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IN FAVOR OF BIG FAMILIES

Dr. Sargent, of Harvard, Treats of Race Improvement at Conference

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 12.—A better race can only be produced by stronger individuals today asserted Dr. Dudley A. Sargent of Harvard University in his address to the National Conference on Race Betterment. Dr. Sargent declared in favor of large families, saying that the superior races always had maintained a high birth rate both from inclination and conscience. The basic law of "the survival of the fittest" has been swamped by unwholesome sympathy for the weak specimens of the human race, he said. Its restoration to force for the benefit of humankind as a whole he declared to be the task of our times.

Heredity Sustained.

"The old biblical ideal of perpetuating the families of the patriarchs by many begettings must be justified in the light of heredity," said Dr. Sargent.

"The superior races maintaining a high birth-rate in spite of individual preference for more ease and leisure. There was something of this stern idea of the duty of multiplication which actuated our forefathers in building up a new nation; there needs still to be a note of serious concern for the physical vigor of our nation in the pleas against race suicide.

Survival of the Fittest.

"The present tendency of the superior races and individuals to diminish in number is contrary to the accepted theory of the survival of the fittest. When applied to man, these physical principles of the survival of the fittest through the struggle for existence have been forced into the background because of man's mental, social and sympathetic development.

"Growth of the human sympathies has largely checked the natural elimination of the weak, the sickly and the deformed and there have arisen many present regrettable conditions of physical unfitness, which it has become the task of our age to eliminate.

Conflict in Progress.

"Here we confront the conflict between the individual and the race, for there is undeniably a contradiction between the aims of hygiene as applied to these two.

"Hygiene, as applied to the individual, strives to conserve the life of even the most wretched human being, but the hygiene of the race has for its ultimate aim the elimination of the weak for the improvement of the whole.

"It is the province of the physical educator not only to invigorate the individual for himself but through him to improve the race. Individual improvement in the physical condition of men and women results in a better race of children, so that we may consider physical education an agent in our modern sciences of Euthenics and Eugenics.

NORTH BEND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kern, of North Bend, Coos county, were visitors in Roseburg for a few hours today. They are en route home after some time spent at northern points.—Roseburg News.

BULKHEAD PLANS ARE DISCUSSED

Port Commission Has Awkward Question to Settle at Meeting Today

There was a regular meeting of the Port Commission in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce this morning and a number of questions pertaining to dredging and filling were considered. One of the most important was the effort to grasp the provisions of the agreements. The Willamette Pacific's proposed bulkhead east of its right-of-way across Mill Slough and the plan of the C. A. Smith company for bulkheading its property near the same point. The two proposals are somewhat conflicting and further efforts will be made this afternoon to clear up the situation.

Bond Is Accepted.

The \$3000 bond required from Hagquist & Bjorquist as a guarantee in the construction of the box drain to carry off the water in Mill Slough when the fill is made by the dredge was examined and accepted by the commission. The work has been in progress for several weeks, but the contract was not signed up until today.

Farmers Want Shells.

J. E. Fitzgerald and County Agriculturalist J. L. Smith formed a committee on behalf of the farmers around Coos Bay who asked regarding the disposal of the oyster shells dug up from the bottom of the harbor by the dredge Seattle. Mr. Smith stated that the shells contain large quantities of lime, of which ingredient the soil on local farms is greatly deficient. Mr. Fitzgerald declared that the use of the shells on farm land increased its productive value three times.

The question of placing the shells where they would be available for the farmers was brought up by the committee, which was informed that the farmers could take the shells from any of the Port Commission property. It was suggested that the most accessible place was to secure the shells from Manning Island. It was also advanced by Mr. Fitzgerald that the farmers were agreeable to placing a bulkhead on the Port Commission's property on the east side of the harbor if the dredge would deposit the shells back of it when digging out the channel. Commissioner Rogers was appointed a committee of one to interview the farmers on this point and see what arrangements could be made.

To Change Bulkhead.

Another question brought up at the morning's meeting was the need for shifting the bulkhead on the south side of Hall avenue to the North side, so that the section of the street from Broadway to the harbor line could be used after the fill is made. Under the present contract the fill only comes as far north as the south side of Hall avenue, which would leave no street available. Commissioner Sengstacken and Secretary Motley were appointed a committee to interview the property owners on the north side of Hall avenue, east of Broadway, to see if they would be willing to sign up a contract for the filling of Hall avenue.

