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"Yet think how much importance everyone attaches to the deathbed confession! It is always given credence!"

"They say our subconscious mind acts in dreams, and our thoughts that are stored away are then set free. I should think anything stored away would assert itself under these conditions."

"It seems to me to be a parallel to the way analysts explain dreams."

"I would want this man's affairs thoroughly investigated and think the psychoanalysts would be interested in him."

"If I had my way with a prisoner, and if capital punishment were not abolished, I would wait till the day set for his execution and sentence him to life imprisonment. The time of sentence till the day of execution is a period of terrible mental torture, and the imprisonment would restrain him in future."

Many convicts have gone to the chair protesting innocence, but this is the first time in 31 years that a man awaiting legal death stood in danger of a natural one sufficiently so to be removed to the hospital.

Whether ether brought truth or falsehood from Ward we cannot tell, but concerning the drug's action Dr. Corcoran said of Dr. Cotton's discovery:

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proper sub-grade.

Second: By paving the roadway of said street twenty feet in width with concrete pavement.

Third: By constructing concrete curbs.

Fourth: By constructing sub-drains, if necessary.

Fifth: By constructing street monuments.

Sixth: By laying vitrified sewer pipe, if necessary.

Seventh: By constructing catch-basins and inlets.

Baptists Win from Presbyterians

(By C. H. HILTON.)

The Twilight League battle for the leadership was renewed last night in the baseball battle between the Baptists and the Presbyterians. The battle was a close one, but the bombardment was heavy. The Baptist team was found to be in the lead at the close of the battle the score being 11 to 9. Randolph again started for the Presbyterians, and got thru the first inning in fine shape, but oh! the second. When the smoke of battle cleared away, Randolph was writhing in agony on the field of battle, and eight men had raced around the bases. Hill began for the Baptists and was nicked for two to begin with. Hill was wild, a wild man was he. One ball would go over the catcher's head, and the next one would hit the dirt in front of the plate. But he lasted till the third. Hill had plenty on the ball, but he couldn't get control. In the third after two runs had scored, and he filled the sacks with bases on balls. Black relieved him and managed to retire the side with only two of the men on the bags scoring. This left the battle at eight to seven. By special permission, Warren Burt was allowed to help the Presbyterians and pitched the last two innings. He got by one in good shape, but in the next one three healthy swats brought over three runs. One was a two bagger, and one was a fluke home run. The ball landed against the fence, and was lost in the grass, and before it could be gotten home, Wallace Singleton who hit it crossed the plate. The Presbyterians then came back with two more runs, but could not get enough to tie, so the game ended with the score 11 to 9. The way the standing is at the present time, the Baptists have lost none and tied one, and won four. The Presbyterians have won two and lost three. The Christians have won one, tied one, and lost four. The games will be resumed next Tuesday evening.

AROUND THE TOWN.

Arundel, piano tuner. Phone 189-L.

Here from Eugene—

Mrs. Julia Day, of Eugene, is visiting here with her niece, Mrs. B. W. Taylor. She expects to remain for several weeks.

Expert furniture packing and crating. Phone 91-J. 202 N. Rose St., near Oak.

Motor to Coquille—

Mrs. J. R. Grant and Miss Bertha Aubin motored to Coquille today to spend a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

Painless extraction of teeth at room 9, Masonic temple. Dr. Nerbaa.

Wound is Healing—

Harley Williams, of Yoncalla, who has been confined to the Mercy hospital, suffering from a severe gunshot wound, is recovering nicely.

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IT'S A QUEER WORLD!

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 3.
Alexander Dreckun, proprietor of a saloon, is an obliging man. United States District Judge Faris is an obliging judge. And Nick Azik, Dreckun's bartender, has a wife and four children.

So, when Azik was arraigned before Judge Faris on a charge of violating the prohibition law, Dreckun stepped up and requested that he, Dreckun, be tried in Azik's stead, in order to avoid imposing hardship on Azik's family.

Judge Faris obligingly consented. Dreckun, realizing the crowded condition of Judge Faris' calendar, obligingly pleaded guilty.

Whereupon Judge Faris sentenced him to serve three months in jail and to pay a fine of \$300.

Daily Vacation Bible School, Baptist church.

Baby Boy Born—

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Keyes, of East Douglas street, are the parents of a baby son born to them on May 31. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Children's Day exercises at Christian church Sunday eve.

Left for Portland Today—

Harold B. Hudson, of the Hudson Electric Store, left for Portland today to buy some electrical supplies for his house here and also to take in the Shrine ceremonies to be held there Monday. He will return the middle of the week.

TOP price is being paid for your year's clip of mohair. J. F. Barker & Co.

John Hummel Returns—

Roseburg did not appeal greatly to John Hummel, local tailor, who has been located in the Umpqua city for the past three months. Mr. Hummel closed his shop there and will hereafter be found at Fred Roper's tailor shop, his old stand. He says that he does not intend to return to Roseburg as he would rather live here.—Grants Pass Courier.

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