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THE MYSTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

WHO WERE OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST AMERICANS?

WERE THEY JOHN CHINAMEN?

If not, Who were the People that once Inhabited the Southwest?

I am going to open this series of articles with a capital I and a guess. This is not the usual opening done here in Oregon. Sometimes they open with a pair of jacks, sometimes with a corkscrew, and occasionally with a 45.

But a guess passes for wisdom until someone calls it, and the personal pronoun passes for advertising until a copy reader calls it—and I am talking the chances.

But before the guess, let me give you my guess too.

This series of articles will have much to do with a people and civilization that once covered a great area of the southwest, but which disappeared from the earth leaving no history or trace of its passing—leaving only the wonderfully-fascinating ruins, which are fast crumbling to dust.

In and order to give you some little idea of age and time, I want to briefly outline four classes of antiquity—and then we will all guess.

Today there are four wonderful inhabited Indian pueblos in this country—or rather four communal houses—Taos, Laguna, Acoma and Limi.

I have visited the last three. Zuni is the most ancient inhabited communal in America. A toilsome journey to reach, but a wonderful reward to those who like these things.

When that Spaniard, Coronado, found Zuni, something like 400 years ago, the Indians were living just as they live today, in one great mud house, 1600 of them, and historic sketches tell us that the explorers who were sent to investigate the ruins, found there about a thousand years down there about a thousand years down there about a thousand years down there.

They were sun-worshippers and missionary killers and for a hundred years after Coronado they carved up the Catholic fathers about as fast as Spain could spare them.

There is no history of Zuni's foundation, but from my personal observation it sure dates back some. They have a sun-worship legend, that they were down in that corner long before the flood came, and when it did come they say they went on top of a high mesa a few miles from Zuni and stayed there until the waters receded, then came back and re-built Zuni.

I climbed this mesa. It covers about three acres, and its sides are almost perpendicular. I was an hour making it, climbing up two feet and slipping back one.

But certainly there were Noah signs on that sun-burned top. It had Zuni passed for age. There were faint outlines of ruins that simply smelled of age. There were mounds that none knew who made or what they were made for—and there were diamond rattle makes every five seconds. I accepted the legend.

Now for another step backward: In the dim ages before Zuni, so far before that there is not the faintest connection or legend, there was another civilization—a people who left wonderful ruins, and showed a civilization in advance of the Zuni's—the Caveate ruins. Some of these excavated show a high degree of civilization. The architectural plans and the irrigation system prove the men who built them were thinkers and reasoners. These ruins are found by hun-

reds, all the way from southern Utah to southern Mexico. Out in the open, wind rain and erosion have worn them away, and there is little to see but great piles of stone and mortar.

And this step takes you centuries before Zuni and no doubt centuries before C. Columbus' father was born. And here's another look backward—this time to the cliff dwellers, and there is evidence there were hundreds and perhaps thousands of years between the caveate ruins and the cliff builders. But the cliff men dug their homes out of eternal stone and their ruins yet stand. Many of them are in splendid preservation.

And now one more jump backward—and then a guess. And by that time you will think any guess safe. Most ancient of all indications of a forgotten past and people are the cave dwellers' ruins. No doubt these people lived long before the age of fire. There is no connection with them and the cliff men. There are no evidences of civilization. They lived in caves where they found them, and there are no indications they were assessed on improvements. They existed, that's all. The crudest of implements show they were a specie of men.

These four periods will give you a little idea of how long man has been doing business down in this weird desert country.

And now we get to the question as to who were these first Americans, where did they spring from and what is "The Secret of the Pacific?"

My guess is they were John Chinamen, just plain pig-tailed, rat-eating Chinese Lees and Wei Ting, and they came from China thousands of years ago, and that the Toltecs, the Aztecs, the Incas and Mayas are their descendants.

How they reached this country is anybody's guess. Perhaps lost at sea, they drifted here, a few in an open boat. Perhaps they landed in southern Mexico and perhaps they came in thru the Golden Gate, but I would bet my hope for a bath-tub against Roosevelt's chances of coming back, that the mystery we have waited four hundred years to solve has just a plain heathen Chinese origin, and that the temples, palaces and pyramids; the civilizations that rose and fell before the western continent was dreamed of, was that of the making of Chinese descendants.

