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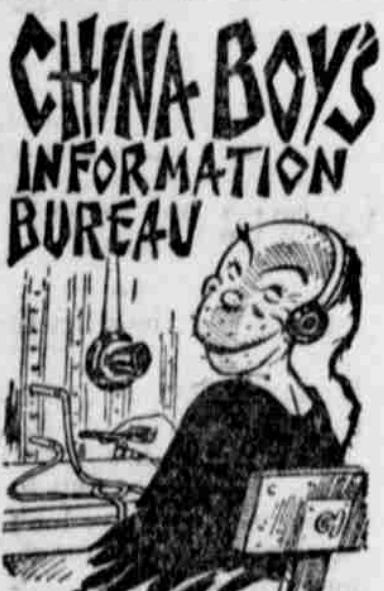
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HONG KONG KOLUM

WHAT'S a good name for a culled
child de image of his Pap?—Dinah
(Why not Clarion Copy?)

Speaking of pessimists, what do
you think of my wife? Yesterday
when I left the house for business
she followed me to the door. "I
want to make one of those 18c doilies
described in the magazine. Please
leave me seven dollars and a half to
buy the materials."—John D. H.

Sign on New York business house:
KOMONSKI,
(Successor to Wm. Toot.)

Sounds like a traffic signal.—Chi-
cago Tribune.

Now Shut Up
She—And woman's work is never
done.

He—No; that's because they all
try to reform their husbands.

Heard on a downtown corner yes-
terday afternoon: "Ella is perfectly
safe on that trip—her face is her
chaperon."—N. B.

Burbs for the Drys
Raised on a bottle and finished
up in a bier.—Yale Punch Bowl.

Today's Bellringer
Hilda Sping, the famous actress,
has a nephew of 16. Recently he was
disobedient and his mother sent him
upstairs to remain in a certain room
for an hour—alone. She carefully
designated the chair he was to occupy.

At regular intervals Bobby called
to his mother in remonstrance, but
she hushed him up. When the hour
was up he said, through his tears:
"I wanted to tell you that your new
hat was on that chair an' I guess I
spoiled it!"

Stella's Bargain Counter
The biggest novelty department
stores are showing are the women
customers who know at a glance just
what they want.

A Loony Limerick
A man whom I'd rather not name,
Started out to hunt Fortune and
Fame:

He dived off a tower
At the busy noon hour,
And the splash that he made was
quite tame!

—Charles Driscoll.

The world is informed by the Lima
(III.) Herald that the Crabtree family
are visiting their relatives, Rev.
and Mrs. Maple of that city. (Sort
of botanical gathering.)

Not for Him
Patron—Walter, is your coffee, as
you advertise, really like mother used
to make?

Walter—Yes, sir.

Patron—Then give me a cup o'
tea!

Yes, Honorable Lives on in the Heart

of the Spinster
(From Jerome, Idaho, Times.)

We wish to inform the lovely
young man at Twin Falls, who placed
his address in a stack of four, that
we received it all right and would
answer but are afraid we are too old.

THE PROPER WAY

WEARIED of the inaction of the city council, an initiative petition forced an election on the proposal of redeeming the Bancroft act improvement bonds by a general bond issue.

On November 9th this proposal was definitely rejected by the people.

If the election meant anything, it was a mandate from the people to enforce existing laws.

Two weeks went by and the council proposed a blanket tax to force those who had already paid their improvement assessments and those who had not benefited by the improvements, to pay the interest on the outstanding improvement bonds. The legality of this levy is questionable, as the state law (Statutes of 1901) provides that paving bond interest must be paid from paving interest funds, collected from the property assessed for paving.

A petition was presented November 23, signed by taxpayers, requesting the council to proceed to collect the interest due on these improvement bonds under provisions of the city charter. No action has yet been forthcoming. Meanwhile new schemes are hatching for dodging debts contracted and shoving the burden of individuals upon the community.

The following from a Portland paper of November 26 shows how Portland handles the situation:

Property owners whose lots were advertised for sale this morning for delinquencies in interest and installments on bonded street and sewer assessments made a rush on the office of City Treasurer Adams and by 10 o'clock when the sale started, over four-fifths had lifted their indebtedness. Of the number of lots remaining 22 were sold to satisfy the lien.

If the council will follow the suggestions of the petitioners it will be an easy matter to collect the interest due, for there will be a rush to pay up when property-owners find the council means business. As in Portland, four-fifths of the delinquents will pay when they have to.

IGNORING THE BUDGET LAW

CHAPTER 222 of the General Laws of Oregon, 1915, subjects all tax-levying districts, except cities having a population over 150,000, to the budget laws provided for counties.

These budget laws provide that it shall be unlawful for any tax to be levied unless an estimate shall have first been made of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, and such estimate published. The estimates must be fully itemized, showing under separate heads the amount required for each department of government, the salary of each officer or employee, and shall contain a full and complete disclosure of the contemplated expenditures from the moneys proposed to be raised by taxation.

