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HONG KONG KOLUM



Some men who work too hard with other people money aliases need arrest.

Going and Coming (From Branch, Ark. Argus) Monday I took a 4 hour lesson in botany—picking berries. Wife as teacher. Monday night I took an 8 hour lesson in scratching. No teacher required.

Inexcusable Said the waiter to a noisy card party in a hotel bedroom. "I've been sent to ask you to make less noise, gentlemen. The gentleman in the next room says he can't read."

To-Day's Bellringer In a Maine township, one of the old residents having died, a funeral of some size was arranged. The line of vehicles was slowly proceeding down the main street when a 90-year old citizen, slowly trudging along the side walk, approached a bystander.

Stella's Bargain Column Many humorists are extolling the woodman to spare the "chestnut" tree.

Giving hubby a new pair of suspenders is often a "laid-up" game.

In the Year 1950 See the vast assemblage of women. There must be fully five thousand of them.

Do they seem to be having a pretty lively time? They do. They are holding the annual election, and it is a matter of great moment whether Mrs. Henry Gunfodder of Pittsburgh Pa. or Mrs. J. Clarence Swatt of Massachusetts, is chosen president.

Upon the stage Miss Tippy-toes Looks fascinating quite. But on the street, oh goodness knows! She surely is a fright.

And yet, no doubt 'tis even worse. In her boudoir we might peer Her looks'd doubtless be a curse.

HASTE MAKES WASTE

If you were going to try and borrow some money, would you first place a blanket mortgage on your home and then try to peddle it? Or would you first secure the assurance of receiving the money and then make the mortgage conform to the terms of the loan?

To place a blanket mortgage upon the city for a million dollars without knowing whether or not the money can be secured, without adequate legal advice to govern the transaction, is the attempt of those who are initiating the move for a special election to submit rebonding to the people.

Backed by the unlimited credit of the British empire and the French republic, which have never defaulted in meeting interest or other obligation, the five per cent bonds of the war loan are offered at 96 cents on the dollar. What would be the price of a million dollars five per cent bonds of the city of Medford, making a \$1,800,000 obligation upon an assessed valuation of \$4,200,000?

KUROPATKIN

THE Petrograd announcement that General Kuropatkin has been placed in command of the Russian armies shows a surprising reversal of public opinion in Russia.

Kuropatkin is a fitting successor of the Grand Duke Nicholas. He is one of the world's military geniuses, though he lacks the position and iron nerve to defy the czar and the bureaucracy as Nicholas did.

Russia's need is great. Kuropatkin is patriot enough to forget his undeserved humiliation of the past for his country, as Nicholas is bearing his own humiliation today, for Russia needs both.

Alexei Nicolaievitch Kuropatkin is a man of many accomplishments—soldier, scholar, historian, geographer, statesman and administrator. He is 67 years of age, an hereditary noble of Pskof, descendant of the ancient czars of Moscow.

Kuropatkin fought throughout the Russo-Turkish war after helping reorganize the French cavalry in the years following Sedan. He was the first successful governor of Trans-Caucasia and pacified the wild tribes of Turkestan.

It may be that Kuropatkin is destined to lead Russia to victory—for Nicholas left the Russian armies intact, though sacrificing subject border districts to military strategy. The new life and energy of the Russian armies in halting the German rush, at any rate, indicate a master still at the helm.

SQUIRREL FOOD BY AHERN



Paving Debt Is Debt of City Says Mrs. Poe

To the editor: I noticed in H. F. Wilson's letter to the Tribune, my place was mentioned, so I will state to the people, my condition for the past five years.

I had two small houses, I rented one and lived in the other, they came to me with a petition to pave the street, I would not sign it, I knew I could not pay for paving, but they paved just the same and said I owed the city about \$800 at 6 per cent.

I moved into a tent so I could rent my home, when the wind blew, I was afraid, but I thought that paving must be paid for, over \$40.00 a year interest and a payment of nearly \$80.00 making over \$120.00 a year besides my \$20.00 sewer assessment and about \$46.00 general tax.

When I went to work in the country at \$12.00 per month, or worked at any other kind of work I could get to do. When I was in my tent I drank hot water for tea, if I had coffee I could not afford any cream or milk in it, I did not buy what I needed to eat or wear, I believe I paid about \$15.00 for clothes in five years, I had to save every nickel to pay for that street paving.

I am sixty-nine year of age. Is this justice? There are many flags over our city, the Stars and Stripes are floating in the air, but do I feel I have been living in a free country, to be bowed down with debt for the benefit of the public, for five years and would have been for five more, if some one had not opened my eyes, but I could no longer pay for I have nothing to pay with.

I did not need this paving, the city at large did need it, and I am willing to pay my part in taxes the same as I do school tax.

I do not need the schools yet I never try to get out of paying my share per dollar for building school houses and keeping up the schools for the public.

Mr. Sargent spoke of men with \$40,000 having so much tax. One dollar of their property is worth just as much as a dollar of mine, perhaps he thinks John D. Rockefeller ought not to be taxed at all for surely his tax would be high.

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ROCKEFELLER'S INDUSTRIAL PLAN IS APPROVED

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 2.—The Rockefeller industrial plan was approved by unanimous vote at a meeting of mine officers and miners' representatives here today.

About thirty delegates from the coal camps, superintendents from sixteen mines and a half dozen company officers were in the classroom when President Welborn called the meeting to order, to leave J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., to explain the new plan for dealing with the miners at all the camps for final adoption.

Among the miners' delegates were seven from Fremont county, all of whom declared themselves members of the United Mine Workers of America, and former strikers.

Mr. Rockefeller in opening his address to the meeting said: "This is a red-letter day in my life. This is the first time I have ever had an opportunity to speak to the delegates of the miners and to the officers of the company together. This is a day which I shall remember to my dying day."

HAITIAN REBELS TO GIVE UP ARMS TUESDAY

CAPE HAITIEN, Oct. 2.—In consequence of the agreement between the Haitian rebels and the officers of the American expeditionary force, the rebels will deliver their arms to the Americans on Tuesday.

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