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Dog Days

THEN you snatch forty winks longer in the morning, then you may know that the dog days have come. For of the most widespread of major the nights lengthen a bit, and old Sol's glare does not signal infections. you from slumber quite so early. The night falls earlier too, and there is a fresher coolness to the air. Days may be long and lazy and warm, but when the sun hides behind the western hills, then the cool breezes creep down from the moun- age when they should have been tains or in from the coast and let you know that the summer of most value to the community

Dog days are slow days. August seems a long, slow month. People go on vacations. Your neighbors go away state tuberculosis hospital. The and you may have to tend their dog. Little news in the papers. Business sags off for the season "between hay and grass." At night you may hear through your open window some young chap playing the accordion in the next block.

Dog days are lazy days. The drive and pressure may be relaxed a trifle, resting up for more strenuous days to follow. But you dare not rest too long. The woodman warns you to store your winter's fuel. The drummers come along with the last showing of fall merchandise. The fields must over a hundred other known be cleaned up and made ready for winter,-grain hauled, cases carried by the health destacks dressed down, machinery stored in sheds.

These are the dog days, slow and lazy as the summer lingers through long August; but pleasant days. Haze veils the hills; and the high fog of morning warns that within a few weeks real clouds will be in business again at the old stand.

Time to Get Busy

N June, 1930, the contract between the city and the electric company for supplying light for city illumination ex- of Salem. This would indicate a pired. Since that time the city has been operating at the old contract rate. This contract was drawn up in 1925 and since then there have been marked reductions in cost of electric factors which are known to favor shakes the eternal hills. energy. It is altogether reasonable to expect that a new contract on more favorable terms could be obtained. The mayor and city council have let the matter drift for over a year. Obviously the company will not press the matter of a contract which would probably mean a reduction in the rate at least corresponding to other reductions the company has

With all the agitation there has been the past year about fail, tuberculosis increases so it electric light rates one would think a utility-minded mayor is largely a disease of poverty. and a politically conscious council would get busy in negotiating a new contract, and thus save the city some money. Instead of waiting on "free power" the city authorities should start at once to negotiate a new contract.

Germany and Cotton

DEAL is being negotiated by which Germany may buy A 600,000 bales of American cotton and pay for the lot over the next three years. This is an initial deal and may be followed up with wheat and copper. The government stabilization corporation is loaded up with cotton and wheat. Disposing of large quantities to Germany would relieve the domestic surplus greatly, and would not depress the price because Germany is out of the market as a buyer on the ordinary terms of private dealing.

The country may well hope the deal goes through, and we think the credit arrangement is satisfactory. Germany is like a big factory with the machinery and the labor but without the working capital to buy the raw material to work with. Given the raw material or the necessary credit, her factories will revive. Her revival would afford new outlets for other American products.

BIGGER AND BETTER

"Incidentally this writer, who is a hopeless optimist, agrees quite fully with Mr. Penney—with, perhaps, one trifling exception.

"Mr. Penney tells us that the opportunities of the future will he fully as GOOD as the opportunities of the past,

The opportunities of the future will be even BETTER than the opportunities of the past."—Frank Jenkins in Roseburg Review. to recommendate the incorrigible optimist. Frank belongs on the aries." Chautauqua circuit.

The Nautilus, which Sir Hubert Wilkins planned to explore the arctic by sailing under the ice, will not make the trip. This decision of Sir Hubert's probably paves him from the fate of Andre who made a polar dash via balloon 34 years ago.

Ten per cent more buyers are swarming to New York than normally, say the reports. The summer must have been "dryer" than

Want-ad in Corvallis Gazette-Times: "Lost-Sergt. at Arms badge between Hotel Benton and Hotel Julian Wednesday night." And probably not found till after the legion convention.

Harvest must be over in Wisconsin. Sixty people have put in 16 nights on a charivari, demanding \$15 for treats. What cut-ups those badgers must be.

Count that day gained whose low descending sun, marks from

In Oklahoma the unemployed could join the militia and go to the Preaching an eight-hour sermon proved fatal to a negress evan-

glist. Now was this the punishment of God?

