

MARRIAGE OF MINORS WOULD BE PREVENTED BY CHICAGO LECTURER

Casper L. Redfield Says Degeneracy Can Be Traced to Child Parents.

WILL LECTURE AT LIBRARY

Visitor Here Is Author of a Number of Works, Among Them, "Control of Heredity."

Casper L. Redfield of Chicago, campaigner for marriage reform, designed to prevent the marriage of minors, is in Portland today, and will speak at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening in room A, Central library.

Mr. Redfield, called "Professor" Redfield by his friends, although he holds no college degree or position in any college, has been campaigning for a year, and his investigations cover 15 years.

"When very young parentage is repeated for two or three generations, a degenerate family results," he said today, illustrating this by reference to the Jukes, a New York state family, to which over 500 degenerates have been traced.

"As long as parents maintain their health and strength, the older they are when their children are born, the higher quality the children will possess," declares Mr. Redfield. "The eminent men of the world have descended from the youngest children of large families. Their parents have been people of middle and old age when their children were born, with an average of from 40 to 50 years between generations."

Mr. Redfield is the author of "Control of Heredity," "Dynamic Evolution," and a pamphlet, "Great Men and How They Are Produced." He delivered addresses at the annual convention of the American Genetic Association at Berkeley, and the convention of the International Purity Federation at San Francisco.

He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hawkes, 623 Fourth street. He will return to Chicago Saturday via the Yellowstone.

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Government Party Visits Mount Hood

Trip Made in Autos From Hood River; Survey of Road Around Mountain Planned.

Hood River, Or., Aug. 12.—Truman Butler, cashier of the Butler Bank company, and R. O. Blanchard, cashier of the First National bank, presented their automobiles into service yesterday to take the party of government officials and surveyors from Hood River to Mount Hood. A survey will be made of the loop-road around the mountain from the Hood River side extending for a distance of approximately 20 miles. It will connect the government trail with the Barlow road making loop from Portland around Mt. Hood via Hood River of approximately 170 miles. Congressman C. N. McArthur was in the party.

Cork Leg in Suitcase Leads Man to Jail

A three quarters cork leg in good condition, and three beer bottles were in a suitcase that Leo Christenson, aged 59 years, tried to sell at an east side second hand store yesterday. The circumstances were so suspicious that Detective Hyde and Vaughn took Christenson to police headquarters for investigation. The prisoner said that he had found the suitcase in the brush alongside the O-W. R. & N. railroad, and his statement is borne out, the police say, by the fact that the bottom of the case is badly mildewed.

Boy Bitten by Dog; Symptoms Watched

Mrs. A. C. Edmunds of 315 East Thirty-seventh street, reported to the police yesterday that her son had been bitten yesterday morning by a dog belonging to B. F. Hall of 148 Hawthorne avenue. Dr. S. E. Joseph dressed the wound and ordered that the dog be carefully watched for symptoms of rabies. Mr. Hall promised to keep the animal confined.

Marriage Licenses at Albany

Albany, Or., Aug. 12.—People ranged in ages from 22 to 86 years secured marriage licenses here yesterday. Here they are: Joel Hazler, age 40, and Beesie Wolcott, age 22, both of Corvallis; V. T. Nebb, age 58, and Ida Engel, age 30, both of Lebanon; and John H. Hurd, age 46, and Ida May Backet, age 42, both of Mill City.

CESSATION OF WORK ON KLAMATH LINE IS LAID TO AGITATION

President Sproule Says It Is Impossible to Finance New Road at Present.

SENTIMENT IS HOSTILE

Head of Southern Pacific Says Capital Wonders at Laws Made in This State.

"Construction of the projected railway line connecting Klamath Falls with Natron has been discontinued because we cannot raise the money to finish it."

That is the statement made by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company, in a letter to the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Sproule said the reason they could not raise the needed money was because of the agitation against railroad corporations and the consequent hostile public sentiment toward them.

For some time the Portland Chamber of Commerce has been actively endeavoring to bring about railroad development in southern and central Oregon.

Reply Disappointing. The chamber took up with President Sproule of the Southern Pacific the matter of completing the Klamath Falls-Natron line, and wrote to James J. Hill and his associates, appealing to them to extend the Oregon Trunk railroad from Bend to Klamath Falls.

While the reply from President Sproule is disappointing, the Chamber of Commerce will continue its efforts in behalf of the much needed railroad development.

President Sproule said he would like to complete the line in question, so the company could realize on the investment already made, but saw no prospect of it until there was a change in public sentiment so investors would be willing to put their money in railroad stocks. His letter is as follows:

Money Not Available. "Construction on the projected railway line connecting Klamath Falls with Natron has been discontinued because we cannot raise the money to finish it. Under existing conditions

we cannot make a showing of earnings that would justify the millions necessary to complete the line.

"When anyone and everyone can attack railroad rates, state and interstate, with public approval of the scaling down of railroad rates and disapproval of the maintenance of railroad revenues, the railroads have little foundation left upon which to borrow money, because the rates of the present give no promise for the revenues of the future."

"Until investments in railroads, which are made from the savings of the people at large, become secure and inviting, it is not likely that railroad construction in this country can be resumed, and least of all on the Pacific coast, where such construction is needed most."

"People will not place their money in these distant fields of operation unless the disposition of the people and the government gives those people reasonable assurance that their money is secure and the return on it attractive enough to warrant its investment far away from their home. Pacific coast states are distant from the centers of population where the money accumulates."

"These states need development; yet they have for some years been the most radical in their attitude toward the railroads, which the people from whom we might expect to borrow money cannot understand and sincerely mistrust."

"With respect to the whole subject, I am very sorry, and it is a source of regret to the directors and officers of this company that we have been unable to complete the project the Klamath people have at heart, but we do not control the conditions; they control us. We have the money already invested in the line in question and naturally would desire to complete the project if we could, so as to accomplish the purpose of the investment already made."

Hunter Accidentally Killed. Calabassa, Cal., Aug. 12.—(P. N. S.)—Struggling through brushwood for two miles, 12-year-old George

Rumble half carried and half dragged the body of his companion, Allen McLean, of the same age, whom he accidentally shot to death. The two boys were hunting when Rumble dropped his shotgun the entire charge entering McLean's body.

Rumble telephoned here for medical assistance, but when a physician arrived he told him his companion had been almost instantly killed. The boy's body was taken to Hollywood today.

Mayor of Dallas Is Resting Easy

Mayor E. C. Kirkpatrick of Dallas, prominent hopman and business associate of Republican National Committeeman R. E. Williams, who was critically ill a few weeks ago, is now believed to be out of danger. He is resting easy at Good Samaritan hospital, following an operation for gonorrhea performed by the Drs. Rocky several days ago.

Youth Accidentally Shot. Roseburg, Or., Aug. 12.—James McNabb, son of Rev. and Mrs. McNabb of West Roseburg, probably will lose his right arm below the elbow as the result of an accident yesterday.

While in the hills near this city with a companion young McNabb laid his shotgun on the ground, and as he went to pick it up it was accidentally discharged, the shot badly mutilating his forearm. The physician has small hopes of saving the arm.

Old Man Saved From Gallows. Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—Half an hour before he was scheduled to be hanged, the criminal court of appeals today saved C. A. Myers, 69, who was sentenced to death for the murder of A. W. Montague, superintendent of the Texas & Pacific Terminal.

In granting application for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that Myers was insane, the court postponed execution of sentence indefinitely.

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