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DOES DOPE RING MUZZLE WASHINGTON

Charging that the national government is doing next to nothing to combat the drug evil in this country, that narcotic officials are corrupted, that policemen are bribed, that doctors and druggists are in collusion, authentic and staggering facts on the drug traffic in the United States are brought to public attention by Sidney Howard in the February issue of Hearst's International Magazine.

This is the first of a series of special articles in which Mr. Howard will discuss the dope problem from every angle. Copies of the entire series will be placed in the hands of every senator in Washington and every congressman in an effort to get action on what Mr. Howard declares is the most dangerous evil on earth as it exists today in this country.

"The American dope problem is increasing day by day and demands immediate consideration," warns Mr. Howard. "It concerns every city and town in the nation. Its addicts include men and women of influence and power. In spite of all the laws we have passed, in spite of all the horror with which dope is surrounded, the United States today uses more than all the rest of the world combined."

"You can buy it almost where and how you will, on the steps of the Public Library at Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street in New York; in Grant Park in Chicago; in the corridors of the Post Office in San Francisco and from the druggist on the main street of the nation's towns."

Conditions in the small towns he says are even worse than in the big cities. Main street has gone wrong for back of its substantial homes, its general air of comfort and well being, there flourishes a drug traffic that spells tragedy, disease and decay.

The story of Somerset, Ky., can be matched in every state in the Union, he says. Somerset is a lovely little town in the Kentucky hills, of some five thousand inhabitants,—farmers, tradesmen, oldest residents.

"It is one of those towns of the nestling type," writes Mr. Howard, "a lovely, lovable place—shaded streets, white houses with green shutters, broad encircling lawns, plenty of horse troughs and hitching posts, plenty of Fords too. Altogether as decent and regular a community as you could ask to find, the center of a prosperous farming countryside, the home of the governor."

"No underworld in such a town, no slums. Just old residents, marrying, bearing children, dying off."

"An entry in the books of the wholesale drug concern sent one of our investigators lately to Somerset to inspect the affairs of the local druggist. In the eighteen months preceding, this druggist had filled a matter of five thousand prescriptions for morphine or about 250 ounces. A surgeon administers one eighth of a grain before a major operation. A quarter of a grain will put the average individual to sleep. An ounce contains more than 450 grains."

"The Somerset druggist paid \$1757 for his morphine and sold it for \$6728. Doctors wrote the prescriptions which the drug store filled. One of them wrote 1197 prescriptions during these 18 months. Another did not even require the shelter of an office for his prescribing. Investigation proved that half the town was using drugs."

"No epidemic. Only a community of five thousand normal people, farmers of the Kentucky hills who used 116,033 grains of morphine in eighteen months."

"In 1921, the Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, to which all of New York's accident and emergency cases go, used only ninety-two and a half ounces for the treatment of more than sixty-four thousand patients and the twenty-seven principal hospitals of Philadelphia absorbed only ninety ounces, about one third of the amount absorbed by the men and women and children of Somerset. And the people of Somerset weren't sick."

"Towns from Maine to California, examined by Federal agents show a similar condition," according to Mr. Howard.

In this first article, Mr. Howard recounts many instances of blackmail, of corrupt officials, of pitiful victims struggling to throw off the habit, of crime committed through urge for the drug, or under its influence, and to offset all these—the feeble efforts of the Federal Government which is trying to stem the evil with its woefully meagre appropriation and its handful of Narcotic Enforcement Agents.

In spite of all the progress being made in hygiene, contagious diseases keep breaking out, particularly among children. Many little ones lose their lives, while others suffer permanent injury. Parents ought to co-operate with the medical men to avert these epidemics, by promptly reporting cases where there seems any chance that a child could have a contagious sickness.

Anybody can be a faultfinder, because nothing is easier to find than fault, but anybody also can be a good-finder, because there is nothing easier to find than good.

PRUNE PICKIN'S BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—

One of our flivver driving friends who is slightly given to profanity says: He would like to know Any man who could drive His car over some Douglas county roads And remain a gentleman.

Bill Harding wanted to slip ye ed. a bottle of Boswell mineral water today but the rest of the force declared we didn't need it.

A strictly expert man is the feller who has a sore finger and can eat without getting salt in it.

We rec'd a plaint from a feller out near Glide today in which he says we're putting too much paste on his newspaper wrapper. Don't worry ol' sonnt, we don't charge a cent extra for the paste.

The barefoot boy with cheeks of tan has been chased off the premises by his sister who needs the lawn for bare legs to interpret Spring and the Swan song.

It doesn't take a very penetrating gaze to see through a lot of people. Some people are so darn sheepish that when they meet you on the main drag they duck their head as though they'd swiped your umbrella or something.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS Polychrome is the name of a bird.

Dear Ed. Are you noisy when you eat? INTERESTED. Ans.: No we are noisy when we don't eat.

YE ED'S LAMENT I want to write of sunsets rare, Of purple hills and dells, Of dancing waves and sparkling brooks; —But that stuff never sells.

