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## The Haitian Mission

THE Haytian mission appointed by President Hoover is performing a great service to the island, to the United States and to the promotion of better feeling among countries of the western hemisphere. It was created by President Hoover with the approval of congress to investigate conditions in Hayti which has been under the dominance of American marines since 1915, and specifically to arrange for the withdrawal of American troops from the island. This last is what is giving new hope and encouragement to the inhabitants of Hayti who have grown restive under American control.

The commission has proceeded rapidly to announce its recommendations. First, it proposes the abolishment of the office of American High Commissioner which has been held since 1922 by Brigadier General John H. Russell. American interests in the country would thereafter be represented by a resident minister in the regular diplomatic service. Second, a provisional government shall be set up, eliminating President Louis Borno, long considered as a mere pawn of the American high commissioner.

Under the plan at present outlined the opposition to the Borno government should through delegates agree on some neutral and non-political person agreeable to President Borno who should then be elected president to serve until a regular election can be held and a new president chosen and constitutional rule re-established. Under proper auspices the restoration of a constitutional government through popular election ought to satisfy the people of the islands and it is hoped that they may be able to carry on under their own independent government.

In any event the United States has served as overlord long enough. If the experiment fails, then intervention may follow; but Hayti will undoubtedly make a real effort to maintain its political independence. The withdrawal of American troops will be reassuring to the states of Central and South America who look upon American occupation of Hayti and other Caribbean islands as a constant threat against themselves.

## Willy Overseas

THE Klamath Falls Herald and Albany Democrat-Herald express editorial approval of the appointment of John N. Willys as ambassador to Poland; not minister, take note, for the office has been elevated to ambassadorial rank. We do not share in this opinion. Mr. Willys has won fame and fortune as an automobile maker. Now he seeks to top off his business career by undertaking a diplomatic post and that one of the most delicate on the continent of Europe. If there is a capital where a trained and experienced diplomat is needed, it is Warsaw. There is the outpost of continental intrigue. The devious lines of European diplomacy converge at Warsaw. French influence, the maneuvering of the Little Entente nations, the mutterings of the crippled powers of central Europe, all may be noted by one with ears and eyes and a wide acquaintance and a trained brain stationed in the Polish capital. For Mr. Willys it will be merely a round of state banquets, diplomatic balls, formal conferences. He lacks the background, the knowledge of European politics and personalities to render the service the post calls for.

Mrs. Willys is reputed to be socially ambitious. Perhaps Mr. Willys has been a heavy contributor to party campaign funds. He has been a frequent visitor to France to study automobile design. Those seem the only excuses that may be advanced explaining the appointment. Willys in Poland, Senator Sackett in Kentucky in Berlin, Walter Edgic, an advertising Babbitt in Paris—high places in our diplomatic service offered as baubles for surfeited plutocrats.

## Oregon Goes Foward

OREGONIANS have been blamed with entertaining an "inferiority complex." That may be true. But Oregon is going forward without doubt, though its progress is not always accompanied by a blare of trumpets. Oregon manufacturing has been expanding. Oregon commerce has been growing. Oregon tourist business has been increasing.

Now Oregon is on the eve of great development in its irrigation of arid lands. Southeastern Oregon, long the home of the coyote and the jackrabbit, is the scene of this development. The federal government is expending millions of dollars in constructing irrigation works in Malheur country. The first unit of the Vale project will be opened today. Additional units await further construction. The Owyhee project, the largest in the state, is under construction. A great dam is being built, contracts for tunnel construction have been let. The Statesman is featuring this irrigation development in a special article on page 1 section two in today's issue. Future Sunday papers from time to time will report on the strides which Oregon is actually making in agriculture and industry which should confound our critics and embarrass those who think that Oregon is hanging back.

We fear the higher sugar tariff will be used as an argument against reaching for a republican ballot.

Joseph's entry into the political race is a great boon for editors. They have had mighty little to editorialize on so far. Joseph will give them plenty, and how!

Joseph's political platform lives up to his original namesake. It's a coat bearing many gaudy colors, to be sure.

If Ghandi succeeds in abolishing the salt tax, we might see what he could do with the gas tax in this country.

"Big copy" ought to come easy for a while now. Doc Cook is out of the pen.

