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My brother and his wife don't get along well together. What shall I give them for Xmas?—Ethel. (Why not scrap book?)

They're Gilding the Statue of Liberty in gliding Madame Liberty To give that lady class Beware lest she shall seem to be A bit of hollow brass. A brazen smile is not her style, And none of us, God knows, Would wish to see fair Liberty Dressed up in License' clo'es. —New York Times.

Exceptional "Ma, kin I play with my rocking horse?" "No—not on Sunday, Billy." "Well, I'll play mine's a milk-man's horse, Ma!"

Exclamatory rheumatism means when it pains you so you holler out, Not bad, eh?—B. B.

Today's Bellringer Detective "Billy" Burns returned the other day from a tour through the country in the interest of the Bankers association. He was profoundly impressed with the merits of Western Pennsylvania as a place of residence.

"Nothing like it for a man that's inclined to be a bit low spirited," said Mr. Burns. "They don't take any chances with you there at all. Why, if you go into a store and ask for a bit of clothes line the store-keeper will open a big book.

"What do you want this rope for?" he asks. "The old woman needs it to hang the wash on." "And what's your name?" the storekeeper asks. "Herman Wilhelm Pfeifer." "G'wan," says the storekeeper, closing the book. "You can't get no rope here without a prescription."

Stella's Bargain Counter Sometimes it's no worse for a man to lead a double life than for a woman to lead a single one.

In School While, name something dangerous to get near to and which has horns? "An automobile!"

MORE FARMERS' POLITICS

A FEW days ago the dispatches contained the news that an attempt would be made to organize six million American farmers in a co-operative movement for marketing their products. The political press mostly dismissed the item with the scant comment that it meant another granger uprising like the granger politics of the '70s or the farmers' alliance in 1892, with the added comment that the movements soon died out.

The plain truth is that the granger movement of the '70s was against the oppression of the railroads and for state and federal control, and we have both today, and no sane person thinks such control will ever be abandoned except for government ownership.

As for the farmers' alliance, most of the demands of the Ocala platform have been enacted into law. The people's party may be dead, but its principles have gone marching on from victory to victory.

The co-operative movement now inaugurated is the greatest of all farmer movements. The grain growers of the Dakotas and Minnesota have given it a trial, and succeeded beyond their expectations. But they had to fight their way against the elevator trust, the wheat speculators' ring, the railroads and their politicians.

Time was when the farmers were mostly hunkers who took their ideas from party leaders. In the north they believed the tariff fertilized their crops and made the rain fall; in the south they as implicitly believed that the soil would not produce if the colored voters came to town on election day.

The little red schoolhouse, the farm paper and the rural telephone have wrought many changes. The average farmer today reads and knows more of politics than his city friend, and the surest sign is this co-operative movement.

When men agree to work together for their common good they are traveling upward; when men work against each other for selfish benefit, they are stumbling down hill. Six million farmers co-operating can change the economic life of the nation. From co-operative selling it is but a step to co-operative buying, and from buying but another to co-operative producing what cannot be raised from the soil.

From co-operative creameries to co-operative flouring mills is not a far cry. If the farmers can have a co-operative grain elevator, why not a co-operative sugar factory or a co-operative packing house?

The American farmer is the superior in education and intellect of the farmers of any other land. He needs only the use of capital to carry the co-operative movement to its full fruition, and he can get the most of it from his own savings deposit. If the government will help him half as much as it helps the bankers, his independence of the financial and commercial world is at hand. And this he is about to demand, and what he demands he gets.

But when the 6,000,000 farmers are organized in a co-operative movement, what then? What will be their attitude to the 6,000,000 workers in other than agricultural pursuits? Will the organized farmers of America bar the door to prosperity against the workers in the mills and factories, or will they point the way to all the workers of the nation for national co-operation?

Or will they open wide the doors and call all the workers in?

PAY UP JUST DEBTS

THE city council is to be commended for deciding to make a real effort to collect delinquent paying assessments, or at least the interest thereon. If such action had been taken when the delinquencies began to pile up there would have been no great deficiency existing and no unjust taxation necessary to protect the city's credit.

If everyone who can will pay up, at least the interest due, the city financial troubles will vanish like the mists of morning before the noonday sun. It is the part of good citizenship to pay up.

While the method adopted, in forcing abutting property to pay the cost of all the improvement, instead of the municipality paying a portion, is open to criticism upon grounds of injustice, the time to protest was when the paving was petitioned for—not years after it had been laid and partly paid for.

The property owners—at least a majority upon every paved street, accepted the terms provided, because if an attempt had been made to have the city pay the bill no paving would have been laid. The property owners knew this, and, desiring the pavement, assumed the cost of the same. They have had their day in court.

Some scheme might possibly be evolved to extend the time of payment, but property owners cannot hope legally to escape payment of debts voluntarily contracted.

COMMUNICATION.

BY F. V. MEDYNSKI

I see by the morning and evening paper that Col. Sargent is still shouting his battle cry of "Law-suits." And advising the council to "take hold with a firm and resolute hand," and proceed to advertise the property of delinquents for sale. He fondly believes, if that is done, "the owners will tumble over themselves in their rush to pay up."

Evidently the colonel's memory fails to retain things of recent date. To refresh his memory I will say: fifteen months ago, Col. Sargent, councilman and a member of the finance committee, had full opportunity to "do" these things he is so recently demanding now, but while doing has never kept pace with his words.