## Return To Visit

AURORA, Aug. 7-Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Yergen at present are Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Crissel and daugh-ter, Elizabeth, of Los Angeles, former residents of Aurora, later moving to Portland where Crissel was a member of the firm of Monroe and Crissel. They visited Mrs. Crissel's brother, Will Ehwill return to Los Angeles, their present home, where Elizabeth will enter the University of California at Los Angeles.

the parents of a son, Lyle B Aurora Friends Yergen, Jr., born at the Anna hospital in Hubbard Tuesday. The young man who weighs seven pounds is the second son of the Yergens.

#### Flood Deaths In Mexico Total 13

MEXICO CITY, August 7 (AP)—Seven persons perished in a flood at Tampuche, in Tamaullen at Eugene, on their way ipas, Wednesday, bringing to 13 north. After a vacation of a the total of known dead from month with Mrs. Crissel's sisters, floods and volcanic disturbances Mrs. Yergen of Aurora, Mrs. in three states since Sunday, with Monroe of Portland, and a broth- a probability that there have been er, Geo. Ehlen of Aurora, they many more victims and millions of dollars in property loss.

uberculosis

By VERNON A. DOUGLAS, M. D. Marion County Health Dept, Perhaps you would be interested to know of some of the public health problems we have in Mar-



the people in this part of the country is really so good, we believe, as compared to some other localities the the residents times that there is not much more to be done to im-

prove condi-

ion county.

The health of

There are, however, many preventable conditions which have been with us so long that we have become hardened to them.

Tuberculosis is Scourge Tuberculosis, for instance, is till a scourge. The old pioneers were accustomed to speak of scrofulus families. We now know that tuberculosis is preventable and it is becoming less and less prevalent although it still remains one

Last year there occurred in Marion county 21 resident deaths due to tuberculosis. Most of these unfortunate people were at an -between 20 and 45. This number, of course, does not include the nonresident deaths at the tuberculosis patients who died, had been ill for months, some of them for years. In the meantime many of them could no longer support their families and some became charges of the county. Hundreds of Cases Known

This is not the worst part of the picture, however. In addition to these 21 deaths there are still partment and several hundred contacts who are potential cases due to their association for some prolonged period with an open case of the disease. The purpose of health department tuberculosis clinics is to examine these contacts and to assist them to resist tuberculosis.

Contrary to what most people. might guess, 16 of the 21 deaths ing and his better half swallows occurred in rural districts outside her heart every time she has to of Salem. This would indicate a ask him for a five-dollar bill, he greater prevalence of the disease is a fraud of the first water, even in rural districts than in cities though he prays night and mornwhich would naturally be due to and howis hallelujah until he the development of tuberculosis inadequate food, everwork, improper housing as well as a lack of the facilities for health protection which city people enjoy.

Is Disease of Poverty The rich may choose their food, housing, clothes and even their what comes their way. This is an-

program of preventive medicines. During times of economic stress we should therefore more than ever make individual and community health our common con- vents upon the helpless heads of

What health problems have you'l If the above article raises any question in your mind, write that question out and send it either to The Statesman or the Marien county department of health. The answer will appear in this column. Name should be signed, but will not be used in the paper.

#### New Views

"What do you think of Meier's economy in hiring Mr. Einzig at "The American Boy," by Theoasked yesterday by Statesman re- have a right to expect of the

John Siegmund, county judge: "Einzig may be worth \$7000 but I fail to see how we are going to reduce taxes by raising sal-

Pearl Hibler, barber: "I was all for Meier when he was elect-ed. I am still for him but not quite so strongly as at first. It looks to me as though some of the things he is doing are just

E. Greggson, mechanic: "Such large rise in salary does not seem in keeping with other economic policies advocated by the administration.'

Mr. McLaughton, painter: Governor Meier, has a definite, idea in mind or he would not have agreed to the matter."

C. W. Hatfield, Cloverdale dairyman: "It looks like a back-

J. W. Potter: "Meler isn't footing the bill. If he's (Einzig) worth it, all right."

### Daily Thought

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."—Psalms.

Sunday that their son, Vern, was in a hospital in Bend with a severe case of blood poisoning in his left knee. Vern moved his family to that section early in the spring and was working on the Santiam highway out from Sis-

TURNER TO COAST DALLAS, August 7-R. R. Turner, city school superintendent, accompanied by Mrs. Turner and her sister, Miss Betty Jelinek, left Tuesday for Yachats where they expect to spend a week or more of vacation. They have just completed a six weeks' course of summer school at OreHERE'S HOW By EDSON



### BITS for BREAKFAST

A man's real measure: Wrote W. C. Brann: "The place to take the true measure of a man is not in the darkest place or in the amen corner, nor the corn

field, but by his own fireside.

