

HOTELS STARTED WRONG.

Buildings Are Much Like Human Beings, Says a Philosophical New York Policeman.

The philanthropic policeman tipped back the brim of his helmet, pulled down his cuff and pointed to a brick building painted white that stood on the opposite corner, says the New York Sun.

"I don't think I'm a fatalist, if that's what you call it," he said, "but I've had opportunities in my business to see that some people get started wrong and never have a fair chance.

"It's the same thing with buildings. They get a bad name in the beginning, and that seems to settle them.

"That house on the corner was put up as a hotel nearly 30 years ago. It was intended to be all right, but the owner happened to lease it to the wrong kind of a man, and within six months after it was opened the police were in the place. Practically they've never been out of it since that time.

"The building has been sold several times and some of the owners have tried to make it different. But in one way or another it always seemed to drift back to its old character. If it hadn't been for that wrong start in the first place the old hotel might have been all right.

"Almost the same fate overtook another hotel that used to be on my beat uptown. Nobody ever knew why it was a failure. It stood on a site that gave light on four sides, occupying all of a small block. It ought to have been crowded all the time but it was nearly always empty, and one landlord after another came to grief there.

"After it was such a failure as a respectable hotel there was naturally an attempt to carry it along on the other plan. That prospered for awhile, but there could not have been much money even in that.

"Landlords came and went. Half the time the house was closed altogether, and in spite of all its attractions the building was a hoodoo. It will probably remain one until it is pulled down altogether.

"Now it is closed, half its windows have been broken by the boys in the streets, and it is ripe for the wreckers to tear it down and make way for some more fortunate structure. One thing must have compensated the owners for their disappointments. The site has increased enormously in value since it was bought 20 years ago, and in spite of all its vicissitudes the hotel may ultimately bring fortune to the men who built it."

MUSCLES IN TENSION.

Are the Ones That Tire Soonest Although Doing No Work at the Time.

The Revue Scientifique has been asking what muscles tire soonest, with the conclusion that it is not the muscles in use, but those under tension, although doing no work. The writer urges us to use the arms and legs less and the back and neck more, for on them comes the greatest strain. He has been asking men of all occupations the same questions:

When you have worked much where do you feel tired?

Before you were trained, did fatigue show itself in the same regions?

All the answers point to the same conclusions. The baker who kneads dough all night complains of fatigue in his legs.

The blacksmith is tired, not in his arms and shoulders, but in his back and loins.

The young soldier after a march, is especially tired in the back of his neck, even if he has carried no knapsack.

The oarsman who is in perfect training, after prolonged exercise gets tired in his calves and insteps.

These facts point to the conclusion that in any continued effort we should try to alter the habit of contraction. That is to say, the body, like the mind, needs change of work.

WHAT OLD AGE IS LIKE.

Witty Definition by an Aged Frenchman—Respect in Which It Most Differs from Youth.

The noted French advocate, Maitre Labori, who defended Dreyfus and recently the Humberts, is noted in Paris more for his polish and neatness of his speeches than for his eloquence.

An American journalist who heard Labori in court one day says the advocate's address was full of grace, wit, tenderness. He quotes a passage relating to old age, wherein Labori, with a smile, said:

"Old age—we shall none of us quite understand that until we have attained to it—for no one, of us here is old. But the other day I visited my uncle, a very aged man.

"What is it like, uncle?" I said, "to be old?"

"And my uncle answered:

"It's like this: When one is young one's polite attentions to women are taken for declarations of love, but when one is old one's declarations of love are taken for polite attentions."

Independent and reliable—The Oregonian.

Governor J. K. Toole, of Montana, has declared a quarantine against California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, New York, South Dakota, Ohio, Wyoming, Washington and Oregon, where sheep scab is supposed to exist. Under the governor's order, the ban is placed on the importation of any sheep from the states quarantined against.

The new federal army bayonet will be six inches longer than the one now in use. From being nearly "obsolete," the Russo-Japanese war has proven its up-to-lateness in the hands of up-to-date soldiers.

Hood River is experiencing a virulent attack of cleaning up alleys, streets and back yards, and is extending the war into drains and cesspools.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Heppner Quotations on Staples Bought and Sold Here.

RETAIL GROCERY PRICES.

COFFEE—Mocha and Java, best 50c per pound; next grade, 45c per pound; package coffee, Lion and Arbuckle, 20c lb; Columbian coffee, 6 packages for \$1.

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SUGAR—Cane granulated, best \$6 85 per sack; do 13 pounds \$1.

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BACON—15@20c per pound.

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HAS RIGHT OF WAY.

State of Oregon Gives Deed to the Government.

In fulfillment of its pledge the State of Oregon yesterday delivered to Major Langfitt a deed conveying absolute title to the Government of the entire right of way for The Dalles-Celilo Canal. This action removes the last obstacle to the construction of the canal and insures the early beginning of work.

The delivery of this deed was made necessary by the condition imposed by Congress that before the canal should be constructed by the Government the state should deed to it free of cost the lands contained within the right of way. This the state pledged itself to do, and, after much delay, in suits and the arranging for the purchase of the lands, the state not long ago secured full and clear titles to all necessary land.

The transfer of this right of way has been made to the Government in one deed, with the title warranted by the state. A full abstract of title to the property accompanies the deed, and these will be forwarded to the department in Washington for the approval of the United States Attorney General within the next few days.

In speaking of the matter Major Langfitt said:

"The deed conveying title to the Government of the right of way for the canal was delivered to me today, and as soon as I can go over it I will forward it on to Washington. This deed settles everything so far as the state is concerned, and there are no further conditions to be complied with on the part of anyone aside from the Government.

"I have not yet been able to look over the deed and papers carefully, but so far as I can see they are all in order and the title is perfect. We may possibly find some small clerical errors which will have to be corrected, but if there are any such they cannot be of importance and can easily be rectified.

"Affairs are in such shape now in re-

gard to the canal that we should be able to begin construction immediately after the high water and work will undoubtedly be started by July. In accordance with department orders we have forwarded to Washington the project for this improvement based on the money available for that purpose, and as soon as that is returned to us with the approval of the chief engineer we shall prepare and forward to him detailed plans and specifications for the work. When these are approved we shall then be in shape to begin work on the ground."

There will be but little if any delay in the transmittal of plans to Washington since a force of draughtsmen is constantly at work on them in the local office. It is hard to estimate just how much work can be done on the canal this season, but a good part of the lower end should be well under way before the end of the year. The improvement of Three-Mile Rapids is being rushed forward.

It is settled that the Zeigler, Ill., mine explosion which cost about 50 lives, was caused by the accumulation of carbonic acid gas, due to poor ventilation.

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Located in the Columbia river valley, and skirted on the South with a spur of the Blue mountains, within the boundaries of Morrow county is a territory 75 miles in length by 35 miles in width, and containing 1,313,280 acres of land. Formerly stockraising was the principal industry, but lately the fertility of the land is bringing agriculture to the front. Immense wheat crops are grown with little cultivation, the soil being mixed with a volcanic ash which is very rich in wheat-producing qualities. The 1904 crop will aggregate 1,400,000 bushels, much of it from virgin soil.

Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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