

Should the State Take the Lives of Incurable Sufferers?

By Dr. ELLWOOD R. KIRBY, Philadelphia Physician

CASES of sufferers who are incurable and know they must die are very pathetic, but to put into the hands of one doctor or a board of doctors the legal right to determine when a human life should be taken would be CONFERRING TOO GREAT AN AUTHORITY.

THERE WOULD BE TOO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED A GOOD AND HUMANE LAW. OF COURSE THERE ARE MANY CASES WHERE SEVERAL DOCTORS COULD AGREE THAT THE DISEASE WAS INCURABLE, BUT TO ARRIVE AT AN OPINION AS TO THE TIME WHEN LIFE SHOULD BE TAKEN WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

Advanced leaders in the medical world have adopted the humane idea of ceasing their efforts to prolong life in cases where they are morally certain that such efforts only tend to prolong suffering.

The alleviation of pain then becomes the one dominant thought, and the life of the patient is then permitted to EBB AWAY. This course is pursued only to the rational extent of humanity and where there could be no comment or criticism.

A few radicals have suggested a legal death in advanced cases of cancer and consumption, but it COULD NOT BE DONE AND BE CONSIDERED HUMANE.

QUALITY OF LATE APPLES EXCELLENT

Picking of Hood River's standard varieties, including the Splzenburgs, Newtowns and Baldwins, is now under way. Harvesting of the Splzenburgs has been started during the past week, while picking of the Newtowns was begun several days previously. Growers and shipping associations report that these varieties are of excellent quality. The rains which came too late to benefit the earlier varieties had a markedly beneficial effect upon the later apples. The size has been increased and the weather conditions have been favorable for preserving quality.

Exception is taken here to dispatches emanating from Wenatchee to the effect that that district, along among the larger districts of the Northwest, is fighting for a stronger

market by rejecting offers below regular prices and arranging for storage. The same policy has been adopted here and the increased storage facilities place local growers in a most advantageous position. Whereas Wenatchee has arranged for storage in 16 distribution centers of the East, a large proportion of Hood River's crop, or at least such as is not shipped out upon orders already received, will be stored here in anticipation of a strengthening market.

EASTERN ORCHARDISTS ARE TO MAKE VINEGAR

Orchardists who have hundreds of bushels of fruit on the ground and trees in Delaware, and have been unable to dispose of it at any reasonable prices in New York and Philadelphia—some of the commission merchants instructing Delaware brokers that they could not handle it at any price—have struck upon the plan of converting it into vinegar, which they intend to ship this winter

RAE REPORTS HOOD RIVER APPLES BEST

George Rae of Rae & Hatfield has returned to New York after a two months' trip among Northwestern apple districts, including Hood River. As quoted in the Packer he declares that the talk about a tremendous crop in the Northwest is hush and adds that he never saw finer apples than he found in Hood River. He is quoted as follows:

"All this talk about apples growing on fence rails in the West this year is hush and there certainly is not going to be an enormous crop of western apples. Along in August it did look as though there would be the biggest yield on record, but all of these reports about a 30,000 car crop are without foundation. The apples have not matured. The cold weather during the past six weeks has retarded their growth, and while quality of the bulk of the fruit is fine, yet the apples are smaller than they would have been had the weather been warm, and consequently they will not have the tonnage out there. There will not be as many boxes and if they have 15,000 cars all told they will be doing well. Then, too, there is a great deal of fruit that will never be shipped because of its quality. Taken as a whole, the quality of the apples this year is as fine as it ever was and I never saw finer apples than the Hood River district has."

POCATELLO IS PAVING

Work Will Progress Rapidly Until Extreme Cold Weather

Commencement of paving marks a new era in the building of a greater and better Pocatello, says the Pocatello Tribune.

The work that is now actively under way is pursuant to the contract recently let by the council for the laying of bitulithic after an exhaustive investigation had been made by the people of all the various pavements in use in the Pacific Northwest, an investigation which resulted decisively in favor of bitulithic from every point of view. This it seems is the invariable result where the arbiters make a selection purely upon the basis of merit, and where they can arrive at a decision in a strictly unprejudiced way.

About 700 tons of bitumen will be used to complete the present paving contract in Pocatello, several hundred barrels of which are already here and unloaded near the crushing plant.

PRES. KERR WILL ADDRESS TEACHERS

President Kerr of the O. A. C. will address the teachers at the county institute to be held October 21, 22 and 23. Mr. Kerr will speak before the institute on the afternoon of Monday, the 21st, and that evening he will address a public meeting.

State Superintendent Alderman will be here and among the instructors will be Dr. George Rebec of the U. of O., Professor John R. Gentle of the State Normal School at Monmouth, and Mrs. Mamie L. Fulker of Salem. The latter will give instruction in primary work. Miss Northey, the local librarian, will give a session on library work and there will be one two other extras. Miss Millan of the O. A. C., who will talk before the Woman's Club on Wednesday, the 23rd, on domestic science, will probably address the teachers on Tuesday.

The sessions of the institute will be held at the High School building.

Does your piano need tuning? Mr. H. J. Witter, the piano tuner, takes this means of informing his regular patrons and also many others who may want their pianos tuned, that he will be in Hood River about Oct. 19th and orders may be left at Waggener's Music House. All work first-class and guaranteed.

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Physician's Duty Is to His Country

By Dr. ABRAHAM JACOBI of New York, President of the American Medical Association

A PHYSICIAN DOES RIGHT TO PLACE HIS BEST ENERGIES IN THE DUTIES OF HIS PROFESSION, BUT HIS REAL AND FOREMOST DUTY IS TO HIS COUNTRY.

In the strain and hurry of the modern doctor's life he has little time left to take an INTEREST IN PUBLIC LIFE. But the time has come when we in the profession must express ourselves and ENTER INTO THE PUBLIC LIFE OF THE NATION. We should use our influence and knowledge when legislation is needed in the interest of the public health.

Legislators lack the knowledge that some physicians have, and it is at this time that physicians should step in and offer the benefit of their knowledge. In this respect physicians should work for everything that in the broadest sense will MAKE FOR THE HEALTH OF THE NATION.

I am interested and appreciative of the need of the reforestation of the open lands of the country. Physicians can aid in legislation which will bring this about.

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