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Home Safety

Do you know that one-fourth of all fatal accidents occur right in the home?

You are skeptical no doubt, but the National Safety Council says that of the hundred thousand deaths in 1929, one-fourth befell folk in their homes!

What risks are there in the home, you may inquire. Well, here are the chief causes for these home-fatalities: falls, burns, scalds, explosions, asphyxiations, poisons, cuts, electric shocks. Quite a list, is it not? So when you are told something about safety do not turn the subject aside as one that applies only to reckless auto-drivers. The topic is of vital concern right in the home.

The council suggests that folk take inventory of home conditions which may cause accidents. Here is the list:

1. Are rugs on polished floors equipped with such safety devices as anchors or rubber lining?
2. Are stairways and landings kept free of toys, books, brooms, dustpans, etc?
3. Are stairways properly lighted, treads in repair, and hand rails provided?
4. Are pins and needles picked up from the floor, work baskets and sharp instruments such as scissors, can-openers and ice picks kept where young children cannot get them?
5. Are all medicines, poisons, washing powders and insecticides containing poisons properly labeled and kept in a safe place?
6. Are open fires screened, chimneys cleaned and heating apparatus in such condition that it will stand the heavy firing necessary in cold weather?
7. Is the garage door always left open when the car is being started or run?
8. Are steps and sidewalks cleared of snow and sanded or otherwise cared for during icy and sleety weather?

Right at Christmas additional warning is desirable:

1. Do not burn lighted candles about a Christmas tree; use only electric bulbs.
2. If you are foolish enough to burn candles, start lighting them from the top of the tree down.
3. Quickly burn up in your stove or furnace the wrappings and tinsel of Christmas packages.
4. Be careful about electric connections; use standard approved equipment; avoid home-made splices and connections.
5. Watch fires and flues.

Your Christmas will be merrier if it is a SAFE Christmas.

"The Messiah"

SALEM churches last Sunday gave a wonderful array of Christmas programs, and any Salem folk who remained away must be destitute in Christmas spirit or in appreciation of music. From the wealth of offering this editor attended "The Messiah" performance at the First Christian church, partly because it and Christmas seem inseparable, and partly because Ronald Craven who works days as bindery man at The Statesman and then on nights and Sundays warbles sweet tenor solos, was in the cast.

It was indeed a very fine rendering of the great Handel oratorio. Prof. Hobson had his chorus trained to heed the slightest twinkle of his baton; and best of all the chorus was not overtrained so its work was staid. No, the mass singing was fresh and vivid. In the inspiring number "Behold the Lamb of God" the chorus responded as perfectly it seemed as though it were some mighty organ. The "Hallelujah" chorus is always the climax and was done with effective massing of volume, but the "Lamb of God" number is what still lingers in our ears.

Mention should be made too of the fine solo work of Everett Craven, bass. His premier number was "Why Do the Nations Rage so Furiously Together?" and he poured into this turbulent number all the vocal violence he could muster.

Of the program as a whole we might comment that there were too many recitative numbers. This was "Hobson's choice" but if we guess right, audiences do not care especially for recitatives. They are as painful to listen to as to sing; and where there are so many as in this program, the audience gets worn out. The crowd likes mass singing, the great choruses, with the solos as restful interludes.

But the whole program was of a high order of merit, giving a high, fine tone to Christmas week.

Seattle Has Troubles

IF Tacoma is conspicuous as a shining example of public ownership, Seattle is the antithesis, a horrid example of the same as applied to street railways. The street railway utility in Seattle is and has been for years, in dire straits. It got a time extension of two years on its bond payments; but doesn't seem to be making headway even with this breathing spell.

Now they are talking "refinancing" and the little barb on the end of the hook is some form of guarantee for the bonds to be issued. Hitherto the utility has not been able to dip into general taxes to meet its deficits. So it has rolled into debt trying to meet its running expenses, interest and bond payments and outlays for new equipment. This is of interest to Oregon where campaigners assured the people that wonders were possible "without cost to the taxpayers". It will be interesting to see if the street railway utility can secure the substantial prop of access to the tax funds. If it does, then we may be sure the deficits will grow instead of diminish.

