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THE DILIGENT MAN—Heed that a man diligent in his business shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.—Prov. 22:29

ABE MARTIN



I'll bet whoever succeeds Mr. Hoover'll chuck the firm name. It don't take long to destroy a truck full of confiscated Scotch, but I'd hate to wait around till a load of censored books turned up.

U-Hi Juniors To Present Play On Thursday, Dec. 13

By Mrs. Bert Knight (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, (Special).—The Junior Club of the Union High school will present a three act comedy entitled, "Getting Acquainted With Medicine," next Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at the gymnasium. The cast is as follows: Billy Dobbin, Gerald Tobin, Adeline Miller, Gladys Anderson, Ariadne Johnson, Opal Evans, Camille Harp, Vernon Ratchford, Winford Mires, Robert Myers, Carl Stratton and Marvin Tigue.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the season took place Friday afternoon when Mrs. T. T. Cook entertained the members of the Lucky Thirteen and a number of guests at a 1:15 o'clock luncheon at the Union hotel. Covers were laid for 20 at one long table, decorated in keeping with the Yuletide season. The color scheme of green and red was carried out in the food course menu as well as table decorations. Red cyclamen served as a centerpiece with bouquets of holly berries and fern at either end of the table. Five tables of bridge were in play in the hotel living room following luncheon. Mrs. Dan Myers was high score winner among the guests and the club prize was won by Mrs. George Baird. Mrs. E. P. Colburn received the consolation prize.

Members of the T. R. club were entertained Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hutchinson at their home in North Union. Bridge at four tables was the diversion of the evening. Mrs. Bert Knight won high score among the women players and the men's prize went to W. M. Dobbin. Mrs. Fred Fox received the consolation prize. At the close of the card games, the hostess served a two-course luncheon.

Mrs. Bert Knight was hostess to the members of the Epiphany club, afternoon at a bridge luncheon at her home in North Union. At 1:15 o'clock a three course luncheon was served at five small tables. Five tables of bridge were in play following luncheon. Mrs. Fred Fox won high score among the guests and the club prize went to Mrs. W. W. Stevens. Mrs. Mary Hutchinson received the consolation prize.

A delightful dancing party took place at the cozy new home of the Women's club Thursday evening.

KEYES FACES PROSECUTION



Asa Keyes (right), famous Los Angeles district attorney who has figured in many sensational trials, is to go on trial December 17 for alleged acceptance of bribes. Thurgood Marshall (left), Keyes' successor-elect, will press the charges against him and other co-defendants, including Jacob Bernman (upper left).

FAY WILBUR FOUND

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP).—Miss Fay Wilbur, lost since Sunday in the densely wooded wilderness near Lardine, was found today by searchers. She was unharmed and had not suffered seriously from exposure, as she had shelter for two nights under a huge log.

REPUDIATES CONFESSION

ST. HELENS, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP).—Taylor White, negro, on trial charged with murder of W. A. Ramsey, another negro, testified in his own behalf today, repudiating a confession he was alleged to have made after his arrest at Packville, Idaho. Ramsey was slain on the Tully Johnson ranch, near Yankton, Ore., July 24. Testimony closed this morning and arguments to the jury started this afternoon.

HEALTH

NEVER TASTE SPOILED CANNED FOOD
By Dr. J. C. Geiger
University of California Medical School

Food poisoning, as it is understood today, is the result, directly or indirectly, of the contamination of food with certain bacterial organisms, and clinically it may be classified as an intoxication. However, it is recognized that in the consumption of food contaminated with the paratyphoid group of bacteria, infections may occur. Food poisoning is probably an old condition as any of the diseases affecting the human being, and consequently has been known by a much varied terminology. Food poisoning, for example, poisoning, lined food poisoning, sausage poisoning, cheese poisoning, and meat poisoning, or any other particular kind of food suspected, have been given as the cause of different outbreaks usually without strict scientific investigation. Recently classified and identified with poisoning are mushrooms, milk, and certain other foods. This descriptive terminology undoubtedly has led to a complexity of diagnoses, which have further been complicated by the recognition that certain preserved foods can contain a most virulent toxin, causing, as a result when ingested, the so-called B. botulinus intoxication.

The recognition of these types of food poisoning, clinically, should present very little difficulty, whether due to food contaminated with the paratyphoid group or with the toxin of B. botulinus, as each causes totally dissimilar symptoms. Likewise, the laboratory procedures incident to the isolation of the paratyphoid group form, and the determination of the presence of the toxin of B. botulinus in foods are technically well known. Therefore, if we recognize that there are two groups of food poisoning due to contamination with bacteria, easily differentiated clinically and from a laboratory standpoint, the investigative problem is comparatively simple. However, in the majority of the outbreaks recorded, the well known facts mentioned above are overlooked, either because of the limited duration of the illness or because of incomplete investigation.

