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SHALL WE TAX IMPROVEMENTS?

On New Year's Day the people of Prince Rupert received a rather unpleasant intimation that it may be necessary this year to tax improvements. It was a very unpleasant intimation because it may mean putting on the brakes so far as the progress of the city is concerned. This is something for the voters to take cognizance of at the election next week.

There are always two opposing opinions in regard to the taxing of improvements. There are those who believe in the single tax or taxing of land values for everything and those who think improvements should bear a share of the cost.

The single tax encourages people to improve their property. It says that a man should not be taxed because he is more progressive than his neighbors. Those who advocate the system say that land values are increased by buildings, both values of the land built upon and also other land surrounding it. Building is something to be encouraged. If owners of property are led to think they will be taxed for the improvements they make, they will be slow to improve their property. They cannot afford to put up buildings unless assured of a sufficient income, not only to pay for the building but also to pay the tax.

So far this city has set itself strongly against any improvement tax. The result is that buildings have been erected, such as the block now going up on Third Avenue where the owner is taking great chances in spending the money. We are expecting other buildings to go up and it would be a great pity for us to do anything to discourage them. We cannot expect the erection of modern buildings if we are going to penalize those who spend their money. We suggest that voters think this matter over well and find out the views of the candidates before casting their ballots.

CANDIDATES NEEDED JUST NOW

Candidates are needed for the vacant positions on the city council and the school board and it would be well for those who have the interests of the city at heart to look around them and see that good men are urged to offer themselves. Many of the best people do not like to push themselves forward but they are willing to serve if urged to do so.

INTERESTING SUGGESTION

Louis Forkrud in a letter published today suggests that the railway from the Peace River shall come through to the upper Naas valley and then cross to the C.N.R. at some point in the neighborhood of Terrace. This is a feasible route and one that has been suggested before. It is one that should be borne in mind. Some day a railway is pretty sure to come in that way. The matter of route is largely one for engineers but at the same time it is well for the people of this part of the country to keep their eyes on the engineers because many of them are not infallible.

PECK McSWAIN, PRINTER

Peck McSwain, printer, has been sending out blotters for new year cards with his dollar mark thereon. Peck is now residing at Stewart and he is at home there among the miners and prospectors with whom he has lived and worked and smoked and enjoyed a convivial glass for many a day. Nobody seems to know how old Peck is, and some of the miners at the camp intimate that he will never die. At any rate he still looks on the best side of life and his wish to his friends, as expressed on the card is: "May you never have to turn a handspike for a meal in 1928." The News wishes Peck many a good listener for his yarns and many a jolly companion so that his latter years may remind him constantly of the good days that have passed.

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DINOSAUR EGGS DISCOVERED IN DESERT OF GOBI

In a book just published dealing with the work of the Central Asiatic expedition some remarkable discoveries have been made. On analogy it has been supposed that the gigantic reptiles of the Mesozoic period had large eggs like those of modern birds and reptiles, but this was only an inference, and it was not known whether they were oviparous, laying the eggs, or retaining the eggs within the body until hatching took place. The expedition found several clutches of the eggs of a gigantic extinct dinosaur reptile, and within some of them even the delicate bones of the developing embryo. Very naturally much space is given to this remarkable find, one of the most exciting in the history of paleontology and by itself a sufficient reward for the whole enterprise.

EXTINCT REPTILES

In addition to the eggs very many extinct dinosaurs, belonging mostly to new genera and species, were found in the cretaceous beds, the first unearthing of extinct reptiles in Asia north of the Himalayas. A find of great interest was that of the skull and many of the bones of a baluchiterium, one of the largest land mammals that has ever lived, and that probably survived to be a contemporary possibly a victim of primitive man. It was a massive herbivore, remotely allied to the tapirs and rhinoceroses, but standing over 13 feet at the shoulders and rearing its massive head as high as that of a giraffe. At the other end of the scale of size were the remains of tiny animals not bigger than rats contemporary with extinct reptiles, and representing the most primitive of the mammalian types known.

The excitements of the expeditions were not only scientific. There were perils from bandits, from the contending armed bands of Chinese, and from the greed and superstition of the Mongolians. The climate was severe; even up to June sudden storms brought snow and hailstones, and at any time sandstorms descended almost without warning, wrecking the camps and making life a misery. Approach to the monasteries of lamas was always dangerous from the savage dogs accustomed to feed on dead human bodies and ready to attack the living. But the stimulus of success, the excellence of the organization, and the high spirits of the members of the expeditions overcame all the obstacles.

TEN YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 21, 1918.

The Sitka spruce of Northern British Columbia, the Queen Charlotte Islands particularly, is looked upon as a potential supply for the making of aircraft for the war.

A party of local Serbians including Sava Bjeletich, Sava Bjeletich, Nedjelko Drinich, Sava Yotich, Meksim Knezevich, Lazar Vujstich, Red Sarovich, and Vaso Gutschik left this morning for Salonika to enlist in the Allied forces on the Balkan front.

At a social evening in the Presbyterian Church last night a handsome easy chair was presented to Rev. Dr. H. R. Grant in recognition of the honor conferred upon him by Westminster Hall in making him a doctor of divinity. The presentation was made by G. R. Naden on behalf of the congregation.

Man in the Moon

THE Daily News is the cheapest paper in British Columbia, considering the quality. At any rate that's what Jake says, and he ought to know.

OUR legacy to the coming generation is one of debt. Even Prince Rupert has its legacy for those who come later to pay.

YOU can hire a man to do almost anything but I hardly think it would do to hire one to take the wife to a bridge party.

