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HONG KONG KOLUM

When man reach top of his profession, mlost times getting ready to coast down.

Two hundled pound sponges—flat men who blorrow and don't pay back.

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Today's Bellinger.

Winston Churchill, the famous author, once met an old Missouri friend on Broadway, New York. Seth had left Missouri a raw country boy but was now nittily dressed and had acquired all the polish a big city can give a rustic.

"Doing well, eh Seth?" asked Churchill.

"Yep—doing fine. Suppose you saw 'bout me in the papers yesterday?"

"No," replied Churchill, "I didn't. What was it?"

"Why they said that figures showed there are over 5,000,000 people in New York."

"Well—?"

"I'm one of them, aint I?"

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Stella's Bargain Counter.

Fortune knocks on every one's door while misfortune keeps on knocking.

Every married couple should record their scraps in a family scrap book.

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From Vaudeville.

(Julian Rose.)

I just met Cohen and together we put in 5 cents and had a fine drink. "Come home to dinner with me," he says. "I can't," I said. "I got an engagement to see Hamlet." "Bring him along," said Cohen. "Your friends are my friends."

I went to a wedding the other night. Such a lovely invitation I got. It said: "Your presence is requested," etc. Right away they was after the presents before even I got to the wedding.

The bride was lovely. Her teeth were beautiful—both of them.

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Easy Identification.

"Where's your father, boy?" asked a stranger of a country boy.

"Wall," replied the boy, "he's down way at the end of the field thar with the hogs. You'll know father 'cause he's got a hat on."—Woman's Home Companion.

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All Crazy

In western Georgia a jury recently met to inquire into a case of suicide. After sitting through the evidence the twelve men retired, and after deliberating returned with the following verdict:

"The jury are all of one mind—temporarily insane!"

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On car of Osakis, Minn., dealer—

I am for you first and last.
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Loony Limericks

A silly young couple from Ruckers,
Went down to the sea to skin suckers.
They wanted the type whose money was ripe,
But the suckers skinned the couple from Ruckers.

CORRECTING MINOR EVILS

IN ORDER that the work of the federal Industrial Relations Commission may not be lost, all political parties will be asked to endorse its recommendations to secure equality before the law for workingmen. The following plank will be offered the democratic convention, and similar ones to the republican and progressive conventions:

That this convention favors: 1—An amendment to the federal constitution specifically protecting against encroachment on the rights of habeas corpus, free speech and peaceful assemblage, and the rights to jury trial, to keep and bear arms; to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures; to speedy and public trial; to freedom from excessive bail; and from cruel and unusual punishments.

2—Action by congress to prohibit courts from declaring legislative acts unconstitutional.

3.—Provision that in federal cases, jurors be selected in some impartial manner from a list containing all qualified voters in the district.

4—Congressional regulation or prohibition of private detective agencies and employment agencies doing an interstate business.

5—Regulation by congress of militia organizations so as to insure impartiality during industrial disputes.

These are not partisan but humanitarian matters and should be adopted by all the parties as they correct the existing evils of government by injunction, jury packing, invalidation of just laws by biased courts, protection of property rights at the expense of human rights, false imprisonment, maintenance of private armies, and other industrial evils. Only to protectors of privilege like Barnes and Penrose are such suggestions "hell-born heresy."

It is hardly probable that the recommendations of the commission for relief of unemployment by "removal of its prime causes—unjust distribution of wealth and monopolization of land and natural resources" will be tackled in any convention except the socialist, nor will the recommendation regarding the inheritance law be acted uopn—yet these are really the vital problems before the nation and ere long must demand solution. Until they are solved, industrial unrest and unemployment will continue. All other reforms tinker with the result and leave the cause alone.

BLOCKADE DOESN'T BLOCK

THE ineffetiveness of the British blockade in keeping goods out out of Germany is shown by figures published by the United States treasury department, which prove conclusively that the normal amount of imports from this country to Germany are reaching the latter nation through the neutral Scandinavian nations.

