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A NOTE OF WARNING.

Elsewhere in this issue is published the address of Dr. H. L. Henderson, of this city, before the members of the Push Club at their recent annual meeting, which is worthy of careful consideration by every citizen of Astoria.

No question is of more vital importance to a modern city than that of the health of its inhabitants. How to combat disease breeding conditions is a problem that is receiving as much if not more attention at the hands of scientists today than any other question engaging their notice and the advancement that has been made along the line of better sanitation in centers of population has had most gratifying results. Experience has thoroughly demonstrated the dire results sure to ensue from a faulty sewerage system and a contaminated water supply. These may be rightfully classed as the originators of most of the diseases to which humanity is subject. Solve these problems and the health condition of a community is assured.

Dr. Henderson has sounded a note of warning to the people of Astoria which they will do well to heed at once. No question of cost should deter from the immediate inauguration of a system of sewerage that will be perfect from the standpoint of adequacy and effectiveness. Materials used in its construction should be only such as have the approval of scientists and which will not in the course of time prove fruitful aids to the danger sought to be avoided. The health of the community alone should be considered. This can not be measured in dollars and cents, and economy in the beginning always proves a costly experiment.

That portion of Dr. Henderson's address devoted to our water supply is timely and suggests a danger which has doubtless not occurred to the mind of one tenth of the people of this city. It has been sufficient to the average man that the city has constructed a splendid system for bringing our water supply from the mountains. No thought has been given to the many opportunities offered for the supply to be impregnated with disease germs before it enters the underground conduits that carry it to our doors. If there are disease breeding germs anywhere on the water shed from which our supply is gathered then the construction of our splendid water system has been for no good purpose and our fancied security from danger from that source will sooner or later have a rude awakening.

The Push Club has done much for the good of this city and it will add to its enviable record if it will take on the questions presented by Dr. Henderson and arouse the public spirit to take such action as will accomplish the desired results.

The United States greatly exceeds all other countries in the aggregate of savings banks deposits, but it does not lead in the average of deposits based on population. In Denmark the average per capita of inhabitants is greatest, being \$7.58, followed by Switzerland, with \$6.06; Germany, \$5.54; Norway, \$3.16; Australia, \$4.90; Belgium, \$3.16. Then comes the United States, with \$3.22, and Great Britain is last, with \$2.62. When it comes to the average per depositor, the United States is far ahead, with \$46.23, while Canada follows next, with \$40.24, the highest European country being but \$22.59 in Austria-Hungary, and \$19.54 in Russia. If the money withdrawn from banks by American wage-earners for the purpose of investment or home-building were taken into account, the average of deposits on the basis of population would be much greater. The figures quoted are misleading if taken to illustrate the relative conditions of those who deposit in banks in this and other countries.

Contagious diseases seem to have their orbits, like planets or comets. For

many generations the bubonic plague, the Black Death of Boccaccio and De Foë, was unheard of. Now it is virulent and persistent in several countries. In some years cholera kills great multitudes. In this period it assails no victims in any quarter of the globe. But smallpox is active, and is causing anxiety both in the Old World and the New. On the other hand, yellow fever has been almost entirely exterminated in Cuba, and it does not seem to be violent at this time in any part of South America. The laws which govern the spread of pestilence puzzle physicians and laymen alike.—N. Y. Tribune.

The Schley court of inquiry has at last rendered its decision, but this has but little bearing on the charges made against the hero of Santiago. The people had already rendered a decision in the matter and had exonerated Schley of serious fault and had given him the credit of the destruction of the Spanish fleet. Admiral Dewey, as usual, under grave responsibility, shows his good judgment. In a matter of this kind the judgment of Dewey will outweigh any two men in the navy, and Schley stands practically acquitted before the people. Dewey has won for himself the praise of the people for the stand he has taken and is again enthroned as the nation's popular hero.—Salem Statesman.

Already about 1000 pension bills have been introduced in congress, which is not an unprecedented number. At the opening of a session at least shows that the demand for the government's bounty in the form of pensions is far from being exhausted. It is stated that some of these bills, if they become law, would add about \$100,000,000 a year to the pension expenditures, while if by any possibility they could all become law, it would take all of the revenues of the government to meet the expenditures called for in the bills.

Now that all the principals in the recent crimes in Oregon—the murderers of young Morrow, wreckers of the O. R. & N. train near The Dalles and the Portland hotel diamond robbery—have been apprehended, let the law courts of the state get an automobile going and mete out swift punishment upon the criminals. Oregon cannot be too jealous of her reputation as a orderly and law-abiding state.

