

TYPHOID FEVER

FOLLOWED DROUGHT

Writer in Leslie's Weekly Says Native Country Is Affected

(From Leslie's Weekly.) We reached at the beginning of the new year a critical stage in the most unusual and prolonged drought this country has ever known.

Spring wheat was hit hard, especially in North Dakota where the average yield was but five bushels to the acre, as compared with an average there in the past ten years of almost three times as much.

Along with the recent drought came an alarming number of typhoid cases. Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Bureau of Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, received reports of an epidemic in Oklahoma and other places.

Among farmers to bring their crops to maturity with the small supply of water. There was practically no rainfall during July and early August in Colorado.

The New England and the greater part of the Atlantic states came forward with an amazingly low report. Springs, wells and brooks, failed entirely.

Just what effect a continuation of this drought would have on next year's crops is a matter of serious conjecture. The soil conditions of fear to be good. But it all hinges on the water supply of the country.

At the Week End

An old gentleman of eighty-two years is claiming distinction because he has never allowed a razor to touch his face.

That portion of the Sunday comic supplement, which dealt with the Katzenjammer's futile attempt to attend the Astorbilts' masque ball, was particularly amusing.

This little twin leads one to believe that the man who pulls the string that makes the Katzenjammer's futile attempt to attend the Astorbilts' masque ball, was particularly amusing.

So it was with right and proper justification that we need not laugh the less heartily for that.

This is the season, in many states, of new governors and legislators. The position of governor and that of legislator have in this irrevocable generation lost much of the dignity that we are taught to believe once pertained to them.

TALES ABOUT PEOPLE

Guard Special Service. New York, Jan. 13.—Perhaps the greatest woman physician and surgeon in the world is Louise Robinson, the nurse of the Jews who has lately attained unfortunate publicity through her unwavering allegiance to her brother, Joseph G. Robin, bank wrecker.

Dr. Louise Robinson is no ordinary practitioner. She is a scientist as well as a healer of the flesh, and savants of Europe as well as America, are familiar with her name and her ability.

"A few days ago," said an Iowa woman, who is visiting in New York. "I hired a taxicab to take me through the tenement district of the East side. I am somewhat interested in sociology, and I wanted to see for myself whether the lamentable conditions pictured by magazines and newspaper writers were really true.

Stork stakes, value \$1,000. Josephine Hymowitz won. Zarigatsky, second. Kaplan, third; Levine, Daurer and Marmer also ran. Track fast.

Such, in brief, is the story of the most novel race ever held on any track—only the scene of the race was a hospital, rather than a track. It was also an education contest, as well as a race, and an anti-race suicide propaganda, as well as a contest.

Mr. Horace Underhill, an observer from Hockensack, N. J., and foreigner, has discovered and announced an awful fact about Americans. It is that we are descended, not from the "gentry" but from the peasantry of Europe. Proof? Simple, according to the learned Mr. Underhill.

"A lot of funny people do a lot of funny things in hotels," said the clerk of the St. Vitus, "but the prize goes to a chap named Hill, from Chicago, who drifted in here the other day. Taking a pen and drawing the register before him in a casual sort of way, he began to make what looked like a lot of marks in the space beneath the last signature.

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A meeting of the Lane County Automobile association will be held in the Commercial club rooms tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

MANKIND, SAYS HOWE

(Continued from page 1.) spect, but when he pronounced the dictum of the "struggle for life," when he placed before the American people the teaching which classified all who are physically unfit for the strenuous life (and that means by far the greatest proportion) as mollycoddlers, he became the greatest enemy to health the American people have had for a generation.

Dr. House told what modern medicine is doing for the weak life of this world, giving statistics to show that within the past 350 years the length of the average life has doubled and at present is increasing at the rate of 17 years per century in Europe and 14 years in that period in this country.

He discussed the methods of carrying disease in meat and foods, and told how cattle are converted into meat when afflicted with fever, blood-poisoning or disease, and in the same way foodstuff and milk is prepared in a sanitary and healthful method.

Dollars, religion and scientific quacks are the three forces, declared the Portland physician, that antagonize the health of the nation and the medical profession.

Calvin S. White, state health officer, urged the necessity of introducing the simple principles of hygiene in the schools.

That Oregon in the near future will be swept by an epidemic of smallpox, the equal of which the country has never seen, and which will awake the state to her unhealthful condition, was the ominous prophecy of this speaker, who urged universal vaccination.

