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HOW MOON AFFECTS EARTH.

A French investigator reports that 41 out of 52 consecutive phases of the moon observed by him were attended by earthquakes, cyclones, tidal waves or heavy rains. He is of the opinion that seismic activity is the result of the relative positions of the sun and moon and that these and allied phenomena are responsible indirectly for storms etc. Because of the inexactness of the lunar periods, however, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, storms and other disturbances cannot be foretold accurately.—*The Pathfinder.*

MARVELOUS INVENTION CLAIMED.

It is asserted by A. E. Poff of Danville, Ky., that he has invented and patented a "geometrical energy generator" which will propel an engine on land, sea or in air, without the use of fuel, water or other source of power hitherto known. He is a machinist of the Southern Railway and during the war worked on the government "Liberty motor." The inventor says of the generator: "It is the result of 10 years' research; it is rotary in movement, displaces air, causing reaction due to atmospheric pressure, and has all the characteristics of a man's breathing machine; it is scientific, modern and practical in every way, and energy once stored is always kept." This alleged motor is in the same class as various other ones which the inventors claim will revolutionize the world by producing power out of nothing. In other words it will be time to believe their wild claims

when they bring their contrivances into the light of day and demonstrate them so that everyone can see what they will do.—*Ibid.*

HIS WEAKNESS.

"What brought you here, my poor man?" inquired the prison visitor.

"Well, lady", replied the prisoner, "I guess my trouble started from attending too many weddin's".

"Ah! You learned to drink there, or steal perhaps?"

"No, lady; I was always the bridegroom". Toledo Blade.—*Ibid.*

UNEQUAL LOSSES

Frederik was sitting on the curb, crying, when Billy came along and asked him what was the matter.

"Oh, I feel so bad 'cause Major's dead—my nice old collie!" sobbed Frederick.

"Shucks!" said Billy. "My grandmother's been dead a week and you don't catch me crying".

Frederick gave his eyes and nose a swipe with his hand and, looking up at Billy, sobbed despairingly:

"Yes, but you didn't raise your grandmother from a pup".—Harper's Magazine.—*Ibid.*

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ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, MONDAY, December 13, 1920, at one o'clock p. m.

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 50.
2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 50 Draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921. Introduced by Government, authorizing the payment of Frcs. 60,000.00 from funds in the Municipal Treasury, not otherwise obligated, to the Telephone Fund for the purpose of effecting repairs and new installations.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 52.
Introduction of, and 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 52, Draft of Additional Money Bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, Aid to poor of Christiansted and Frederiksted introduced by Government.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 51.
1st Discussion on Resolution introduced by 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) authorizing the payment of the unexpended balance of the pension granted former Sicknurse Ritzberg to his widow.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, December 6, 1920.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

Post Office Notice.

FACILITIES for exchanging local currency for United States paper having become still more materially restricted since the notice of this office of September 16th., only United States money or Government paper will be acceptable for the purchase of money orders and payment of money-order fees (including C. O. D. business).

Until further, Danish money (which for the most part can be disposed of in local disbursements) will be accepted for the purchase of postage stamped paper, box-rent, etc.

Post Office, Christiansted, V. I., December 6, 1920.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.