If congress will take President Roosevelt's message and immediately proceed to enact his recommendations, two new bills, Quays, Crocker, and Germans would have been well back etc. The people would see to the nomination and triumphant election of the next congress and president.

When Dewey sailed into Manila bay and destroyed the Spanish fleet he did an act which stamped him as the greatest naval hero of the age. When he wrote his opinion in the Schley case he gained for himself the reputation of the entire American people as the naval hero of the age.

It is said that the most wonderful marksmanship in Washington is seen in the hands of the Brazilian minister, Senor de Assis. He began his apprenticeship in shooting on his father's ranch, where as a lad he was the constant companion of the vaqueros and hunters, whom he soon excelled at their own craft.

Scientists of the Oregon State Agricultural College have made a discovery that will be worth a large amount to all grape growers on the coast. They have found that from refuse grapes, too small to be marketable, the finest vinegar may be made.

Let the trial of the confessed train wreckers, Kidd, be as speedy as was that of murderer Wade and then let outraged justice make short shift of both.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Laurant Howard, stage manager of the Orpheum theater, Brooklyn is dead, aged 45.

Senator Hale has introduced a bill in the Senate authorizing the enrollment and organization of a United States Naval Reserve.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the World, the American Tobaccon combination has made an incursion into Germany and it proposes later to carry the war into Russia.

The Colorado and Southern Railroad is in the throes of its annual struggle with the snow on the South Park division and at the present time both the Gunnison and Leadville branches are blocked.

Formal announcement is made that

the National Bank of North America will absorb the Bank of the State of New York. President Edwards of the Bank of the State of New York will be president of the consolidated institution.

The University of Chicago was made the recipient of \$1,625,000 in gifts at the hands of friends of the institution. President William Harper announced the new endowments on the occasion of the fortieth convocation of the university.

James C. Fargo, President of the American Express Company, has announced that each of the 10,000 employees of the corporation in the United States will receive a Christmas gift of \$10. Last year the company gave each of its employees \$5.

State Health Officer Tabor of Texas has reported to the governor of that state that there were six cases of bubonic plague in San Francisco during September and four deaths; three cases and three deaths in October and one case and one death in November.

Within 10 days, says the Constantinople correspondent of the London Times and New York Times, 700,000 Turks have been denounced by spies as hostile to the present regime. All of them were arrested. They include Mahmud Bey, son of Ismail Kemal Bey.

The Melbourne correspondent of the London Times says there are strong indications that Premier Barton's determination not to furnish troops for South Africa unless officially requested by the home government to do so, does not represent the public opinion of the Commonwealth.

Parties of the members of the crew of 22 men belonging to the French steamer Kikier, ashore east of the mouth of the River Rhone, have been rescued through the use of life-boats. The captain and the other officers of the Kikier have refused to leave the vessel.

A dispatch to the London and New York Times from Wellington, N. Z., says volunteers for the eighth New Zealand contingent for service in South Africa are already pouring in. The Christ Church Press, a leading newspaper states that if the empire calls for it, it is certain that the colony will cheerfully furnish a ninth contingent.

At his laboratory at Orange, N. J., Thomas Edison authorized the following statement concerning Marconi's feat in wireless telegraphy communications from England: "Since Marconi has stated over his own signature that he has received the signals from England, I believe and I think he will carry it to a commercial success. It is a great achievement, and he is a great experimenter."

Belgian Chamber of Deputies shelved the resolution presented by M. Vandervelde, the Socialist leader, December 1, to the effect that an appeal be made to Great Britain to "take the necessary steps to limit the fearful death rate in the concentration camps of South Africa," on the ground that Belgium has no reason to jeopardize Great Britain's friendship by interfering in South African affairs.

TIMELY TOPICS

The United States Fish Commission has issued a bulletin describing the fishes of Porto Rico, where many species have been found. One is a "fish water beetle," which has been named Blanchard's beetle, and the color of which is bright crimson on the back and light orange on the under surface. This beetle is about 12 millimeters in length. Another beetle which has thus far received no English name is nearly 10 millimeters in length. The colors are in yellow, red, ash, black, olive and brown stripes. The experts found 150 or more sea crabs, shrimps, etc., many of which are new, and range in color from crimson to dull gray. One is of a bright turquoise blue, another a pale pink, while a third resembles one of a beautiful pitcher. Others bear various patterns. The bulletin describes a certain class of crustaceans, which seem to be intermediate between shrimp and lobsters. The eyes of these little crustaceans are not in their heads, but grow on the end of long stalks, sprouting forth from either side of the head, and the limbs resemble tooth brushes, being covered with a growth of something akin to hair.—Fish Gazette.

