

**"TOO MUCH SPACE TO BLACK-GUARDS."**

A news story sent out from Washington a few days ago quoted President Harding as saying, in discussing recent attacks upon members of the Cabinet, that the press gives too much space to the utterances of the black-guard and not enough to the really great and good things the government is doing.

Of course the President had in mind the big city dailies which are always looking for an opportunity to spring a sensation, and not the newspapers of the smaller towns, where people are not so much interested in the sputterings of the flannel mouth and the inconsequential of all classes; but in the people who are constructive forces in material, intellectual and spiritual accomplishment.

How did all these cheap-skates ever put the hoodoo on the big papers, anyway? From the pet nicknames applied to the bruisers, the bootleggers, the bank robbers, the dope fiends and the denizens of the underworld at large, one would suppose that there were no people in the country doing anything for the real advancement of the human status, and that the most important people to be talked about and most prominent in public affairs were those of the classes enumerated above.

It is hardly thinkable that the big newspapers have so great a patronage bestowed by the "Mike de Pikes," the "Big Tims," the "Cauliflower Joes," the Peggy Joyces, the "Sheiks" and a thousand others, that they are entitled to the spotlight and asinine adulation while everyday common people who are doing a good work should be but are not made conspicuous by the work they are doing, even though it be something that is being done by some one else and therefore has no sensational features about it.

The President is right. Altogether too much space is given to the utterances of blackguards, and to the doings of people of absolutely no consequence. There has been built up an aristocracy of nothingness, if the misuse of the word aristocracy may be pardoned, in human values, and so long as patrons of the big newspaper permit themselves thus to be imposed upon without protest, probably just that long may there be nothing better expected.—Publishers' Auxiliary.

There must be some reason for the fact that every man, woman and child in Vernonia is a booster. Glance about and see if you can't locate the cause.

**HARD TIMES.**

Harking back to the past, you cannot remember the time when people didn't complain of hard times. That is why, like menaces, hard times we must have with us always in order that we may have something to complain of. Times are hard, they always are somewhere in the world. Many people now look back a few years to war times, money was plentiful, wages were high, farm products and factory products brought high prices, and they say; "Those were the good old days." But in those good old days they were saying that in spite of money being plentiful, the cost of living licked up every cent they could get and they longed for the time when things would get back to normal again.

Do you know that while money is tight, as a natural result of natural causes, times would not be hard if people did not take advantage of them as excuses for not meeting their obligations? Men who have money, or could have it, to pay what they owe the butcher, the baker, the grocer and the banker, use the hard-times excuse for not meeting their obligations and go out and spend good cash for things they do not need, instead of passing the dollars along to reduce their indebtedness. People with overdue notes at the bank, and yet manage to find the money for luxuries, are not helping matters along in the way of freer finances.

The times are not worrying the man who keeps at work and pays his debts, who keeps his money in circulation and saves as much as he conveniently can out of every week's labors. Those are the men who keep the community from falling into the dumps, the men who make it possible for business to keep right on getting better, the men who refuse to sit down and grumble and try to hold their shortcomings into other shoulders by constantly prating about "hard times."

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**HAD HEARD IT ALL BEFORE**

**Mr. Peeter's Pessimism Interrupted by Memories of His Grandfather's Remarks Concerning Time's Trend.**

"This boasted progress of ours is mere illusion," grimly said old Festus Peeter. "Corruption permeates our entire social fabric. Selfishness has supplanted generosity. The process of disintegration is going on at an alarming rate. Our sole god has come to be money. Vice is tolerated, and we make obeisance by hypocrisy. Patriotism has disappeared. Waste and idleness abound. Humanity is decaying at heart. Criminality, moral obliquity, class hatred, the destruction of the family sentiment, pessimism and skepticism are evident on every side; and so on and so forth.

"In fact, I would mention that a crisis is at hand, and also that it is a pretty kettle of fish. If I did not recall that my venerable grandfather held practically the same opinion of the world and his fellow men at his stage of the game and there are still in existence letters written by his grandfather wherein is set forth a like estimate of the folks and affairs of his day, and there is a tradition to the effect that his ancestors felt the same way about their own times and associates. And very likely I might run for office on the strength of the awful condition of everything if I hadn't always been fairly respectable and reasonably able to earn an honest living."—Kansas City Star.

**KNEW MUCH OF SANITATION**

**Explorer Points Out Error in Classing People of Old Times as Absolutely Barbarian.**

During a protracted stay in Arabia and other parts of the Near East, Col. W. G. Archer of Evansville, Ind., master plumber and field agent of the National Association of Master Plumbers, made a study of ancient sanitation equipment. He returned to the United States only a few months ago and was in this city recently, says a San Antonio correspondent.

"We prate of our great civilization and we discount the ancients, because we know next to nothing of their methods or their customs," Colonel Archer said. "I found bathtubs made of onyx in Babylon and evidence of tubs made of metal and various other kinds of stone. They are identical with those of to-day, with the same openings for letting water in and for letting it out. The Babylonians had sanitation, plumbing and bath facilities practically as we have them to-day.

"I know a number of Englishmen who are 'digging' in the ruins of the Island of Crete, and I recently received pictures of vitrified bathtubs and toilet fixtures that they have unearthed there."

**Traces of Old Civilization.**

Five miles from Dartford, England, on the old Dover road the modern road-makers are making great discoveries. Just ahead of them is a Roman camp. Under their feet are traces of Celtic, even earlier, civilization.

The biggest find so far has been the skeleton of a woman, six feet three inches in height, crouched with hands clasped in a praying attitude. Clearly not a Roman burial, for the pose is Celtic and there was no trace of a coffin. The skeleton lay where the body was placed, in a hole cut in the solid chalk.

The road makers are keeping careful watch for more of these "finds." Already they have accumulated portions of a Roman tessellated pavement, some characteristic ornaments of the period, and other signs that the area covered by the camp is being approached.

**Many Visit Forests.**

Value of the national forests for recreation is increasing by leaps and bounds. Six million people visit the forests annually to camp, fish, hunt, hike, motor or rest, from all parts of the United States, says the American Forestry Magazine. Recreational use of these forests represents possibly less than 1 per cent of their total potential use. The rapid increase in the number of people deriving pleasure from the forests is due in large part to their recreational development by the forest service. Over a thousand campgrounds have been set apart and posted and recreational permits have been issued for over 6,000 summer homes, cabins, hotels and club houses.

**Sure He Will Find Treasure.**

An Irish farmer risked his all on a field of two acres near Mullinger, which, in the ordinary way, would have brought about \$200. After brick bidding he paid \$2,000 for it. The farmer who has become the new owner expended his life's savings on its acquisition. He declares his intention of digging over the whole acreage in search of treasure. Some time ago a box was dug up in the field, and was found to contain some Spanish gold coins and a map, believed to indicate the hiding place of more treasure in the field.

**They Heard Him.**

Brother had the habit of asking for something to eat whenever he happened to be at a neighbor's house, so his mother told him he must never do such a thing again. The next time he returned from a visit to the neighbor's she asked him if he had begged for anything to eat. "No," he said, "I was just talking to myself about how hungry I was, and they heard me."

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