

FASHIONS IN VICE VARY, SAYS SUMNER

Law Basis of Interpretation; Decisions Serve as Measuring Stick

NEW YORK—(AP)—Fashions in vice are subject to change like the fashions in clothes, and what may be considered the height of viciousness one season may become as virtuous as the most strait-laced could desire, asserts John S. Sumner, secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice.

"Only 10 years ago," Sumner says, "a man who has since become a figure of some prominence in newspaper publishing, was convicted of offending public decency because he displayed posters of a beauty show in Madison Square Garden which portrayed women in full length underclothes. At that time that was listed as vice. Now it would pass absolutely unnoticed and anyone who did object to it would be laughed at."

Sumner was asked how his organization decided what was vice and what was not, how if the vice of one year was apt not to be the vice of the next, his organization could tell with any certainty what was really vice.

"We let the law be the basis of our interpretation," he said. "The criminal code and decisions of the courts are our measuring sticks. For instance, here is a decision which says that anything tending to cause evil thoughts in those who see or hear is an offense."

"Well, you can see how that works out. By that ruling the beauty show posters I spoke of were vicious 10 years ago because the public mind was such that they would then engender evil thoughts. But now they would cause no evil in the mind of anyone, and so they would no longer be either vice or crime."

"And do you believe," he was asked, "that the public mind will ever change to such an extent that nothing will any longer cause evil thoughts and therefore vice will disappear altogether?"

"It might," he acknowledged, "but you must remember that there will always be the problem of the adolescent, the unformed mind, which is more susceptible to suggestion and which must be protected. No, I would not say that really there is any less vice now than before. It remains about the same in quantity year in and year out."

U. S. RANGER SECURES GRANDAD OF SHEEP

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was deep and Battle-Ax and his tribe were in dire distress, the old patriarch came across a few wisps of hay, a delightful find for his famished band. Not without caution, the sheep followed the thin trail of hay, eating eagerly as they went, until a much larger supply was reached.

This first bunch of sheep soon was followed by others. It did not take long for them to learn they were safe from enemies, so they loitered about the place during the day, sleeping under the Many Glacier chalets at night. Before that winter was over, more than 100 mountain sheep of both sexes and all ages, had assembled to eat the hay which was quite generously scattered. Of this band Battle-Ax was easily lord and master.

Assistant Chief Ranger O'Brien was not satisfied. He wanted the sheep to know they were safe and were to receive food. He soon taught them to recognize his whistle as the signal for food, until, at the first sound of his call, sheep came scurrying in his direction from all parts of the mountain. Those that had not previously been fed followed, sheep-like, not knowing why or whether they were going. But they soon learned. Within a week from his first call, it was possible for O'Brien to assemble 100 mountain sheep in ten minutes.

Still O'Brien was not satisfied. By making trails of hay he led them down the mountain slope right onto the roofs of the buildings, across the frozen creek to desired places, and even into one of the buildings. To prove they could be taken easily for purposes of transportation, O'Brien induced Battle-Ax, another big ram and an old ewe to enter one of the rooms of the "Puff-and-Blow" dance hall where they were kept prisoners two days and a night, then released.

During the first winter, fifteen sheep ate hay from O'Brien's hand. Although Battle-Ax was not one of these, he still recognized the friendly relations by remaining and partaking of the scattered hay. The sheep recognized O'Brien from strangers. Of the latter they were very shy. They became familiar with the collie dog, which was O'Brien's winter companion, and paid no attention to the dog.

Six successive winters Battle-Ax returned from the mountain crags to receive the proffered hay. But old age was telling on him and in the spring of 1925 he passed on to the land where good

Improvements Made at Brooten Baths



View Brooten Baths with Nestucca bay and Pacific Ocean in the background.

The winter months have been busy ones at the Brooten Baths near Pacific City. Many improvements have been made and a new



H. H. Brooten

sanitarium is nearing completion. New planks have been laid over the road leading from Pacific City to the baths. The planks have been laid crosswise so as to make driving in easier. This mile drive, which used to be hard work for the average driver, can now be made easily.