## Amity

AMITY, March 15—Lawrence Massey and Fred Fountain were Newport callers Sunday. They report the weather was very nice at the beach.

Jim Harris was a Portland business caller last Saturday. Misses Lettimer of Corvallis, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Lettimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson of Salem were Sunday visitors at the J. A. Ruble home. Mr. Ferguson is a brother of Mrs. J. A. Ruble.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Green and daughter, Emma, were business callers in McMinnville Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Munkers and daughters, and Miss Bertha Munkers, spent Sunday at the home of their brother, Claud Munkers at Greenwood.

Louisiana has 3,000 prisoners in its state penitentiary.

# BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

A 274 year old Bible:

Such a book belongs to Thomas G. Albert and is carefully kept at his home, 860 Mill street, Salem.

This old book was printed in Nuremberg, Germany, and published there under date of March 8th, 1656, by Johann Wilhelm Hillher, professor in Nuremberg University and preacher in St. Siebold's (Lutheran) church.

The book was brought to America by Adam Albert in (about) 1748; he settled near Reading, Pennsylvania. When the Revolutionary war came on, Adam Albert joined the Berks county militia under Capt. George Miller, then stationed at South Amboy, on September 5, 1776.

While serving with the Continental army, his family was obliged to leave their farm home and flee for safety to the mountains with their near neighbors, where they buried the old Bible, with other family valuables, in an iron bound chest, where it remained three years, until it was safe to return to their homes. The official records of that date show that Adam Albert enlisted in the United States army under Colonel Dowell in 1799.

When his youngest son, George Albert, was of age (21), he moved south into northern Virginia, taking with him the old family heirloom (the German Bible), which had been handed down to the youngest son, as far back as known. He soon went to Winchester, Pa., where he settled and reared his family of five sons and two daughters. Eben Taylor Albert, his youngest son, inherited the Bible, and in due time Thomas G. Albert, the youngest son, received it, and it will eventually go to his youngest son, Eben A. Albert, and in the court of time to his son, Eben Albert, the sixth generation of youngest sons, running back to the Adam Albert of the Revolutionary period.

The old Bible that was 274 years of age a week ago yesterday, is 4 inches thick and weighs 19 by 16 inches. It weighs 13 pounds. It has 1213 regular pages, besides a large number of pages containing full page illustrations, from wood cuts. The number of pages that give the old and new testaments in German type is 1181.

The pictures are from wood cuts, but they are generally well cut, and the discovery of photo engraving at a time within the memory of middle aged men and women. The full page pictures are partly of a kind to illustrate Bible lessons, like that of the parable of the sower. Under this picture there is printed a couple of lines in German that rhyme, translated as nearly as possible, "The good seed shall bring forth good fruit, but the enemy sows weeds and watches while others sleep." The title is "The Sower," and the enemy is the devil, with his horns and other satanic paraphernalia and attributes, and the birds that eat the seed are shown, and all the rest.

The pictures are throughout are largely allegorical, and there are scores of them, scattered throughout the text, besides the full page ones. There are full page pictures and printed tributes to many dignitaries of church and state. One of these is to Frederick III (or the Wise), duke of Saxony, relating that "he was a princely ornament and the emperor's first counsel; true defender of the faith for which he thundered sharply. He it was who built schools and churches when both were corrupted. He renounced an empire and gained the kingdom of God."

Another is to "John the Elder or Faithful duke of Saxony." Another to John Frederick I, the Stenard. Still another to "John Ernest IV, duke of Saxony; 12

years was he married; 12 children to him were born. Truly he my protection, brotherly love my spur, and my earthly reward the highest honor."

There is, too, a full page tribute in the old book to "John William, the first duke of Saxony. Traveling was his passion, and it taught him many things."

The Eben Albert who will finally get the old book is now 29 years old, and the members of the family call him Eben the Fourth. He lives in Portland with his father Eben A. Albert. The book is in only a fair state of preservation: When it was buried for three years, while the British occupied Philadelphia, there was put with it a bottle of what was called "Seneca oil," which was crude oil, and supposed to be good for rheumatism. The bottle was in some way broken, and the oil was spilled over the book. Besides, the book is now 274 years old, and books do not keep in good order for that long generally. Though the books printed in that day last longer than will the average volume turned out now, because linen rags were used in making paper then; and linen is known to be more enduring of known vegetable fibers; besides, the ink then used was better than the average used now.