From August 1, 1913, to Sept. 4, 1914, the year before the war, the exports from the United States to Germany were $84,918,080. From August 1, 1914, to Sept. 4, 1915, the increase in exports from the United States to the three Scandinavian countries was $84,226,966, showing that Germany secured its normal quantity of supplies from America through Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The statistics of the treasury department read as follows::

	Aug. 1, 1913, to Sept. 4, 1914.	Aug. 1, 1914, to Sept. 4, 1915.
To Denmark	$6,739,814	$ 45,122,214
To Norway	6,940,802	22,173,888
To Sweden	6,894,240	36,996,720
Totals	$20,065,856	$104,292,822
		220,065,956
INCREASE OF MORE THAN 400 PER CENT		$84,226,966

The United States is still selling Germany as much as ever. At the same time the trade with the allies has increased by leaps and bounds. The business with South America has doubled, and increasing in all other parts of the globe . At the same time, imports to the United States could not be less under the highest kind of a protection wall.

Only the hyphenated citizens and politicians are worrying about the blockade.

COMMUNICATION.

By F. V. MEDYNSKI.)

As Colonel Sargent has failed to rectifty his former errors, and has instead added to them, I feel compelled to give a few more facts, for the edification of those who may have been confused by his past figuring.

He has stated in former papers that some people would have to pay from ten to fifteen times more under the rebonding issue than the actual cost of the paving.

I will take the method of figuring as given by him in the Sun of September 19. He takes a $1000 assessed valuation and says "they would have to pay in thirty years $475." Now, we will grant this to be correct, and say that it represents a home on a fifty-foot frontage with paving costing $5.50 per front foot or $275 total for the lot. Don't you see this is not even doubled, let alone being ten or fifteen times greater.

If this paving assessment has been paid in full, under the rebonding the owner will be reimbursed this amount. Now, let us see what the increase of this $275 will be if put out to interest, by placing it out for thirty years at 8 per cent it would amount to the sum, total principal and interest, of $935. Now, subtract from this the amount of $475 which he would have to pay under the new bonding system, and it would leave a balance to his credit of $460. Then remember this $475 has liquidated his full share of the bonded indebtedness.

A Helping Hand

Let us now look at the case of the one who has not paid up his assessment and is unable to do so. Instead of the city suing and bankrupting him in its mad effort to compel him to perform impossibilities, our city under the rebonding reaches out a helping hand to him, by dividing up this extra taxes into thirty parts, and enables him to retain his little home by paying one-thirtieth of the $475, or $15.83 extra tax each year on account of this bond issue. But you must remember, as the valuation of city property increases, so in proportion will this tax levy diminish. For instance, when the valuation doubles, this new tax levy will be reduced one-half, and so on in proportion to the increase in valuation.

Now, Mr. Poor Man, which would be the easiest and most profitable for you, to pay your just proportion this way, or have your property confiscated through law suits?

The man off the paving has acknowledged that he located there for the purpose of escaping the payment of paving, but at the same time he is perfectly willing to use this paving that was put in at someone else's expense (and in some cases has used it for years); also setting a higher valuation on this property of his solely because of this improvement that was advocated by some citizens who were over-zealous.

Now, when his neighbor, through hard times, brought about by no fault of his, is being forced to the wall and in danger of losing his little home (as many a one on paved street in Medford has already done), this man off the paving who has been benefited by the progressiveness of others, sits back, unwilling to lend a helping hand, bringing forward the plea that his neighbor petitioned for it, let him pay or go to the wall. Let me say right here a great many of these people did not petition for it, and I am informed that in some cases over one-half were opposed to it.

Justice of Rebonding.

