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**USE AUTO LICENSE MONEY
TO BUILD ROADS**

With nearly thirty-five thou-
sand automobile licenses issued by
the state within the first five
months of the fiscal year, and
probably another ten thousand
will be issued before the year is
out, June 30, 1917, is it not per-
tinent to ask the question what
becomes of this money the state
gathers in from this new source.

Let us figure that the average
cost of a license is six dollars and
a half, that will make on the
thirty five thousand licenses a sum
of nearly a quarter of a million
dollars. What is done with it?
Does it go to the general fund of
the state, and if so, why?

The logical and proper dispo-
sition of this money is upon the
highways of the state, the better-
ment of the roads, and, thus re-
turn to the original owners of the
money, improved highways.

Let us suppose that a license
tax of \$10.00 per car was the state
tax on automobiles, which, with
a conservative estimate of 45,000
cars in the state, would bring in
\$450,000, and, let the legislature,
which meets soon in Raleigh, pass
a law that this money is to be used
exclusively for road improvement,
is it likely that there will be a sin-
gle objection to the tax?

Every owner of a car would
cheerfully contribute his quota
when he knows that the money
would go to the improvement of
the roads that he daily uses, and
often complains about.

The plan would have to be
worked out scientifically, of
course, but it would seem that a
bill could be prepared for presen-
tation to the next assembly along
these lines.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Wilson's message, de-
livered at the re-convening of Con-
gress, Tuesday, will be found in
full on the front page of this is-
sue.

Businesslike almost to the point
of abruptness the message reads
of things to be accomplished
which Congress, in view of the se-
rious conditions, dare not evade.

First and foremost is the trou-
ble between the railroad magnates
and the union representing the
men, and while the tenor of the
president's remarks are along the
lines of regulation, compelling
obedience to the law by the rail-
roads, it was evident also that the
union would also be placed under
supervision, if the chief executive
has his way.

The elimination of the possibil-
ity of strikes tying up the coun-
try, by the mere say-so of some
union executives, is a crying need
of the country, at the same time
the men should be properly pro-
tected, and, they will if the pow-
ers of the Interstate Commerce
Commission are extended as de-
sired.

The recommendation to broad-
en the laws governing Porto Rico
brought forth an immediate pro-
test from the suffragists, for when
the president read the words "The
present laws governing the island
and regulating the rights and priv-
ileges of its people are not just",
the women unfurled the silken
banner of suffrage yellow, upon
which was inscribed in black let-
ters the inscription, "Mr. Presi-
dent, what will you do for woman
suffrage?", which fluttered down
upon the heads of Senators and
Representatives.

The president smiled and turned
back to his manuscript and con-
tinued his address.

Another recommendation is for
the passage of a bill to regulate
the expenditure of money in elec-
tions, commonly known as the
Corrupt Practice Act, which the
president wishes extended.

Another important recommen-
dation is the extension of freedom
to those engaged in promoting
the foreign commerce of the coun-
try, that is now thought by some
not to be legal under the terms
of the law against monopoly.

After the president retired the
members discussed the message in-
formally, and it was the general
opinion that congress will enact
into law what the president has
asked for, but it also was the op-
inion of many that there was a pos-
sible bitter clash with labor dur-
ing the early part of next year.

So well was the president's mes-
sage received that the republicans
joined with democrats in cheering
Mr. Wilson.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

The matter of general education
in this country has reached a point
where more serious consideration
will have to be given the question
of rural schools.

Of one fact there can be no
question, our country has reached
a period in its history when its
people must be given education.
Ignorance and illiteracy are no
longer compatible with twentieth
century life.

Every person familiar with
conditions under which the coun-
try schools are maintained, knows
that under these conditions it is
absurd to even hope that a child
may obtain a competent education
therein. With a school house to
every two or three miles of terri-
tory, dividing up the attendance
and multiplying the number of
teachers, two unavoidable conse-
quences result—terms are shorten-
ed and inferior teachers are em-
ployed.

It is a fact, patent to all intelli-
gent observers, that to attain to
any proficiency in teaching, the
person must choose this as his or
her life work, and must labor to
equip themselves for efficient ser-
vice. To this end there must be
sufficient inducement. The utter
absurdity of a three or four
months term at \$25 or \$30 per
month furnishing that inducement
is plain to all.