Question Is Settled

The Port Commission settled the question of bulkheading the entrance to Mill Slough this afternoon by ordering the construction of a bulkhead across the slough along

ENTRANCE MARK HAS VANISHED

Whistling Buoy off Coos Bay Has Disappeared Declares Captain Macgenn

Captain Macgenn, of the steamer Breakwater, which sailed this morning for Portland, reported by wireless to Operator Williamson, of Marshfield, that the whistling buoy formerly located off the entrance to Coos Bay's harbor had disappeared and was nowhere in sight.

With the disappearance of the buoy there is no aid to navigation any distance out from shore showing the location of the channel, and it is expected that Captain Macgenn will take considerable pains to draw the attention of the marine department to this fact.

The whistling buoy had gradually lost its usefulness in fogs or at night, as its throaty roar had diminished to a very low moan. Whether it sank after being struck by some vessel, or dragged its moorings in the recent gales is unknown, but Captain Macgenn declares it was not in sight this morning.

BERLIN'S DOGS GROW SCARCE

Increased Cost of Meat Given as Cause for Reduction in Canines

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The canine population of Berlin is decreasing steadily. From 39,926 in 1909, the number of dogs in the city had dropped to 34,443 last year, according to tax statistics just issued, and an even greater decrease is estimated for this year. The increasingly high cost of living, which makes the saving of a tax of \$7.50 yearly a big item to poor families, is undoubtedly one explanation of the decrease. A further factor this year is the dog quarantine law, which has kept the animals muzzled and on leading strings for several months.

There are 6,740 tax-free dogs in the city. Eighty of these are owned by the Emperor and the ambassadors and ministers of foreign nations. There are 1174 draught dogs exempt from tax. The city's income from the dog tax is more than \$250,000 annually.

The work is to be done at once and will be carried out according to the plans and specifications of City Engineer Buckingham.

This will leave the construction of the bulkhead by the Willamette Pacific according to the agreement made in securing the franchise, which provides for the railway's bulkhead being constructed on the east line of its right-of-way. It is probable that the company will have the work done by the time the Mill Slough fill is made.

Fill Is Authorized.

The Port Commission passed a resolution authorizing the filling of the low lands between Ninth and Tenth, as requested by the property owners, the latter to pay all the costs of the work. Wilson Kaufman, who has been leading the movement for the fill, states that nearly all of the property owners of the section in question have signed up for the fill.

TWO STEAMERS ARE BAR BOUND

Redondo and Adeline Smith Unable to Cross Out—Former Back at Dock

Facing one of the roughest bars during the present winter, the steamers Redondo and Adeline Smith were unable to cross out this morning when they reached the entrance to the harbor. Both Captain Olson and Captain Erickson took their steamers close up to the breakers and turned back.

The Adeline Smith returned to Empire and tied up until tomorrow and the Redondo came back to the Alliance dock and discharged her passengers, notice being given that she would make an attempt to cross out tomorrow morning, leaving the dock here at 10 o'clock. After discharging the passengers the Redondo steamed over to the C. A. Smith mill again.

With the big steamer Adeline Smith trailing along right behind her, the steamer Redondo cleared for San Francisco shortly before 10 o'clock this morning with a capacity passenger list. Besides having a heavy shipment of lumber, the Redondo is taking 500 sacks of Coos county spuds to the California port and a large quantity of cranberries.

The Adeline Smith came in from San Francisco on Saturday and finished loading a heavy cargo of lumber at the C. A. Smith mill this morning. While the Adeline is said to be a faster craft than the Redondo, it is expected that the skippers will have a little contest down the coast with "odds about even" in view of the fact that a southeaster is working up the coast.

The wind at Cape Blanco this morning was 25 miles an hour with the sky overcast and the sea rough. The barometer was down to 29.28, while at North Head the wind was light and the sea tolerably smooth.

