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**ASTORIA'S PROUDEST PROVEN BOAST AND FIGURES TO SUBSTANTIATE IT.**

With 15,000 people belonging to her and living in her midst Astoria is the healthiest city on the Pacific Coast.

This is a pleasant boast; and the people here are fond of making it because there is no one nor any record to gainsay it, and plenty to prove it and make it plain. The official records at the office of Dr. Clara Reames, are perhaps the most direct proof to be had, and the Astorian is glad to present some figures taken from the year's estimates as made up by this competent and obliging official, all of which will be incorporated in her health report to the common council in due course of time.

For instance, with the population quoted, there were but 123 deaths in this city last year from all causes; of these 14 were from drowning and accidents of other sorts, including one suicide and one street accident.

Of a total of eight cases of typhoid, but one originated within the city, the other seven coming in from the surrounding country and notably from the Washington shore; and of the eight, four were fatal. There was but one case of smallpox during the year and that was imported, and did not prove fatal.

Of the total number of deaths 21 were due to tuberculosis and three due to cancer, and all of the 24 were from outside the city limits.

Of these deaths there were 21 between the ages of 50 and 60 years; 11 between the ages of 60 and 70; eight between the ages of 80 and 90. And two of them were due to inanition. Infant mortality was extremely light as indicated by the total of 16 as between the ages of one and 12 years.

There were 236 children born in Astoria last year; an even 100 girls and 136 boys. During that period there were but 30 homes subjected to quarantine for the milder maladies such as scarletina, diphtheria, and a few instances of the measles. The city's health is safeguarded by 12 physicians who are among the first and best informed to vouch for the healthfulness of the City-by-the-Sea.

Astoria is in possession of one of the finest hospitals on the coast, St. Mary's, the management of which is perfect and the success of which is commensurate with the extraordinary care and interest manifested by the good sisters in charge of it.

**BIG TASK AHEAD.**

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—All Hindu and Sikh communities outside of India will be organized in a general federation. This is the big task which the Teja local and Sikh leader has just undertaken. They are now in correspondence with native leaders of South Africa, Mauritius, Hong Kong, the Strait Settlements, United States, and the British West Indies. The advancement of material and moral welfare as well as concerted action to advise countrymen at home of the most suitable fields for emigration is aimed at.

**NATIONAL WAREHOUSE.**

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 2.—According to A. C. Logan, one of the leading livestock dealers of Eastern Montana, the establishment of a National storage warehouse in Chicago for the handling of a large portion of the wool of the Northwest is now assured as a sufficient amount of wool has been pledged and representatives from the different states which will ship their wool to the enterprise will leave in a short time for Chicago, where a meeting will be held and a board of directors elected. This board will number 15, of whom 9 will come from the six Northwestern states which are interested in the proposition.

**BEGINS NEW YEAR RIGHT.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—One of the first babies to be born in New York in the New Year entered the world on the Third avenue elevated station at 7:30 o'clock last night. Mrs. Eliza Christen, 23 years old of Elizabeth, N. J., is the mother. She was on her way to a hospital accompanied by her brother when the stork made his visit. When an ambulance surgeon arrived a baby girl crying loudly was found.

**MAY GROW TURKISH TOBACCO**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A firm of Turkish cigarette manufacturers have asked the governor of Kentucky to aid in having Turkish tobacco grow in that state, it is declared by the bureau of manufactures. The firm states that the importations of this tobacco increased to nearly \$4,000,000 last year, against only \$12,000 12 years ago. The cheapest Turkish tobacco sold in New York is at 65 cents a pound, not including 35 cents duty.

**NAVY TRANSFERS.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Lieutenant J. J. Meade, United States Marine Corps, in charge of the Chicago recruiting station, has been ordered to Guantanamo, Cuba. He will be succeeded here by Lieutenant Ben A. Lewis of the battleship Maine. Three companies of marines, which will take charge of the defenses in the Hawaiian Islands, are now speeding west on the way to the coast from Washington.

**JUST TOOK A RIDE.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Charged with grand larceny because he was seen driving a taxicab in a zigzag course up Ninth avenue last night, Frank Chambers, a boy of 16, declares that he did not steal the automobile, but that the automobile stole him. When arrested he said that he merely climbed in the seat in the chauffeur's absence started and he was unable to stop or steal it.

**JUDGE YOAKUM DEAD.**

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 2.—Judge C. H. Yoakum, general attorney for the Frisco Lines in Texas and brother of B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the Frisco-Rock Island board, is dead at his home here as a result of an attack of apoplexy.

**What He Needed.**

A sovereign would tempt many men, and when Plimkin, making a few purchases at the store, saw one lying on the floor just by the counter he quivered with excitement.

Glancing around to reassure himself that none was looking, he quite accidentally dropped one of his kid gloves neatly on the coin and then dived. He got the glove all right, but still the sovereign remained.