One of the greatest possible de-
triments to the proper education
of a child is an incompetent teach-
er, and that the conditions just de-
scribed are fast flooding the land
with a lot of incompetents is plain
to all. And the child is the suf-
ferer. Where he should be right-
ly and thoroughly grounded in all
the different branches, in reality
he frequently has but an imperfect
and sometimes even a wrong
ground mark to build on, the re-
sults of which are seen in the wo-
fully inefficient lives of so many
of our people.

Again, it is too plain even for
argument, that no community can
educate its children on three and
four months terms of school. Prac-
tically the entire accumulations of
the short term are forgotten dur-
ing the long vacation.

There are, then, two indisputa-
ble requisites to the proper edu-
cation of our rural population—
competent instructors and school
terms sufficiently long. Of course,
in the densely populated districts
schools can be maintained of suf-
ficient size to guarantee the length
of the term, as this depends almost
entirely on the per capita, and giv-
ing the term, with an adequate sal-
ary, the competent teacher is eas-
ily secured and the children's best
interests conserved.

But in the sparsely settled dis-
tricts this is not the case and here
arises the imperative need of con-
solidation—reducing the number
of schools, thereby increasing the
funds available for each, thus in-
suring the desired results of a
longer term and more competent
teacher.

As to just how consolidation
may best be accomplished, must
be left almost entirely to local
conditions to determine. The public
conveyance plan is working well
in many sections. The develop-
ment of good roads is also having
a beneficial effect and aiding in
the solution. But as we stated,
this is entirely a local question and
must be worked out locally.

The important point is that the
people be brought to see the abso-

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sweet and refreshed.

Wash yourself on the inside before
breakfast like you do on the outside.
This is vastly more important because
the skin pores do not absorb impuri-
ties into the blood, causing illness,
while the bowel pores do.

For every ounce of food and drink
taken into the stomach, nearly an
ounce of waste material must be
carried out of the body. If this waste
material is not eliminated day by day
it quickly ferments and generates
poisons, gases and toxins which are
absorbed or sucked into the blood
stream, through the lymph ducts which
should suck only nourishment to sus-
tain the body.

A splendid health measure is to
drink, before breakfast each day, a
glass of real hot water with a tea-
spoonful of limestone phosphate in it,
which is a harmless way to wash
these poisons, gases and toxins from
the stomach, liver, kidneys and
bowels; thus cleansing, sweetening
and freshening the entire alimentary
canal before putting more food into
the stomach.

A quarter pound of limestone phos-
phate costs but very little at the drug
store but is sufficient to make anyone
an enthusiast on inside-bathing. Men
and women who are accustomed to
wake up with a dull, aching head or
have furred tongue, bad taste, nasty
breath, sallow complexion, others who
have bilious attacks, acid stomach or
constipation are assured of a
pronounced improvement in both health
and appearance shortly.

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out.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIX

Havi. this day qualified as Admin-
istratrix of John H. Ausbon, deceased,
late of Scotland Neck, North Carolina,
I hereby notify all persons having
claims against the decedent to present
the same to me duly verified on or be-
fore the 25th day of October, 1917,
or this notice will be pleaded in bar of
their recovery.
All persons indebted to said estate

**We Are Doing Our Very
Best to old Down Prices**

For the past two months the markets of the world have all but run
away with themselves, but we had lots of things bought right, so have
sold right many things at lower prices than we could have afforded,
had we bought on the then market.

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tomers. Prices will be made as low as possible and we will see that
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Administratrix of John H. Ausbon.
S. A. Dunn, Attorney.
Nov. 3-7-10-14-17-21-24-28
Dec. 1-5-8-12

REFORMING TOMMY

London, Dec. 7.—London's long
faced clement tossed up its hands
today with the discovery that
Tommy is a violent "cusser".
"Foul and blasphemous words
are, as it were, common in camp
speech" said a prominent church
goer who hopes to wash Tommy's
vocabulary. "To hear such con-
versation first shocks young and
sensitive minds and ears but grad-
ually these horrible expressions be-
come a part of their periodical bubble.