On the afternoon of Nov. 29, 1897, Eben Taylor Albert, the third of the youngest sons in the line mentioned above, and the first Eben of the American Alberts of that line, with his good wife, Jane Gilchrist Albert, at their comfortable home at Winter Hill street, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding day. To their friends and relatives, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, 500 cards were issued. They were assisted in the reception by their daughters and granddaughters.

They were bride and groom in Wheeling, West Virginia, where Eben was first a cigar manufacturer and then a merchant, and where five sons and four daughters were born, one dying in infancy there. The family moved to Iowa. Mr. Albert conducting the Lansing house at Lansing in that state; then built the first stone house in the county at his large farm near Mt. Hope, not far from Lansing; went back to Lansing and conducted the American house and engaged in the shoe trade at Keokuk, for six years. The family moved to Salem in 1881, the eldest son, John H., pioneer banker here, father of Jos. H. Albert of this city, having come in 1865. A daughter was added to the family in Iowa, who came to Salem with her parents and soon passed away.

Of the children attending the 60th wedding anniversary, there were present Elizabeth (Mrs. Holston), Sarah (Mrs. Singleton-Robinson), Emma (Mrs. Rockwell), Anna (Mrs. Purdy), John H. and Thomas G., all of Salem, and George W. of Lansing, Iowa. Eben T. was still living at Wheeling, West Virginia, then.

Eight of the children were still living in 1918. They are the two sons of Eben T. of Salem, one of the old book, and George W. of Lansing, the latter aged 88. He bought his father's lumber business at Lansing and was still operating it at the time of the celebration.

According to the Statesman of the date of the 60th more than golden anniversary, there were eight living children, 19 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, all but one being in Salem that day. The number of the descendants has grown since, especially in the last class. There will probably be occasion to refer to this old book in a future issue.

# Today's Health Talk

By R. S. COPELAND, M. D.

Senator from New York and Former Commissioner of Health, New York City

In recent years, ultra-violet light therapy has been going through an experimental stage. It now seems as though a new hope in disease has arisen in the effective use of these life-giving rays. Everywhere experiments are being made, and in London, important experiments in cases of skin tuberculosis have been brought gratifying results through the use of ultra-violet radiation. Special lamps, known as "quartz mercury vapour lamps," and "carbon arc lamps" were used.

The rays are applied to as large an area as possible. Not only is the affected part flooded with the light, but also the doctors have given general treatment of the body.

In the treatment of some diseases of the mouth, throat and nasal passages the rays have been applied. It has been generally recognized that ailments of the mucous membranes are less susceptible to deal with than those of the skin. This may be because they are much more difficult to reach.

The germs of tuberculosis, in the majority of cases, it is probable, enter through the nose. They are then spread to other parts of the body, to the cheek, or to the skin of the face. Of course, there are many other skin troubles than those due to tuberculosis.

