

## The Planet

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## THE KING STREET PAVING QUEST.

It is quite probable the property owners on King street were led to sign that petition under a very erroneous impression. The idea is common that under the frontage tax system the down town freeholders are compelled to provide and pay for walks for everybody in town. This they no doubt look upon as more or less of an imposition. But, as a matter of fact, no greater scheme was ever passed through the city council to save the down town ratepayers money than the frontage tax.

The assessed value of the property on King street is about ten times greater than the average assessed value of the same quantity of real estate anywhere else in the city. Hence it proportionately contributes ten times the taxes that all other equal areas of city property contribute.

And if our whole 56 miles of sidewalk were laid at the general expense the greater proportion of the cost would fall on the heaviest assessed property. If the assessed value of the King street property were a tenth of the total assessment of the city, instead of paying only for a mile of granite sidewalk along its own frontage it would have to bear a tenth of the cost when laid of the whole 56 miles throughout the city, or, in other words, pay for five and six-tenths miles instead of only one mile.

The same rule applies to paving the street. If one street is paved at the general expense all have a right to be. If all are to be, then the King street property owners will readily perceive that the greater part of the burden would fall on them. They have been having, as it were, a gilt-edged, silk-fringed, gold-mounted snip in escaping taxation. The frontage tax was what the boys call a "snatch" for them. A few years ago the council also struck off their sewer charges. The city at large has already laid them four pavements and put them in a first class trunk sewer, and yet this is the first time they ever felt "insulted," "scolded," "ignored," and otherwise abused and maltreated by the council proposing an improvement in front of their property. Incidentally it is also the first time they were asked to justify pay for what they were to get, and their reply was the famous petition which will go down to history as well, put it mildly—no favorable light. The names of a number of progressive and heretofore enterprising citizens appeared on this document. They evidently signed it under a misapprehension. There are two ways they may yet repair the evil and injury they have unwittingly done the city. One is to circulate a petition for a pavement and the other to withdraw their names from the petition against. Six or eight such withdrawals, we are told, will kill its effect and the work will be permitted to proceed.

The correct pronunciation of the name of Gen. Cronje, the Boer commander, is Cronja—"Jo" sounded as in "old" and "a" as in "face"—London Free Press.

La Patrie, the French Canadian organ of the Dominion government, publishes a violent article against the Globe, which it declares is not a Liberal organ. Probably the Globe isn't anti-British enough to suit Mr. Tarte.

Events suggest that the Dominion parliament should levy a special tax to cover the expenditure upon the contingents sent to South Africa. Surely out of a proposed \$200,000 expenditure which was less than \$100,000 four years ago this country can manage to save \$200,000 without levying a special tax.

The latest example of Liberal economy is Sir Richard Cartwright's sending through the mails, post free, 200,000 Grit election pamphlets. It is estimated that this will cost the people of Canada \$8,000.—Berlin News-Record.

And this, too, in face of the fact that the post office system of Canada is being operated at a large deficit.

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The Toronto Sun calls attention to a case that was tried before a county judge nearly six months ago, but in which no decision has yet been given. It would appear that the practice of letting cases lie undecided after hearing is becoming altogether too common. By the time judgment is given the facts of the case are not clearly in the judge's mind, and there is frequently a feeling that owing to this delay justice is made to suffer. In order to avoid such delays the constitution of the State of California provides that no judge shall be allowed to draw or receive his monthly salary unless he shall first make affidavit that no case in his court has remained undecided for a period of ninety days after a hearing. It is not known that any judge in California has yet failed to qualify for his salary.

## FOR STICKING A CHICKEN.

London, Eng., News.

A Canadian soldier, describing an attack with fixed bayonets on a strong position, namely a farmhouse, with four inoffensive people in it, at Belmont, says that all he stuck with a bayonet was a fine fat chicken, for the sticking of which he was given five days close barracks and three extra fatigues.

## THE HERO OF LADYSMITH.

Pittsburgh Chronicle.

When it comes to praising heroes for the valor they've displayed there is one to be remembered. He is Ladysmith's true hero.

Well deserving of renown for his patience and his courage in the long beleaguered town.

Four long months he grimly battled with a fierce and eager foe, Seeming doomed to slow starvation.

Or a sudden overthrow, But he fought from dawn till night-fall.

