

### Child's Talent Is Not True Index Of Future Ability, Scientist Says

WASHINGTON (AP)—Dr. Alice H. Hurd, Smithsonian anthropologist, believes that apparent brilliance or apparent dullness in a child is not necessarily an accurate index of later development.

It is only an indication, she says, of a child's present ability. Hereditary, Dr. Hurd explains, is an unfolding process extending from birth to death, and not something that is manifested completely at any stage in an individual's life.

It is an endowment, he says, which reappears as the individual's life progresses, bringing to play forces which a long line of ancestors have passed down.

While there is life, Dr. Hurd adds, there always is hope for development of a human brain if it is not diseased or defective. The youth of indifferent talents may develop solidly and even outstandingly later.

Dr. Hurd holds that no person can fully gauge the heredity of any normal child, because it does not even his heredity, constitution, "though he may be an expert on the brain." Nor does any human being know the limit of his intellectual capacity under all conditions.

Brain work coupled with exceptional environment, so, Hurd calls an active latent hereditary potentiality that "what might have been a mediocre mind to rights of accomplishment, he explains.

A highly specialized brain under unfavorable conditions or excessive demands, may burn out before its course should have ended.

Environment has an important role in the unfolding of heredity, according to Dr. Hurd. A healthy brain in a healthy body, he says, could make a name for its owner in many vocations as there were suitable environments. On the other hand, he points out, if it were possible to guide 10 persons with much the same hereditary endowment, they could be developed along as many different lines by placing them in materially different environments.

What do the democrats stand for?" asks a Florida writer. Because, whatever happens, they don't want to take it lying down.

The U. S. senate may have something to do, but never unaided.

**WESTERN TRAIN INSTALLS INTER-CAR TELEPHONES**

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**NAVY MERMAN KILLED**

GUAM (AP)—Claude Walters, swimming champion of the navy, died of injuries received in a fall from the roof of a boat house here he was preparing to dive.

**Clark Wood Says**

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### Preparing For Re-Opening Of Mill at Pondosa

By M. S. M. F. Raymond

PONDOSA, Ore. (Special)—Preparations are being made to start the planing mill in the near future. Several men have been at work the past week getting it in readiness. John Stoddard and Eli Houdette drove to Spokane Monday on business for the company.

Two members were reinstated in the Medical Springs garage and one initiated at a meeting of the order held at the school house Tuesday evening. After the business meeting refreshments were served.

Oscar Whitten who makes his home with his son Frank and family left Tuesday for his former home at Oswego. Each spring Mr. Whitten takes this trip and goes salmon fishing.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Larsen, former residents now living in Baker are glad to learn that their little daughter Joan, who has been seriously ill in a Baker hospital for some time is much improved at this time.

The refrigeration plant used in the meat market was removed Sunday and taken to Baker by the Baker Packing company who own it. The shop was run by the Baker people for awhile before the mill closed operations when it was closed.

Mrs. E. L. Sullivan returned from

Baker Sunday where she had spent three days having dental work done.

A most enjoyable get-together party was held at the school house Saturday evening. Dancing was the diversion of the evening and a beautiful supper was served at midnight. About 35 couples attended, some coming from Powder River. The affair was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. A. Chester Lawler and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rydman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maguire, of La Grande, visited their daughter, Mrs. Charles Dawson Tuesday. They came by way of Pendosa but they went in such poor condition that they returned by way of La Grande.

Mrs. W. W. Gray entertained 40 school children with a dancing party at the school house Friday evening in honor of her son, John A. Smith. After dancing until 9:30 refreshments were served. Music was furnished by Mrs. L. H. Robinson and S. A. Robinson.

The roller society held a work meeting at the hotel Tuesday afternoon and quitted a beautiful quilt. Mrs. James White, president of the society presided. After the work was laid aside refreshments were served.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor, a nurse of Baker, her sister Mrs. Lena Dugan and Mrs. Ruth Vandvor drove out and spent the day with Mrs. W. W. Gray Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Murray was called to La Grande Thursday evening by the serious illness of her son Harold. Mr. Murray has been ill several weeks and this is the second trip Mrs. Murray has made to her son's bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pratt went

to Enterprise Sunday to be gone several days on business, their son and daughter are staying at the Chester Lawler home until their parents return.

Mrs. K. W. Smith went to Perry to visit her mother, Mrs. Ellen Walker Sunday returning Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers and Mrs. Powers' father Dunham

Wright went to La Grande Friday evening returning Sunday. While away they attended the hotel man's convention held in the La Grande hotel Saturday.

Miss Jennie Tucker, of Baker, came in on the stage Monday to stay they attended the hotel man's convention held in the La Grande hotel Saturday.

W. H. Duncan.

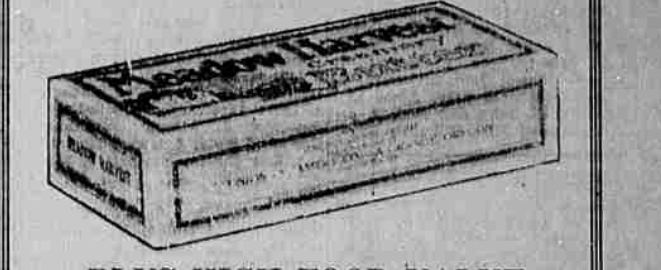


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