I want to write of lever's lanes, Of shaded, woodland knolls, Of softly rustling poplar leaves, —But that stuff never sells.

I want to write of rustic homes, Of old, moss-covered wells, Of ivy vines and lowering herds; —But that stuff never sells.

I'll have to write of jazz and hootch, Of things that deal with hell, Of vulgar dances and flappers' boots; —That stuff I know I'll sell.

The annual bootleggers' convention will be held in a remote section of the county this year according to the circulars being mailed out today advertising the event. Last year the convention was held in one of Roseburg's prominent alleys but owing to the presence of armed deputies in this neck of the woods this season the officials of the association decided that the sessions had better be convened in some district not inhabited by the sleuths. A fine program has been arranged for the convention and some of the well known home brewers of the county will give testimonials and recipes for a new concoction which they declare will knock the imbibitor off the planet for a period of 72 hours.

The conductor of this colyum has been asked for his idea of the best way to be contented and happy. The best way we know of is to never borrow trouble or lend money.

Charley Lockwood informed us today that a telephone pole never hits a flivver except in self defense.

Mayor Nap Rice is considering the information of a volunteer sprinkling can brigade to take care of the maple trees on Stephens street after they are planted.

Charley Heinline, our congenial p. m., has figured it out that the average man gets 112 letters a year. He won't get that many if he pays his bills, will he Charley?

Prune Pickin's is appearing once each week on the screen at the Palace Theatre in New York city according to a letter rec'd at this sanctum today. We'll do our best to educate those hicktown New Yawk folks.

After looking at Jawn D.'s picture in yesterday's News-Review we've decided we'd just as soon eke along on our \$7.50 a week.

An' didja see that photo for which the ex-kaiser received \$10,000. Goah, canya imagine anyone paying ten thousand smacks for a comic valentine.

The office force has been in a terrible row to see who'll take home the chunk of coal John Alexander brought into the sanctum.

HISTORICAL AND HYSTERICAL NOTES

Broadway was once a cow path. It might be added there are still innumerable calves to be seen on the G. W. W. on a windy day.

Some women do not need a training course to teach them how to nurse a grievance.

Smile! Even the you have a double chin, it has it's advantages, you can rest one while using the other.

There are six senses, but most of us lack common sense, leaving five.

State Press Comment

WHY NOT GIVE IT TO HIM?

Friend W. Richardson, a country editor with a large fund of common sense and an upright backbone, was elected governor of California last November, on an economy platform. Everybody running for office everywhere preaches economy, of course, but Mr. Richardson had been state treasurer for eight years, and he had first-hand knowledge of the state's finances and practical ideas of what might be done.

The biennial state budget for California has climbed to the gigantic sum of \$100,000,000 or somewhat less, and Mr. Richardson made the specific pledge, over his own signature, and in public speeches, that if elected he would cause a reduction of at least \$15,000,000. He was elected, for the people thought he knew what he was talking about and would do as he said. Now it is up to him to make good his campaign promises. Evidently he is not preparing to pass the buck to the legislature, for he is not crying for wholesale consolidation or pretending that the impossible can be done if only the legislature will untie his hands. Gov. nor Richardson talked to the legislature the other day in a calm and sensible way, saying among other things:

Economy in government is not entirely a matter of the form of government, but must depend primarily upon the spirit and purpose of the officers in control of state affairs. The state should improve its form of government by elimination of unnecessary boards and officers by consolidation and by doing away with the overlapping functions. Two years ago this state combined certain offices into departments, and the result has shown that it is difficult to find supernumeraries to head these departments, that not a single office has been eliminated and that cost of these departments has increased rather than decreased. Efficiency and economy were not desired, hence not secured.

Oregon has an ex-state treasurer also, now in the legislature, and he recently challenged the proponents of the Hall consolidation measure to indicate how it would save the taxpayers anything. He knows that consolidation alone will not do it, and so do the measure's advocates. When the spirit of economy permeates the state administration, and there is a definite purpose to effect it, and the power to enforce it there will be economy; and all talk about it without these prerequisites is mere piffle-paffle.

Economy is not self-existent or self-executing, in any form of government. But that is no reason why there should be a concerted scheme to balk Governor Pierce in his demands for a change in the state administrative system. He is pledged to effect economy and he says that he can get it if there is consolidation of bureaus and departments.

If there any reason why the governor should not be taken at his word, and made responsible for results?—Oregonian.

AMERICANISM IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS

A bill by Senator Eddy would make obligatory in Oregon schools the study for two years of United States history, biographies of eminent patriotic Americans, the history and leading principles of American constitutional law in simple form, American literature, the English language including grammar, composition, rhetoric, spelling and punctuation, bookkeeping, practical operations in arithmetic, physiology and hygiene. To this course of study are added optional studies for filling out the logical requirements of a high school education.

The object of this act is twofold, to give a well grounded education and to teach young Americans their America. Under our present law it is possible for high school students to so select their studies that they may pass out of high school but with the sketchiest sort of knowledge of our country's history and laws, and with a great acquaintance with our country's great men and great literature. The bill is in the interests of a more practical and thorough education and a better citizenship.

