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BREATHE THROUGH THE NOSE.

In times of "flu" the nose breather undoubtedly has all the best of it. The lightning advance of this disease across ocean or continent, and its simultaneous appearance in scores of homes in any given community, would seem to indicate that the germs are carried in the atmosphere under climatic conditions favorable to their rapid development and progress. That they are unable to fulfill their pestiferous function until communicated by one luckless host to another, would equally seem to be precluded by flu facts that have come under the observation of a saddened world. Such being the case, it would behoove the cautious person to "keep his mouth shut," literally and as much of the time as possible. In breathing through his nose he is to a large extent protected against disease germs of any character that are swimming in the air. The nose acts as a filter. They are either caught in the mucous membrane of the nostrils, or encounter the cilia, or hair-like projections on the membrane's surface, and wafted out the way they came in. In mouth breathing, no such a safeguard is offered. It is quite patent, in fact, that nature never intended the mouth to be used for breathing except in the event of necessity. The nostrils warm the air before it enters the lungs, and the nose should particularly be used when out in the cold wind. The lesson is plain to all who would read and heed it. "Breathe through the nose," and defy influenza.

It is certain that if Hoover is nominated by either party, he will not wear the party brand. The leaders, the organization in neither party will want him as a candidate, and his nomination must come if at all through irresistible popular demand. We confess that we would like to see

some such a man for once in the White House—a man who hasn't been roped, hog-tied and branded by the party wranglers, but who knows and feels that he owes party nothing but country everything. We've had too much partisanship in the White House—and this goes for either democratic or republican occupants.

Thursday, January 29, was St. Agnes day. Her emblem is a lamb—perhaps from the similarity of the Latin word for lamb (agnus.) Readers of Keats will remember the lines: "They told her how, upon St. Agnes' eve, Young virgins might have visions of delight, And soft adorings from their loves receive. Upon the honey'd middle of the night."

Next Monday, February 2, is Ground-hog's or Candlemas day. In most countries good weather on this date is believed to prognosticate a bad year, and vice versa. The old legend runs: "If Candlemas day be dry and fair, The half of winter's to come, and more; If Candlemas day be wet and foul, The half of winter's gone at Yule."

According to statistics, once in a century February has five Sundays, and 1920 marks the one-hundredth year since such a reckoning has occurred. Memorial Day and the Fourth of July come on Sunday this year and will be celebrated the following Monday.

An observant contemporary has it that the good housewife used to take a purse full of money down town and bring home a basket full of purchases, but now she takes her money in a basket and brings the purchases home in her purse.

The allies owe us ten billion dollars; but remembering what the allies did to thwart the German scheme of world empire before we were in a position to do anything, it perhaps isn't near so much as what we owe the allies.

We suspect that the government hasn't been running the railroads so much as have a lot of astute and experienced gentlemen whose principal object is to make government operation expensive and unpopular.

A recent writer remarks that to know how to cook may not be a very elegant accomplishment, yet there are times and seasons when it seems

to come in better than familiarity with the dead languages or much skill upon the lute. It would seem that such "times and seasons" occur about thrice daily during three hundred and sixty-five days of the year.

Mark Sullivan predicts that Bryan will dictate the democratic nomination. We fancy it will be easy for the Peerless One to pick and groom his favorite before leaving his hotel convention morning.

The ex-kaiser writes that he does not want to return to Germany, having been "deceived and abandoned," and we are confident that Germany does not want to return to the ex-kaiser.

New York will soon be looking around for the principal ass in its assembly—now under general fire for refusing to seat five duly elected socialist members.

If everyone was wise and sensible enough now-a-days to buy nothing he could get along without, prices would drop like a stone in a millpond.

"Now-a-days a nickle is about as useful as a glass eye at a keyhole," according to the New York American. Or garters in a nature dance.

"Who'll be the democratic candidate?" the editor is occasionally asked. That's easy. The man who gets the nomination.

Nobody wins like a winner—and among the avowed candidates in neither party is there yet a man who looks like one.

Cheer up! Most of the dollar you were gouged out of by the profiteer is now finding its way into the pocket of Uncle Sam.

You never hear the boys on the payroll clamoring that "Railroads don't pay" under government operation.

Even the dullest nose must perk and quiver when an appetizing odor of fresh-pots comes from the kitchen.

Hoover tells Europe to go to work—which isn't where a good share of Europe will tell Hoover to go to.

No life has been entirely wasted that serves to make this hopeful burg's population just one bigger.

We trust that Sir Oliver Lodge will keep our spirits up during his stay on this side of the pond.

Influenza, as it were, is a bit too influenzial.

Sand Digger Quits Work When He Finds Fortune

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Fortune just laughed right out loud in the face of a humble sand digger here recently. Thirteen hundred and fifty dollars, thoroughly wet from its long immersion on the bottom of the Ohio river, but still good, spendable money, was scooped up in his bucket. As no owner's name appeared in the wallet, the finder claimed the coin by right of discovery and immediately quit his job by right of affluence.

