

KING'S FAVORED TENANTS CHINA'S MILLIONS OVER-ESTIMATED

Some Queer Rents Collected by King George

Some of the rents which are King George's due from certain of his loyal subjects are "more honored in the breach than in the observance." It would certainly surprise King George and Queen Mary if the Lord of the Manor of Addington, in Surrey should suddenly appear and plank down on the Royal breakfast table the bowl of porridge which constitutes his yearly rent in acknowledgment of his Sovereign's overlordship.

Whether the present owner of the Foulis Estates in Scotland regularly pays his rent we cannot say, or whether the King, as is likely, shuts his eyes to the omission of the bucketful of snow which is his rightful due. As the estates are near Ben Nevis, there would certainly be no difficulty in obtaining a trainload of snow once a year, and probably even a bucketful in summer; but, as the King has little use for snow, probably the rent is never paid.

Quite a different and much more desirable rent is the one which has been charged to the tenant of Credenon, in Buckinghamshire, from time immemorial. The rent consists of a garland of roses every June, and, needless to say, the garland is duly forwarded, and is a thing of beauty, as it ought to be.

In September every year two faggots are paid at the Law Courts by the City Remembrancer as rent for lands held by the City Corporation from His Majesty the King. This official not only has to deliver the two faggots, but has to see that they are properly received and accept a duly signed and witnessed receipt for them, which is filed in the City's archives.

The authorities of the Isle of Portland make a queer sort of collection every November on behalf of His Majesty. It is called the "King's Halfpenny"; but, as a matter of fact, every cottager on the island pays a farthing, every cottage with a garden a halfpenny, and every man with an acre of land or more three pence. This is called "quit rent."

When the King lately went across the Channel to pay his State visit to Paris, he ought to have been attended across the briny ocean by the present representative of Solomon Attfield, to whom King John gave his lands on condition that, whenever he or any of his successors crossed the Channel, the said Solomon or his heirs should be in attendance to hold up the King's head when he was seasick.

His title was the Royal Head-holder. However, as the last monarch to call for this service was Edward I, and, especially as his present Majesty is a sailor, it is very unlikely that the existing Solomon was called upon to perform his functions. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that if the King so desired he could call upon the tenants of the Attfield estates to do the service by which they hold the tenure of their land.

If the King should pay a visit to Aylesbury—where the ducks come from—the inhabitants are supposed to supply him with three eels if it is winter, and with two fat geese if it is summer. If the King should visit Chichester, by ancient usage he ought immediately to demand a string for his crossbow; and if the King should be engaged in war and riding at the head of his troops, it would be incumbent upon the successors to the Corbet Estates, in Shropshire to provide him with a fitch of bacon every day!

Developing Australia

The Australian states concerned and the commonwealth have agreed on a locking and storage system for the Murray river that will open a navigable waterway 1,000 miles into the heart of producing Australia.

Protecting the Roads

Italy is drafting and will enforce a series of regulations covering the width of wheel rims to be allowed on highways.

Dentists Cannot Advertise

In Tasmania dentists are forbidden by law from any form of advertising.

New Shoe Device

Ball and socket fasteners have been patented to hold tongues of shoes in place.

Telephones in Canada

There is a telephone for every 15.2 persons in Canada, according to official figures.

Vast Tracts of Territory Unpeopled and Unproductive in Land of Flowers

It has been generally assumed that China is so densely populated that millions of its people are unable to find a livelihood on land, and are compelled to live in houseboats on the rivers, and some authorities, in considering China's problems, have regarded the possession of her vast territories beyond the Great Wall as being absolutely necessary in order to provide for her surplus population. Inquiries, however, have been made by those in a position to make them, and the results of these have done much to disprove the generally accepted theory that China is over-populated. For instance, Sir Alexander Hesse, while acting as commercial attaché to the British Legation, wrote in his report on the foreign trade of China: "Having visited 15 of the 18 provinces of China proper, as well as the three Manchurian provinces, and seen how scantily many of them are populated, I doubt very much whether the whole of China, Manchuria and the new dominion contain a population at all approaching the usually accepted 400,000,000."