He knows full well that 18 months ago delinquent property to the amount of \$101,213.26 was on the lien sheet, and the certificates for same were advertised for sale. At that time money was easier than it is now, yet the delinquents did not

tumble over themselves to pay, and up to the present time only \$600.00 worth of these certificates have been sold. He also knows that Mr. Sweet of Colorado, came here prepared to buy up all of these delinquent certificates issued. Why he did not take any of them, tell us colonel? You ought to know, you were here in Medford at the time. I was up on the city pipe line then, protecting the city's interest by repairing and putting the pipe line in proper condition, instead of letting it go to destruction as it had been doing. You had ample opportunity to put in practice what you are now preaching; at this stage of affairs you should be the last man to complain about the doings of the council. You had full swing to start things then. Why was it not done? Some time later the council persuaded by you, went into litigation with the Electric Light Co., but—the city did not win—instead, the city has been the loser by several thousand dollars, besides attorneys fees. Has the city ever won a law suit they started? You speak of an anonymous article

DAUGHTERS OF LATE PRESIDENT CLEVELAND



The Misses Marion and Esther Cleveland (left to right), daughters of Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., and the late President Grover Cleveland, were bridesmaids last Tuesday at the wedding in Princeton, N. J., of Miss Elizabeth Grier Hibben and Robert Maxwell Scaun. The bride is a daughter of John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton university, and Mrs. Hibben.

In a recent paper signed "A Friend of the City," now no one is a "friend of the city," or a friend to an individual, who is afraid to sign his name. Anonymous communications are always used to further the ends of some selfish motive. You say "the banks ought to be willing to carry those who are unable to pay." Banks are business concerns, and are operated on the line of profits, and not as charitable institutions. You must have a tidy sum put by out of your permanent affluent income, why not set the example yourself colonel, how many will you carry for sweet charities sake?

You also say a paving assessment lien takes precedent over a mortgage. It may in some cases but it did not do so in the case of the property on Riverside ave., which Mr. Vavter acquired title to.

Now I wish to say a few words to you my "fellow citizens." You are up against the real thing now, the very thing I saw coming if no rebonding was done. But,—there can be no rebonding with justice, unless there is reimbursing also. My opponents refused to consider the reimbursing. Why? Because the major part of them either were delinquents, or else unwilling to bear a just proportion of the debt; (belonging to the class who want something for nothing,) so they began by misrepresenting everything they possibly could. They failed to acknowledge that we were already in debt \$500,000 to the present bonding company. They also failed to acknowledge that this \$500,000 is secured to the bonding company by "general obligation bonds," and these "general obligation bonds" cover every foot of land within the corporate limits of the city.

One third of the paving was put down in front of property whose actual value was less than the cost of the paving, so these "general obligation bonds" were issued for the express purpose of covering that very discrepancy; or in other words these "general obligation bonds" were an equivalent of putting a second mortgage on the property that was worth more than the cost of the paving.

By a smooth sleight of hand trick in figures, they made many of you believe, that to carry the rebonding and reimbursing plan would raise taxes enormously, and to still further fool you, they demanded suits to be brought against delinquents. They were very careful not to explain to you, the true state of affairs in case the city starts a suit, (even a test suit which they so urgently seek, for remember law suits seldom bring equity.)

First—lawyers must be hired to conduct these suits, then advertising must be done in the papers, and there are many other incidentals which come up in a suit to cause expense, that are too numerous to mention.

Law suits are never anything but long drawn out cases, and while we are waiting for a settlement, these expenses are increasing, and also the 6 percent interest on our present

SAVAGE WOMEN HEALTHY The savage lives in the open, eats simple foods, knows nothing of household drudgery or social life, gets plenty of sleep and exercise and is perfectly healthy and strong, but the civilized woman is a slave to home duties and society, often becomes run-down, nervous and physically unfit to be a companion or wife. Our local druggists, the Medford Pharmacy, have a reliable, non-secret remedy that is a boon to such women. Its component parts being peptonate of iron for the blood, the nourishing properties of beef peptone and the medicinal extractives of fresh, healthy cod's livers, all dissolved in a delicious native wine. It is really wonderful how rapidly weak, run-down women are built up by its use.—Adv.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant 28 S. BARTLETT Phones M. 47 and 47-32 Ambulance Service Coroner

MONROE DOCTRINE PREDICTED CAUSE OF NEXT CONFLICT

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Asserting that the Monroe doctrine, which President Wilson reasserts is the most probable cause of the "next war," the Westminster Gazette says of the president's message to congress: "We hope from President Wilson's message that the American people are beginning to understand that this is not merely a war between Great Britain and Germany or France and Germany, but a conflict between two kinds of civilization. . . . If this war ended in the triumph of Germany or the downfall of British sea power, the American people would discover at once that what President Wilson now describes as the aberration of a small minority, had become a dangerous cancer in the heart of their state, and they would find also that the Monroe doctrine, which the president reasserts with such vigor has become the storm center of world politics and the most probable cause of the next war."

BRITISH REPULSE BULGAR ATTACK

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company sends the following dispatch under date of Tuesday: "Weather conditions have improved. The Bulgarians on Monday bombarded the entire British line at Strumitsa the whole day, then they launched an infantry attack which was repulsed although the fighting on this front still continues. Whether the Bulgarians intend to press the attack and what their strength is, it is difficult to establish at present. The British casualties thus far are reported as slight. "It is reported here that complications are threatened between Bulgaria and Turkey and that the distrust is increasing on both sides.

NOBODY SPARED

Kidney Troubles Attack Medford Men and Women, Old and Young. Kidney ills seize young and old. Often come with little warning. Children suffer in their early years. Can't control the kidney secretions. Girls are languid, nervous, suffer pain.

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Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment. A 25-cent bottle will double the beauty of your hair.—Adv.

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