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WEATHER.

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COLUMBIA COUNTY FORNINIST IT.

We have it on the word of a man who is intimately acquainted with the people of Columbia county, and who is most genuinely respected by every one in that county, that there is just as far-reaching an opposition to the tenor and terms of the Port of Columbia law, and as wide a doubt of its legality, its constitutionality, there, as in this county.

If this be so, Mr. Cornell must have acted pretty broadly without the limits of his responsibility in voting for it and fighting for it as he did, and is likely to have an accounting to make that will not be really comfortable nor easy.

The sense of this community was taken in 48 hours after the bill was heralded in the Portland press, and its manifest injustice was apparent on the face of the details offered by its home sponsors; and Astoria and Clatsop made response accordingly and with no loss of time. Perhaps, owing to a lack of ready communication in the sister county, its bump did not filter through, the expanses of Columbia quite so readily, and now that it has filtered through, the people there are wide awake to the rotten imposition of the law and it will be resisted just as it will be here in the courts of the State. So be it!

JEROME DRIVES A NAIL.

Jerome, of New York, drove a nail home in the course of his legal battle in the Manhattan court, on Wednesday last, when he said:

"If there is nothing between society and anyone who wishes to attack it but a 'brain storm' we had better go back to the days of the frontier and every man take out a pistol permit."

This is logic of good, coarse kind that can be understood by the simplest of the reading public, and bears close scrutiny. If, as he says, every new vague, flap-doodle vagary of the medical science is to be interposed as a barrier to the consummation of the law, and all offenses thereto are to be buried under the flimsy garniture of high-flown titles and vague value, it is time the gun is put in the hands of every man and let the ordinary cults of humanity have unquestioned sway. In the absence of a demand for such extravagant excuses and predicates, perhaps the simpler codes of justice between man and man may be again invoked for the benefit of society, and the commoner dictates of impulse and conscience find sway to the diminution of crime.

Such things as "brain storms" and other pleas of that ilk, are never heard of until some wealthy criminal has need of them, and their unflinching success accentuates the rarity of their employment. The people are tired of it, and will be glad to witness a return to the plainer codes of ordinary justice.

ALL HANDS SYMPATHISE.

The whole people are warmly, sympathetically anxious for the recovery of little Archie Roosevelt, and feel deeply for the father and mother of the lad in their hour of terrible concern. Not because of the great station held by the father, but just because the case is one of real "homey"

The New Function of the Medical Profession.



By President CHARLES W. ELIOT of Harvard University.

RECENT events have brought into strong light a new profession which is sure to be amplified and made MORE EFFECTIVE in the near future. I mean the function of teaching the whole population how diseases are caused and communicated and what are the CORRESPONDING MEANS OF PREVENTION.

The recent campaign against tuberculosis is a good illustration of this new function of the profession. To discharge it WELL requires in medical men the power of interesting exposition with telling illustration and moving exhortation. Obviously the function calls for disinterestedness and PUBLIC SPIRIT on the part of the profession, but to this call it is certain that the profession will respond. It also calls for some new adjustments and new functions in medical schools, which should hereafter be careful to provide means of popular exposition concerning water supplies, foods, drinks, drugs, the parasitic causes or consequences of disease in men, plants and animals and the MODES OF COMMUNICATION of all communicable diseases.

Medical museums should be arranged in part for the instruction of the public and, with some suitable reservations, should be statedly OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. The medical schools also habitually should provide popular lectures on medical subjects, and these lectures should be given without charge on days and at hours when working people can attend. In other words, selected physicians should become public preachers, AS WELL AS PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS. America has much to learn from Europe in regard to this public spirited service on the part of the profession.

In another respect the teaching of medicine must be broadened in the century we have now entered upon. Medical study has been in time past far too exclusively the study of man's body BY ITSELF. Hereafter the study of medicine must be largely comparative, or, in other words, must include man's relations to the animal and vegetable kingdoms. The Harvard Medical school enters into possession of its new buildings with three professorships of comparative anatomy, comparative physiology and comparative pathology. This tendency to COMPARATIVE study already has been developed well in other subjects—as, for example, in comparative psychology, legislation and religion. Wherever this study by comparison wins adequate place it makes the study of the subject broader and more liberalizing and the results obtained MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND JUST.

Medical students, therefore, should have studied zoology and botany before BEGINNING the study of medicine and should have acquired some skill in the use of the scalpel and microscope. It is absurd that anybody SHOULD BEGIN WITH THE HUMAN BODY the practice of dissection or of surgery, and, furthermore, it is wholly irrational that any young man who means to be a physician should not have MASTERED the elements of biology, chemistry and physics years before he enters a medical school.

THE MENTAL CONSTITUTION OF THE PHYSICIAN ESSENTIALLY IS THAT OF THE NATURALIST, AND THE TASTES AND CAPACITIES OF THE NATURALIST REVEAL THEMSELVES AND INDEED DEMAND SATISFACTION LONG BEFORE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, WHICH IS A GOOD AGE FOR ENTERING A MEDICAL SCHOOL.

significance and Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt, at this juncture, are on the dead level of reality to which such exigencies reduce all men and women who are fathers and mothers. They may not know us, but we know them, and know them well and like them for the genuineness of their home and family life, the best type of American existence. We hope the little chap will pull through and go on with his career to the fulness of all that is programmed for, and vouchsafed to him and those to whom he is most dear.

THE GET READY SEASON.

So far as she can reliably know her real status, Astoria is in very safe and promising attitude for the immediate future, and the pledges of good things are plenty and secure. It is a season of getting ready with the community now, for the reception and application of what is to befall; the lining up, arranging, clearing away, fitting herself and her people for their tasks, responsibilities and emoluments of the live day that is to dawn.

It is hard, yet pleasurable work, this; and every man and organization in the city and county must, and no doubt, will, go at the duty with the cheerful conviction of success and the ability to command it. There can be no failures if the situation is carefully studied and the proper basis laid; and all that is needed is genuine public spirit, unalloyed faith and no other motive than the good of the community. All side issues must be cast aside, politics, creeds, commercial jealousies and business bickerings; no way must be given to anything that does not mean something for the popular good.

means Astoria and Clatsop County, no more, no less.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

In addition to being an alienist Dr. Evans has demonstrated to the attorneys in the Thaw case that he can

browbeat as well as any of them.

A sensitive Kansas solon objects to being called a "rabbit." In the Texas legislature such a modest epithet would be classed as dignified criticism.

Russia is to be invaded during the present year by the Standard Oil Company. This may be the last straw in the bale of trouble to which the czar seems to be foredoomed.

Of all the measures advocated the pressed by President Roosevelt the Panama canal is the only one into which he has been unable to inject the necessary quantity of red blood.

An English paper says nineteen samples of American canned goods were recently examined in Lancashire without finding deleterious. Under the new inspection laws our preserved food can safely be called the best in the market.

Some of the papers are again talking naval disarmament, which probably means that the next batch of battleships will be at least a thousand feet long and have a tonnage of 30,000 each.

Mr. Cleveland said in his Chicago address: "The land we live in seems strong and healthy. But how about the land that lives in us?" This is a question that calls for an answer from those who vote wrong and those who fail to vote at all.

Given Up to Die.

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." Why not let it help you? T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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