The following is the passenger list of the Redondo:

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McEldowney, Mrs. Bell Backincoe, Mrs. G. N. Black and baby, C. G. Thompson, Leslie Isaacson, L. C. Crouch, Norman Youkey, Lilly Youkey, Helen Youkey, Mrs. Lilly Youkey, Mrs. C. G. Thompson, Miss Frances Williams, Miss Beale Coke, Miss Nora Tower, L. F. Hirt, A. Satiakan, J. C. Terry, M. H. Mears, W. K. Webber, George W. James, Lyman James, Dilla Terry, Stella Terry, George Terry, Mrs. J. C. Terry, M. Curtis, Ray Smallwood, E. McKellis, Tom Hall, Fred Thompson, D. R. McGregor, M. Molina, F. Duran, Juan Dintz, Charles Pollin and H. Sallor.

WIRELESS TO ARCTIC.

Plans Being Completed To Connect Up With Greenland.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—Plans to put Greenland into wireless communication with the rest of the world are being rapidly completed. Engineers who have returned from Greenland report that the Kigsigt Islands on the west coast are well adapted for the location of a wireless station from which communication can be established with stations in Denmark and Canada. It is little more than 2000 miles from Denmark to the islands, while the distance to Canada from the Kigsigt is about 1000 miles.

NEW HEIR OF BENNETT HERE

Chas. E. Bennett in Portland Seeking Jas. Bennett of Marshfield Now

The following from a Portland paper will be of interest in Marshfield as it echoes the developments in the \$9,000,000 estate which James Bennett, chief engineer at the C. A. Smith mill, was informed some time ago that he was one of the heirs:

Believing that he should share in a \$9,000,000 estate which is said to have been left by his great grandmother, Susannah Bennett, of Harlem, New York, on her death more than a year ago, Charles E. Bennett has come to Portland from Tennessee in search of children or relatives of Ephraim or William Bennett, who formerly lived in Portland and are brothers of his father, Freedom Bennett.

Whether either of the men he seeks is living, Bennett is unable to state. He has also written to Marshfield to ascertain if James Bennett, a sawmill engineer, who is said to have inherited a large sum on the death of Susannah Bennett, is a relative of his.

"I am suffering from a couple of broken ribs and cannot look these people up," said Bennett today, "so if anyone knows where they are or can be found I would appreciate their dropping me a letter in care of general delivery, Portland, Or.

WAS SILENT MEMBER.

Interrupts Only Once in Last Sixteen Years.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Jules Sauzede, deputy for Carcassone, who died recently, was noted in Paris as the most silent member of the Chamber of Deputies. During the sixteen years that he belonged to the Assembly he had never ascended the tribune once, and had been known to make only one interruption. One day there were very few members in the Chamber and attention was called to the fact that there was an insufficient number to continue the discussion. M. Sauzede rose, counted those present, and remarked simply, "Thirty-two." It was his only parliamentary speech.

MRS. LA FRANCE IS DISMISSED

Woman Charged With Complicity in Insurance Swindle Freed in Portland

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 12.—

Judge Cavanaugh has dismissed his indictment against Mrs. James C. France, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. Her husband is serving a term in the penitentiary for swindling the Woodmen of America out of \$100,000 by collecting insurance after placing a body, taken to be his own, on the banks of the Clackamas. Two subpoenas were collected by Mrs. France and his wife totalling \$1200. Mrs. La France was indicted on the same facts as her husband, and was charged originally as the principal with her husband as an accessory.

The indictment was dismissed because Mrs. La France is the means of support of the four children, the youngest a babe in arms, and a further fact that District Attorney Evans believes that she acted in the matter at the direction of her husband, who already has been convicted.

MYRTLE POINT CLUB

Elects Officers and Will Boost Coquille Celebration.

The Myrtle Club of Myrtle Point held its annual meeting last evening and elected the following board of managers for the ensuing year: L. G. Johnson, H. M. Fensler, C. Huling, T. T. Dement and C. Schulz.

The question of celebrating the Fourth of July at Myrtle Point this year in a bigger celebration was brought up and the sentiment of the present was that inasmuch as Myrtle Point gave way to Coquille last year, it is our turn to entertain the people of the upper valley this year.

The board of managers met at the club meeting and organized and re-elected the old officers, consisting of Dr. L. G. Johnson, president; C. Huling, vice president, and C. Schulz, secretary-treasurer.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

BAND DANCE, Eagles' Hall, URBAN, Jan. 17.

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