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WHAT IS GRAFT?

Graft is malfeasance in office. It is the taking of more than legal fees by an officer of the law. This is a crime hard to prove, because of multiplicity of laws.

All North Carolina can't convict a single man in the State employ of graft, even were the charge true. Too many of them, and they stand together. Besides, what is graft? Go get answers, and you'll get as many answers as you meet people; what one man considers graft another does not. In the case of the State Board of Health, when the Poole Bill was before the Senate, and Senator Johnson of Duplin made the charge of graft against the State Board of Health, it was because it was known that the board's enforcement officers were known to be condemning privies that were good and sanitary, but were not according to the board's specifications, and requiring that the old privies be torn down and that new ones be built according to specifications; and this field force usually recommended certain carpenters to do the work at a cost of \$25 a privy, when the actual cost should not have and in all probability did not cost the carpenters exceeding \$10 each, and in this Senator Johnson charged graft, for he and many believe the board's field force and the builders had an understanding, but this cannot be proven, you will later learn.

The writer knew that the only remedy was to remove the chance for things of this kind. I did it.

This way of doing things just like everybody else is destroying the initiative in us all. Doggone a rut.

Buying and riding in automobiles is reducing the circulating medium in the South to a very distressing point.

A man never enjoys that he does not work for—if he is a real man. To get things free does not appeal to any honest man.

Summer school is where teachers are moulded into teaching machines. When they have done what they have been taught to do, school is out.

To get a mere smattering of books is of little use. That's why a little learning is a dangerous thing—so few have correct comprehension of matters.

If a private citizen, a taxpayer, intimates an official is getting too much pay, that citizen is henceforth regarded by the said official as being both an enemy and a fool.

How do you pronounce CHORE? and SOVEREIGN? and the name of one of implements with which that mob was armed that arrested Jesus on the night of his betrayal—spelled STAVES?

When did Dr. E. C. Brooks learn anything about county government? Another thing, that man draws a salary as president of State College, does he also draw pay as head of this New County Government business?

There may be an excuse for poverty. A man may have to pay his taxes, for instance. But there is no excuse for dirt. Everybody any account can clean up when they are through work. Then comes peace and rest

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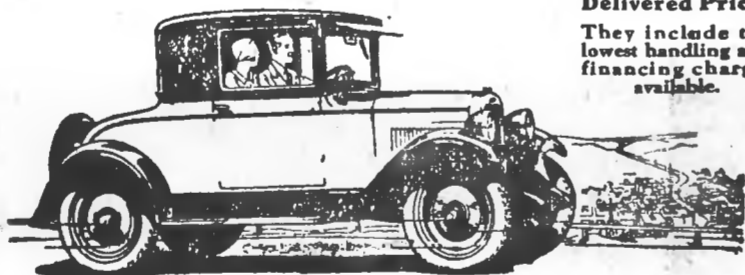
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