"There he lays aside his mask and you may learn whether he is an imp or an angel, cur or king, hero or humbug. I care not what the world says of him; whether it crowns him boss or pelts him with had eggs. I care not a copper what his reputation or religion may be: if his babies dread his homecom-

"But if his children rush to the front door to meet him and love's sunshine illuminates the face of his wife every time she hears his footfall, you can take it for grant-Tuberculosis has always been ed that he is pure, for his home is tied up very closely with bad ec- a heaven—and the humbug never throne of God.

"He may be a rank atheist and a red-flag anarchist, a Mormon occupation. The poor must take and a mugwump; he may buy votes in blocks of five, and bet on other reason why poverty should the elections; he may deal 'em be wiped out. It is an ally of tu-from the bottom of the deck and berculosis. "Social justice" is part of the silver dollar from a circular saw, and still be an infinitely better man than the cowardly little humbug who is all suavity in society but who makes home a hell, who his wife and children an ill na-ture he would inflict upon his fel-If low men but dares not.

"I can forgive much in that fellow mortal who would rather make men swear than women weep; who would rather have the hate of the whole world than the contempt of his wife; who would rather call anger to the eyes a king than fear to the face of a

American boy is that he shall turn out to be a good American man.

"The boy can best become good man by being a good boynot a goody-goody boy, but inst a plain good boy. I do not mean that he must love only the negative virtues; I mean that he must love the positive virtues also.

'Good,' in the largest sense, should include whatever is fine, straightforward, clean, brave, and manly. The best boys I know—the best men I know-are good at their studies or their business, fearless and stalwart, hated and feared by all that is wicked and depraved, incapable of submitting to wrongdoing, and equally incapable of being aught but tender to the weak and helpless.

"Of course the effect that a thoroughly manly, thoroughly straight and upright boy can have upon the companions of his own ward step-increasing the salary age, and upon those who are younger, is incalculable.

"If he is not thoroughly manly, then they will not respect him, and his good qualities will count for little; while, of course, if he the dogs attacked him. Physicians

mind merely make him se much the more objectionable member of

"He cannot do good work if he is not strong and does not try with his whole heart and soul to count in any contest; and his strength will be a curse to himself and to every one else if he does not have a thorough command over himself and over his own evil passions, and if he does not use his strength on the side of decency, justice and fair deal-

"In short, in life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard; don't foul and don't shirk, but hit the line

J. McNeill Whistler, the great American artist, wrote: "In the beginning, men went forth each day-some to battle, some to the chose; others, again, to discond might gain and live, or lose and

them one, differing from the rest whose pursuits attracted him not, and so he staid by the tents with the women, and traced strange devices with a burnt stick upon a gourd. "This man, who took no joy in

the ways of his brethren - who cared not for conquest, and fretted in the field-this designer of quaint patterns—this deviser of the beautiful-who perceived in nature about him curious curvings, as faces are seen in the fire - this dreamer apart, was the first artist.

"We have then but to waituntil, with the mark of the gods upon him—there come among us again the chosen-who shall continue what has gone before.

"Satisfied that, even were he never to appear, the story of the beautiful is already completehewn in the marbles of the Parnethon-and broldered, with the birds, upon the fan of Hokusaiat the foot of Fuji-Yama."

Wrote Helen Keller: "My share of the world of the world may be limited, but the fact that it is work makes it precious. Darwin could work only half an hour at a time; yet in many diligent half-hours he laid anew the foundations of philosophy. Green, the historian, tells us that the world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of the heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes

of each honest worker."