Suspicious jars or cans of food—that is those that possess a disagreeable odor or show gas pressure—should be destroyed without tasting. The contents of such jars should be mixed with several spoonfuls of lye, and jar and contents buried. Suspected material should be destroyed and not fed to chickens or animals. Many cases are on record in which valuable chickens have been killed by eating spoiled canned foods. Other cases of fatal poisoning have resulted from merely tasting spoiled cans of food. Report at once all such types of illness to your family physician and to the local health officer.

Food poisoning is, then, divided into two classes, the common or typhoid-like poisoning and poisoning known as botulism. In the common or mild type of food poisoning, the symptoms—nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, prostration, diarrhea and rise of temperature—are generally within three to eight hours after the food is taken. Preserved foods are rarely found as fault, but freshly cooked or warmed-over food, full under suspicion. The patient's excreta should be examined, also the

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When Barge Sinks

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 11 (AP).—The United States coast guard told the Associated Press today that five men were known to have drowned when the fishing barge "Blue Sea" sank in a heavy gale off Long Beach, Cal., last night.

MAY EXECUTE WOMAN

HAVANA, Dec. 11 (AP).—The first woman ever to be put to death by the guillotine in Cuba probably will be Eusebia Ortiz, convicted of killing her lover during a jealous frenzy. Every effort to save Eusebia's life has failed.

News Note: "Hoover Enjoys Deep Sea Fishing On Latin Tour!"



The two-family house is losing popularity. The new idea is two houses per family.

Having shown our gratitude for what we've got this year, we'll proceed to blow it in for Christmas.

Bootleggers let other people do the arguing about prohibition, and keep right on doing business at the old stand.

It's evident from the Washington news that a lame duck can squawk as loud as any other kind.

They find witch-doctoring in Pennsylvania now. Well, some folks believe in locks of hair and muttered spells, and others believe in psychology, Latin prescriptions and bread-pills, or what have you?

A New York girl got mad when a bandit started cussing her for being so slow in handing over a payroll. She threw inkwells, books, etc. The old-up man had to use his gun and finally escaped. He is still at large, and there's no way of proving it, but we'll wager he's a bachelor.

A young newspaper man of Fayetteville, N. C., boasts that he is the ugliest man in the state. He won the distinction of ugliest boy three times while in school, he says, and now he seeks broader fame. The Charlotte Observer prints a large and impressive picture of him, aiding and abetting his nefarious ambition. It tends to substantiate his claim. All right—let's have a masculine anti-beauty contest for a change. Any city or state could stand one. We might even rise to the dignity of a national contest, with a bouquet of skunk cabbage or something for the Ugliest Man in the United States.

Highwaymen are tackling the air mail. The other day two robbers held up an air mail truck in St. Louis on its way to the local air port, and took five bags full of outgoing mail. They got away with their loot. There was some money in registered letters. There were also about \$1,000,000 worth of checks, which probably do the robbers no good but make trouble for other people. The incident is a reminder that we may expect at any time to read of the next step in criminal progress—attacks on air mail planes in flight, by robbers flying their own pursuit planes. There seems to be nothing that the modern breed of highwaymen will stop at. Birdmen may have to arm against air hawks.

A PROBLEM FOR MR. HOOVER

As discussion of the late lamented Franco-British naval agreement continues to simmer in the press and elsewhere, it becomes increasingly apparent that one of Mr. Hoover's most perplexing problems, when he becomes president, is going to be this business of naval limitation.

The Washington treaty has only a few more years to run. Failure of the Geneva cruiser limitation conference gives an added reason for a new agreement between this country and the other leading naval powers. The incredible stupidity of the British diplomats in negotiating this agreement with France has, in addition, aroused such resentment in this country that the big-navy group has been materially strengthened.

Consider, for instance, this matter of "parity"—which means that our navy is to be exactly equal in fighting strength to England's. What seventh son of a seventh son is going to tell us just how to get that parity, even if our naval men could reach an accord with England's on it? The fact of the matter is that two navies cannot be made exactly equal in fighting strength, even though each contains exactly the same number of fighting ships.

Their relative strength would depend on where they were to fight. Suppose that this country and England had identical navies and went to war with each other. If the action took place across the Atlantic, England's navy would be vastly superior to ours; if it was fought over here, ours would be superior. Obviously, this will provide the rival naval leaders with the basis for an argument that could last indefinitely.

Judging Mr. Hoover by what we have learned from his public record, it is impossible not to believe that he will make a very determined and capable effort to bring about some satisfactory solution of the situation. The conditions are ripe for a naval armament race as menacing to world peace as the race between England and Germany prior to 1914. Every American should give Mr. Hoover all possible support in the matter of averting one.

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