And he watched from eve till dawn, Battering schemes of strong besiegers, As he stubbornly held on.

Though on every side encompassed, Though with shot and shell assailed, He kept Britain's colors flying.

And his spirit never quailed, Long and trying were his vigils, Peril faced him night and day, But he watched and fought and guarded.

And he kept the foe at bay, Famine's spectre rose to plague him, And still ever closer crept.

Every day brought new privations, And disease about him swept, But though tried by sore afflictions, Ever brighter grew his fame.

For he held out to the world, Till the longed-for savior came.

To the valor of this soldier, Is the greatest honor due, For in four long months of battle, To all duties he was true.

And when Boer and British heroes, Arel accorded laurels bright, There'll be none found more deserving Than brave Sir George Stewart White.

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## ENCOURAGED HIM

By Turning the Grindstone While he Put an Edge on a Woodman's Ax.

In some counties women are chosen for work in some of their beauty, in some for their accomplishments, and in others for all three. This story has to do with an Oregon woman, who is not beautiful—just a plain brunette. She is willing to do all the work and hand over all the money on pay day. Her summer vacation took her this year to the farm home of a girl friend in the country. This girl has a brother, big strong and husky, a regular piece except such as the farm affords, and the farm is heavily mortgaged. He toiled day after day. He arose with the sun and retired when his day's work was done, no richer, no poorer than when he arose. She watched him at his work. She sympathized with him, and once she turned the grindstone for him while he was trying to put an edge on a woodman's ax. The grindstone, cold and inflexible as it was, was a conductor of love. He felt the warmth of the love, but she did not. If she thought of it at all, she pondered what a lovable husband he would make if he only had money.

The flight of time brought the hour of the girl's departure for the city. He thought of the many country parties to which he had taken her and of the countless times he had looked wicked-eyed at the country swains who had looked sweet-eyed at his love. She thought only of the time when she would reach home and whether naming the train, the parting place, he took heart and proposed.

"Marry you?" said the damsel. "How could I think of marrying a man with neither money nor prospects?"

"You do not love me?" he asked sadly. "Then why did you encourage me?"

"What encouragement have I ever given you?" she asked in genuine surprise, for she did not forget she was a practical woman.

"No encouragement?" he whimpered. "Then why did you turn the grindstone for me?"

Shared by an Erudite Barber.

When a famous archaeologist went into his club the other afternoon his countenance was ornamented at several points with sticking plaster, and there was a general inquiry among his friends as to what was the matter.

"Good gracious! Where were you shaved?" asked one of the younger members, sympathetically.

"It's a strange thing," said the man of learning. "I was shaved this morning by a man who really is, I suppose, a little above the ordinary barber."

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## RANDOM COMMENT.

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General Booth, of the Salvation Army, intends to establish an industrial farm of 15,000 acres in Western Australia.

A locomotive on a Georgia railroad picked up a pig on its cowcatcher and carried it six miles without hurting it. The Town of Westhofen, in Germany, still enforces an old ordinance, which forbids anyone walking on the streets with a lighted cigar.

The elephant beetle of Venezuela is the biggest of its species. An average specimen of this insect, when full grown, weighs half a pound.

Lord Salisbury once handled a pick and shovel. During the great Australian gold craze he set out as a gold hunter, and the hovel in which he lived as a rough, red-shirted miner is still standing.

At a recent election in Hays City, Kan., a ticket composed of boys was run against the old men, and the boys won out in a canter. Fred Haffmayer, the Mayor, is barely twenty-one, and only one of the Councilmen is older than twenty-three. Haffmayer was born on the town site. Two of the Councilmen were privates in the Twenty-first Kansas.

"When the city directory appears," says the New York Commercial Advertiser, "it will cost a cent to look at the one in your corner drug store. The volume will sell, it is said, at \$12.50, but copies will also be supplied free to druggists who accept with it the automatic cover that will open with the insertion of a copper. The profits, of course, go to the publishers, but that gives the patient drug store man no right to complain. He can still go on selling postage stamps at cost."

Cossacks form the volunteer cavalry troops of Southern Russia. They provide themselves with horses, uniforms, and weapons, and serve as guards to the highways and perform certain other military duties, on demand of the governor of the district in which they live, in return for which service they are relieved from taxation to a certain extent. Their costumes are picturesque, and they have a world-wide reputation for the excellence and daring of their horsemanship.

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