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IS IT A MATTER OF SELF-PROTECTION?

In the matter of the recent restraining orders issued by Judge Simonton, whereby those railroads and the Western Union Telegraph Company shall escape for the time, if not altogether, the tax assessed against them by the Corporation Commission, an interesting point can be raised, namely, is this securing an injunction, by these corporations, really a matter of self-protection?

So far as the Western Union Telegraph Company is concerned, it cannot be so alleged that it is, for whereas this company's property was assessed last year at $750,000; this year by the Corporation Commission at $1,000,000, Judge Simonton's valuation makes it $500,000, or $150,000 lower than it paid last year, which with prevailing conditions is an absurd rating.

The natural inclination to protest against increase taxation is not limited to individual and corporation, alike, any advance seems unjustifiable, and efforts are made to get reductions.

In securing the tax valuations on the railroad property, the people of North Carolina have placed the matter in the hands of its Corporation Commission, a body composed of men of high character, free from prejudice or bias of any kind, so far as known.

The tax assessment was determined by this Corporation, but this work, for which they were elected, is thwarted by Judge Simonton's injunction.

The people of North Carolina have granted railroad companys many favors, and these railroads have in return given benefits to the people, but there can be no question that the railroads are ever under obligation to the people and nothing that they have or can do is sufficient to cancel this obligation.

To admit the justice of Judge Simonton's injunction on this tax assessment matter, is to admit that the Corporation Commission is unjust, incompetent, or that the people of North Carolina are waring against railroads by over taxing them.

Admitting this means that the railroads by seeking the injunction are simply protecting their interests. This they would have the right to do.

But by a careful consideration of both sides, that of the Corporation, and that of the railroads, the evidence favors the former, and the latter are placed in the unenviable light of opposing the just and duly elected power of the State, and it becomes a question which shall prevail, the State, or the railroad companies, and however unfortunate it may be that such an issue should arise, there is but one end to it all, which is in favor of the State.

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Then He Didn't Tell.

An English merchant was invited by a Chinaman to dine with him. Neither could speak the other's language, and a conversation was carried on by means of gesticulations and signs. Among the dishes was one which seemed very savory. The Englishman had an idea it was duck, but to make certain he pointed to the dish and pleasantly insinuated, "Quack, quack!"

The Chinaman wagged his head and said: "No-ey, no-ey! Bow-wow-wow!"

Sympathy.

Probably the reader has heard voices which the following will recall to mind:

"I know Mr. Pidgerly is a good man," said one of the members of the family after the caller had gone, "but it makes me so tired to hear him talk!"

"I know why it is," said another member of the family. "You feel like clearing your throat all the time to help him out."

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"Mom," squeaked the little pig, "I want something more to eat." "All right," grunted the old one; "I suppose you'll make a hog of yourself in spite of all I can say."

A Mother Tells How She Saved Her Little Daughter's Life.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicines. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be one one of the very best medicines we every had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know what an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter much suffering. Yours truly, MRS. GEORGE F. BURDICK, Liberty, R. I. For sale by F S Duffy & Co.

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He Rebelled.

"They say Buxton and his wife have separated."

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"What's the trouble?"

"Oh, they quarreled because she refused to go away for the summer unless he went along."

During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, diarrhœa was one of the most troublesome diseases that army had to contend with. In many instances it became chronic and the old soldiers still suffer from it. Mr. David Taylor of Wind Ridge, Greene Co., Pa., is one of these. He uses Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy and says he never found anything that would give him such quick relief. For sale by F S Duffy & Co.

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Tackling a Tiger.

Tiger hunting is a pastime which requires a good deal of nerve, and it is not to be undertaken by those who are easily frightened. Jungle life there recently came a South Side society woman well known for nervousness and a tendency to flounder about in her topics of conversation. She chanced to be in a certain zoo. The young man got down two or three to show her. In the middle of his explanation as to quality and price she turned away and began to examine goods on a neighboring counter. Then she went back to the proud man and "thought he had mentioned some price." He started to explain one up, when she wandered away again. When she returned the third time, he had a chair placed in an angle of the counter and suggested that perhaps she would be seated while he got the rug.

When she had taken her seat, he spread the rug so that it effectually blocked the angle and prevented her escape. He held up the edge of the rug farthest from her so she couldn't walk over it, and so kept her penned up while he explained how fine a rug it was. She made two or three attempts to get down, but with no success, and finally bought the rug to obtain her release.—Chicago News.

A Marvel of the East.

Among other feats in the east the learning by heart of the Koran is very widespread. Not only men, but women and children, can be found who can repeat the holy book from beginning to end without a mistake. Taking it in round numbers, the Koran contains, together with the additions, which are included in the recitation, some 80,000 words. This is about the length of an average up to date novel, but, unlike the novel, there are no connecting links—the whole book being a confused and much mutilated jumble—to enable the reciter to remember. To make the least error would be a deadly sin, yet even children can go through it.

But this is not all. For an Arabic child to recite the Koran is wonderful enough, no doubt, but he understands what he is saying—it is not to him an unknown language—but for a child of another nation to recite it from beginning to end, without understanding the words he is saying, is a much more wonderful feat of memory, and very few of those outside Arabia who can recite the Koran know more than a few of the simplest words, if they know those.

In the Jaws of a Lion.

A lion comes at its enemy at full speed, galloping low, and dashes a man standing upright to the ground by the full impact of its body. Major Inverarity states that "the claws and teeth entering the flesh do not hurt as much as you would think," but that the squeeze given by the jaws on the bone is really painful. When knocked over, he was still keenly conscious and felt none of the dreamy sensations experienced by Livingstone.

Major Swaine, struck down by a lioness going full gallop, was unconscious for some minutes and did not know what had happened till he found himself standing up after the accident. "I felt no pain," he writes, "not, I believe, owing to any special interposition of Providence, but simply that the shock and loss of blood made me incapable of feeling it. There was no pain for a few days, till it was brought on by the swelling of my arm on the 12 days' ride to the coast."—Spectator.

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The Peanut Solo.

Remenyi, the violinist, was playing one night in concert in Buffalo and was extremely annoyed by two persons in the audience who were cracking and crunching peanuts. He lost patience at last, quit playing and left the stage. He was loudly recalled, reappeared, and, stepping to the front of the stage, said with much impressiveness, "Ven zee gentlemen haf finished his peanut solo, I vill go on." The speech was heartily applauded, and no more peanut performances were given during that concert.

The Points Were There.

Little Clara's parents often discuss reincarnation, and the small maiden has acquired some of the phraseology.

"Mamma," she said one day, "my kittie must have been a paper of pins in a previous state of existence."

"Why do you think so?" asked her mother.

"Because I can feel some of them in her toes yet," was the logical reply.

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