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It has triumphed over many other diseases. But leprosy that was a scourge among the ancients, is still a virile malady, exacting its regular toll on the lives of humanity. Its infectious character was known even to the ancients and affected persons were condemned to a dismal life of separation from the rest of mankind. Save that which sanitation and better living by the races has accomplished, little has been done for delivering the world from leprosy. Many reported discoveries of specific fall to materialize. It is hoped that it may be otherwise with the one announced from Manila.

A RACE AGAINST DEATH

THE POWER of man in conquering distance was thrillingly exemplified yesterday. A railroad train sped from New York to Chicago at the tremendous rate of more than a mile a minute for the whole span of nearly 1000 miles. The trip was over the New York Central railroad, and was made in the effort to carry Frank Vanderlip, a New York banker, to the bedside of his dying mother at Chicago. It was literally a race of the locomotive against death, with the result that all railroad records for so great a distance were broken. The distance is 959 miles, and one statement of the time consumed, places it at 885 minutes, another states it at 15 hours and 58 minutes, or 958 minutes. In any event the speed rate was under a mile a minute, a rate of transit that made but a few years ago over so long a course would have made the world stand aghast. A minute is so brief a space of time. It is scarcely begun until it is ended. Yet for each tiny minute through the long period of more than 15 hours, a great locomotive, a device of the human hand and brain, a masterpiece of creation that in its evolutions seems a living, breathing thing—sped over the rails, past the telegraph poles and over the two lines of steel more than a mile for every 60 speeding seconds. What contemplation for the pioneer who crossed the plains by ox cart, requiring six months for a journey only about three times as long! What an achievement in testimony to the marvelous magic of man! Unfortunately, death arrived in the Chicago home 27 minutes before the son reached the bedside. Man may build locomotives and conquer distance, but he cannot beat death.

A DRAIN ON OREGON

AS THE JOURNAL has repeatedly stated, but which statement needs occasional repetition, a great and constant drain on Oregon is the money sent to New York for life insurance, much of which could as well be kept at home. Mr. L. Samuel is an interested party, being president of a home life insurance company, but he is correct in his statement of facts made a few days ago at Medford, as reported in the Tribune of that city. He said: "A great drain upon Oregon and its resources is the great sum annually paid out by Oregonians for insurance to Wall street companies, money that never returns. In the past five years, \$10,023,334 was sent out of Oregon for premiums, and but \$3,152,915 returned here to pay death losses and dividends, leaving \$6,870,419 as the net amount drained out of Oregon, sent to enrich New York and other states by making their home companies custodians of these trust companies. The commercial supremacy of New York is due to the centralization of the insurance assets in that market, more than to any one factor. More money is handled by insurance companies than all the transportation companies in the country." The hundreds of millions, the billions even, of the great life insurance companies of New York have been thus gathered from all over the country, and, as it would appear from these vast sums, in excessive premiums, when every state should have and patronize its own life insurance companies, providing, of course, that the people get as good or better rates and can be equally well assured of their policies being paid.

IRRIGATION IN UMATILLA COUNTY

IRRIGATION now in operation, assured, or projected, may easily make Umatilla county the second in Oregon within a few years—unless, indeed, other counties can do as much like work, and from the present outlook none can, though great development of and by irrigation will occur in Union, Baker, Jackson, and perhaps some other counties. The news columns have told and will tell sufficiently for information, of these Umatilla projects, but what they mean in results, what their full significance is, the volume and nature of the development they portend, are matters for reflection, exposition and discussion. One of these Umatilla projects, the greatest, is the government's, and this is now getting into operation. But there are several private enterprises of no small proportions in the same portion of the county, and when all these are brought fully into action, western Umatilla county, where not very many years ago only a few stockraisers dwelt along the river and the creeks, will be populated by many thousands. Along the Walla Walla river in the north-eastern portion of the county, much irrigation development, though on a

