

PLAGUE RECEDING SAYS DR. R. W. MATSON

Tuberculosis Specialist Tells Assembly Audience of the Cause, Prevention and Cure of Disease

The United States is beginning to show the effect of the various "anti-white plague" crusades which have been waged in this country during the last few years, and tuberculosis is gradually being stamped out. Such is the opinion expressed by Dr. R. W. Matson, of the Portland Open Air Sanatorium at Milwaukie, who delivered an illustrated lecture on "Tuberculosis; Its Cause, Prevention and Cure," during the Wednesday assembly hour.

"In spite of the wide-spread prevalence of the disease, great strides have been made toward its prevention and cure," Dr. Matson stated. "In ten years the death rate was reduced 50 per cent. This reform was brought about largely by the anti-tuberculosis societies and by the general education of the people on the subject."

"Ordinary daylight is a powerful tuberculosis germicide," the doctor continued, and the use of sunshine, sleeping porches, tents and household cleanliness figure very largely in the decrease of the disease. Tuberculosis is essentially a house infection, and the germ itself may be killed by ordinary daylight and sunlight in a few hours.

Dr. Matson stated that 90 per cent of all persons are infected with tuberculosis at some time in their life, and that 50 per cent of this infection takes place before the age of 15 years. Three per cent of these persons recover, and the others are always, more or less, susceptible to the disease. The period of the highest death rate is between the ages of 20 and 40 years.

"There is one death from tuberculosis in the United States every three minutes," Dr. Matson said. "In one year it kills more people than would die of yellow fever in 115 years, and in the 19th century it killed more people than the combined wars. Today, one person out of every seven or ten persons has the disease."

In general, the speaker stated, those persons following an indoor occupation are more susceptible to the disease than outside workers. A relative table showed that stone workers and printers are among those persons having the highest death rate, and that brakemen, sailors and miners were among those least susceptible to tuberculosis.

That there is a higher mortality among certain races than among others, was stated by the speaker. Among the negroes the death rate is very high, and it is probably as low among the Polish Jews as among any other race. The reason for these differences was explained by the fact that the Jews have lived in conditions fostering this disease for centuries, and their bodies have developed the power of resistance against it. However, the disease was unknown in Africa before that country was colonized by England, and consequently the negroes have no natural defense.

STATUS OF SUMMER SCHOOL STANDARDIZED

Three Terms to be Equal to One Year Residence; Correspondence Work Will be Systematized

Three terms of Summer School may now be taken in place of the one year's residence requirement, according to Dr. H. D. Sheldon, head of the Department of Education.

This change has been authorized in order that teachers who have not been able to take a four-year course at the University may obtain their degree by correspondence and Summer School work. The hours required for a degree will remain the same.

The correspondence work of the department will be more systematized next year. Persons taking courses will be urged to form clubs, before which a man sent out from the University will appear. His business will be to outline the work and lead discussions.

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DESIGNS "SCORE CARD" FOR STANDARD HOME

Hodge Would Grade Living Conditions Just as Milk Inspector a Dairy

"The Standard Home," an article written for the February Extension Monitor, by Dr. C. F. Hodge, Professor of Social Biology, offers a score card for testing the sanitation of the home.

The perfect home, according to the card, scores 1,000 points. For each of the following ten items 100 points are allowed:

- (1) Lay of land and character of soil (providing for drainage); (2) ventilation and heating; (3) safe water supply; (4) plan of house (for rooms in Western Oregon into which sun never shines, 20 to 100 points are deducted); (5) time saving arrangement of rooms must also be considered; (6) plan of barns and baryard; (7) apparatus for personal cleanliness (this includes bath room facilities and house sewage disposal); (8) apparatus for house cleanliness (score perfect only if there is an installed vacuum cleaner); apparatus for control of pests and vermin; (9) sanitary, vermin-proof storage for food; (10) beauty of the home (tasteful shrubbery and flowers).

"We don't know what's eating us," explained Dr. Hodge. "Why, on the Wisconsin farm when I was a boy, we thought everything was as clean as could be, but the score would have been low.

"Some people think it is too much to require an installed vacuum cleaner, but every home from hovel to palace needs it. Dust is at the bottom of all our throat and lung troubles. It's like catching flies; you can chase the same particle of dust for a century with a feather duster. You don't have to catch it but once."

The best common-sense tests of the air and ventilation of a room, the article states, is to see if it smells stuffy or close or disagreeable after one has been in fresh air.

