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CHINA BOYS INFORMATION BUREAU



I have been selling my pills for 20 years and have never heard a word of complaint. What does this indicate?—Doc. B.

Well, What is a Pessimist? J. N. O.'s pessimistic grandmother has nothing on my older brother. He's a book agent and when he's making his rounds from door to door and business is rotten, he says to the lady of each house: "You don't want to buy any books today, do you?"—P. B. V.

John W. Dull married Margie Gay in Elkhart, Ind., the other day.

Women of fashion in Europe wear white chamois gloves while kneading bread for the soldiers.—Exchange.

While in America women knead bread with sikrits, waists, shoes and the et ceteras on!

Quick, Watson. Absent-Minded Professor (in bath tub)—My! my! What on earth did I get in here for?

Stella's Bargain Counter Just because a dame is good at figures is no sign that she has a good figure.

Courtship is a Hazardous Enterprise and Only the Strong and Brave Survive Its Tests.

(From Winchester, Idaho, Journal) One of the prominent young men of our city paid a visit to his sweetheart's home with the intention of proposing to her, but when he got to the house he had lost his nerve, nor could he find any one to hold his knees.

Professional Staff First Crook—(I suppose you've been in every jail in the country?) Second Crook—Yes, and in the city, too.

That's What a Lawyer Is, Boy. Papa, what is a lawyer? "A lawyer, my son, is one who gets two men to strip for a scrap and then runs off with their duds."

My daughter and her beau took a photo Sunday. This evening they spent a half hour in the dark room developing. I asked them when they came out if they had developed the negative, the young man replied that they had also developed an affirmative.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE DIAMOND BRAND. Sold by druggists everywhere.

A PESTILENCE OF POVERTY

An interesting discovery has been made by Dr. Jos. Golberger, one of the scientists of the United States public health service, detailed to study pellagra, an epidemic which has caused more deaths in the southern states than typhoid, which, although unknown in this country prior to 1907, already ranks next to tuberculosis and pneumonia as a cause of death. Only nine states of the Union have not reported deaths from pellagra.

Pellagra kills its victims with every accompaniment of horror, inflicting unspeakable agony, condemning its afflicted to a lingering death. Frequently it causes insanity. In 1914 it claimed 57,000 deaths. In 1915 it has 75,000 victims.

Until Dr. Golberger began investigation, it was the prevalent opinion that the new American scourge was caused by germs—a slow infection like leprosy, but his research and experiments demonstrate conclusively that pellagra is nothing more nor less than starvation. Dr. Golberger says:

Pellagra is starvation! The mysterious plague that swept the south and is threatening other sections of the country is an outgrowth of poverty! We've been giving our starving people medicine, when all they need is food!

Dr. Golberger noticed that the victims of pellagra were only the poor, usually the children of the poor; that the rich were immune. So he went to the poorhouses, where it was prevalent, and examined every factor of living conditions. He went to the prisons and used afflicted paupers and convicts for experiments. By certain diets he caused pellagra, by other diets he cured it.

Pellagra is due to lack of muscle-building food, to lack of meat and legumes, to too much carbohydrates, starchy, farinaceous foods, like rice and cornmeal—to lack of variety, to underfeeding.

The remedy is proper dieting, plenty of fresh animal food, plenty of milk and eggs, and the varied nutritious diet that normal appetite craves.

But the real cause is poverty. It is a fine commentary upon our "prosperity" when the poverty of the people causes an epidemic of disease due to starvation.

Pellagra is a pestilence of poverty and its cure is the abolition of poverty by establishing social justice. To quote Dr. Golberger:

Improve economic conditions, increase wages, reduce unemployment. The destruction of the poor is their poverty, not disease.

The Right Way Out

To the Editor: One of the wealthiest men in Jackson county owns a beautiful lot of about 175 feet frontage on a certain street on which three full paying assessments are delinquent, principal and interest, the total delinquency being \$374.08.

Another reputedly and evidently wealthy man owns about 300 feet of paving on the same street, and has made the same number of payments except he has paid one year's interest more than the first mentioned citizen. His total paving delinquency is \$705.27. Both of these men live in luxury, and one of them at least "rolls in wealth," as the saying is.

These are only simple instances of wealthy and well-to-do men all over our city. They have plenty of money for automobiles, for trips, for parties and other expensive entertainments, and for servants to wait on them, but none to pay their paving assessments. It is largely owing to their lack of public spirit and their selfishness that our city is now in its present deplorable financial condition.

It is owing to their failure to pay their assessments, and of our city officials to compel them to pay, that the city council is now about to levy an additional 6-mill tax to pay the paving interest these men have failed to pay.

An eight-mill tax will be a fearful burden for most of our taxpayers to meet at this time, when other and unavoidable taxes are already ruinously high—so high that hundreds of our people cannot pay them at all, and their property will go delinquent, and many will thus ultimately lose their homes by tax sales.

And this eight-mill tax is not necessary, and undoubtedly is illegal.

It is unnecessary for these reasons:

If our city council would now proceed, under the plain provisions of the law, and by the method fully set out for them some time ago by one of the ablest lawyers in Oregon, to collect the paving delinquencies of those people who are well able to pay them, they would soon have money enough to meet the paving bonds interest and have some left over to apply on the principal.

