST OF BUILDING MATERIAL.

From one end of the country to the other the wail of the unsatisfied house hunter is heard in the land. In all growing towns there is shortage of houses. The country has increased its population and has not built houses to correspond. And people will not live in the tumble down old shacks that used to satisfy them.

The manufacturer can not fill his orders, if he can't get help. And if there are no houses in his town for help to live in, he can not get them to move into his community and work for him. The lack of houses keeps workpeople moving from one town to another, it adds to industrial unrest. It produces exorbitantly high rents, and tends to keep all prices up.

House building in many places has practically stopped, owing to high cost of construction. While carpenters, masons, plumbers, etc., seem to be getting extravagantly high pay, yet the biggest increase of all has been in building materials. Many standard materials cost four times as much as before the war. If materials could be brought down to a reasonable figure, a lot of investors would stand the high cost of labor and put up homes and relieve this tension.

The federal and state governments and business men's organizations everywhere should take up this building materials question. They should make a systematic effort to find how far it is due to profiteering, and if there is not some way to reduce this cost. If lumber is not being cut fast enough, organize gangs of lumbermen and get out an enormous output that shall fill the demand. Boom the production of cement and brick and all substitutes for wooden materials. There is a great need for houses in the cities and towns of North Carolina, and especially in Tarboro, and no bigger problem confronts the business interests than planning for a great construction campaign.

ATTRACTING MOTOR TOURISTS.

Millions of people now go out for long and short automobile tours. They roam around with the idea of seeing the country. Many of the tourists pass through Tarboro every week.

It is occurring to people in a good many cities that it is worth taking pains to welcome these people and show them courtesies. These travelers spend quite a good deal of money at the places where they stop. Also they carry away favorable reports of places they like, and constitute an advertising force of much value.

The city of Marysville, California, is one of many places that has taken progressive steps in this direction. It has set aside a well located plot of land as a campaign place for motor tourists. The number of such parties registered there last year was 1887, representing 300 cities. It is easy to see that a great many people heard of Marysville through this means.

The city built shelter houses on this tract, each suitable for one party. There are water hydrants, a service house with free telephone and shower baths, and a book register with a column for criticisms and sug-

gestions. The uniformly favorable comment made by these visitors show that these courtesies have created a very favorable impression. The trees, shrubbery, and flowers, planted about the tract, must have helped confirm this idea.

This automobile park was built on land given by the county and city, local merchants contributed material at cost, and the total expense for equipment was but \$2,500. Surely it was worth much more than that. Probably every one of those 1867 automobile parties averaged to spend \$10 in that city, very likely more. Many parties remained several days. Such a resort would be a fine thing to establish in Tarboro.

PINNING DOWN CANDIDATES.

The custom of questioning political candidates is on the increase. Long lists of queries are handed to them. They are asked to define their opinion on all sorts of theoretical and practical problems. Of course you can't wholly judge a man's fitness by any such catechism. If a man has had a good record of achievement and honesty, you can trust him without asking him to settle every question in advance.

Nevertheless, a cat can look at a king. Every citizen has a perfect right to quiz any candidate, from presidential candidates down. Aspirants for office must expect to be rather explicit in stating their ideas and purposes. The time when candidates could get by on their good looks and capacity for hand shaking has gone by.

ONE CAUSE OF BOLSHIEVISM.

One cause for spread of bolshevistic sentiment is the victimizing of ignorant people by sharpers. The newly arrived immigrant is the easiest victim, and is swindled at every turn. Frequently he can get no legal redress. He concludes that the laws are made only for the rich, and he is fruit for the agitator.

Banks in districts having large foreign population are urged to organize bureaus with representatives who can speak foreign languages, and give financial advice to those unfamiliar with our language. Banks doing this would get a lot of money that now goes into fakes. The banks of North Carolina should make a systematic effort to inform inexperienced people, both natives and foreigners, of the best ways to invest money, and how to avoid the fake schemes by which they are so constantly stung.

A PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN.

Everybody is talking about the necessity of increasing production. But no systematic effort is being made to secure the increase. Employers are doing their best to get it. But their help may feel that this is simply their effort to drive them in the interest of higher dividends.

The British government has better plans to meet this problem. It has appointed a committee which will investigate conditions in every industry and make reports as to how production can be increased. This committee includes representatives of labor as well as of capital, so that the workers will feel that their interests are consulted.

Such committees should be studying conditions in every industry in this country, and securing the cooperation of every one in the effort to stimulate production.

WEAK; RUN-DOWN

Carolina Lady Got So She Could Just Drag—“Cardui Built Me Up,” She Declares.

Kernersville, N. C.—In an interesting statement regarding Cardui, the Woman's Tonic, Mrs. Wesley Mabe, of near here, recently said: “I have known Cardui for years, but never knew its worth until a year or so ago. I was in a weakened, run-down condition. I became drabby—did not sleep; I could do no work; I could not think; I was without a great effort, I tried different remedies and medicines, yet I continued to drag. I decided to give Cardui a trial, and found it was just what I really needed. It made me feel much stronger soon after I began to use it. I began to eat more, and the nervous, weak feeling began to leave. Soon I was sleeping good. “Cardui built me up as no other tonic ever did. “I used Cardui with one daughter who was puny, felt bad and tired out all the time. It brought her right out, and soon she was as well as a girl could be. We think there is nothing like Cardui.”

