

NATION MENACED BY NEW DISEASE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, July 15.—"Bleacheritis," or "spectatoritis" is becoming the great American malady, fraught with danger to the physical well-being of the people, according to speakers at the annual convention of the western division of the American Physical Education Association, just closed on the campus of the University.

Dr. James E. Rogers of Chicago, executive secretary of the American Recreational Association, in two addresses before the convention, emphasized the danger of the tendency to take exercise and enjoy sports by proxy. He quoted Grantland Rice by the effect that 100,000,000 admissions were collected for various sports events last year, as indicative of the tendency to sit in bleachers or grandstands instead of actually participating in athletics.

Dr. Rogers asserted that the present system is wrong. "Sports," he said, "should not be for the few but for the many. Not picked teams but mass play. We should give more time to the boy who sits on the bleachers, for he is the chap who should be on the job. He needs the exercise and the training. Usually the contests that are physically fit. They need mental exercise and the class room, and the bookworm should cast aside his books and don the football uniform. From the point of view of the need and fitness of things, the prevailing process should be reversed.

Similar testimony was given by Roy W. Wilson of Seattle, district representative of the Community Service, who pointed out that England's system of giving more attention to athletics on the part of adults was keeping their older people in better physical trim than Americans of the same age. Dr. Rogers spoke in terms of high praise of the new University of Oregon system under the school of physical education, which is working out a program of athletics for every man and woman in the institution.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, in an address declared that Oregon can not realize its fondest hopes for supervisory play as the indispensable activity of every school, until in the state department of education there is a director of physical education a part of whose duties it shall be to give impetus and direction to the play program. He expressed the opinion that while needed funds for this could probably not be obtained at present, he was hopeful of ultimate success. Mrs. J. F. Hill of Portland, president of the Parent-Teacher Association of Oregon urged physical education in the schools as in the interest of clean living.

LARGE ARENA IN DES MOINES

DES MOINES, July 15.—The largest horseshoe pitching arena in the United States, comprising twenty standard courts with bleachers surrounding them, has just been completed here at the Iowa State Fair grounds in preparation for the National Horseshoe Pitching tournament to be held at the Iowa State Fair, August 28 to Sept. 1.

Sixteen of the courts will be used for the men's national tournament, and four of them for the women's national tournament. Both meets will be held at the same time.

Entries have already been received here from every part of the United States. Every state in the union is expected to have at least two stars and many will have at least a dozen representatives.

Prizes and trophies have been offered totaling over \$1,500. The Iowa State Championship will be held the two days preceding the national meet.

FIRST WOMAN TO BE ENDORSED

(By Associated Press) OSHKOSH, Wis., July 15.—Ben C. Hooper, of Oshkosh Wis., is the first woman in Wisconsin to receive the endorsement of a political party for nomination as United States Senator. At the recent state Democratic conference she was unanimously chosen to represent the party at the September primaries. This means that she will oppose either U. S. Senator Robert M. La Follette or Dr. W. A. Gamble, nominee of two different factions of the Republican party at the general election.

For the last fifteen years Mrs. Hooper has been an ardent worker for woman suffrage. When women were given the right to vote, she was instrumental in organizing the Wisconsin League of Women Voters of which she has been president since its organization in 1919. She was a member of the National committee on Armament Reduction of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters and also was a member of the National American Women's Suffrage board.

Mrs. Hooper was born in Winnebago county, Iowa, in 1865, and because of delicate health never had an opportunity to attend public schools, receiving her education through training of a governess. She has been a resident of Wisconsin for the last thirty-five years. Marriage, according to Mrs. Hooper, does not destroy a woman's identity, and she is quoted as saying "The time is coming when women in her tenacious ability to get what she is after, will find a way of marrying and having a home and family without giving up her identity and independence." Mrs. Hooper spends a great deal of her time in assisting her husband in a general merchandise establishment, and always finds time to take a fond interest in the care of her home.

JAPANESE HOLD FOR BIG PRICE

(By Associated Press) TOKIO, July 15.—Considerable comment has been evoked in agricultural circles regarding the attitude adopted by the Bank of Japan which advised the bankers throughout the country to withhold accommodation to the raw silk manufacturers who may be induced to buy the new season's cocoons at their extraordinary high price.

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BURMA WANTS HOME RULE NOW

(By Associated Press) LONDON, July 15.—Home rule for Burma has been taken up by the house of commons. The subject was expounded by Earl Winterton, who said that the proposed Burmese constitution provided a council of state and a legislative assembly, and went even further than was contemplated in India.

In India no woman had a vote, the speaker said, but in Burma under the proposed constitution there would be no sex disqualification, the women being far more advanced than their Indian sisters. All the heads of Burmese households would be virtually enfranchised. The total electorate, urban and rural would be 3,000,000, of whom 200,000 would be women. The principle that there should be no taxation without representation—the principle for which the American colonies fought, and won their independence—would be conceded to Burma without a struggle.

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The attitude assumed by the Bank of Japan, however, is resented by many cocoon producers. Sano Muto, president of the Manchurian Spinning company, acting as their spokesman, gives his views on the subject in the press. He also characterizes the attitude of the bank as unequal for and intended to hurt the economic life of supply and demand.

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