To such emphasis can hardly be placed on teaching our young people to be lovers of their country and intelligent lovers of that. And because a considerable number of high school pupils leave school before

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

PRICES PAID FARMERS FOR PRODUCE

Table listing prices for various products: Butter, 35 cents a pound; Butterfat, 45 cents; Eggs, 25 cents per dozen; Hens, heavy, 17 cents a pound; Hens, light, 13 cents a pound; Old roosters, 10 cents a pound; Geese, 15 cents a pound; Ducks, 15 cents a pound; Wheat, \$1.20 at mill, sacks returned; Barley, \$36 a ton; Veal, dressed, 9 to 12 cents a lb.; Hogs, dressed, 12 cents, 120 to 160 pounds weight; Cows, prime, 4 1/2 cents; Steers, prime, 5 cents; Honey, local production, 20 cents a pound; Casarsa bark, 1922, 6 1/2 cents a pound; Casarsa bark, 1921, 7 1/2 c.

RETAIL PRICES ON MILL PRODUCTS

Table listing retail prices: Mill run, \$1.60 a sack of 80 pounds; Cracked corn, \$2.39 a 100 pounds; Roiled barley, \$1.55 a sack of 70 pounds; Grey seed oats, per bushel, \$1.00; Feed oats, per 100, \$1.50; Flour, soft wheat, \$1.75 a sack; Flour, hard wheat, \$1.95 and \$2.10 a sack.

BARNUM WAS RIGHT

That the American people love to be humbugged and are willing to pay for it, is proved anew, day by day in many ways. Take the Case cures. Nobody ever heard of Case until some enterprising newspaper syndicate started to feature him with propaganda in the news. Then came a series of copyrighted articles upon him, then another series upon his cures, all of which big newspapers paid fancy prices to print, and then came Case himself, and proceeded to rake in the shekels from a public whose curiosity had been so skillfully aroused that it paid to hear about him, paid to see him and paid to practice his bunk.

Take the case of Henry Ford, who wants to be president and who, though he never spends a nickel in advertising, secures more advertising than any man in the world. Big newspapers which oppose everything that Ford poses for, pay big prices to print sycophantic biographies of the auto maker by doing hired men, which are merely propaganda designed to boom his business and candidacy. And the public thinks he is benefactor when he sells them a car at prices so low and profits so high that in a few years he has become the richest man in the world—and therefore the poor man's friend, though he works them on an endless belt like so much machinery.

Take the case of the find of relics of an Egyptian pharaoh in his tomb at Luxor. These Egyptian explorations are a purely commercial venture and financed like any other business. If good luck is experienced and valuable loot is secured, the profits are large—but if other vandals have beat them to it, there is an assessment instead of a dividend.

So much loot was in sight at Tutankhamen tomb, that it became a business proposition to stimulate the market so as to absorb curio offerings at exorbitant prices. Therefore the press propaganda agent was called in and copyrighted syndicate articles on the "wonderful" discoveries, sold at fancy prices to larger newspapers who pay for editorial across the seas from London where they are probably manufactured by some clever hack for American suckers to eagerly absorb and later invest in.

These are only a few current instances of many that could be cited, in which the big newspaper syndicates pay exorbitantly for printing propaganda designed to promote special interests under the guise of news. Since the war, so much news is but talented propaganda, that today it is a great menace to press and people. It is difficult sometimes, even for the hard-boiled newspaper man to tell when he is being imposed upon.

But it all goes to prove that Barnum was right.

GETS GOOD MILEAGE

The manager of the Boswell Springs reports that a local flivver owner ran out of gas while near the Springs hotel and being quite anxious to continue his journey took a chance and filled the tank with Boswell mineral waters. The old flivver gave a couple of snorts and tore out down the road and from the last report received the owner hasn't caught up with it yet. If a Henry gets that "kick" out of the fluid can you imagine the "vim, vigor and vitality" it will put into a human being?

NOT OUR LAUNDRY



Perfect starch-work and care in laundering means we preserve your linens.

ROSEBURG STEAM LAUNDRY 112 S. JEFFERSON PHONE 73

Advertisement for I. ABRAHAM 'THE SILK STORE' featuring Wool Dress Goods and Also New Spring Coats and Dresses. Includes contact information for R. H. Maupin.

Advertisement for DODGE BROTHERS USED CARS. Lists various car models like 1918 Dodge Brothers Touring, 1921 Ford Touring, etc. Contact J. O. NEWLAND & SON, Dodge Brothers Dealers, Roseburg, Ore.

Advertisement for Farm Machinery from WHARTON BROS, Successors to J. F. Barker & Co. Promotes a full carload of machinery arriving soon.

Advertisement for Feed is Down from THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FLOUR MILL. Lists products like KERR'S Millrun, 80s for \$1.35 and ROYAL Millrun, 80s for \$1.30.

Advertisement for PILES by DR. CHAS. J. DEAN. Claims to have permanently cured cases of 40 years standing with a non-surgical, painless treatment.