Dr. John Leonard George is located at the baths and will devote his entire time looking after patients there. Dr. George is a graduate of Willamette university having completed his work in the medical school in 1907 while the school was located in Salem.

The new sanitarium, which is nearing completion, will be a big improvement to the health resort according to H. H. Brooten.

sheep go. And he will not be forgotten. His head and horns now are a treasure, although his sparkling eyes are dimmed, the light gone, and his undaunted spirit quenched. His magnificent head was mounted as the first contribution to the Park Museum by Taxidermist Harry P. Stanford F. Kallspeil, who is widely known to scientists and who has prepared many big game mounts for the American museum.

The head now hangs in the superintendent's office at Glacier Park headquarters until such time as it can be given a place of honor in a real museum building. The great curved horns, deeply chipped and worn, bear mute witness to the fighting spirit which once fired the eyes of Battle-Ax. For all time those scarred horns will justify the picturesque name by which the Park rangers paid homage to his prowess.

During the winter of 1926-27 Ranger O'Brien fed a large flock of big horn sheep in the Many Glacier region. They still continue to come when he whistles their "mess call."

FISH AWAIT PRESIDENT'S HOOK IN CUSTER PARK

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trout as well as beauty. Custer state park embraces 107,440 acres in these hills, in the southwest corner of the state, including such heights as Harney Peak, the loftiest point between the Atlantic and the Rockies with an elevation of 7,254 feet; Look-out, formerly Sheep, mountain, 6,200 feet high, and Buckhorn mountain, 6,000 feet high. Except the Adirondack and Catskill parks in New York and one or two Pennsylvania state forests, it is the largest recreational area in the country owned by a state and is the particular pride of Senator Peter Norbeck, who, as governor in 1911, had a large part in creating it.

President Coolidge and his party will have at their disposal the State Lodge, a modern cottage-hotel maintained by the state game department in the southern part of the reservation. Other visitors may find accommodation farther north in a state owned but privately operated hotel on Sylvan lake at the base of Harney Peak, or at Camp McMaster, named for the junior senator, who also had a hand in developing the park during his incumbency as governor.

These recreation and numerous other camp sites in the park are linked with a system of highways described as models for mountain roads. Not only is trout casting offered to visitors, but many other recreational facilities are at their disposal. Ponies are available to carry them into the hills, numerous trails are set as lures for hikers, tennis may be played at the lodge or the hotel, and a native, sporty golf course is near the president's quarters for his aides to enjoy, while in the game preserve not far away are buffalo, elk, deer, antelope, mountain sheep and goats.

The air is almost always amazingly clear, rain is infrequent and mosquitoes are never encountered in the higher levels.

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founder and originator of the Brooten Kelp Ore Baths. The building is a two story structure with a heating plant in the basement. It is 35 by 80 feet with porches to the west and south affording an excellent view of the Nestucca bay and the Pacific Ocean. On the first floor there will be two large wards, one for ladies and one for men; two lounging rooms which connect with the dining room. On the second floor there will be more than a dozen private rooms for patients.

The furnishings of this new Sanitarium will be most complete as Mr. Brooten states that he has purchased over \$3700 worth of furnishings. The floors will be well carpeted, the beds will be the very best with heat, hot and cold water in every room. Dr. George will be in charge of the sanitarium and has been on the job during its construction seeing to the details which will add to the comforts of the patients.

Another improvement which we must not overlook is the new walk leading from the Baths to deep water on Nestucca Bay which will give easy access to those who want to go clamming, boating or fishing.

Brooten's Special Health Bread will be made at the Brooten Baths now. A modern bakery is being put in with a specially built oven. This bread will be used by patients at the baths and also sent out to those who have been there or those who are using the kelp ore. Mr. Brooten states that there are 8,500 patients who should use the bread.

Gala Social Year Planned By People on St. Kilda

ST. KILDA, Outer Hebrides, Scotland.—(AP)—This is a banner year for the 51 inhabitants of St. Kilda.

The government has sent a surveying party of 15 to this isolated rock island and it promises to be a lively summer as the steamer on which the surveyors came is to remain here until late August. The island has become the scene of greater social activity than has been known for years.