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

Marshal Foch, who today is to be presented with a magnificent baton by a delegation representing the Knights of Columbus of America, was the supreme commander of the allied forces in the final period of the world war. Prior to his selection for this important post he had distinguished himself as one of the most brilliant French commanders in the war. The great victory of the battle of the Marne was largely due to his strategic genius. He was the chief director of the battles of Ypres and of the Iser, and the safety of Calais was largely due to him. In 1915 he was in command of the offensive in Artois, and of the Somme fighting in 1916. As a boy of 19, the future marshal of France fought in Franco-Prussian war, and afterward returned to take up his studies at the Ecole Polytechnique. As evidenced by his record in the late war, Marshal Foch combines great practical ability in the field with a deep knowledge of strategy and of military theory.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- 1856—The famous Charter Oak at Hartford was blown down; a dirge was placed at noon and the bells were tolled at sundown.
- 1870—The French government prohibited the exportation of food.
- 1871—One hundred lives lost in a hurricane and earthquake in the Island of St. Thomas.
- 1886—Prince Alexander of Bulgaria was abducted from his palace in Sofia and carried into Russia.
- 1895—Collapse of Coliseum building at Chicago.
- 1901—France and Turkey severed diplomatic relations owing to differences over quay concessions.
- 1905—Mary Mapes Dodge, poet, author and editor, died at Tannersville, N. Y. Born in New York city, Jan. 26, 1838.
- 1917—Over 300 were reported dead in riots in several Spanish cities.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY.

Police raided the office of a Sinn Fein paper in Dublin. President Wilson declared himself powerless to declare peace until the senate ratified treaty.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Hon. Louis P. Brodeur, justice of the supreme court of Canada, born at Beloeil, Que., 58 years ago today.
- George H. White, the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee, born at Elmira, N. Y., 48 years ago today.
- Dr. Donald J. Cowling, president of Carleton College, born in Cornwall, England, 40 years ago today.
- Frank A. Munsey, well known newspaper and magazine publisher, born at Mercer, Maine, 66 years ago today.
- Frank J. Marshall, champion American chess player, born in New York city, 43 years ago today.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

- Centenary of the birth of John Tyndall, one of the greatest of English natural scientists.
- The Brown Family Association, whose members are among the most numerous of any family in America, meets in annual reunion today at Coventry, Conn.
- Governor James M. Cox, democratic nominee for president, has accepted an invitation to deliver a public address today at Canton, Ohio.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, candidate for vice president on the democratic ticket, is scheduled to speak tonight at Portland, Oregon.
- The Lafayette statue subscribed for by the Knights of Columbus in America is to be formally presented to the city of Metz today. In connection with the day's ceremonies, Marshal Foch is to be presented with a baton by the same organization.
- Today will see the close of a spirited campaign for the United States senatorship in Texas between former Senator Joseph W. Bailey and Pat M. Neff of Waco. The contest will be decided in the run-off primary to be held Monday.

GOVERNOR TRIES TO ABOLISH OFFICE

Mexico City, Aug. 21.—Celestino Gasca, former shoemaker, now governor of the federal district which comprises Mexico City, is trying to abolish his own office. Senor Gasca contends that his work is not necessary, since there is a city council in existence well able to han-

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North Carolina in the Superior Court. Edgecombe County. Elizabeth F. Evans Vs Colan Evans. Notice. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Edgecombe County to secure an absolute divorce from the defendant, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the first Monday after the first Monday in September, 1920, at the court house of said county in Tarboro, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

A. T. WALSTON, Clerk of the Superior Court. This 23rd day of July, 1920.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Edgecombe County. In the Superior Court. Elizabeth Page vs. Roy V. Page. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the undersigned clerk of the superior court at his office in Tarboro, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, on the 6th day of September, 1920, and answer or demur to the complaint in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This the 6th day of August, 1920.

A. T. WALSTON, Clerk of the Superior Court.

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of T. L. Edwards, deceased, late of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present them duly proven to the undersigned on or before July 15, 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate settlement. This the 10th day of July, 1920. STEPHEN W. EDWARDS, JULIUS F. EDWARDS, Administrators of T. L. Edwards, deceased.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Limited Partnership known as The Columbia Battery Station of Tarboro, N. C., in which I was a limited partner, has been dissolved and being a limited partner in the above named firm I disclaim all responsibility for debts contracted in the name of the firm. The above Limited Partnership can be found duly recorded in the Register of Deeds' office of Edgecombe County at Tarboro, N. C. JAMES R. WORSLEY. 8-12, 19, 26—9-2, 9, 16, 16

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of V. B. Knight, 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 22d day of June, 1921, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. K. T. KNIGHT, and MRS. T. A. MATHEWS, Administrators. j22-11w-6wks 18-1f

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