In one proposed plan there is a plank: "removal of the street railway management from political control of influence". How can that be done in our form of public ownership? Perhaps it can; but governments have shown themselves so feeble in managing even the expenditures of administrative sums that it seems too much to expect they can keep politics out of big scale industries they may launch. Tacoma is one side of the picture; but we do not want to be deceived. It is good sometimes to turn Tacoma aside to the wall and study the Seattle picture for awhile.

HEALTH

Today's Talk

By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

We live in a time when so many men and women overdo. They burn the candle at both ends. They are so tired all the time that they seem hopelessly wrecked.

This is the fault of the modern system. It is the wrong system. If you are wise, you will learn to say "no" to the many demands of social and business life.

If you don't reform, your doctor will become your chief companion. He may be the best chap on earth, but even so, it gets tiresome to have a doctor at your elbow every day. It is far better to reform your daily life.

Among the evils of overwork and worry is found low blood pressure.

In the absence of bodily abuse, excesses of low blood pressure follow a constitutional disorder of some sort. This may be an involvement of the heart or of the kidneys. It may result from some long continued nervous disorder.

Some persons appear to lack sufficient blood pressure to meet the needs of circulation. It happens often that there is no evidence of illness, at least not enough to cause the low pressure. In all such cases there is lack of energy, loss of vitality and mental depression. There is likely to be headache and a general run-down condition.

If your doctor tells you, you are suffering from low blood pressure, he will probably prescribe some tonic which will do much to benefit you. In addition, you should have plenty of nourishing food in well balanced meals. There must be regular and proper exercise and sufficient rest and sleep.

You should be out-of-doors a great deal, in the sunlight, if possible. Give yourself the benefit of deep breathing exercises. Be regular in your eating. Take your meals on time. Among the foods best suited to restore your vigor, are milk, eggs, well-cooked meats in moderation, fresh fruits and vegetables as well as cooked vegetables. It is a good thing to change the usual program, by eating more frequently and less at a time. This is a good rule to follow if your vitality is low from any cause.

Your physician will give you a thorough examination to see that no kidney trouble exists. He will make sure that the heart is in good condition.

Since low blood pressure usually indicates lowered vitality, the body must be built up in all ways. As you grow stronger physically, your vitality will increase. At the same time your ambition will be restored to normal.

Answers to Health Queries
Mrs. A. F. S. Q.—What causes me to be nervous and shaky—my heart seems to beat fast at night?
2—What would account for head noises? Would diet be of any benefit?

A.—This may be due to several causes: infection in the system, anemia, a run-down condition or some abnormality of the heart may be at the source of the trouble. Have your doctor advise you. In the meantime watch your diet and elimination, and have plenty of rest.
Mrs. A. F. S. Q.—This symptom is usually indicative of estrus. Keep the nose and throat clear. I doubt that diet would have any appreciable bearing on this disturbance.

M. R. Q.—What will increase the growth of the eyelashes?

A.—Application of 1 per cent oxide of mercury ointment, applied at night upon retiring should be helpful, but the treatment may have to be continued over a long time if the desired results are obtained.

C. W. Q.—Will brushing the hair do it any good?
2—Will castor oil make it grow?

A.—Yes.
2.—Yes, it may help.

Yesterdays

... Of Old Oregon

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

Dec. 23, 1905

Capt. Charles A. Murphy has returned after spending some time in Portland.

Sup. Edw. Chalcraft was in Forest Grove to inspect the old Indian school property there.

Members of the Criterion club are planning a vacation dance.

Delegates of the Greater Salem Commercial club named to accompany the state delegation to California are: C. K. Spaulding, John H. Albert, Paul H. Hauer, George E. Waters and Hal D. Patton.