St. Kilda had a population of 77 a quarter of a century ago, but the young folks will not stay here. It was practically without communication with the mainland for nearly eight months of the year previous to the general use of wireless. The island is three miles long and two miles wide. For centuries it was the property of the Macleods, but was sold in 1779. It came back into the hands of a member of the clan in 1871 when Macleod, of Macleod, bought it back for £3,000. St. Kilda's population is Gaelic-speaking. There are only 40 acres in cultivation, but the islanders have sheep and cattle and are largely employed in making tweed and blankets.

NO MAN'S LAND BEARS SCARS OF WAR

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French Ministry of Fine Arts as a "historical monument" not to be disturbed or repaired.

Saint Pierre l'Aigle, in the region of Soissons, captured by the 1st Division in July, 1918, offensive, is another war wrecked village which remains off the map. Its beautiful church, dating back from the 13th century, stands as it was left by the efficient work of the artillery. Worshipers meet on Sundays in a wooden building erected in 1918. It is a former A. E. F. barracks.

The new bridge at Jaugonne on the Marne, a few miles northeast of Chateau-Thierry, where the 38th and 30th U. S. Infantry suffered heavy losses on July 22 and 23, 1918, is superior to the one destroyed during those hectic days and is a sample of what the French have attempted to do in restoring "historical monuments." The bridge, shot away by shells and blown up with T. N. T., dated back to the days of Clovis.

France Consolated; Other Nations' Birthrates Low

PARIS.—(AP)—The falling birthrates of nearly all European countries consolate the French.

Statistics aren't up to the minute, but the 1925 figures, just complete, show France no longer is the only "dying" nation. France, in 1925, had 18.07 births per 1,000 population. Sweden dropped to 7.5, and even England made a poorer showing than France.

But the glorious part of it, to the French, is that Germany, with a rate of 35.7 a quarter of a century ago, now boasts only 20.5. "Nature hates a vacuum," says one commentator, "and Asia, resuming her march, will swarm over to fill the void."

Even Switzerland, say the statisticians, is on the downward trend in its birthrate.

NICARAGUAN VILLAGE DESIRES MEMORIAL

Tipitapa Proud Possessors of Historic Tree Wants to Become City

TIPITAPA, Nicaragua.—(AP)—The village of Tipitapa, proud possessor of an historic tree since May 4, wants to become a city.

The jefe, or city father, has sent a petition to President Adolfo Diaz in Managua asking recognition of the historical fact that Tipitapa was the scene of the conferences resulting in the end of the revolution which began more than six months ago.

The conferences were conducted between General Henry L. Stimson, personal representative of the president of the United States, and General Jose Maria Moncada, commander in chief of the liberal army. This village should be promoted to Tipitapa City, says the petition, and a suitable monument should be authorized under the huge blackthorn tree which shaded the conferences on two occasions and under which General Stimson addressed the disarmed and disbanded liberal chiefs the day before his departure for the United States.

General Moncada was accompanied by Surgeon-General Hildebrando Castillon and General Carlos Pasos. They were met by General Stimson, Admiral Julian L. Latimer, Charles C. Eberhardt, American minister, and Consul General Dawson.

Four-score marines stood guard as the conferees met on the roadside to discuss the Stimson plan for peace in Nicaragua. In rude chairs and on tree roots the group seated itself to talk over the proposals. After the discussion General Stimson and his party withdrew to another tree nearby, and there Stimson dictated the letter setting forth the attitude of the United States. This letter brought the decision of the liberals to lay down their arms.

Plan to Restore Fort Davis Helped to Build

OSHKOSH, Wis.—(AP)—Efforts are afoot to rebuild Fort Winnebago, which Jefferson Davis, later president of the Confederate States, helped to construct almost a century ago.

Davis came to the post on graduation from West Point in 1829 and helped put up a fortress and make the rude furniture with which it was equipped.

During the Black Hawk war, Fort Winnebago was an important distributing point, and it was occupied until 1845, when the troops were withdrawn for service in the Mexican war. A fire ten years later destroyed the officers' quarters and the fort itself has been permitted to fall into decay.

Build Bridge, Then Put River Under in Channel

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