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HONG KONG KOLUM



Hard to live within wages—also hard to live without.

Leggett-Shinn

(From West Union, W. Va. Record) Miss Anna Leggett took her departure on Sunday evening for the east, where she will select the fall stock for the Shinn millinery establishment.

Must Wait

An Irishman was recently brought to Bellevue hospital, New York city, with his legs crushed. He had been working in the new subway project and a beam had fallen on him.

After a day or two the doctors decided to operate and amputated both his limbs below the knee. When Pat had come from under the influence of the ether, the physician was standing by his bed.

"Well, Pat," began the doctor, "how do you feel?"

"Awful, doctor," says Pat, "awful. An' O' hope sor that ye won't make me pay the bill till I'm up at wurruk an' on me feet agin."

A Tightwad, Perhaps

"And when I'm gone, won't you think of me as far away, Miss Jinks?" "No, I'll think of you as very close."

Before and After

This is the way that he went home before he took a wife. He was on deck for joy or whatever else was life. He was out late six times a week and led a frisky life. —Judge.

Stella's Bargain Counter It isn't hard to be poor—it's dead easy.

The world likes the knocker who never enters a door without doing a little of it.

His Bitter Memory

There we stood before the parting: 'Round my neck her arms she threw. And I saw that tears were starting From her dreamy eyes so blue.

My caress did not relieve her; My heart pained me, I confess, When I knew I had to leave her— Forty dollars for a dress.

Europe is said to be carefully watching United States steps in Mexico. In all probability with the impression they are goose steps.—Chicago Herald.

Loony Limericks

A chap with a receding face, Put up all his coin on a race, His nag threw a shoe— What was there to do? But trudge home in disgrace!

AIDING THE FARMER

THE federal reserve board promises to become of real use to the people as well as the banks, although the latter protest vigorously at what they deem the invasion of their privileges.

The reserve board has ordered the reserve banks to be the medium for the loan of government funds at 6 per cent to farmers, taking 3 per cent themselves and paying the government 3. The federal reserve banks in Richmond, Dallas, Atlanta, St. Louis and Philadelphia have accepted Secretary McAdoo's proposal. The Cleveland, Chicago and Minneapolis banks have declined the proposal. The San Francisco and Kansas City banks have partially accepted, but desire to fix their own interest rates.

The plan is not only feasible, but meritorious. It enables the cotton grower of the south and the wheat grower of the west to carry their products for better prices. Wheat slumped to 90 cents. The war will force it up, and if the farmer can get 6 per cent money to carry it, he can reap the profit, instead of the speculator.

The plan will grow in popularity, despite the opposition of western bankers, and can be extended to other lines, doing much to relieve the pressure upon the producer, whose crops are now at the mercy of the speculators.

ILL-ADVISED HASTE

THE effort to launch an initiative campaign to rebond the city for \$1,030,000 to refund the paying debt and reimburse property owners who have paid assessments under the Bancroft act, is ill-considered and untimely, as well as unnecessary.

If the bonds can be sold, the fact can be ascertained in advance and the bonding question then submitted to the people.

If the bonds cannot be advantageously sold, there is no use in issuing them, as such action will demoralize the city's financial standing and discredit it in all bond-buying centers.

Continued agitation until this question is ascertained is worse than folly and can only react injuriously.

There is plenty of time for action after it has been ascertained that action is not wasted energy and money.

Commission Form of Government

(By DR. J. LAWRENCE HILL)

Would you like to have Medford governed by a commission instead of a city council? I feel sure my readers and the voters of the city would if better acquainted with the principles and success of the newer and better form of government. Its popularity is growing daily and those who once opposed it are now among its warmest and strongest advocates, and they find adoration of their ideas in a volume, "Municipal Freedom," by Oswald Ryan, recently issued by Doubleday, Page & Co. of New York. It is a book which should be in the hands of every voter, as it answers many questions, removes many difficulties and explains the workings of this form of government, as no other writer has done. It is daily making converts and strengthening the convictions of those who are already in favor of it.

The author's conclusions are these: The commission plan of government for cities has proved a phenomenal success. It has considerably improved civic conditions in the majority of the cities which have adopted it.

Today, 350 cities, containing one-fifth of the entire urban population of the nation, are being admirably and better governed under this system, which is well on the road to becoming the prevailing form of municipal government in this and other countries.

The author lives in Anderson, Ind., is state's attorney of the fifth Indiana judicial district, and is recognized as one of the leaders in the municipal movement in that state. A graduate of Harvard college and the Harvard law school, and has devoted much time to a study of municipal government. In his discussion of the commission plan he begins at Galveston, Tex., where fourteen years ago the first commission began to operate in this country, and gives an informative review of the whole subject. He affirms, and proves, that commission government during these years has had a larger share of consideration from charter reformers and students of government than any other single measure of municipal reform.