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This afternoon the topic was changed slightly, the first topic that was discussed being the paper by O. B. Caldwell, general superintendent of the power and light department of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company, in which he dealt with the utilization of electricity of water power on the farms and in the homes and factories.

PERSONAL

(From Saturday's Daily Guard) J. S. Beckley, of Oakland, is transacting business in Eugene.

N. L. Fitzhenry is home from a trip to Portland. Mrs. M. Harper went to Portland today on business.

E. W. Frost, of Wendling, was in the city over night. Dr. Calvin S. White, state health officer, is in the city.

U. S. Bales, of Dorena, is transacting business in Eugene. W. L. Schmitt, of Creswell, was in the city over night.

E. Perkins, of Drain, is in Eugene for a day or so. Mrs. N. B. Young went to Roseburg today to visit friends.

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A. J. Zimwatt returned last night from a trip to Los Angeles. Joe Rothschild returned today from a short trip to Portland.

A. J. T. Smith, of Gold Hill, is transacting business in Eugene. Hon. R. A. Booth returned home today from his farm at Yoncalla.

R. O. Brady came down from Creswell on the noon train today. O. Hoskins, of Payette, Idaho, is transacting business in Eugene.

H. J. Lawhorn, of Medford, was an arrival in Eugene last night. Rev. G. S. O. Humbert is on his way to eastern Washington points.

W. W. Cross, of Northfield, Vt., was an arrival in Eugene last night. Mrs. F. N. Olson, of Wendling, was in the city over night shopping.

Benjamin Young, a prominent citizen of Astoria, is in the city today. Hugh and Austin Hampton visited their mother at Cottage Grove today.

Isaac Higgins arrived down from Pleasant Hill on the noon train today. W. A. Shewman, a newspaper man of Oregon City, is in Eugene on business.

J. H. Pitney was a passenger for Junction City on the noon train today. Dr. Bishop and S. B. Koeller, of Wendling, were in the city over night.

A. C. Palmer, of Jasper, is transacting business in Eugene over the night. E. L. Hunter, of Salem, is transacting business in Eugene for a day or so.

Miss Rose Coleman and nephews went to Junction City last evening on a visit. Turner Oliver and wife, of LaGrande, are in the city, registered at the Osburn.

Rev. A. F. Sanderson left today for Astoria and Seattle to be gone several days. Rev. H. A. Green went to Junction City this afternoon to hold services there tomorrow.

Mrs. C. E. Scott and children went to Salem today to reside. Mr. Scott will go on later.

FRUIT ASSOCIATION DOES \$125,000 BUSINESS

Annual Report of Secretary Holt Shows Interesting Figures—Officers Elected

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association shipped out 108 carloads of fruit during the past season, according to the report made by Secretary J. O. Holt at the annual meeting of the association in the court house this forenoon.

The meeting was well attended notwithstanding the cold weather. Besides the report of the secretary, which is long and full of details of the business, there were short addresses and discussions on various topics of interest to members of the association.

The association's finances are in splendid shape, reports the secretary, and plans are on foot to enlarge the scope of operations. The cannery will be improved and enlarged in some departments.

At a short session of the association in their office this afternoon the following officers were chosen: H. F. McCormack, president; J. Beebe, vice-president; First National Bank, treasurer, and J. O. Holt, secretary.

FADS AND FASHIONS

New York, Jan. 14.—The road to fashion has many by-paths. One might even compare the modes to the growth of a tree, with younger sprouts shooting out all the time.

Quite a charming frock in hand-painted chiffon is decorated with pink roses, the designs running around the skirt above a band of light blue satin and through the middle of a fishy drapery bordered on each side of soft lace.

Satin cloth and chiffon make another attractive combination. In a pale blue tunic, cloth the model is out in one piece and draped with a tunic of chiffon embroidered with ribbon.

Nothing could be simpler than the arrangement of the tunic, whose cleverness consists chiefly in the way the skirt is draped up to the bust at the side under a large buckle of soft satin and turquoises set in German silver.

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CITY NEWS

Dr. Olive Waller is in Portland attending the Oregon-Washington-Idaho convention of the osteopaths.

The W. R. P. L. will meet at the home of Mrs. Laura Harris at 11 West Fifth street on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

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The tax levy has not yet been fixed by the commissioners' court and it will be several days yet before a final decision is reached.

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Last night was the coldest night of the present winter, with the thermometer at 28 at 7 o'clock this morning. The mud in the streets was frozen quite hard and thin ice was formed on mud puddles and ponds.