I have little to add to this guess, but I have a few more to add to those who like these things.

Way back in central Mexico years ago I saw a full blood Yaqui Indian who would have passed for a "Frisco laundryman" if he had a Mother Hubbard on. This first step in thinking, in a mining town in northern New Mexico I was sitting in a near restaurant (near to the bar) when a little window in the wall opened and the cook pushed in my plate of chuck. His face was for a second framed in that window, his Indian costume and hair were hidden, and I supposed he was a full blood chink until I heard him speak. This was a pure blood Isleta Indian. Had he been regarded like a Celestial and mixed in with a bunch of them, I'll bet money you couldn't have picked him out of a crowd. There were striking resemblances set me to thinking. Later I visited with an Englishman who had visited the wonderful and remote ruins around Yucatan and he told me he had seen many striking resemblances.

Then I thought it was time for Brock to get a little more of a thing, but until someone can show stout-ones, I am going to have a Chinaman for an American foundation, that they evolved, that they created their own culture and were our first American Indians. O little tough on poor Lo, but it's up to him to prove an ally.

Where did all these people go? Why did they vanish and leave no trace of their vanishing? I don't know. Ask George. But certain it is that for 4000 miles their ruins extend, and one a countless thousands of men lived, flourished, and disappeared. In the scorching mesas of New Mexico and Arizona you may see thousands of ruins of their communal houses, and in the remote canyons and hidden ravines are thousands of cliff dwellers' ruins and a few of the more ancient cave dwellings. There are many that have not been found and will be found only by careful search or accident. Abandoned for thousands of years, covered over by brush and trees they will remain hidden for years to come.

I have traversed some of the trails of Coronado, Cortez, Pizarro and other early Spaniards, trails that are almost as dim as in the day these hardy explorers carved them out, and to me they have a wonderful fascination. I have followed the ancient Zuni trail to Inscription Rock and the history of the men cut in the stone, and it makes one just sit down and think and wonder; makes his thoughts go back through time to thousands of years ago when men lived as we live; built great pyramids, temples, shrines, and then disappeared.

On the table lands of Mexico are many ruins of mystery that will never be solved. There are mysterious courts and strange quadrangles. In the dense forests of Yucatan I am told and have read are the sculptured facades of palaces and temples of rare beauty, ruined and abandoned, and in Central American jungles are ruins of great beauty. In the Mexican deserts thousands of years ago lived thousands of people who raised great temples to their sun god.

This driest canyon on earth has treated the ruins far more kindly than America's vandals, hence when one man guesses these abandoned homes were occupied one thousand years ago, and the next fellow says twenty thousand, I do not even doubt or smile. Like the scientist, who was asked if the grand canyon was old, "Comparatively modern," he replied, "The canyon has not been there more than ten or twenty million years."

This letter is written to get you settled for the following ones. I have just arrived in Arizona, and there are so many weird and strange sights all around that I almost wonder which of the many interesting old trails I will hit first.

M. J. Brown.

PERRINE RE-SENTENCED

Youthful Bandit Given Longer Term on Former Error

On account of an error in the sentencing of Virgil Perrine, the youthful Milwaukie bank robber, the lad was brought from the penitentiary at Salem Saturday afternoon and resented by Circuit Judge Campbell, his term being changed from an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years to a minimum sentence of ten years.

The error was discovered Saturday, and Judge Campbell lost no time in sending Sheriff Mass for Perrine. The sheriff and his man arrived about four o'clock, and left on the five o'clock train again for the penitentiary. Perrine was at first sentenced on the statutory charge of assault and robbery, and the second sentence was given on a charge of assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon, which crime carries a minimum of ten years, and a maximum of life. Judge Campbell imposed the minimum sentence.

Perrine, who seems to be a hardened young criminal, was very much pleased with the treatment he has received since his commitment to Salem. The lad shows rather remarkable knowledge of crimes, penalties and the law, and argued with Sheriff Mass during his trip to Oregon City, and the chances of taking advantage of any legal technicality that might arise from his second commitment.

Though the hold-up of the Milwaukie bank, which occurred several months ago was a crude job from the standpoint of an experienced yeggman, and though the first impressions of the youth that were gained by the local officers, seemed to point Perrine out as a novice, it was soon learned that the lad was a "bad" one and had been in trouble before. Perrine is about nineteen years of age.