The author then sums up what he states may be regarded as the essential characteristics of the straight commission plan as it is in effect and known today in this country.

1. A small governing council, consisting generally, but not necessarily, of five members, exercising administrative, executive and legislative powers.

2. The election of the members of this council by the people at large, instead of by wards.

3. The placing of a council member in charge of each department, for the efficient administration of which he is responsible to the council.

4. The non-partisan selection of both elective and appointive officials through the non-partisan election and merit systems, respectively.

5. The placing of the council under direct popular control through the initiative, referendum and recall.

Moreover, he declares that the careful and unbiased student of this question finds that an improvement in a unmistakable improvement—has

occurred in the various public services, there being a purer water supply, something very much needed in Medford, despite all that has been said in its favor, better streets, more efficient fire and police service and protection, and at a much lower cost. As far as the moral tone of the commission cities is concerned, here, too, is marked improvement to be noted. Gambling and the red lights are no more. The very fact that its bitterest opponents are among liquor men, gamblers, hawdy-house keepers and grafters proves that it is a system of municipal government worth trying, and one that should receive the heartiest support of all who love law and order.

Turning to the general question of efficiency, Mr. Ryan declares it is obvious that a higher grade of municipal officers has been secured under this plan than was obtained under old methods, because the public service is of a higher standard under the new plan than the old.

Commission governments as a whole have been, and are, carried on by men of sound, but average, ability, the author proving that it is a common error to believe that the commission governments have been run by men of extraordinary talents and by experts in administration— for instance, Galveston, Houston, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Salt Lake City, Haverhill, have not been made up of men of unusual attainments.

The date, the reasons, the proofs, the logic, the comparative study of both systems, as set forth in this book, will, I feel sure, convince the most skeptical that in every particular it is the better form of municipal government and should be given a fair trial in this and every city. Get the book and read and let us know what you think of it.

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WELL BOYS! IT'S NOW MY TURN TO SPEAK — I HAVE A LITTLE ARTICLE HERE ON "THE ONION AS THE NATIONAL FRUIT" — BUT — I KNOW YOU'RE ALL TIRED AND SLEEPY AFTER THE FEED AND BUM SPEECHES — THAT I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO LAY OFF THE CHATTER!



269 ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL

The high school enrollment has continued to increase during the last week and has now reached 266. Among this number there are 8 post-graduates, members of last year's senior class. All of the departments are well filled. The commercial department, however, seems to be the most popular, as it is filled to its capacity, all the typewriters being in use throughout the entire day. A class in commercial law has been organized and 26 people have enrolled in this course.

An organization known as the Student's Aid association has been perfected among the faculty. The object of the association is to assist those pupils who are desirous of working before and after school or who, because of their financial condition, are compelled to work their way through school, to secure positions. Mr. Gressy and Mr. Hull have been put in charge of the employment of boys and Miss Carpenter and Miss Mitchell in charge of the employment of girls. The two committees solicit the help of the general public in making the work of the association practical. If those who have positions which could be filled by high school boys or girls, either in the nature of small odd jobs or more permanent positions, will call the high school office and leave the information with the principal, it will greatly facilitate the working out of the plans for this organization. Already several pupils have secured positions through the help of these committees.

The athletic prospects are brightening every day. Thirty-five to forty candidates are turning out each evening for practice and Coach Klum is working them hard and rapidly whipping them into shape for the alumni game, which will be soon. The team will be exceptionally light this year and the biggest problem is to find sufficient linemen who have had any experience and are of sufficient weight. Despite of lack of experience among the men, prospects are good and a winning team is anticipated.

No Communication

A letter addressed "To My Dear God in Heaven," written in a child's handwriting, was recently posted in a Russian townlet. As the address was written in German, the Russian post authorities forwarded it to the German frontier postoffice at Tilsit. The postmaster of the latter place returned with its place of origin was the following superscription: "To be returned. The addressee is in heaven, with which Germany has no communication."

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GREEKS PLEASED BY MOBOLIZATION

ATHENS, via Paris, Sept. 25.—Great relief has been caused throughout Greece by the order calling for the mobilization of the army. The people apparently are glad to exchange the uncertainties of politics for the possibility of war. It is generally believed in unofficial circles that a struggle eventually between Greece and Bulgaria cannot be avoided. Mobilization is under way today, proceeding quietly. The people are bewildered, not knowing whether it may lead them. King Constantine, who recently passed through a severe illness, is indisposed and his conferences with Premier Enzalos have been postponed for a day.

A GOOD BREAKFAST

Puts You in Trim for the Day's Work

When you feel lacking in energy, the chances are you are not eating the right food. Especially may this be true of the morning meal. There's nothing like a good breakfast to give you a grip on the day's work.

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