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WASHINGTON, July 12.—On by one, historic old buildings in the national capital are going down before the irresistible sweep of modernity. It is seldom, though, that they pass out in blocks of six, as was the case this week when an old row of imposing dwellings, the houses of foreign diplomats more than half a century ago, was the subject of a transfer that will result in their being remodeled and refurbished.

The walls that once resounded to the dignified chatter of many tongues are to be given over to the cause of higher education, and vandal carpenters and masons are already at work in bringing about a transformation.

Once the change is effected, the six houses are to be utilized by the George Washington University for some of its departments that have outgrown the present quarters. Two of the houses will be occupied by the College of Engineering; the Department of Education and the Department of Architecture will occupy two more, while the Women's College will take up the remainder. The buildings are especially well-adapted for classrooms, for the ceilings are high and the windows generous.

But to return to the historical side of the matter. The row, once the most imposing block of houses in Washington, was erected in the 50's by W. W. Corcoran, who dedicated to the government the national gallery of art bear-

ing his name. Mr. Corcoran discovered that the representatives of foreign governments were unable to find suitable living quarters in Washington, and with characteristic patriotism he set about remedying this fault, for he considered it a blot on the good name of the United States in general and Washington in particular that such a condition should exist. The buildings, most elaborate for that era, were the result.

One of the houses was the scene of a tragic occurrence some years before the war. The Russian envoy, one of the most brilliant of the diplomatic set and his wife were the most lionized couple in society. The envoy's wine cellar was a poem in old and rare vintages, and he had brought most of its stock from his estate in the Czar's realm. With him also came an old butler, a Russian who had been for years in his employ, and a hundred-old bottles of claret that was worth its weight in gold.

In the height of the social season, the envoy found his wine disappearing. The thief devoted his attention to the priceless claret, and about twice a week empty bottles were found in the cobwebbed bin that contained them. The butler kept close vigil, but to no avail. The bottles continued to disappear.

Finally, in desperation, the envoy carefully opened a bottle treated the contents with a powerful poison and replaced it in the bin where the hand of the thief would most naturally fall upon it. The next morning he sought his wine cellar. There he found, lying stark upon the floor, the hands clenched and the dead eyes holding in their depths a look of frozen horror, the body of his old servant, the butler. So far as the records show, nothing ever was done in the case. The United States could not act, for in a diplomatic sense, the crime was committed on Russian soil.

It is not unlikely that the houses ultimately will be restored. Their occupancy by the George Washington University is only temporary, for the institution is making ready to erect a notable group of buildings of its own. Its ambition to become the great American University gives promise of fulfillment, and subscriptions to the endowment fund continue to come in.

MEETING OF MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

DISTINGUISHED BODY OF PROFESSIONAL MEN MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT SEASIDE.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Oregon State Medical Association was held at Knights of Pythias Hall at Seaside yesterday and was largely attended by the leading physicians of the state.

Many interesting and valuable papers were read and discussed and much interest taken throughout. The meeting was called to order by President Dr. E. B. Pickel, of Medford, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read.

An address of welcome was delivered by Mayor Dan J. Moore, of Seaside, which was responded to by Dr. W. T. Williamson.

After the preliminary work of the convention the reading and discussion of papers commenced and the balance of the morning was taken up by the reading and discussion of a paper read by Dr. John Holt, Phil. B., of Astoria. The subject, "Amoebic Dysentery (chronic), a Surgical Disease," was listened to with attention and earnest discussion followed opened by Dr. E. B. McDaniels of Baker City and Dr. Joseph Sternberg of Portland and joined in by others in the convention. This ended the forenoon session.

After lunch the Oregon State Health Association convened and was attended by various health officers of the state, many of whom were delegates to the convention of the Medical Association.

When the convention of the Medical Association was resumed in the afternoon the reading of papers and discussion of same was continued.

Dr. William House of Portland, read a paper on "Stokes-Adams Disease (or Heart Block)" and the discussion was opened by Dr. Caspar Sharples, Seattle and Dr. W. D. McNary of Portland.

This was followed by an essay by Dr. W. R. M. Kellogg, of Seattle. The subject was "The Oponic Index in Tuberculosis." Drs. E. J. Labbe and Wiley Jones of Portland, opened the discussion. Dr. E. A. Pierce of Portland, read "Sanatorium Treatment of Tuberculosis in the Northwest." Dr. L. G. Griffith of Salem presented an interesting paper on "The Effect of Certain Gynecological Operations Upon the Mental Condition of the Insane with Report of Cases." The discussion on this paper was opened by Dr. R. L. Gillespie and W. B. Holden of Portland. The last paper of the afternoon was that of Dr. George F. Wilson of Portland. The subject "The Examination of a Patient with the View of Giving Medical Opinion" was handled ably. The discussion was opened by Drs. Park Weed Willis, of Seattle, and A. W. Moore of Portland.

During the discussion on the subject of tuberculosis Dr. Fulton paid a very high compliment to Dr. Aug. C. Kinney of this city regarding his careful and thorough work in the line of prevention and treatment of tuberculosis. Dr. Fulton said that Dr. Kinney had not only acquired a national reputation on this subject but an enviable reputation in Europe. Dr. Kinney, he said, was a modest, retiring man and did not put himself forward to gain the credit he was really entitled to. However his well known ability, made without forcing recognition, a reputation on the subject, that should be the envy of the best physicians in the land. The address was frequently interrupted by applause that was sincere. The next part of the compliment was that it was delivered in the absence of Dr. Kinney. Last night a clam bake was held on the beach to which all were cordially invited. A pleasant time was had.

The session will be resumed this morning and will be concluded tonight. More papers will be read; a new set of officers will be elected; and other business transacted. The present officers of the association are: President, E. B. Pickel of Medford; vice-president, J. A. Renter of The Dalles; second vice-president, H. M. Shaw, Astoria; third vice-president, E. D. Timms, Portland; secretary, L. H. Hamilton, Portland; treasurer, Amelia Zigler, Portland.

The personnel of the convention is distinguished and the interesting points brought out in the papers and the discussion of some showed deep study and painstaking efforts in the handling the various subjects.

A smoker will be held tonight following the evening session, at Knights of Pythias Hall and this will conclude the convention.

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A LARGE JUDGMENT.

BUTTE, Mont., July 11.—A special to the Miner from Lewiston says that the largest judgment ever given in Fergus county was entered in the district court in favor of John A. Drake and against the Gold Reef Mining Company for \$237,000. The action was started by Drake merely to secure title personally to a Gold Reef property which is now owned by his corporation.

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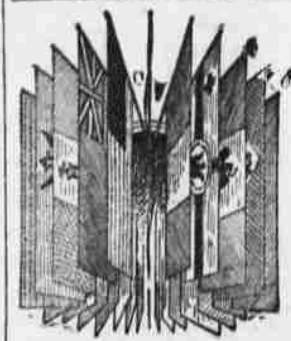
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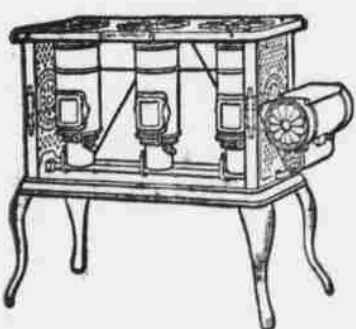
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