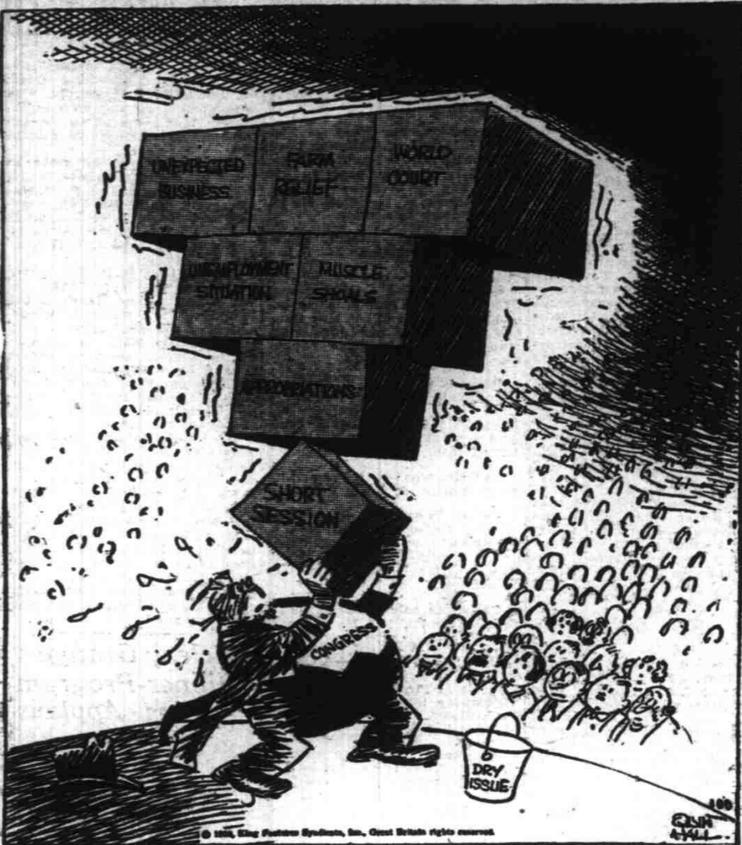
The Spaulding logging company has installed two electric arc lights in its yard here.

H. E. Thielson is eminent commander and A. H. Steiner is generalissimo of the Holiday Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar. Elections were held last night. J. H. Albert is secretary.

Senator George Vest, the 100th anniversary of whose birth Missourians have been celebrating, is being remembered for his eulogy to a dog.

After five years' study, Adam Barry, 74, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, has passed to the sixth reader and learned to write. Previously he was illiterate.

SEEMS TOP HEAVY



"FOREST LOVE" By HAZEL LIVINGSTON

After giving up Mat Tully because he is poor, Nancy Hollenbeck encourages the attentions of Jack Beamer, wealthy sportsman. Jack plans to divorce his wife and marry Nancy. On a mountain trip, Nancy falls in love with Roger Deatur, handsome ranger. She leaves her chaperones, the wealthy Porters and secretly marries Roger. Nancy is happy with Roger in his rough mountain cabin, but when he leaves on a trip, the loneliness is unbearable and she returns home. She continues to keep her marriage a secret. Jack Beamer sends flowers, Nancy and her sister Lou, attend the engagement party of May Belle Craig. Nancy longs for Roger. Beamer arrives and convinces her, Nancy repulses Beamer's advances. Lou is thrilled by Mat Tully's attentions.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

"It was a wonderful party, May Belle—a perfectly wonderful party!" Louise Hollenbeck cried.

"Why, Lou, did you really think it was a success?" enthusiasm from Louise was rare enough to mean something. May Belle beamed upon her, and noticed for the first time what a really charming gown she was wearing. It was made of some deep purple stuff, heavily shirred and corded, that had begun life 30 years ago, as a ball dress for mama. Curly ring earrings and two dozen brass bangles from the ten-cent store were supposed to lend the Venetian touch. Surprisingly, they did. "Why you look beautiful," May Belle exclaimed. Astonishment glowed on her plump, freckled face.