Some homes, Dr. Hodge says, would score very high. Consider this one, however:

"The kitchen-dining-living-room of a considerable family was the only room provided with any heating stove. There was no bath tub in the house. But the most disagreeable feature was a mess of cats that habitually slept on the dining table among the dishes and exposed foods. They were often seen lapping the milk and licking the butter. The district school teacher, who was expected to board here, found this typical of the district."

Dr. Hodge says home conditions are no worse in Oregon than elsewhere and that his score card is not constructed with the idea of going into homes in a critical or fault-finding spirit. The purpose, as with the Better Babies Standard Score Card, from which Dr. Hodge got the idea of a home score card, is to enable people to find out their rating for themselves.

CHANCES OF GETTING PHI BETA KAPPA GOOD SAYS CLARK

"The chances for securing a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa are strengthened considerably since the Board of Regents have decided to move the Law School to Eugene," said R. C. Clark, head of the History Department, who is acting as secretary for the committee of the faculty which is trying to be recognized by the national senate of Phi Beta Kappa.

The national senate of the honorary fraternity is composed of 20 men, many of whom are well known to the public of America. Among some of the men on the senate are President Lowell, of Harvard; Dean Edward A. Beirge, of Wisconsin; Edward Hamilton Mabie, associate editor of the Outlook; Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews; and John H. Finley, of the New York University and formerly President of Princeton.

Coach Conibear, who seems to have the faculty of turning out winning crews for the University of Washington, is also a track trainer. He was the first coach that the University of Illinois track team ever had. In two years, between 1901 and 1903, he had the Middle Western champions inoculated with the bug and had won four meets. He was succeeded by Coach Gill.

LEE MOUNTJOY FOULLY TACKLED BY AUTO

Lee Mountjoy was waylaid by an automobile driven by a high school girl, and as an aftermath of the collision is now recuperating in the Iota Chi house. The victim, returning from town, met the auto at Ninth and Oak streets. The two began a dodging game. It is said that the girl in the case, although a parvenue at the game, finally got the better of the scrimmage.

The auto tackled Mountjoy below the knees, knocked him down and ran over his ankles. In the fall Mountjoy sustained a painful injury to his hand. The driver of the car is unknown and still at large.

Y. M. CO-OPERATES WITH CHURCHES FOR STUDENTS

The Y. M. C. A. is distributing one thousand blotters in the interests of the series of meetings to be conducted by Eugene ministers concerning the fundamentals of Christianity. These meetings are primarily for University students.

The following subjects will be given:

April 25—How to Understand the Bible.
May 2—What Shall We Believe About God?

May 9—What Shall We Believe About Jesus Christ?

May 16—What Is It to be a Christian?

These subjects will be the same in each local church in the morning service, and each pastor is preparing his address especially for the students.

SIGMA DELTA CHI TO INSTALL KANSAS CHAPTER

Sigma Delta Chi, the honorary journalistic fraternity, will install a chapter in the Kansas State Agricultural College soon. Sigma Delta Chi requires for active membership both marked ability and a definite intention of entering the field of journalism.

C. R. FOUNTAIN, '01, HONORED BY GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE

Prof. C. R. Fountain, who was graduated from Oregon in 1901 and is now head of the Department of Physics of the University of Georgia, has been chosen as head of the Department of Physics at the summer session of the George Peabody College for Teachers, at Nashville, Tenn. The announcement for the summer session shows a list of nearly 100 on the faculty, drawn from all over the United States.

Ruth Holmes was a dinner guest at Mary Spiller Hall Tuesday.

Ruth Wilson, who was ill with tonsillitis and unable to go home spring vacation, is not in school yet.

William S. Morgan, Ph. D., of the Pacific Unitarian College for the ministry, in Berkeley, California, has been selected by the Carnegie Peace Foundation as lecturer on international policy and conciliation, at the University of Oregon Summer School. The Peace Foundation pays Dr. Morgan.

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FORMER ASSOCIATE OF PROF. AYER LOST IN SINKING OF F-4

One of the men who lost their lives in the F-4 in Honolulu harbor was a former athletic associate of Fred C. Ayer, Professor of Education. He was George Ashcroft, and when Professor Ayer was teaching in the Normal School at Tempe, Arizona, Mr. Ashcroft was a student there. They constituted the Normal baseball battery, and played together also for baseball teams in surrounding Arizona towns.

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