"That means about nine years more for me," said Perrine Saturday following Judge Campbell's sentence. Evidently the lad figured on a pardon.

SHAW CASE TO BE SETTLED

Long Standing Controversy Will Soon Be Determined

The long standing squabble concerning the authority of the city council in appointing Ed Shaw chief of police, has been settled by the court. Two years ago, reached partial culmination Saturday night when Circuit Judge Eakin over-ruled a demurrer, which will bring the case to an early conclusion.

The question had some interesting phases at the time and for a while. Judge Eakin, who had been appointed, and Shaw and Charles Burns, who was the Dimick appointee, while Shaw was the choice of the council who refused to recognize the mayor's favorite. For several months the two men battled the streets, each acting in the role of chief, but Burns finally withdrew and left the field clear for Shaw. The latter's salary was held up as Mayor Dimick refused to sign his salary warrant, but local interests, it is said, advanced Chief Shaw his salary pending the final settlement of the question. The matter was decided Dimick last winter. Shaw was appointed chief of police, for the new administration.

GLADSTONE VERY MUCH ALIVE

Progressive Little City on Clackamas River Bustling With Improvements

The street improvement work at Gladstone will be finished for the summer within the next two weeks. At present a large force of men is laying the R. L. & P. tracks on Portland Avenue. R. L. & P. Co. branch line to Chautauqua Park, bringing the tracks down to grade. A large section of the track between Herford and Dartmouth street was moved over about eight feet Sunday morning between 1:00 A. M. and 6 o'clock, and probably at the next meeting of the grade which will be finished Saturday. The street is being lowered 22 inches at Arlington, 2 inches at Dartmouth and about 12 inches at Herford street. When completed Portland Avenue will be a most magnificent street. The Dartmouth street improvement will mean a lowering of almost two feet in some places.

Work of wiring the Gladstone houses for electric lights is progressing rapidly, and a large number of residents are now enjoying the lights in their homes. The R. L. & P. Co. have enough applications in to keep them busy wiring until winter sets in. The street lights are being located and will be erected within the next month.

The franchise to the Portland and Oregon City Railroad company will be taken up probably at the next meeting of the city council. This is the Carver line which will cut a deep swath through the eastern end of Gladstone and may cross the river at a point just above the P. R. L. & P. bridge. The two competitive lines will give Gladstone excellent transportation facilities between Portland and Oregon City, and may result in a better rate to the metropolis.

PRACTICES WITHOUT LICENSE

Clackamas County Man Charged with Healing the Sick Without Regular Permission

Joseph S. Rickard, a Clackamas county farmer, is charged with practicing medicine without a license and the complaining witness, H. D. Harms, a neighbor of Rickard, states that he has been prescribing various remedies and prescriptions for the sick of the neighborhood, contrary to the laws of the state which require that a practicing physician shall be licensed by the state board of health. Rickard claims to have been a doctor at one time, it is said, and will fight the case when it comes up for trial. The penalty is a fine from \$50 to \$100 or from 10 to 90 days in jail, or both.

Mill Being Repaired

Extensions and improvements now progressing at the Crown-Columbia paper mill here, will be completed in about ten days and will find the mill thoroughly modern. A new mill flume is being constructed, the show-chine room is being renovated, and practically the entire plant is being renovated.

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The marriage of Miss Catherine Cooper, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cooper, and Clarence Roll of Me. and Mrs. Roll of this city, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Tenth and Jackson Street, Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiated in the presence of relatives of the contracting parties.

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LAST CALL FOR THE COUNTY FAIR

ALL IN READINESS FOR BEST ASSEMBLY IN HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION

PRIZES FOR LARGEST FAMILY

Railroad Companies Offer Valuable Cups to Prize Winners—New Features in Abundance

From the present outlook the Clackamas County Fair to be held at the fair grounds in the Clackamas Co. Fair Assn., Canby, September 24 to 27 inclusive will be one of the most successful fairs ever given by the Association. Posters announcing the attractions have been posted far and wide by the Secretary, M. J. Lee, and who is being assisted by Waldo Cooch of this city.

