

CENTRAL PARK SOON TO BE ART CENTER

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BY JERSE HENDERSON. (Copyright, 1922, by The Oregonian.) NEW YORK, June 10.—(Special.)—It's too bad. Just as the rest of the country gets all set in the belief that New York stands for exactly two things, somebody goes and upsets the tradition. New York, of course, is supposed to be full of nothing but short lives and long chances; of crimes and crosses; of scandals and vandals.

You'd no more think of looking to New York for culture than you'd look to Central park with its nursemaids and its zoo for an opera house or a set of municipal art studios. Which is where the little old town has its fingers crossed again. For Central park, along two blocks on the south side, is exactly where you may look very soon for the beginnings of one of the finest municipal art centers in the world.

A cool \$15,000,000 is to be spent on the two blocks square piece of art which will advance education in painting, music and the drama. The city, moreover, will donate the land. All this, minus the cost of interests of culture and not of any other crime. The mayor did not even stipulate that his portrait must adorn the drop curtain of the opera house, which is to be among the nicest opera houses on this or any other planet.

You don't even have to vote the straight Tammany ticket in order to study cubist, or whatever it is they study nowadays in a studio. You needn't even know how to read Murphy in order to get a shot at play acting in the municipal theater. Politics doesn't figure. Cash doesn't figure. Only culture. And it's a five-hour ride from Boston, too.

Dr. Smith 100 Years Old. Another thing. This crash and hurry, short life and worry idea. Too bad, once more. Volks, meet Dr. Stephen Smith, who received the honorary degree of doctor of science at Columbia college commencement exercises. Most regrettable this, from the point of view of the New York tradition. Nobody in this town of rush and riot is supposed to live to be much more than 45. Fifty is a ripe old age. Well, of course, they tried to keep it secret, but the fact leaked out. Dr. Smith is 100 years old. Not only 100 years old, but looks not a day over 75 and feels not a minute over 60. Outside New York it sometimes occurs that Uncle Jed lives a century and is pointed to as he grows and mumbles in the chimney corner.

College Basts Traditions. Columbia college itself, moreover, is some buster of traditions. If Gotham is as full of crooks and jags as its reputation registers, it's peculiar that a big university could compete at all. That the university should be turning out scholars for 188 years adds to the planing to receive a bumper crop of freshmen in its 189th year is, from the traditional viewpoint, distinctly discouraging.

Can it be that tranquility has been over-press-agented? Can it be that human beings thrive better on hold-ups, cabarets, back-scratching, some ways, surging crowds and cut-throat competition.

Here's a topic for savants to get headaches over. And in process of acquiring the headaches, will the savants please bear in mind that Boston has no 15 million-dollar municipal home of art, nor lionsome corners—uncrowded though it be—any Dr. Stephens Smith. But let us not gloat. This is no weather for gloating, anyway, with New York the hottest spot—mercurially speaking—in the country, with the asphalt on Fifth avenue even at 7 P. M. clinging to the sides of one's satin pumps; and with an egg declining to be fried on the blistering pavement and merely going up in a puff of smoke.

Weather Great for Reducers. This is weather in which to fix the thoughts on higher things. On, for instance, some roof garden at the Ferris wheel at Coney, or some spot where you may loaf and invite your soul or at least your soulmate. It is distinctly not the weather for a run around Central park, particularly if you are a woman and 30 pounds overweight.

The city health department thinks the weather is great for just that little thing. You see, last fall the health department took a couple dozen pump ones in hand and put 'em through all kinds of diet and exercise, with the result that when the class met for reunion this week it was found they had sloughed off nearly eight aggregate feet of waistline and half a ton of avoirdupois. One woman lost \$1 pounds. Imbued with enthusiasm at the example of this ox-terrier exhibit, another class was started. It planned as a first exercise a little run around Central park—not all around the park, you understand, but just hither and yon.

Spectators Get Exercise. And because of the weather and one thing and another the spectators got about as much exercise as did the women. Because first the spectators got all limbered up hunting for shade trees and they got even more limbered up laughing at the patients and cheering them to greater efforts. If the patients persist, however, the laughter will be on the other foot for they will not only emerge from the ordeal fairy-like but with a well-defined score for any man who lolls under a tree and grows fat when he ought to be exercising.

Already the weather is having its effect on the news. Upon a day when the thermometer registered 90, a man called at police headquarters and offered a \$2,000,000 check for use in behalf of the police department. They sent him to Bellevue for observation. At Bellevue somebody asked the donor why he wanted to give the New York police department such a large sum. "To establish some sort of a foundation," he replied. "I know of no institution more in need of one."

