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MEDICAL IMPORTANCE OF PANAMA.

On the completion of the Panama canal, there will be a readjustment of routes of commerce and travel, which will radiate from the canal to all parts of the world. The western coast of Central and South America will then constitute a definite sanitary menace to the United States. Close contact by ship with the ports where yellow fever, cholera and smallpox are always present, not to mention a host of other infectious diseases, will expose our Atlantic and Gulf ports to the constant peril of epidemic invasion. It will probably fall to the public health service to provide against this new danger. The present quarantine service embraces a chain of fifty-three stations encircling the United States, New York being the only important port not covered by the federal service. The public health service also includes Porto Rico and Hawaii in its quarantine protection, and administers the quarantine of the canal zone. The maritime traffic which will converge at the canal zone will bring with it large numbers of sailors of all the nations, including the United States, and a medical relief station will be necessary. The Journal of the American Medical Association says that a large marine hospital should be erected at some favorable location in the canal zone, either at sea-level or in the mountains; it would find a large and increasing field of usefulness, and in fact will be almost a necessity. Out patient offices at Colon and Panama should be equipped for emergency and ambulance cases, and as receiving stations for the marine hospital. There is a unique opportunity in the canal zone for the investigation of tropical and subtropical diseases. The clinical material which will be available from all parts of the world, especially from Central and South America, will afford opportunity for valuable studies of diseases which will soon be even a greater national menace than at present.

1901 was 8,818 (6,809 men and 2,009 women), has been increasing, especially since 1905, until in 1910 it was 9,819. This number is evidently less than the total number of suicides for without a doubt many suicides are never noted by the authorities. The suicidal rate is 25 per hundred thousand. This is three times what it was seventy years ago (9 per hundred thousand in 1840, 17 in 1880, 22 in 1900.) The mean number was exceeded in 1910 in twenty-six departments. The 9,819 suicides in 1910 comprised 7,476 men and 2,343 women, or 34 per hundred thousand males and 12 per hundred thousand females. Frequency of suicide increases with the advance of age and the maximum is reached among the old; but the rate is increasing among children less than 16; the annual mean from 1901 to 1905 was 60 and from 1906 to 1910 was 80. Widowers do not take a prominent place in the total number of suicides but advance to first position if considered according to the census enumeration. Their suicide rate is 163 per hundred thousand, about three times that of the bachelors. Widows and divorced women show a tendency to suicide, but to a less degree than widowers and divorced men. Among 9,282 suicides whose home was known, 4,968, or 54 per cent lived in the country and 4,313 or 46 per cent in the city. The rate in the country was 21 per hundred thousand and in the city 26. Servants of both sexes committed suicide oftener than persons employed in other ways, and members of the professions come next. Spring and summer are the favorite seasons for committing suicide, says the Paris correspondent of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Physical suffering accounted for 21 per cent of the suicides, mental disease for 15 per cent, unhappiness and ill fortune for 13 per cent, drunkenness for 12 per cent, domestic misfortunes for 9 per cent, disappointment in love for 4 per cent, misconduct for 2 per cent, and other motives for 24 per cent.

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ELSIE VANVELY & CO AT ARCADE Babe Virginia Makes a Big Hit With People.

The best act in a long time is the one now on at the Arcade theatre, featuring Babe Virginia, the clever little baby actress. The songs are new and catchy and on her first appearance last night they were forced to respond to several encores.

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LA GRANDE YIMRUDS WIN. Elgin Shoot Held Yesterday Is Attended by Local Cracks.

A party of La Grande men handy with rifle and shotgun, went to Elgin yesterday to participate in a jackpot shoot conducted by Elgin people. Among those to go were Press Lewis, president of the local Gun club, Lou Rayburn, Claude Mackey, E. O. Lemmons and Bert Hughes. The big rifle team rifle was used to good advantage. Rayburn won the money for the high average in the first 100 birds, and also won the prize run with.

for the day. With the rifle, Hughes and Rayburn were among those making exceptional showings, considerable money going to the La Grande rifle team in rifle contests. Elgin, La Grande, Imbler and other valley points were represented at the highly enjoyed festivities. The La Grande Gun club will return the compliment on the 18th when an open jackpot rifle and blue rock shoot will be held here.

Nothing serious ever happens when two women become involved in an argument as to which shall have the privilege of paying car fare for both.

Another man is to be released from prison for writing a poem. The time may come when the prison will be the safest place to write poetry.

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