Where would this same man, just off the paving, be today, were it not for this paving which he helps to wear out and is satisfied to have some one else pay for? In fact, where would Medford be today if ALL her citizens were like some are? I can tell you, wading in mud a foot deep in many places during the winter, and dust the same depth during summer; she would not be classed a city, but simply a country town. If all showed the same spirit that some are doing now, there would be no fine hotels, no beautiful park, no creditable railroad station and many other improvements; she would be where she was twenty years ago. We can be thankful that those who are ready and willing to profit by another's hard labor, with no exertion or outlay to themselves, are a small minority, and also those who uphold them for doing so are few in number. On the other hand to offset this small minority, I am finding quite a number among those off the paving who realize the justice of this rebonding and reimbursing measure and are signifying their willingness to support it.

Rebonding is not repudiation, for repudiation is refusing to pay. Over one-half of this new bond issue will be at once used to pay off the present outstanding bond of $560,250.00 (and on this we expect to reduce the interest one per cent) and also pay back to the people $470,000.00.

I consider we are owing the people of Medford this money just as much as we do the debt to the present bonding company.

The city considered the watermains a public improvement, and reimbursed the people who advanced the money for same. As the paving is just as much of a public improvement why discriminate And make this discrimination on the lame plea that the people petitioned. Did they not also petition for the watermains

I contend we are not increasing our actual debt one dollar, inasmuch as the $1,030,000.00 we expect to borrow is for the purpose, no more no less, than to pay off our present debt to the people, which money was really only advanced by the people to the city, and that is why I am advocating reimbursing them now.

Neither will we be saddling upon posterity an immense bonded indebtedness. Col. Sargent's own figures proves it will not, for at the end of the thirty years the debt will be wholly cancelled, and all during this time those who are helping pay this debt are also enjoying the use of the paving.

As to the Colonel.

The colonel naively admits that under the rebonding and reimbursing system he would benefit to the tune of $22,000. If he would benefit, pray what is theer to prevent "the large property owner in the business center" from benefitting also? He says "I have plead strongly for the poor man on the improved streets, I have pointed out the injustice of making him pay for other peoples' pavement". This may not be what he intended to say, nevertheless it is true all the same, for the poor man on the paved street does not own that pavement which is in front of his property, has no exclusive right to it, in fact has no personal control over it whatever.

His neighbor who has thoughtfully side-stepped the expense by locating just beyond the paving, may do heavy hauling over it, or speed over it in joy-rides, while the poor unfortunate whose property abuts on this pavement (which all have an equal right to use) in many cases must perforce walk to and fro.

In the resolution recently passed by the council, there is a clause purporting to safe-guard the city, which would alloy those who are opopsed to the new bond-issue, to tie it up for perhaps the next three years, thus enabling the present bond-holders to draw their 6 per cent interest for at leastthat length of time, in spite of any bond buyers that I might find who would be willing to take our bonds.

By that time the principal commences to fall due and we would be t the mercy of the present bond-holders.

During these years of litigation many a poor family will have been driven to the wall by the delay, and forced to let go of their little homes; then some of those who have more money than mercy, and wish to invest can buy these homes at 25 to 50 cents on the dollar.

Do you think by forcing the issue advocated and crushing the small property holders, that it will build up the city?

Are you not aware if 200 or 300 lots in this town should be sold at a sacrifice, say even at 50 cents on the dollar, that it would tend to reduce the value of every piece of land in the city down to that level, and that it would take you 10 years to bring it back to the present valuation?

Remember fellow citizens some of these sacrificed lots may adjoin your own homes, and this would esablish the value of your lot, do you want this to occur? Do you think for one moment that to take poor people's homes or lots will pay the debts of this city, or the out-standing bonds?

Should the city have to bid this property in it will simply be taking that much property from the tax roll, hence it will of necessity increase the taxes on property remaining on the tax roll for whatever goes into the possession of the city is non-taxable.

Urging people to come forward like men and pay up their debts, is all well enough for those who can and won't, but the majority no matter how willing are utterly unable to do so now, yet their honesty is unquestionable.