J. William Lloyd wrote: "There is but one virtue: to help human beings to free and beautiful life; but one sin: to do them indifferent or cruel hurt; the love of humanity is the whole of morality. This is goodness, this is humanism, this is the social con-

#### Lad Saves Pet; Much Scratched

SAN FRANCISCO, August 7— (AP) — Two big dogs didn't frighten little Fred Anderegg, 6, a bit when he saw them chasing his pet rabbit. The lad snatched the rabbit from their reach, and is mean, cruel or wicked, then his took 21 stitches in his head, arms physical strength and force of and legs. But the pet was saved

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## The Mystery of Geraldine' By Anthony ABBOT

Geraldine Foster was backed to clared that Armstrong, too, was the commissioner reappeared, death in a house on Peddler's above suspicion. But with this wearing a dressing gown of Road, leased by her employer, Dr. Thatcher Colt would not agree.

Humphrey Maskell, and her nude The Dead-Line The Dead-Line ody buried in a grave filled with annic acid. Two women were seen eaving the doctor's office carrynear the grave. Mrs. Morgan, a neighbor, substantiates the doc-tor's statement that he was with her daughter, Doris, the day of the disappearance, Maskell claims there was a strange woman outdde his ofifce when he returned. Other suspects are Harry Armstrong, Geraldine's former flance, and her brother, Bruce, who will have all the evidence in the world receive her inheritance. Bruce is to justify the arrest of Maskell, an adopted son whose father was I'll live up to my word. The docto Police Commissioner Thatcher don't you give up the agreement Colt that Geraldine phoned him and let me go ahead?" on January 5, ten days after her disappearance, requesting that he meet her, but failed to appear. The autopsy shows she was killed on December 24, and her body preserved by the acid to make it appear that death occurred with-in 48 hours. Maskell, accused. sticks to his story. His brother and sister-in-law, George and Natalie Maskell, call to see him, but are turned away. One of the women whom Maskell visited on Christmas Eve informs Colt that a woman phoned that day leaving we will get the truth out of Humthe following message for the phrey Maskell." doctor: "Please come at once to Peddler's Road, Something terrible has happened." Doris Morgan reveals that Maskell left her and

CHAPTER XXVIII. their ice cream?"

"I told you." "You told me a cock-and-bull story. Do you expect any jury to

elieve that?" Instead of replying the doctor was looking mournfully around the room. "I can't believe it!" he mur-

mured. "Neither will the jury," snapped Colt, accepting the non-sequitur as a reply. "Ah, haven't we talked enough! Do as you please—only let me have some sleep now," cried

Maskell with a shudder. But Thatcher Colt only shook his head. "The police won't sleep until we get our man," he replied. Doctor Maskell forced a smile,

and an unearthly chuckle. "Trying the methods of the Spanish Inquisition?" he mocked. "No sleep for a suspected man, ch? Gentlemen—I shall be awake when you are all nodding and snoring. I am a doctor-and I never sleep when a patient needs

Way of the Law Upon the orders of Thatcher "Until there was found among long night of inquisition that tire stretch of loomed ahead. However, I did not feel like sleep, but spent the shelving a personally selected late hours of the afternoon being bathed and shaved, and then thousand books on crime and its having tea with Betty Canfield. related topics, more than half of Every time we broke bread to-which would not be found together, we liked each other bet- gether in any ordinary library in ter. In the course of our conversation, she assured me her enreally serious and was all ended

> With a light heart, I returned to headquarters. It was five o'clock when I reached the commissioner's office where I found Thatcher Colt in deep conversation. Presently 100 bushels to an acre. Thatcher Colt in deep conversa-tion with Dougherty. Neither the district attorney nor my chief had been in their beds since the case "broke", as we used to phrase it in the city room. There were no signs of weariness on either of their faces, nor did it seem to me that Dougherty's arrogance was in the smallest degree lessened. From their conversation,

learned that Doctor Maskell had been permitted a few hours' sleep in his apartment, with a policeman guarding the doors. Meanwhile Bruce Foster had returned to headquarters and Thatcher Colt had drawn from him a complete statement of his movements the details of which were easily and simply checked and seemed to furnish him with a clear exoneration from all suspicion. At this time, Colt and Dougherty both regarded Bruce as eliminated from the case. The district attorney went further and de-

The Dead-Line "There is a theory that may involve Armstrong," he declared. "Why don't you spiil the the- on which reposed glasses, and a ory to me?" demanded Dough- bottle of old port. Withdrawing

"Because you would disbelieve in it so much you might even block me from then on," said Colt. "No-give us the rest of

this day, Dougherty." "I promised until midnight." sighed Dougherty. "And while I murderer. Dr. Maskell reports tor is guilty as red-fire hell. Why

> "I beliege," replied Thatcher Colt, "that before midnight, you will agree with me that there is semething much more surprising make that perfectly clear to Masyet to be found."