Mr. Rockhill, who travelled extensively in China before he was appointed United States Minister to Peking, estimated that China proper had not a larger population than 200,000,000. A Chinese newspaper in referring to the frontier troubles stated that "the root of all those troubles is that we have done nothing to populate the vast territories along our borders. A fair land, vast, undefended and unpopulated is sure to attract the attention of aggressors."

But as the rich have not shown any inclination to leave their comfortable homes to sojourn in this remote land, and as the poor have not the means to enable them to leave their homes and develop this land, it would seem as if China had very little use for these outlying territories at the present time.

Comfort For Fish

In a tank car built in Saxony to transport living fish long distances an electric motor is used to keep the water aerated.

DIPPING SHEEP

A tick seems smart enough to know that he will find more tender and juicy pasturage on a lamb than on an old sheep, but ticks annoy sheep of any age.

In order to be sure that one has a dip that will be effective, he should mix up a sample according to directions and test it on a few isolated ticks to see if it does actually cause death or only temporary unconsciousness. Many of the dips are not standardized and, even when made up in the solution as directed, will not be found to be strong enough to kill ticks. If warm water is used in making the dip it will penetrate to the skin better. Many fleeces are so oily that cold water can scarcely make its way through them.

One should take great care to see that the sheep is entirely immersed in the dip and that it is kept there for at least one and better two minutes. To simply let the sheep walk through the dip in great haste does not ordinarily produce very good results. A forked stick or a broom can often be used to advantage in keeping the sheep under the dip.

Sheep should be dipped a second time in about ten days after the first dipping. This is because the dip will not kill ticks in the embryo or egg form. On any sheep there are likely to be a great many eggs and these developing will make good foundation stock for another crop of ticks unless they are killed by the second dipping.

When Starting a Fire

A paste made of kerosene and wood ashes will hurry a slow fire with little risk to the user.

Long Worked Mine

In Armenia there is a copper mine that has been worked continuously since prehistoric times.

Queer Old Industry

In Japan there is a goldfish farm that has been in continuous operation since 1763.

HAPPY CONVICTS

A Swiss prison appears to be the very place in which to spend a cheap holiday, as you have practically all you want—a comfortable cell, central heating, electricity, good food, a fair quantity of wine or beer and tobacco, and a library. You can learn a trade, have plenty of exercise, and there is little work to do in return for all these advantages. Until a year ago, at Thorberg Prison, good conduct prisoners were even allowed out once a week on "parole," but, though no prisoners escaped, this custom has been suppressed.

Of all the Swiss prisons perhaps the jolliest is that of Kreuzlingen, in the Canton of Thurgau. The inmates have weekly smoking concerts, where the latest music hall songs can be heard, and good music, with the result that at evenings the townspeople—Kreuzlingen has nearly 6,000 inhabitants—gather enviously under the prison walls and promenade in the street enjoying the free entertainment, especially as some of the convicts have good voices. On these occasions there is no warden to prevent a conversation between the prisoners and their visitors across the wall, and thus the former learn the latest news.

It is noticed that the prisoners are very polite when young women are present. Packets of cigarettes and other small luxuries—not on the regular menu—find their way over the walls, and this custom, though strictly forbidden, is winked at. These pleasant little "soirées musicales" are now threatened with extinction.

It is only fair to the authorities to say that crime is decreasing, as the population increases, in the country.

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The handle of a new shoe buttoner terminates in a device to unbutton footwear.

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Poase, per bushel, 75 to 1.00
Buckwheat, 60c. to 75
Potatoes, bush, 75 to 80
butter, per pound, 18 to 19
Eggs, per dozen, 18 to 19
Hay, per ton, \$15 to \$18
Hides, \$10.00 to \$11
Hogs, live, \$6.00 to \$7.90
Beef, \$10 to \$11
Sheepskins, 50 to 80
Wool, 18 to 27
Flour, Samson, \$2.80 to \$3.00
Flour, Winnipeg, \$2.70 to \$2.90
Flour, Silver Leaf, \$2.50 to \$2.70
Flour, Victoria, \$2.45 to \$2.65
Flour, new process, \$2.40 to \$2.60
Flour, family, clipper, \$2.35 to \$2.55
Bran, per 100 pounds, \$1.30 to \$1.85
Shorts, do., \$1.35 to \$1.40
Mixed Chop, do., \$1.45 to \$1.55
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