Many concessioners are applying for space on the grounds as well as in the big pavilion. From all indications the auditorium will be filled with exhibits ranging from a common "spud" to the finest pieces of art. The juvenile department and individual farm exhibits are to be among the chief attractions in the building. There will be more enter for the prize given for the best individual farm exhibit for this year as the prizes are more attractive. The Northern Pacific Railroad Company offers a handsome silver loving cup for the best individual farm exhibit. Among those who have already entered for the prize are Daugherty Brothers of Molalla, Spaulds of New Era. Others will enter during the week.

Among the exhibitions so far are Carlton & Rosecrans of Canby, Bannon & Co., J. Adams, Burmeister & Anderson, Western Stock Journal, all of Oregon City; Aurora Observer, Wiley B. Allen, Music House, Portland, Aurora Bank, Warner Grange, Harding Grange, Miss Williams, Milliner of Canby, Barlow Improvement Club, J. C. Kaupisch, who has one of the best granges on a one-fourth acre of ground in the state, and whose home is at Canby, and plans to find his name on the premium list where he is to have charge of the vegetable display. Although he had not been asked to perform this hazardous duty until the premium lists were distributed, he kindly consented to take charge of that department. R. S. Coe, a well known fruit grower of Canby, and H. T. Melvin, who is at the head of the Barlow Improvement Club, and who has always been on hand each year to assist in arranging the Barlow booth at the fair grounds, will be in charge in arranging the fruit display, and have charge during the four days.

A special excursion will be run on Oregon City and German Day, Thursday Sept. 25, also excursion from Mt. Angel and Silverton. The Mt. Angel German Band will furnish the music for that day.

Many are arranging to camp on the grounds. There is good water and plenty of fuel close by. A plot of ground is reserved for the horses near the camping grounds. Work is being pushed along at a rapid rate on the poultry building. The building is being enlarged and windows are being installed, these allowing plenty of room and ventilation. The poultry exhibit will be larger than any previous year, and will be in charge of O. R. Mack, who has had experience in poultry. Many of the finest birds are being taken in to the fair for show purposes. It was while M. J. Lee, Secretary of the Clackamas County Association was traveling through Mt. Angel a few days ago, when he discovered some chickens that no doubt will attract attention of all bird fanciers. These were owned by a minister by the name of Spencer and are possessed with more toes than the average chicken. Rev. Spencer has many of these on his place, and the reason he has not enjoyed feasting on them is because it has been so difficult to see if they have the yellow legs. The feathers are so fond of, and the legs of these birds are so heavily feathered that it is impossible to detect the color, and this has been the means of the saving of the chickens' necks. Rev. Spencer said he did not care whether they had yellow legs or blue legs, as long as they were on them. They will be in doubt for a year or more, but the pastor will carry off the sweepstakes with his "yellow-legged" birds.

The entire building will be in charge of a professional decorator who will arrive at the fair grounds Monday evening and have everything in readiness for the big fair on opening day, Wednesday September 24.

Those having charge of the different departments are as follows: Livestock, W. W. Everhart, Molalla; dairy, A. O. Hollingsworth, Gladstone; poultry, O. R. Mack, Canby; farm products, Fred G. Daugherty, Molalla; agriculture, H. T. Melvin, Barlow; vegetables, J. C. Kaupisch, Canby; horticulture, A. J. Lewis, Oregon City, Route 3; ladies textile, Mrs. J. L. Waldron, Oregon City; domestic science, Mrs. S. Walker, Oregon City; juvenile department, Mrs. M. C. Young, Wilsonville; baby show, Mrs. A. J. Lewis, Oregon City; swine, John Samuelson, Canby.

Superintendents of Pavilion, H. T. Melvin, of Barlow, and R. S. Coe of Canby.

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"RAGGING MUST STOP"

Future Turkey Trotting at Canemah Park Will Not Be Tolerated

Portland couples who on Sunday swam Canemah Park, there to engage in the exhilarating turns of the Turkey Trot and other contraband formations, will in the future be forbidden the use of the Canemah pavilion in which to go through their exercises. This decision has been handed down by Constable Jack Frost, who is death on everything from the plain "rag" to the Tango in its wildest abandon. Jack says in the future there will be absolutely nothing doing along such lines at Canemah Park.