The council only needs to take up this matter of collecting delinquent paving assessments in the same common sense, business-like way they would handle their own affairs. The assessments are legal all the best lawyers in town with one voice say they are legal beyond doubt or question. The Oregon supreme court, the United States supreme court, the supreme courts of other states without number, have all affirmed the legality of such paving assessments.

There is no need at this time to try

to collect from any property obviously not worth the debt; nor from any person not fully able to pay, without serious hardship. Select from the delinquents those obviously able to pay. Notify them that they must pay or show good cause why they cannot do so at this time, and in the cases of those who can pay and will not, proceed to advertise their property for sale.

I say to you now that if our city council will take hold of this matter in this way, with a firm and resolute hand, that these wealthy and well-off delinquents will be fairly "falling over themselves" to get into the city treasurer's office to pay their assessments, rather than have their property advertised for sale.

A further answer is that even if a

part of this tax could go to pay on property that otherwise never could pay, the time has not yet come to begin to levy general taxes to pay assessments which otherwise would be uncollectable. Taxes are too high and times too hard to begin to provide for these assessments now.

Moreover, if this paving matter is settled now, and settled right, which is the only way it can be settled, there is every reason to believe that Medford will slowly begin to share in the wave of better times that is already spreading over the country, and that in a few years such property which now seems hopeless will then be in shape for its owners to pay their paving and keep their property.

Here is the key to the whole situation:

Abandon this eight-mill tax; abandon or knock out this 50-50 proposition, which is just as illegal and just as bad in principle, if not in scope, as the Medynski plan, and go to work with resolute and unwavering purpose to collect the paving delinquencies from those best able to pay them.

Hundreds of our citizens know that what I have here told them is true; and that the plan I have here outlined is the right plan, and they are already saying so to each other. Those citizens should now go to work to put their views into effect. They should organize and bring pressure to bear on our city government. They should insist on the well-off people paying their delinquencies. They should insist on the abandonment of this eight-mill special tax. Also, if possible, save our people from any further distraction and discussion with such measures as the 50-50, or any other illegal and impracticable schemes.

And I will close this article by adding that no possible scheme can be devised to change the burden of our present paving debts, because to do that would be to override the constitution of the United States itself, which says:

"No state shall pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts."

And what so state can do, no body subsidiary to a state can do.

A FRIEND OF THE CITY.

And I tell you further that when the rich and well-to-do begin to pay, then those in common circumstances will do their best to pay also, and without any threat of being sold out, either. That class of people have been the best payers from the start, and many of them would be paying now, had not the evil example of the better-off ones led them, and naturally enough, to stop paying. Why should they work and slump to pay their paving assessments when their richer neighbors spend their money in riotous living and let their paving debts go unpaid?

Neither is there any need, nor, indeed, possible justification for bringing a test suit and wasting many months finding out something that we already know.

If any man of business or a corporation had a number of debts owing to them, and all the lawyers and all the courts said the debts were perfectly legal and collectable, would they fool away time and money carrying a test case through the courts before beginning to collect the debts? Any man of common sense knows they would do nothing of the kind. They would proceed to collect their debts, and if anyone wanted to put his money into a needless test case they would let the debtors do it, not themselves.

This eight-mill special tax will nominally bring the taxpayers of our city \$33,000. As a fact, about 15 or 20 per cent will go delinquent. Of that which is paid, about \$10,000 will come in, in about six months, and about \$15,000 more in a year.

Now, long before this tax money can be available to pay paving bond interest the city council, if they go resolutely to work, can raise two or three times as much from paving debtors, who are well able to pay. Hence this eight-mill tax is unnecessary.

It is also doubtless illegal, for no one has a right to come on to a surety for a debt until every reasonable means to collect from the principal has been exhausted. And in this case no attempts at all have been made to collect from the principals.

An attempt is made to justify the tax by saying that it will be all the same in the long run, for the general taxpayers will have to pay a considerable part of the paving assessments anyway, because much of the assessed property is not worth the paving assessments.

To this the answer is that if this eight-mill tax is levied and collected now, it will simply furnish for our city council an opportunity to still follow the easy line of dallying and procrastination. They will, as before, delay taking any effective action to collect the delinquent paving debts and thus extending the period during which interest must be paid on them, and thus eating up more or all of this eight-mill tax, and no one's paving debts be in any way reduced.

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PARENT-TEACHERS MEET AT AGATE

The Parent-Teachers' association of the Agate district met Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the school house, Mrs. Samuel Storey, as president, presided. A short program was rendered, consisting of songs and roll callers by the primary department, after which Mr. Briscoe, principal of the Ashland schools, very ably delivered an address urging the co-operation of the school and home.

The next meeting will be held December 11 at 8 p. m., at the school house. All are cordially invited.

REV. W. F. SHIELDS RESIGNS AS PASTOR

Rev. W. F. Shields, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, resigned the pastorate of his church yesterday, to take effect the first Sunday in January, 1916. Mr. Shields has been pastor of his church thirteen years. He gave no intimation as to his future plans. His resignation was a surprise to the congregation and is deeply regretted by many.

Bad Luck

The little boy had brought home perfect school reports for several weeks and then his marks suddenly took a tremendous slump. His father viewed the last one in evident disapproval.

"How is this, son?" he asked. "Teacher's fault," said the boy. "How is it the teacher's fault?" "She moved the little boy that sat next to me."

WOMAN IN BAD CONDITION

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THE PAGE

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