smaller and more individual scale, is being carried on, and is increasing rapidly. Besides, the East Oregonian predicts that before many years the great wheat farms, profitable as they are, will be broken up into small farms, which can be made much more profitable still by intensive farming, without irrigation. Umatilla county—and it is a type in this respect of portions of some other counties—is entering on the third stage of its development. First, the stockraisers; second, the wheat-growers; third, what is now only fairly beginning; farmers of a different type; horticulturalists, largely berry growers, specialists, scientific farmers, those who raise many things and without exhausting the soil get from every acre all it will produce. This will be done after awhile on fertile prairies where irrigation is impracticable, but the greatest results will be attained by irrigation of lands most of which were till recently considered worthless. Where jackrabbits leaped and coyotes howled over sagebrush and sandy wastes, domestic animals will labor and disport, and the merry comradeship of school children will be round; gardens will flourish, flowers bloom, honey bees will labor, grain fields and orchards will yield luxuriantly. All this has already happened to a considerable extent; it will come to pass 10 and perhaps 20 times as much within less than a generation. And all, or largely, from the waters of a little stream that in summer runs practically dry, and whose value, but recently discovered, is a thousand-fold what anyone had dreamed of up to 20 years ago.

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A Shameful Editorial

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From the New York Sun. At the law school he absorbed the greatest amount of the same facilities that he did philosophy. He loved and still loves literature and art. A student who is getting up mock cases for the law academy—and occasionally before the venerable Judge Sutherland would be hardly suspected of swallowing Swinburne's poems of reading in the original Spanish the works of Cervantes, Lope de Vega or Valera, or of passing his leisure hours in listening to classical chamber music. He found time to master Spanish before he passed his law examinations. As he was and still is temperamentally opposed to the use of tobacco and liquor—though not a fanatic—he had plenty of time to master whatever intellectual problems attracted his ever curious, restless brain. Mr. Wickersham is curious of many things. His love of music he fairly confesses. He has a fine collection of one of the most musical in Philadelphia. Travel is another passion of the attorney general. He is a member of the Philadelphia bar he inherited a comfortable fortune from his grandfather and he married a Washington lady of position and means. He came to New York. He practiced his profession. He eventually became a member of the firm of Strong & Cadwalader. He was successful from the start and not once did he relax his varied intellectual activities. The story told of his early rising to master the vocabulary and grammar of new languages is true. Mr. Wickersham is a linguist. He is fond of the Romanic tongues. His ease in Spanish and Italian and his sound working acquaintance with German—his knowledge of the law is profound. Corporation law is his hobby; interstate commerce law he is versed in. His expertise has been in what is called "office practice." He seldom appears in a pleader and never before was in the national limelight. It is said that he needed urging to enter the Taft cabinet. His practice has been lucrative. He is a short man. He is more interesting than handsome. At first sight his drooping iron gray mustache and large eyes—the prominent eyes and intelligent gaze of the lawyer—have recalled to some E. H. Harriman. He can be as solemn as a sepulchre or as vivacious as a southern Italian. He is hearty and he is not morbidly content. His mental alertness is reflected in his quick pace and sharp, decisive movements. The brow is wide and high, the mouth and teeth aggressively large, the jaw salient. A masterful man, a good kind of quick temper, a man with a stubborn backbone, a man compact of energy, seemingly more Spanish than American. Dark, skinned, exotic and gentlemanly, he is a man from the West.