The estimates required, together with a notice of the time and place at which such estimates may be discussed with the city council, shall be published at least twice prior to the time appointed for such proposed meeting in a newspaper, provided that the first publication shall not be less than twenty days nor the second less than ten days prior to such meeting.

The city council has made no attempt to comply with this law. Hence the legality of the proposed levy is called into question before its adoption. It affords excellent grounds for contest. Why are the state laws not complied with and remove a chance of still further tangling up the city's involved finances?

THE CONSCRIPT AND THE CAPITALIST

IN Europe's war-stricken countries we hear the murmurs of discontent that threaten to end the bloody contest without decisive results on the far-flung battle lines. These murmurings come not from the trenches or the hospitals or the millions of orphaned children whose pitiful plight should call angels down. The howl of distress comes from the large property-holders.

The hero on the battle line has his choice of death at the hands of the enemy or by a firing squad of his own comrades. But far different with those who sit in snug complacency beyond all danger, except a chance bomb from an aircraft. When the tax becomes irksome they can start a fire in the rear, while their countrymen witter before the onslaughts of the enemy.

The reduction of incomes or decimation of wealth would deprive the possessors of prestige and power, and the destruction of that power and prestige would remove the leaders who set on the children of poverty to mutual destruction. Destroying that prestige and power would deprive the descendants of the few who escape the shrapnel and machine guns of all opportunity in the future to shed glory upon the name of their country in killing and being killed. So it seems likely the war may soon end.

A limited amount of war taxes and war debts are a blessing to the wealthy, as it increases their power and prestige, but when the tax amounts to confiscation and the debt grows to such proportions that it is not collectible, it means the destruction of the capitalistic system of control, and that must be preserved even at the price of dishonorable peace, for have we not read that wealth is the cornerstone of the state, and that industry and commerce cannot exist without the capitalist?

Conscription of the soldier is proper and legitimate, for his kind are plentiful, but conscription of the capitalist's wealth would mean the destruction of civilization. War is only defensible as long as it gives the capitalist opportunity to increase his wealth and power, but when it endangers such it is reprehensible.

However reluctant we are to admit that such are the sentiments of civilized people, the history of the world proves the case. We are controlled by ruling classes that are actuated by just such principles, as against all moral and humanitarian professions. Property has the first call—human life the last.

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**WANT CITY PAY
THIRD OF ASHLAND'S
PAVING DEBT**

ASHLAND, Nov. 27.—Over 200 citizens have petitioned the council to have the municipality assume one-third of the paving expense by a general tax, they also asking that a proportion to this effect be submitted at the forthcoming city election in December. Property owners assumed \$225,000 of the paving expense and the city about \$80,000 for intersections. If the city assumes one-third of the property owners' assessments in addition to the intersections it will be taking over one-half of the total expense, a sum which the council deems excessive.

Bancroft obligations outstanding on paving account amount to \$190,000, less about \$10,000 cash on hand.

Some of the council think the problem might possibly be handled without a bond issue and urge thorough consideration of the matter in all its phases before being committed to a definite line of policy.

The council has referred the question to City Attorney Moore for an opinion, and in the meantime Messrs. Ware, Cunningham and Werth of the council are consulting with Messrs. Landkin, Banta and McCallister, a citizens' committee which presented the original resolution in behalf of property owners who consider themselves unduly burdened by reason of the heavy assessments.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor:

Councilman Medynski publishes a statement in the city papers in which he seeks to justify the unnecessary and illegal 8 mills tax for paying interest on the delinquent paving assessments. In this statement Mr. Medynski claims that the city made an attempt to collect delinquent paving assessments in the spring of 1914. Now, there was a sort of weak and half-hearted attempt along that line made at that time, but some of the best legal authority in Medford states that the measures taken at that time were not made under the provisions of the city charter providing a method for collecting these assessments, but under a special ordinance passed by the council, and that the ordinance was illegal and void; and that several of our ablest lawyers

so informed the council at the time. Such being the case, how could the council have expected that investors would buy the certificates issued under a void ordinance?

Mr. Medynski also quotes a section of the city charter which he claims authorizes the council to levy a tax to pay the interest on the paving bonds. Now the clauses he quotes authorize a tax to pay interest on city debts, but there is no right nor justice in considering this paving bond interest a city debt until every reasonable legal attempt has been made to collect the interest from the property assessed for the paving. And an attempt to collect under an illegal ordinance is no attempt at all.

Furthermore, the provisions of the Bancroft paving act itself make it plain beyond question that this paving interest is not properly a city debt. This act, by an amendment passed in 1902, designed especially to cover cases similar to that now existing in Medford, plainly and unequivocally directs that paving bond interest must be paid from paving interest funds, collected from the property assessed for the paving.

Under these circumstances it seems evident that this proposed 8-mill tax is illegal on its face and not justified by present conditions. If a resolute, persistent legal effort is made to collect the delinquent paving interest there is no reasonable grounds to fear that enough cannot be collected during the next twelve months to pay the paving bond interest as it becomes due.

G. E. MARSHALL.

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