The Portlanders have been forbidden the delights of the mystic struggles, there has been an alarming increase in the Sunday evening attendance at Canemah Park, where in the olden days the good people of Canemah were wont to "quadrille" and "Schottische." The climax was reached Sunday evening when the gyrations reached such a stage that Constable Jack, at the instance of the P. R. L. & P. Co., from whose park had been leased for the day, stepped into the arena and pried the swiftly revolving couples apart with the corner of his hat. It had been estimated that the Boilermakers and the Shipbuilders' Unions of Portland were giving the party, but Constable Jack is inclined to doubt very much if all present were members of the union in good standing.

The party was dispersed without much grumblings on the part of the stable Frost, and several hundred boarded the Portland cars long before the scheduled time for return.

JUVENILE FAIRS POSTPONED

Clackamas County Youngsters Will Compete at Later Date

On account of the large number of fairs opening within the next few days, it has been decided to postpone the county juvenile fairs until the second week in October when they will be held without any counter attraction to draw the interest away from the efforts of the school children. The fair was to have opened on the 19th of this month, and plans had been formulated, but owing to the bigger attractions the county officials decided to postpone the juvenile displays until October.

MOLALLA TO PLAY HOST

Great Throng of Oregon City Folk to Attend Railroad Celebration

Molalla will celebrate the greatest day in its history next Friday when the first trains will be run over the new Portland, Eugene, and Eastern branch into the city. It has been planned to make the affair a gala day, and it is estimated that 5,000 people will be on hand to enjoy the big things provided by the Molalla folk. Among the speakers of the day will be President Strahorn of the new line, Governor West, Judge McBride, and members of the Oregon City Commercial Club. The entertainment provided will begin early and last the whole day through with plenty of music, speech-making, dancing and a general high old time, there will be something doing every minute. A big excursion will be run from Portland and will gather up the Oregon City crowd at 9:22 A. M., arriving at Molalla at 10:22. The return will be made leaving Molalla at 4:10 P. M., the round trip fare from Oregon City being 85 cents. Canby will turn out en masse to take in the show.

The rails are already laid into Molalla and the track practically finished and ready for the first official train.

SCHOOLS BEGINNING

Gladstone and Willamette Opened Fall Terms Monday

Willamette and Gladstone both opened their fall terms of school Monday, but attendance records were not broken on account of the many youngsters who are at work in the hop fields. At Gladstone the attendance was 130. There are five regular teachers and two specials at work in that city. Professor Drumm, the new principal of the school, began his new duties Monday. Mr. Drumm is from Vancouver, where he was connected with the public schools for several years. Professor Vedder, his predecessor, is now a county school supervisor.

PUGILIST KEEPS OUT OF IT

"Bud" Anderson, Named in Local Divorce Suit, Fails to Appear at Trial

Gree H. Pace was given a default decree against his wife, Maud Pace, in the Circuit Court Tuesday. Neither the defendant nor Bud Anderson, the Vancouver lightweight aspirant, was named as a co-respondent in the case, appeared at the trial. The complaint named Bud as having been responsible for the defendant's waverling affections for her husband and stated several occasions when joy rides with the young fighter took place.

Bound to Grand Jury

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Dr. Ford's Last Sunday

Next Sunday will be Dr. Ford's last Sunday before Conference, and he has planned "An Every Member Service" for Sunday morning.

Baptism will be administered to children and adults at the morning service by affusion, and by immersion at 5 o'clock in the Clackamas river just below the Electric railway bridge on the Gladstone side.

There will be special services in the evening and Dr. Ford will preach on "The Going out of the Lamp."

Tuesday evening there will be a "Get-Together Sociable" in the Woodmen Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Cross of Silverton, are in this city this week visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Maggie Cross and also visiting Mr. Cross' brother, H. E. Cross and family.

YOUTHS STEAL HORSE

Oregon City Youngsters Make Sensational Trip to Colton

Two little Oregon City boys, Albert Kidder, aged 11, and Clarence Greengard, aged 9, furnished enough excitement to the local police authorities Friday, Saturday and Sunday, to last them for a good long time. The little fellows, actuated by a desire to see "the cowboys" as they explained it, stole a horse belonging to Mr. Gabe Wolfe, traveled about fifteen miles, then helped themselves to a buggy and a harness, and later broke into the ranch home of Ed Gordon about four miles beyond Colton, where the youngsters were rounded up while searching the premises for a fire. The two were brought home and the older lad was placed in jail. The Green boy was sent home.