THIS year seems very much like last and the bills seem even more numerous.

POOR people are those who give away cigarettes, rich people are those who give cigars or nothing—mostly nothing.

IT'S much better to have sunshine in your soul than moonshine in your tummy.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

JANUARY 4, 1918.

Bishop F. H. DuVernet writes a letter to the press urging that the city council be not reduced from eight to four members. He also advocates proportional representation system of voting in the civic election here.

The Trades and Labor Council last night endorsed Ald. G. B. Casey, W. G. Barrie, John Rank, Fred Shaw, Peter Rovik and Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick as aldermanic candidates and S. D. Macdonald for police commissioner.

The sum of \$400 was realized at a tea, sale and dance held on New Year's Day for the Red Cross Society. There were many donations for raffle.

CAVES REVEAL RACE HISTORY 20,000 YEARS

PAINTINGS OF ANIMALS FOUND MILES BENEATH PYRANEES MOUNTAINS OF EUROPE

The caves in the Dordogne region are now so well known that charabancs filled with American tourists make a daily round of them during the summer, while the far more interesting group in the Pyrenees remains almost unknown says the London Times. Their interest lies in the evidences of human life that have been miraculously preserved through two or three millenniums. Where else in the world can we look for the prints of human feet and human fingers still preserving the ridge prints of the skin; clay statuary with the finger-prints still fresh upon them; evidences of daily life, such as the skulls of the cave-bear robbed of their fangs by the people whose little naked footprints are all about the skeletons?

Certainly in no museum, even if a museum could be built to endure five times longer than the Pyramids. For in the recesses of these caves, half a mile or more from the entrance, neither the temperature nor the dampness ever varies, so current of air never blows, and the limestone has distilled through the centuries a thin veneer of transparent stalagmite which has preserved everything under a sheet of imperishable glaze. To penetrate into the most interesting parts of the equipment of an athlete; you must navigate a boat to reach the entrance; you must do part of the journey on hands and knees and wriggle through the narrowest passages under the curve of the serpent.

EXPLORING EXPEDITIONS

With the object of popularizing the Pyrenean caves an expedition organized by Count Begouin, who is in the forefront of prehistoric studies in France, visited the famous cave of Niaux, three miles from Tarascon in the Arize, with a large number of journalists and persons interested in the science of prehistory. This cave lies high above the road and is entered through a hole just large enough to admit a human body. Thereafter it widens into a high tunnel, the ancient course of a subterranean river fed by the melting glaciers of a past age, but now dry throughout the year. It calls for no athletic feats, for it follows a straight course into the mountain for nearly a mile, through lofty, cathedral-like halls costumed with crystal stalactites, which here and there have grown into majestic columns that support the roof. In the deepest recess lie the paintings of animals now extinct that ranged these highlands when the climate was sub-Arctic. There are reindeer and bison and wild horse, all drawn in imperishable manganese and ochre. Doubtless the object was magical; many of the bison bear on their flanks assegais pointed at the heart, to conjure a successful hunting. They belong to the Magdalenian period, which cannot have been less than 20,000 years ago, and is more likely to be nearly 30,000. Under no shorter period could all the flora and fauna have changed so completely.

In The Letter Box

PROPOSES THIRD ROUTE.

Editor, Daily News.
The people of Prince Rupert are forwarding a petition requesting the government to build a railroad to the Peace River and to make Rupert the outlet. I am inclined to believe that the government knows beforehand that the citizens of Prince Rupert want their city to be the outlet and also that the people of Stewart are in a like frame of mind concerning their own town. The voice of a divided north will carry little weight but if united in an application for a northern outlet and the logical route left to the decision of disinterested engineers, Ottawa would sit up and take notice. The route advocated in the Rupert petition is advantageous. It is short it would tap the most populous part of the Peace, the intervening country is highly mineralized and as such has potential possibilities. Prince Rupert has a fine harbor and an elevator ready to receive the Peace River grain.

STEWART ROUTE

The Stewart route would also traverse a territory, even greater in its mineral possibilities, the Groundhog coal fields would be opened up and some agricultural lands would be made available but a short way from Stewart looms a great natural barrier and the expense of overcoming this would be almost prohibitive and Stewart furthermore has practically no harbor facilities.

THIRD ROUTE

There is another route which as yet has not been mentioned but which appears to me worthy of consideration. This is the same Stewart route which as stated runs through a country rich in minerals and also taps the Groundhog, but instead of turning towards Stewart it continues down the Naas

ECZEMA ENDED

Madame A. Lariviere of Fall River, Mass., suffered with eczema for three years, and had treatment from several doctors, all of whom gave up the case. "Finally," she says, "I went to a specialist, which cost me another \$20, but I was no better.

"A friend advised me to try Zam-Buk, which I did, and for which I have ever since been thankful. I very soon felt some relief, and perseverance with Zam-Buk completely rid me of the disease."

SEVERE CUT HEALED

Mr. C. Oakley of Saskatoon, who sustained a terrible cut on his leg, when the accident occurred, I could have saved myself a \$40 doctor's bill! A doctor sewed up the cut and attended me for five weeks, but the wound did not heal, and he advised me to go into a hospital.

"I objected, however, and used Zam-Buk instead, and in two weeks' time 'was back at work.'"

SAVED OPERATION

"Father developed a painful sore on his face," writes Miss N. Lewis of Silver Lake, Oregon. "Numerous remedies and treatment from several doctors failed to heal it, and the doctor advised an operation. Someone advised him to first try Zam-Buk. A few applications brought relief, and continued use of Zam-Buk entirely healed the sore, saving father from an operation."

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