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WILL RADIUM CURE CANCER?

Has a cure for cancer been found? Two of the greatest surgeons of this age say they are ready to answer this question in the affirmative, Dr. Howards A. Kelly, gynecologist and surgeon of the Johns Hopkins hospital and university, and Dr. Robert Ade of New York have announced to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia that the result of 10 years of clinical experimentation, observation and practice has shown that radium is an absolute cancer cure. In incipient cases and even in cases where the disease has not spread unduly, the application of radium to the affected parts brings about an absolute and immediate cure.

Dr. Kelly, telling of several cases which he has treated, related stories which but for his reputation in the field of surgery would have been regarded as romances. Thus, with a patient whom Dr. Kelly referred to as "Uncle John" the subject of the treatment announced, after an hour's application of a radium tube, that the growth was becoming smaller. Physicians and surgeons laughed at this remark, but it was true. After 48 hours the growth had entirely disappeared and a smooth, healthy skin and tissue had taken their place. Dr. Kelly thus graphically described it: "I was amazed at the work. I could hardly believe my eyes. It was as if I had said, 'Tumor, go!' and the tumor was gone."

The two surgeons also described many cases of cures of cancer of the lips, the tongue and even of the breast. They advocate the use of the knife in extreme cases to remove entirely the malignant growths, following this with the application of radium to destroy the disease and to restore healthy tissue. This is to make entirely certain of the cure.

Dr. Kelly says that tumors are not terrible afflictions, but that his experience is that they are merely weak cells which "by their weakness have become riotous" and that the stimulation of such cells by the gamma rays of radium, makes them normal.

If these things be true—and the reputation of the two great surgeons who vouch for them makes it almost certain that they are—then another discovery of enormous moment to mankind has been made and suffering humanity owes one more great debt of gratitude to the laboratory, the clinic and the men who devote themselves to the healing art.

IS LIVING TO COME DOWN?

No one a few months ago could

see how it would be possible for the cost of living to come down, yet we are now confronted with the worst news on this topic that could be given, namely that wheat is lowest it has been in eleven years. This means much to the wheat producing sections of the northwest in a local commercial sense, but what effect will it have on the general scheme of a lower living cost?

Wheat is a good barometer for other values. We have thought meat bound to stay at an abnormal high price, yet we have the assurance from packers that only about 50 per cent of the meat is now consumed that was consumed a few years ago. The hog is being raised in large droves and a hog is raised quickly. Beef is coming from foreign lands, all of which would indicate that present high prices of meat are not liable to continue a great length of time.

Viewing conditions from all angles possible to our vision it would seem that the tendency is lower prices on foodstuffs, but no radical changes seem to be in sight. Things may drift along as they are for some time, even until the present administration will have been finished with little change, but in time it looks very much as though prices would become lower.

NOT AS IT USED TO BE.

Those who would burn the torch in the political procession, rattle the drums as of old, and listen to bloody shirt stories by political speakers, we believe are doomed to disappointment in the coming campaign.

Admitting that democracy has "mussed up" things in a business way; that its foreign policy is disgusting to a certain extent; that the tariff bill may have caused some sore spots, yet even with all of these things confronting it democracy will not be so easy to overthrow. All of the long speeches about our heroes of the past, of the glorious times in days ago will not be effective.

The people, according to our view of the situation, are not willing at this early date to label Wilson a failure. They prefer to be lenient and fair—a trait of American citizenship—and if after his four years have been spent without improving conditions then in all probability democracy will be retired.

The congressmen elected this year in opposition to the present administration will not be elected by brass bands and oratory. Their promises will be weighed carefully and they must show a constructive policy that will hold water if they succeed.

The social committee of the Elks is going to reproduce the "Days of '49" tomorrow night at Elks hall. And all the old timers will again see the wide open town, hear the roulette wheel and witness the usual quarrels and scraps that made up the early days. However, it is for but one night and the money to be used in the play is only stage money.

The interest the railroads are taking in the hearing was indicated by the presence of J. G. Woodworth, vice-president, Henry Blakeley general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, many other railroad officials, and a formidable array of legal lights.

Colombia had better get its hands on that 25 million for the excitable statesmen at Washington may start

a movement to enjoin the administration from making payment.

The Gatun spillway at Panama has been opened to get rid of the floating islands. It is too much to hope that they will slip all the bread puddings too.

The report that Huerta is to be succeeded by Gerostiel is very encouraging. The new name sounds like a good brand of cigars.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Professor John Girdler left last evening for St. Paul, Minnesota, where he will attend the N. E. A. Later he will go to Louisville, Ky., where he will visit his father. Mrs. Girdler was unable to accompany him.

Mrs. Dishman of Portland, formerly of La Grande, arrived in the city the first of the week and is a guest of the F. L. Meyers home. Mrs. Dishman has a host of friends in the city who welcomed her on this visit.

EXPENSIVE CROSSING.

The Czar Had His Little Joke, Though He Had to Pay For It.

Czar Nicholas I of Russia was an incorrigible joker. On one of his journeys, says Novellen-Schatz, he came to an out of the way post station and learned that because of the bad roads it would take several hours to travel by coach to the next station. They told him, however, that a footpath led through the forest, and that if he cared to walk he could reach his destination sooner than by coach.

The czar and his adjutant decided to walk and set out through the forest. Presently they came to a river. The bridge had broken down, and they were considering how they should get over when a peasant came along. The czar asked him if there was no other way of getting over.

"No, sire," replied the peasant. "How are you going to cross?"

"Oh, I just walk across on foot."

"How about your pack? Can you carry that?"

"Surely, on my shoulders."

"My man, you shall have ten rubles if you will carry me to the other bank."



"NOW TAKE ME OVER."

The peasant agreed, took the czar on his back, and carried him over.

"Now bring my companion over for ten more rubles," said Nicholas.

The peasant crossed the stream picked up the adjutant, and was in the middle of the river when the czar called out, "I'll give you twenty rubles if you throw him off!" The peasant found himself in an embarrassing position.

"You shall have fifty rubles if you bring me to the other shore," said the adjutant nervously.

"Sixty," called out the czar from the other bank, "if you pitch him in!"

The peasant let go of the adjutant, but the frightened officer threw his arms round his neck and cried out, "A hundred rubles! Now take me over!" The peasant accepted the last offer and carried him to where the czar stood.

After breakfast the adjutant wrote in his account book: "For breakfast, 10 rubles; for transporting his majesty over the river, 30 rubles; for transporting the adjutant over the river, under highly amusing circumstances, 100 rubles."

Three Kinds of People.

There are three kinds of people in the world—the wills, the won'ts and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything, the second oppose everything, and the third fail in everything.—William T. Ellis.

TALL WHITE CLIFFS.

Tall white cliffs, an emerald hill. A red flag flying free; Swift gray birds which roam at will

And brown boats on the sea.

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—Marcia Knight.

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