A shopwalker approached him. "Good morning, sir," said the man, rubbing his hands together in the approved style, "and may I show you a bottle of our celebrated liquid glue, which sticks?"

—London Mail.

**The Cellar Stairs.**

A man who once had a bad fall when going down his cellar stairs now has a broad strip of white painted on the floor at the end of the last step. This is easily seen, even if the cellar is dark, and many a nasty accident is avoided. If the house is rented and you do not like to paint the boards a piece of white olefin can be tacked to the floor at the foot of the stairs. See that the tacking is securely done or a worse fall may follow than from a misgauged step.—Philadelphia Press.

**Dodged.**

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**OLD SCHOOL DOCTORS**

Ignorance of Physicians of the Eighteenth Century.

**TORTURE FOR THE PATIENTS.**

Every Ailment Beyond Diagnosis Was Classed as a Fever, and Pills, Plasters, Burning and Bleeding Were the Regulation Remedies.

The proverb "The remedy is worse than the disease" must have been coined in the eighteenth century, when physicians treated their patients with a violence that bordered on assault and battery. It was held that sickness was some kind of a demon that must be overcome by pills, plasters, bleeding and burning, and if the patient incidentally got the full effects of the torture and died, so much the worse for him. Air and water were considered the most dangerous things for a sick person to have, and his misguided demand for them was interpreted as a sign that he should have still less. The windows were shut and the curtains of the four poster tightly drawn around the recumbent unfortunate gasping for breath. If he burned with fever the blankets were piled on him. A desire for water meant that he could have none, while a lack of appetite proved that he ought to be stuffed with food. A bath was positively unthinkable.

The deadly results of breathing "night air" were accentuated by medical writers, says S. G. Tallentyre in the Cornhill Magazine. All air was bad, but the night quality often proved fatal to "young ladies of beauty, fortune and great merit" and to "young gentlemen of parts and breeding." One bold medico recommended that a bed-chamber should be ventilated—in the daytime. Another dared to suggest that consumptives might benefit from sleeping in a pure atmosphere. The rule for ablutions was "hands often, feet seldom, head never," but a physician far in advance of his age surmised that invalids might bathe their feet in warm water once a week and under extraordinary circumstances take a warm bath once a month.

Overeating and drinking caused many of the diseases of the upper classes. Montesquieu said that dinner killed one half of the Parisians and supper the other half. Everywhere it was the custom to pile the table with roast beef, mutton, capons, boars' heads, pasties, cream, stuffings and mince-meats. A fearful repast of twelve indigestible courses was brought on all together, so that the diners knew what was expected of them. A large breakfast of small beer and meats preceded the gigantic midday meal, when people enjoyed a Gargantuan gorge for three hours and spent two more in Falstaffian potations. After this the gentlemen joined the women for a dish of tea in the drawing room, and it was not long before the whole party of human anacondas returned to the dining room for a supper on the cold remnants of the dinner. Amid this orgy of gluttony Walpole and Voltaire were distinguished for an abstinence that prolonged their lives.

Heavy drinking was universal and rarely reprimanded by medical men, as by Dr. Tronchin. One Dr. Cheyne advised women not to take a whole bottle a day. Another authority wrote a popular treatise in which the best means of attaining longevity was stated to be a bottle of wine at dinner and three glasses after. Those who followed such advice were in danger of being dubbed temperance cranks. A story is told of the celebrated and convivial Dr. Garth, who was tipping bumpers at the Kit-Kat club when reminded that his patients needed attention. "Tis no matter," said Garth, already half seas over, "if I see them or not. Nine have such bad constitutions that all the doctors in the world can't save them, and the other six have such good that all the doctors in the world can't kill them."

A physician named Brown became the pet of fashionable women by always prescribing pleasant remedies, "a glass of wine in the forenoon from time to time," "several glasses of port or punch after dinner till some enlivening effect is perceived from them." Together with inordinate quantities of liquor and food, Dr. Brown recommended to his male patients the company of "delightful young women." One of the natural consequences of such an agreeable regimen was the gout, for which eighteenth century high livers took seas of liquid medicines, mountains of pills and bins of powders.

Any disease beyond diagnosis was put down as "a fever." Whether typhus or typhoid, scarlet or gastric, non-contagious or violently infectious, anything which caused a rise in temperature was sufficiently described by the term fever. Smallpox, scurvy, spotted and fall fever were maladies distinctive of the age. Disinfection and first aid to natures were never dreamed of, while the patient was dosed with horrible drafts and nauseating compounds and bled on every possible occasion. Louis XIV. was bled nine times for scarlet fever. Bleeding killed the Duchess of Tremouille and her husband. When a mob attacked the Duke of Bedford's house in 1765 the doctors remedied the outrage by bleeding the duchess next morning. A young man who fell against a marble table and cut his head open was treated by having a few pints of extra blood drawn from his veins by an expert surgeon. Blistering was esteemed next to bleeding. A fashionable remedy for consumption was a mash of raw snails, shells and all, taken from a spoon.

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