A warm, bright blush mounted to the roots of Lou's dark hair. "Do you really think I look nice?" Her eyes searched the mirror over the buffet. Had she really looked lovely to Mat? Hadn't he missed Nancy at all? Nancy . . . she hadn't seen her for hours either. "Yes, what did happen to Nancy?" Mr. Craig mumbled, a little worried for his old favorite.

"Oh, Nancy went to bed hours ago," Mrs. Craig said complacently. "She came to bid me good-night. She had a horrible headache. That wild dance she did was probably too much for her. . . I thought at the time . . . by the way, whoever invited that Beamer person? May Belle, did you?"

"No, I didn't," May Belle yawned, having goodnight to you, who hurried on ahead. "By the way, mama, did you ever see Lou Hollenbeck look so nice?"

"No, I never did," her mother agreed acidly. "Of course, you know why?"

"Why?"



She Was Beginning to Worry. Suppose Roger Should Find Out About Jack.

She was almost afraid to turn on the light lest Nancy might not be there.

September passed in a backwash of weddings. Announcements, Rich, black cakes in chaste white boxes. Family arguments over presents.

"That means you can't be a bridesmaid for May Belle at Easter!" mama worried.

"Three times a bridesmaid, never a bride," Nancy quoted, trying to mimic mama. "I may surprise you and be a bride myself before then!" And she laughed a little wildly.

Mama shut her mouth tightly, so that her thin lips were just a line of blue. Very well, if Nancy chooses to be secretive, let her. Once they were a family, they all worked together, sharing the same ambitions, the same joys. Well, maybe not Peter. He had always had a queer inner life of his own. His poor relations, his bills. His dabblings in stocks. The girls got their reticence from him.

But until this summer she had known their every thought. Now even the girls had secrets from her. They pounced on mail before she had a chance to see it. They kept things from her. It was a house divided, each pulling a separate way.

Nancy was getting letters from a ranger she met in the mountains. He wrote on the back of the envelope: "From E. R. Deatur, Gates Flat, Cal." Mama looked at them suspiciously when she brought them in from the mail box. Gates Flat! What a place to get letters from.

"Of course it was interesting to exchange one or two letters, dear," she told Nancy in her gentler voice, "but I wouldn't carry it too far. After all a ranger."

"A college graduate, with a diploma and everything, mama!"

"Well, a man like that . . . I hardly think . . . Nancy you aren't serious about him?"

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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Historic Salem hanging:
Continuing and concluding the article of Sunday: In the number of The Statesman containing the report of the hanging of Charles J. Roe, the date of that issue being Tuesday, April 6, 1859, the hanging, having been on the Friday before, that is, on April 2, 1859, there was a separate item to the effect that Sheriff Cornoyer had erected the gallows "at the edge of town," and that some microcort or microcortants had tampered with the death trap.

They had partly sawed off one of the posts, so that when the iron was sprung the condemned man would be let down to the ground, and not be suspended in the air at the end of the rope. This was done some time before Thursday, but the sheriff had discovered it on that day, and, after repairing the damage, he guarded that night stationed in order that the grim trick could not be repeated. The supposition was that some practical joker had done the work. He must have been a fellow who had peculiar ideas of humor.

In that same issue in still another column there was printed a letter from Roe, which read as follows: "Dear Editor: Having seen an article in the Pacific Christian Advocate concerning me and my wife (now deceased) stating that we were not members of the church, I was a desirous to correct it, and will inform Brother Pearson (then editor of the Advocate) that I have been a member of the M. E. church about 22 years, and also that I have never been excommunicated, and was married with church ceremonies on the same day with Brother Haukhus (who will testify to the same) at the mission about 10 miles below Salem. My wife has been a member to my knowledge since 1852, also of good standing. I do not wish to reproach my brethren, but simply to let the world know that I am a Methodist." This was dated at the court house February 23, 1850. Evidently that was a typographical error, and the date was 1859.

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