They ought to have let him out with an apology. The hot weather seems to have hit Ellis island also. A French silk merchant and his family, who had derbilit bought a home for his family on Long Island—one of those country cottages costing a few hundred thousand—sent for his family to come and live in it. Arrived at Ellis island, Madame Max Spinnier and her sons, Jean, aged 3 years, and Robert, aged 18 months. It so happened that Mme. Spinnier was born in Poland and Jean in Italy. It happened also that the month's stay at Ellis island, Mme. Spinnier and Jean must be deported. But 3-month-old Robert is admitted without hindrance. Because Robert, though born of the same parents as Jean, happened to see the light of day in France, the frantic husband had time the red tape continues to wind.

OIL LEASES TO BE SOLD BONUSES EXPECTED TO EXCEED \$7,200,000.

54 Tracts Are Near Famous Western Osage Pool, Producing 66,000 Barrels Daily.

PONCA CITY, Okla., June 10.—(Special.)—When the oil men of the United States assemble for the next sale at public auction of Osage Indian land leases June 28, will the total amount paid in bonus money for these leases exceed the now high mark of \$7,200,000, which was paid during the sale in December last? The highest figure for a single lease was established at the sale in March, this year, when the Skelly-Phillips Petroleum company paid \$1,235,000 bonus for a lease on the northeast quarter of section 27-5 east, and \$1,500,000 bonus for the northwest quarter of the same section. The total amount paid in bonus money at the March sale, this year, was \$4,173,400.

Two of the leases which are to be sold at public auction June 28 at the Osage Agency building in Pawnee, Okla., are for a million dollar leases bought by the Skelly-Phillips people in March, but they are also a half mile north of present production. Fourteen of the tracts offered in June are within the present Hickman or western Osage, including the two just mentioned. Altogether 22 tracts are to be sold, of which 169 are in the eastern half of Osage county or east of and including range 8.

All of the 22 tracts, lying within the Hickman pool district, should bring big and some of them, fancy figures. In addition to the two that offset the million dollar quarters, there is one owned by the Skelly-Phillips one on which the Sinclair Oil company recently brought in a 3500 barrel producer, and still another tract is owned by the Prairie Oil & Gas company with a 1165 barrel well. The total amount received from the sale can well be estimated at \$5,000,000 in bonus money, and it probably will go considerably higher.

A greater attendance than ever before is predicted by oil men for the June sale. This is because of the upward trend in the oil industry, the loosening of the money market and the general advance in the price of refined products. If the weather permits the sale will be held in the open and Colossal Walters, who has been the auctioneer at every sale, will handle the job again.

All the money received in bonus, paid by oil men for leases, and also the royalty goes into the United States treasury for the Osage Indians and is paid to them every three months at an average of about \$1000 per capita, for the 2500 Osages on the citizenship rolls of the tribe. The next payment, to occur in the near future, will amount to \$3300 per capita.

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The Daily Express in reporting the reprieve quoted the following from a recent issue of the Sunday Express: "The murderer (True) is the son of Lady Blank. Her identity has been mercifully concealed, but it has been whispered all over London and it discloses it would startle the whole world. Ronald True came into the world when his mother was a girl of 17."

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Control league, after leaving Japan where her lectures were considerably restricted by official regulations, found no such hampering influences in China and discussed her subject with such frankness here that her interpreter, a young Chinese woman, whose modesty overcame her—abandoned the task to a male physician. Mrs. Sanger's difficulty with her interpreter came up at her most important meeting in Shanghai, which she addressed under the auspices of the Chinese Association for Family Reformation and allied organizations. A Chinese physician in the audience volunteered for the post, when the young female interpreter stepped down. The American lecturer did not appear before any of the foreign women's organizations of Shanghai in the 10-day period she spent in this city. Mrs. Sanger began her Chinese tour at Peking where she formed a branch of the American league, which she heads. Then she came to Shanghai. She is at present in South China.

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NEW YORK, June 10.—Charles R. Crane, who recently was reported incorrectly to have been sentenced by a French court to 20 years imprisonment in Syria for having attempted to incite anti-French disturbances, reiterated his denial of anti-French activities on his arrival here today.

HENRY LEONE IS DEAD

Actor Who Played With Late Lillian Russell Succumbs. MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., June 10.—Henry Leone, actor, who played eight consecutive seasons with the late Lillian Russell, died here Friday. He was born in Constantinople 45 years ago and had lived here more than 30 years.

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