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"OVER THE HILL"

The family of Lee Johnson are reported ill with the prevalent epidemic of gripe, or the "flu."

Mrs. Ethel Montague and little daughter Marjorie are guests at the W. H. Booher home near Weston.

C. E. Bedell, employed with the Warren Construction company, has moved his family to Milton to reside.

Pendleton is rejoicing that care and sunshine are about to break the flu epidemic. Only four new cases were reported Wednesday.

Maurice Hill arrived in the city this week for a visit with his parents and sister. He is in the banking business in Havre, Montana.

Mrs. E. J. Muir of Wallowa county and Mrs. Theo. Danner of Milton were recent guests of Mrs. Dudley and Mrs. Wall of this city.

Mrs. D. B. Hunt, who recently sustained a surgical operation at a Walla Walla hospital, has returned to her home west of Athena, and is convalescent.

George Clove, father of Delbert Clove, arrived this week from his home at Abingdon, Illinois, and will visit here before joining his wife at Corvallis.

Mrs. M. M. Johns, who has been a guest at the home of her son, Melville, for the past month, left this morning for her home at Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. James McLean came down from their home at Washtucna this week and from here left for Portland, where their little child will receive medical treatment.

Rev. M. R. Gallaher, the evangelist conducting the special meetings at the Methodist church, arrived Tuesday evening. He is a son of the late Rev. Jack Gallaher, a well known pioneer preacher.

Athena physicians report considerable sickness from in gripe and colds, and a few cases of influenza in the city. As yet no orders have been issued to close the schools or discontinue public gatherings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Taylor are in the city today and will leave this evening for Salt Lake City. After remaining there for a couple of weeks they will go to Kirkville, Mo., where Mr. Taylor will open a new store.

Mrs. Mae Russell and daughter of Condon are visiting in the city, being called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Vaughn. The patient's condition is considerably improved, since having a slight stroke of paralysis some time ago.

During the absence of Messrs. Rogers and Prouditt, who are attending the hardwaremen's convention in Portland, Dr. F. D. Watts is on duty at the Watts & Rogers store. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Prouditt are accompanied by their wives on the Portland trip.

A. B. Steele, who was recently engaged in the harness business in Athena, was in the city Wednesday. He is now a traveling salesman for the George Lawrence Harness company of Portland, and made the trip over this territory in place of Robert Oliver, who has been ill for some time.

Without unavoidable delay, local posts of the American Legion have been instructed to forward to state headquarters, in duplicate, the full names of all soldiers, sailors or marines in their districts who died during the war, together with the names and addresses of the closest relatives and the probable point where they can be reached on February 22, 1920.

In connection with the series of meetings being held throughout the state to interest the public in the Y. W. C. A. movement, Athena has been successful in securing Dr. Estella Ford Warner, who will deliver an address tonight at the Auditorium. Dr. Warner will recount many of her thrilling experiences had during her overseas service of two years in England, France and Russia.

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Clevenger left Wednesday for Madeira, California, where Mr. Clevenger will be pastor of the Baptist church. They will visit Corvallis, where their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, are attending college, to visit them, and will also visit at other points in the valley. Rev. and Mrs. Clevenger have many friends in Athena to whom they have endeared themselves during their pastorate here.

For the purpose of securing the names of all ex-service men in this vicinity who enlisted in the state of Oregon, cards are being issued by the local Red Cross under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. C. H. Smith. Men who have not received these cards for signing may have one by applying to Mrs. Smith or Mrs. F. S. LeGrow. At the recent legislative session a bill was passed to present every Oregon soldier with a service button, and this method is taken to secure their names.

RUSSIAN ARMORED TRAIN IS CAPTURED

Cossack General Slain While Leading Unprovoked Attack on American Force.

Vladivostok.—Thirty-eight Americans, members of the railroad guard detachment on duty at Psolokaya near Vorkhne-Udinsk, on January 10, captured one of General Semenov's armored trains.

The Cossack general commanding it was killed and all officers were captured. The train, without provocation, had attacked the American detachment, which was sleeping in box cars. Sergeant Carl Robbins of Louisville, Tennessee, and Private John Montgomery of Newry, Pa., were the two American soldiers killed in the skirmish between the American railroad guard detachment and the armored train.

On the evening of January 9, the commander of the Russian armored train arrested the station commandant at Vorkhne-Udinsk, but was forced to release him, meager dispatches from trans-Baikal said. Release of the station commandant angered the Russian general and he proceeded at 1 o'clock in the morning toward Psolokaya with his armored train.

The Russians drew alongside the box cars containing the sleeping American troops, the dispatches said, and without provocation opened with machine-gun fire. The sergeant commanding the American detachment ordered his men to defend themselves and they rushed the armored train in the face of the machine-gun fire.

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