A portion of it to pay for railroad stock subscribed, the "curious" paper sees no reason why the Harriman editor up in the tower should object—that is, no other reason except that he is a Harriman editor. The proposed duty of 4 cents a pound on coffee is an added tax on the poor man's dining table to pay for Dreadnaughts. Probably both Helen Gladys and Aoki will be sorry ere long that they had such a crazy spell. Heirs quarrel over estate; money all gone and they owe the lawyers. The man shot has always made a movement toward his hip pocket. Now there is a movement for municipal forests. Portland already has "em. May Aoki and Helen Gladys be happy ever after. But we wouldn't bet on it. The period when "scrapes off the moss" was the spring improvement slogan is about past. Georgia woman of intellect has discovered that husbands are human beings. She has her thanks. Maybe we can celebrate the new tariff on July 1st. The country saved again. But more likely not. The African elephants won't have any trouble in getting some members of congress Roosevelt hit as much as they. Better get used to not getting run over in crossing the streets; the crowds and vehicles are going to increase right along. Is there to be another division of territory and consequently no more railroad building in Oregon? Then Oregon will build, sure. It is no bluff. The big vote for the Socialist candidate for mayor of Los Angeles was not much of a "straw" in favor of that party. The vote was not of Socialists. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch remarks: If Messrs. Harriman and Rockefeller would both retire, this ought to be as good a country as any for a poor man to start in. In Oregon, remarks the Albany Democrat, the young girl says she please. Not always often the fellow a girl wants won't propose. If President Taft is to continue Helen's dictation in Oregon affairs he will complete the demoralization of the Oregonian by the new paper, the Medford Tribune. Thought it was about as complete as possible already. Mr. Harriman is quoted as saying the other day: "The great trouble in this country is that railroad men do not talk enough before the public. You boys say I do not talk enough for the new paper. As a matter of fact, I talk almost every day. Yes, Mr. Harriman talks considerably more than he does. He is a good sort of man and brother, but as to railroads, does he never, or even hardly ever, tell a fib?" When McKinley and Mills, respective party leaders in the house, were discussing the tariff on wool, McKinley said that Mills had a suit of clothes was used in illustration and Mills made a certain remark which McKinley in his reply remarked that Mills had gone away back to Adam Smith for his facts. Mills reported that this reminded him of a small party which he had attended at the Medford Tribune. Thought it was about as complete as possible already. Mr. Harriman is quoted as saying the other day: "The great trouble in this country is that railroad men do not talk enough before the public. You boys say I do not talk enough for the new paper. As a matter of fact, I talk almost every day. Yes, Mr. Harriman talks considerably more than he does. He is a good sort of man and brother, but as to railroads, does he never, or even hardly ever, tell a fib?"

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From the New York Sun. At the law school he absorbed the greatest amount of the same facilities that he did philosophy. He loved and still loves literature and art. A student who is getting up mock cases for the law academy—and occasionally before the venerable Judge Sutherland would be hardly suspected of swallowing Swinburne's poems of reading in the original Spanish the works of Cervantes, Lope de Vega or Valera, or of passing his leisure hours in listening to classical chamber music. He found time to master Spanish before he passed his law examinations. As he was and still is temperamentally opposed to the use of tobacco and liquor—though not a fanatic—he had plenty of time to master whatever intellectual problems attracted his ever curious, restless brain. Mr. Wickersham is curious of many things. His love of music he fairly confesses. He has a fine collection of one of the most musical in Philadelphia. Travel is another passion of the attorney general. He is a member of the Philadelphia bar he inherited a comfortable fortune from his grandfather and he married a Washington lady of position and means. He came to New York. He practiced his profession. He eventually became a member of the firm of Strong & Cadwalader. He was successful from the start and not once did he relax his varied intellectual activities. The story told of his early rising to master the vocabulary and grammar of new languages is true. Mr. Wickersham is a linguist. He is fond of the Romanic tongues. His ease in Spanish and Italian and his sound working acquaintance with German—his knowledge of the law is profound. Corporation law is his hobby; interstate commerce law he is versed in. His expertise has been in what is called "office practice." He seldom appears in a pleader and never before was in the national limelight. It is said that he needed urging to enter the Taft cabinet. His practice has been lucrative. He is a short man. He is more interesting than handsome. At first sight his drooping iron gray mustache and large eyes—the prominent eyes and intelligent gaze of the lawyer—have recalled to some E. H. Harriman. He can be as solemn as a sepulchre or as vivacious as a southern Italian. He is hearty and he is not morbidly content. His mental alertness is reflected in his quick pace and sharp, decisive movements. The brow is wide and high, the mouth and teeth aggressively large, the jaw salient. A masterful man, a good kind of quick temper, a man with a stubborn backbone, a man compact of energy, seemingly more Spanish than American. Dark, skinned, exotic and gentlemanly, he is a man from the West.

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