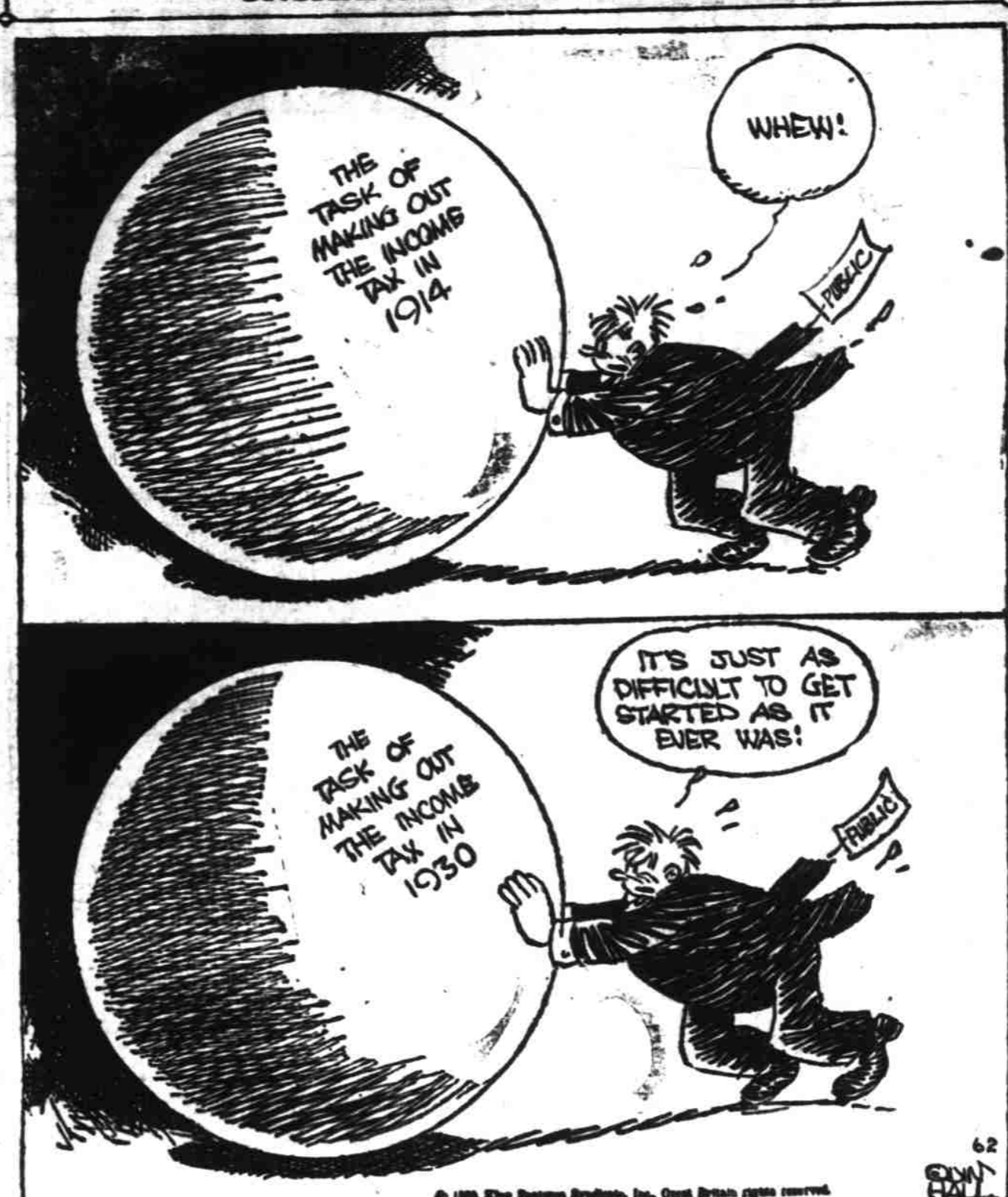
It has been puzzling to know why ultra-violet rays exert such marked beneficial effects in skin tuberculosis. The rays place in this disease are deep-seated. In spite of this the new treatment has been helpful.

Further investigation of ultra-violet light action will, no doubt, bring forth interesting results. Some cases of lowered resistance, and even depression of health, have been found after exposure to ultra-violet light. On this account, care should be taken to guard against its use in unsuitable cases. That is why a doctor should be consulted. It is essential to health. There is in these wonderful ultra-violet rays. Unfortunately not every body has access every day to the

## H. R. Peetz Will Keep up Turner Telephone Lines

TURNER, March 15—H. R. Peetz has been hired by the local telephone company to do the repair work as needed and keep the lines in shape. Rev. I. N. Hughes, evangelist, arrived Tuesday and the special services began that evening at the Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Townsend and son, Ronald, of Plainview, who were formerly of Turner, called on friends Saturday and also attended sessions of the Surprise grange.

# UNCHANGED IN ONE RESPECT



# "SHEIK'S WIFE" BY WINIFRED VAN DUZER

CHAPTER XXXI  
If Ken had raged a little, if he had said something cutting and mean, Eve might have answered out of the white heat of anger. There'd have been a spat then, one of those storms that blow up on the horizon of marriage and go as quickly as they come, clearing the air and leaving peace in their wake.  
But instead of this there was Ken's contempt, his terrible chill politeness, and the impulse which would have driven Eve contritely into his arms went out and left her defiant and hard.  
"Headache better?" he inquired formally, strolling over to the table and ruffling through a pile of magazines. His manner implied that it didn't really matter about her headache; that this was only a way of inquiring whether she had regained her right mind.  
She had wept all the time he was gone and she was weary and ill and her anger flared. "Now that the baby talk is over I'm better, thank you."  
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