There will be great regret in the United States if the bitter feeling now exhibited between Chile and the Argentine should break into open hostilities. These are the two great modern, progressive states of South America. Their development is rapid, and war would be a terrible injury to either of them. The Argentine is only recovering from business depression and cheap money suicide. Chile needs to husband and improve her resources. There does not seem to be any cause of dispute between them that might not be settled by arbitration. The good offices of the United States will be used to prevent a rupture if possible, and it is fortunate that, in this event, we have a representative in Chile as able, as skilled and as thoroughly possessed of the confidence and good will of the people as Minister Wilson.—Seattle P. I.

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"Dis fall weather dos suits me," said the old man. "Like it do you?" "Yes, sah," replied the young man, "but, sah, de res' er de family is all down sick on los dey appetite, and I gwine ter eat de las' one'er dem possums my self. Ef de family had been up en stirrin', dey wouldn't er been mo' dan des a taste all round. But do look lak de Lawd will provide!"

Charles Replogle, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a great deal with my kidneys and was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again, now I am entirely well." Hart's Druggists.

"Why are authors such silent men?" They have to be so as not to disclose the fact that most of the wonderful things their publishers lay about them are fiction.—Washington Star.

AN EVANGELIST'S STORY.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

A Delicate Choice of Terms.—"I am told," said the friend, "that the man who has just been paying you a fabulous salary." "No," answered Mr. Stornington Barnes, "not fabulous, imaginary."—Washington Star.

SAVED HIS LIFE.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dyspepsia Cure," writes H. C. Christensen, of Hayward, Minn. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all." Digests your food. Cures all stomach troubles. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Heading Him Off.—Bigs—"I want to give you a piece of good advice. Diggs—All right, but first let me give you a piece. Bigs—Well, what's that? Diggs—Follow the good advice you are going to give me.—Chicago News.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's refuse is carried off it will surely cause impure blood, pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. Dr. Williams' Little Early Bitters are world famous for remedying this condition. They stimulate the liver and promote regular and healthy action of the bowels but never cause griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Trick—Yes, Charles. I had the foundation of my fortune by saving, careful. Spendthrift Nephew—I didn't know you ever drove one, uncle.—Punch.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The manufacturers of Banner Salve have always believed that no doctor or medicine can cure in every case, but never having heard where Banner Salve failed to cure ulcers, sores, fetid, excoriated, or piles, as a matter of curiosity would like to know if there are such cases. If so they will gladly refund the money. Hart's Druggists.

From the Automobileist's View.—First Chauffeur—Have any had luck during your trip yesterday? Second Chauffeur—Oh, I ran over a man, but I don't think I hurt the machine any.—Ohio State Journal.

OF BENEFIT TO YOU.

D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns, fissures of counterfeits. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Uncle Josh—Why, yes; they have agricultural schools where they teach scientific farming. Uncle Hiram—I s'pose some day they'll have schools where they'll teach scientific bunco-steering.—Punch.

Editor Lynch, of the Daily Post, Philadelphia: N. J. has tasted the merits of Foley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many raton remedies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have ever used and I cannot say much in praise of it." Hart's Druggists.

Mr. Stubbs—"Confound it! We are going through a tunnel! I hope it isn't long." Mrs. Stubbs—"Ah, John, I remember the time when you wished the whole distance was through a tunnel."—Ex.

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"Do you know, Miss Pringle," said the large-headed young author, "my most brilliant thought came to me in my sleep." "It's a great pity that you are troubled with insomnia," added the young lady.—Detroit Free Press.

A cold, cough or the grippe can be stopped in the bud with a dose or two of Foley's Honey and Tar. Beware of substitutes. Hart's Druggists.

Father—What! You've resigned your job? Son—Yes sir, it was too hard. "Too hard, eh? Don't you know that no job is perfectly easy?" "Yes sir, that's why I want no job."—Philadelphia Record.

J. W. Bryan, of Lowell, Ill., writes: "My little boy was very low with pneumonia. Unknown to the doctors we gave him Foley's Honey and Tar. The result was magical and puzzled the doctors, as it immediately stopped the racking cough and he quickly recovered." Hart's Druggists.

"I have my opinion of you," sarcastically remarked the lawyer. "Well, you can keep it," hotly retorted the client. "The last one I had of you cost me \$5."—Philadelphia Record.

C. W. Lynch, Winchester, Ind., writes: "I owe the life of my boy to Foley's Honey and Tar. He had membranous croup, and the first dose gave him relief. We continued its use and his soon brought him out of danger." Hart's Druggists.

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