Medford has at present all the modern improvements of any first-class city, and regarding prospective locators here, the only class that we want or have any room for, are those looking for modern public improvements ,and when they find them are willing to share the burden of these same improvements by paying their just proportion of taxation; knowing they cost some one's good money.

We do not want tax-dodgers (people who are looking for something for nothing) and who cautiously locate just over the line so as to have all the advantages without any cost to themselves.

To Those Off the Paving

I would like to say a few words direct to those off the paving, if you do not want paving now the time will come when you will want it, then the rest of the city will help you to pay for it if you will manfully do your part and share a small portion of the present indebtedness, but you cannot expect to have this help without you do your part now. You must remember you have had the use of and benefit of this paving for a number of years, without any direct or indirect cost to you, for if you help to pay for cleaning these streets you also help to dirty them, and in turn those on the paving are helping to pay for the scraping and grading of your unimproved streets.

Now to you few merchants who are against the re-bonding and re-imbursing, how can you be so short-sighted

Do you know that the success of the people is your success, and that the failure of the people is your ruin?

Citizens keep this article, study it well, and please do some figuring for yourselves.

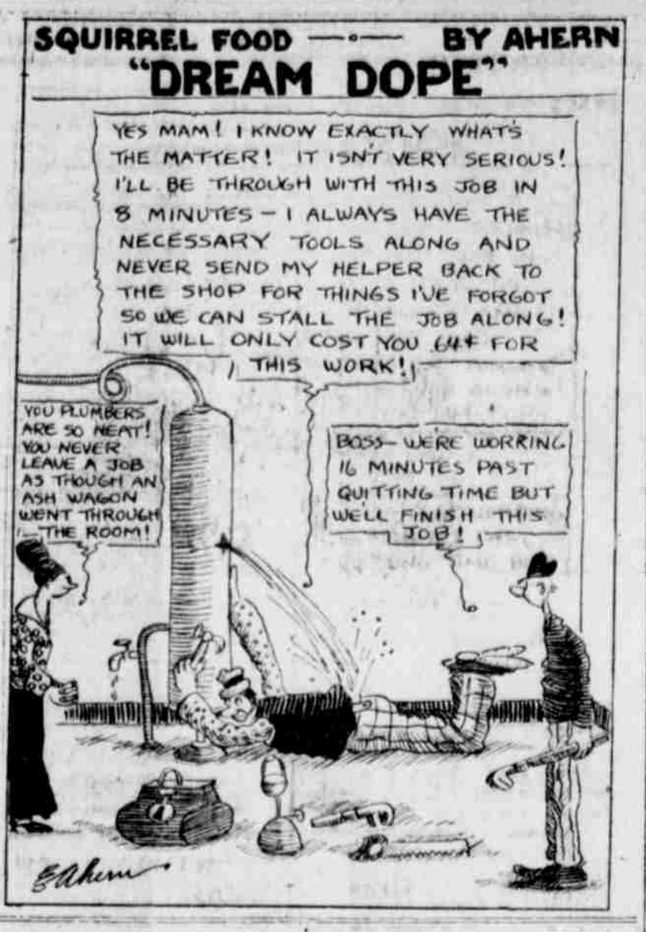
If you do this you will certainly see that my plan of rebonding and reimbursing is an absolute necessity and fair to all.

Misused Them

Bride—I asked that tramp what he did with the biscuits I gave him the other day.

Pa—What did he say

Bride—He said he didn't know they were biscuits—thought they were rubber heels.



Words From Home

Statements That May Be Investigated —Testimony of Medford Citizens.

When a Medford citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Medford resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

F. W. Gray, 507 W. Palm St., Medford, says: "My kidneys began to bother me and caused severe pain. I think the trouble was made worse by the strain of being on my feet so much. Sometimes during teh day's work my back pained me dreadfully and by night I could hardly stand. After I quit work, I couldn't rest. Doan's Kidney Pills were just what I needed and cured me in a short time."

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LESS MEAT IF BACK AND KIDNEYS HURT

Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water.

Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

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