Any further motive than that the two just wanted to see the cowboys could not be learned from the young lads. The pair were traced from Oregon City by farmers along the route who had noticed the youngsters. About Friday noon the lads took the horse which was standing in the alley behind the First National Bank, already saddled. They spent the first night in a barn near Willamette about ten miles from Oregon City, but the next morning young Green was so stiff and sore from the effects of his strenuous ride behind his companion, that the two decided that they would have to get a buggy. This they did, and by some means secured a set of harness. Just how the lads got the horse hatched is a mystery, but they did and continued their journey in search of the mythical cowboy in a more comfortable manner. The lads claimed the buggy and harness were given them for picking up four sacks of potatoes for a farmer of the neighborhood.

They found no one at home on the Gordon place which is about four miles beyond Colton, and broke a window to gain entrance into the house where they said they wanted to find gun. It was here that the rumoring officials captured the lads and brought them back to jail. Monday the Kidder boy was sent to the reform school by Judge Anderson, and the other lad was turned loose on account of his age. The Kidder boy has been in trouble before.

TO INVESTIGATE DIVORCE

Eastern Relative Writes For Information Concerning Alleged Fraudulent Proceedings

W. J. McDonald a real estate man of Chicago has written Deputy District Attorney Stipp for information regarding a divorce case filed in this county wherein Joseph Gundry Gillingham, on the grounds of desertion. The complaint was filed in the local court in January, 1913, according to the records.

McDonald states that the woman was in an insane asylum at Chicago at the time of the proceedings, and that her husband had failed to even provide her with the bare necessities. He asks for thorough information on all developments of the case, intimating that the divorce was grossly fraudulent to Mrs. Gillingham.

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COURT APPOINTS AN OSTEOPATH

MEDICAL SOCIETY REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE NEWLY CHOSEN HEALTH OFFICER

DR. VAN BRAKLE NEW OFFICER

Appointee Prominently Identified with Live Wire "Clean-Up" Work—Medics to Fight.

Up to the Couriers' press time Dr. Van Brakle was still county health officer. But not through any fault of the Clackamas County Medical Society.

For the first time in the history of the United States, as far as known, an osteopath has been appointed county health officer.

The appointee is Dr. J. A. Van Brakle, who has been in Oregon City for about two years, and during that time has made an enviable record for himself, not only along the lines of his profession, but also in working for the cleanliness and civic betterment of the community. Van Brakle succeeds Dr. Norris, who for a long time held the position in the county. The appointment was made last Thursday by County Judge Anderson and it is understood it is his final decision.

There's an inside story being whispered about the streets that is causing no small amount of amusement. According to the rumors the joke is on the doctors of the county, for as the story goes, they and they alone are responsible for Dr. Van Brakle's appointment. Not that they wanted to see an osteopath on the job, because doctors and osteopaths as a rule are about as neighborly as Republicans and Progressives. No, they didn't want Van Brakle exactly. To tell the truth they didn't figure him out as a candidate for the job. They did want Dr. Norris to have the position however and to that end, they individually and collectively signed an agreement that they would under no circumstances accept the position of county health officer.

Aha! The answer was simple. Dr. Norris would be given the position. And the doctors would even go a step further. To clinch the office for Dr. Norris they would circulate petitions about the county, asking the court to reappoint the former official. All this happened, it is said, after great pressure was brought to bear on the new county court. The court hesitated.

Right here is where the new county judge showed himself a man of caliber. It may be strange as it may seem—that Judge Anderson didn't care to openly oppose the state board of health, which for reasons brought out some time ago, saw fit to ask for Dr. Norris' resignation, but the somewhat vindictive attitude of the medical society which seemed to have him up a tree. At any rate Judge Anderson appointed Dr. Van Brakle.

The bomb went off some time Thursday afternoon and was clearly apparent for the medical society, and for a minute the pill men were absolutely bewildered, almost seeming to take the count. It couldn't be—unparalleled—a "rub" doctor—"couldn't even prescribe salts"—in fact, it is