Dougherty groaned with an air of conscious Christian fortitude. "All right," he growled. "Where do we go from here?" Thatcher Colt stood up, smiling mysteriously.

"To the private dwelling of the police commissioner of the city of New York," he divulged, "There

Dougherty looked his astonish-

ment. Thatcher Colt's proposal

seemed incomprehensible to him then, and, indeed, to me, too. his chauffeur at a confectioner's Why should we have to examine while he delivered gifts.— Doctor Maskell in the home of Doctor Maskell in the home of the commissioner? Why not at police headquarters, where we "Where were you then, when could have information, check-Checkles and Doris were eating ups, all the aid we needed? The district attorney shrugged his shoulders and gave his famulus, Hogan, a significant ogle as we left the office and descended to the street. Soon we were uptown, in the new Bohemia of the West Side, the neighborhood between the Verdi and Dante trianglesnear which was the home of the commissioner. He lived in a modest house in the West Seventies; there were flower boxes before the windows, and bright green paint on the woodwork; it was

much more like a house in some dozing little southern city than in the heart of Manhattan, Thathis comedy. cher Colt had lived for many years in that house. In fact, he was born in another of the houses on the same block, just across from No. 244, where Elwell, the bridge expert, was mys-teriously murdered. Some day I shall describe the singular rooms contained in that quiet and pretty little dwelling-the weapons chamber, the room where Thatcher Colt conducted his own original researches into "ballistics,"

his poison room-but all these things played their parts in the detection of subsequent crimes. Colt, I was sent home to snatch brary of Thatcher Colt, a vast, almost daily use in the Illinois immense room running the enpenitentiary at Joliet, Moreover, that the contest of one hundred and the complexed by the police of fifty feet on the third floor,, and collection of more than fifteen

the world. Waving us to comfortable gagement to -Bruce was never chairs, Thatcher Colt retired. Dougherty and Hogan looked

the library wall, a small alcove above a table, he drew out a tray the cork, he called our attention to a filmy crust of scales of tartar on the top, the beeswing of a rare old wine.

"In this xerophilous land." said Thatcher Colt, "there is not much more wine like this, Gentlemen, your health!"

We all felt very solemn and important as we drank that preclous liquor. It warmed the inner lining of my soul. Then, leaning back in his chair, Thatcher Colt, resumed:

"I must begin by explaining to you that this is wholly an extra-legal proceeding. I must also kell. He has the right to decline to have anything to do with these experiments."

"What kind of bunk have you fallen for, Thatcher Colt?" As he asked the question, Dougherty almost hummed the words, while his hands, spread out on his knees, seemed itching to get hold of Maskell and pitch him into a

"Two things," replied the commissioner, "the first is this!" On a table, at his right hand, was an object covered with a cloth of green serge. Lifting this, Colt disclosed an odd affair, a drum-like electrical instrument. "What the deuce is that?"

mocked Dougherty, his hands in his pockets, as he leaned over at a rakish angle and surveyed the machine quizzically.

The Lie Detector "It is called a pneumo-cardiospygmometer," answered Thatch-

er Colt. Dougherty blinked in over-done astonishment at his friend. The district attorney was a well educated man, but for so long had he cultivated his public pose of roughness and readiness that he had almost convinced himself he

was an illiterate. "A what, Mr. Commissioner?" he purred, with such unction that I was sure he regretted the absence of an audience to laugh at

"It is commonly called a lie detector," explained Thatcher Colt. Dougherty clapped his hands together and laughed immoder-

"Have you fallen for that piffle!" he cried. "My goeh, you'll be using New Thought on your prisoners next. What is the police department of the city of New York coming to, I want to

know?" Thatcher Colt remained imperturbable.

"You are in ignorance of the facts, Dougherty," he remonstramany other cities-it has been used in more than five thousand criminal cases in the Berkeley. California, police department

(To be continued tomorrow)

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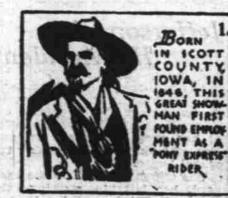
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