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## Y. M. C. A. NEEDED IN EUGENE

There is renewed talk of a Y. M. C. A. organization in Eugene, with a building suitable for its needs. It is the nature of a public institution could be of greater benefit to Eugene, when we have so many young men attending the public schools. It would give them a place for proper association, provide amusement and recreation and furnish entertainment courses that would be of interest and value to all classes and at a price within the reach of everybody. The Y. M. C. A. has become so general in its scope, moreover, that its activities interest nearly all ages and the business men as well as the younger element. It is not necessarily a religious institution, but its work all tends to better the morals of its members and uplift the religious and moral standard of the community.

A Y. M. C. A. organization on a sound financial footing, fully equipped, would be a valuable asset to a growing city like Eugene, and is one thing that we are greatly in need of.

## JUVENILE JUDGE'S IDEA

A Washington juvenile judge wants prospective brides and grooms examined as to their skill in child-raising before marriage and would have them pass first grade before issuing the marriage license. Which makes us conclude that there would be few marriages in the land if such a practice were in vogue. All persons over the age of five years have their ideas of training children and the older they grow the more pronounced these ideas become. A method laid down and which is successful for the training of one child may not apply to another. For this reason there can be no set rules for the rearing of children, but each one must be handled according to the temperament of the child. Since the commencement of time there have been good children and bad children, just as there are good men and women and bad men and women, and the same will hold until time ceases to be. The great sociological question of the present day is how to make as many good citizens as possible, of course, but a general reform will never be brought about by such a law as is advocated by the Washington judge.

The Eugene spirit is contagious. Here is what the Corvallis Republican says about it: "Eugene has been getting many things in the way of improvements this year, such as miles of cement walks and paved streets, many large brick business blocks, a new depot and many other things, but wait until Corvallis gets her new charter and gets started. We shall have paved streets, much more cement sidewalks, new business blocks, the extension of the C. & E. Railway, a new depot, a milk condensery and many other things too numerous to mention. Corvallis will show them all how it is done."

Mr. Chafin should consult a brain specialist at once. He is referring in his speeches to the jailed candidate as "cheerless," to Mr. Taft as "fearless," Mr. Bryan as "peerless," and to himself as "beerless."

Br'er Harriman is entirely too busy getting a say in the control of rival systems to give any attention to the presidential campaign. While he has not officially adopted the title of railroad czar, he is today exercising authority which is nearer to being IT more than any other man has ever been.

A big scientist announces that a passionate love is always a hysterical condition. Humph! Not necessarily to be a scientist to know that, or that it is always a temporary condition.

This near-humorist who says, "Gas bills will be no higher or lower, no matter who wins or loses," is in the wrong. Gas bills are always higher.

An English astrologer predicts mighty bad times ahead for kings. Superstitious poker players would better pay attention to the tip.

If we understand Theodore Shonts, railroad magnate, he believes in the regulation of railroads, provided it does not regulate.

It's a good guess that more chestnuts are being gathered on the stump than from the trees; also that they are more wormy.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

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| 1781—Richard M. Johnson, ninth vice-president of the United States was born in Bryant Station, Ky. Died in Frankfort, Ky., November 19, 1850. | 1806—The W. C. T. U.'s world congress assembled in Boston.                                   |
| 1840—Friedrich Fraunhofer, the composer, died. Born March 1, 1798.                                                                            | 1907—The first regular wireless dispatch for commercial purposes was sent over the Atlantic. |
| 1854—The bombardment of Sevastopol began.                                                                                                     |                                                                                              |
| 1861—The Prince of Wales visited Boston.                                                                                                      |                                                                                              |
| 1868—The Oregon Legislature withdrew its assent to the fourth constitutional amendment.                                                       |                                                                                              |
| 1893—Marshal McMahon, ex-president of the French Republic, died. Born July 13, 1808.                                                          |                                                                                              |
| 1896—The dispute over the Catholic                                                                                                            |                                                                                              |

well that in 1874 he was able to buy a seat on the Stock Exchange. In 1886, Mr. Ryan, together with William C. Whitney began the undertaking of purchasing and consolidating the various street railway lines of New York and since then he has been conspicuous as a developer of street railway and lighting systems and as a promoter of steam railroads and various industrial enterprises. He was the original promoter of the Metropolitan Street Railway and organized the Consolidated Traction Company of New Jersey. He was a prominent member of the syndicate which organized the Chicago Union Traction Company. Mr. Ryan is also extensively interested in the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad and various other southern railroads. He was married in 1873 and has five sons.

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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### THE DANGEROUS DRUG HABIT.

Are we becoming more lotus eaters? Literature is full of reference to those fabled beings who lived on the fruit of the lotus—those who forgot cares and the lapse of time and gave themselves to pleasures. They gave their counterpart in the modern drug eaters. The lotus flower of our day is opium and its products, or cocaine, or absinth, or any number of preparations. It is said Intemperance is the greatest evil of our day. The drug habit is a large part of that vice.

If you will talk with a retail druggist who will tell you the facts or consult the best medical authorities, you will be shocked and startled.

One might expect, for instance, that large quantities of morphine or cocaine would be sold in the drug stores of the Tenderloin districts. It is also true that the pharmacies in the fashionable districts have a large trade in these and other drug stuffs. Besides, THE DRUG HABIT IS PROVALENT AND GROWING AMONG ALL CLASSES OF OUR PEOPLE.

The society woman is tempted to the use of stimulants because dissipation drains her vitality. She must keep the pace and be vivacious. The flesh is weak; the temptation is great. On the other hand, the low and the unfortunate, impoverished both in body and in mind, take the drug to forget their misery.

Besides the high and the low, the mass of the common people are coming to be large drug users.

The temptation is an insidious one. Perhaps the stimulant was first prescribed by a physician. It soothes racked nerves. When the pain comes, use it. The pain comes often. Perhaps one cannot sleep. There is the drug. Perhaps one has a great weakness—the drug again. Anxiety, worry, depression—the drug. And, finally, almost every phase of the victim's life makes a special draft on the dangerous drug.

And so the modern lotus flower makes dreadful inroads on our society. The habit will ruin any people. It saps vital forces. It ruins generations yet to be.

The press and the pulpit must fight this growing vice. Because the evil is entrenched in secretiveness. Unlike drunkenness, it does not manifest itself. It shrinks from publicity. It must be dragged into the limelight. Sound the alarm!

## Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers

Delinquent taxpayers will take notice that delinquent taxes will not be advertised as heretofore, under a law passed by the last legislature of this state taxes that are delinquent after the expiration of six months from the first date of such delinquency may be paid by any one demanding to pay same and a certificate of delinquency will be issued to such party.

Section 37 of said law, in part, reads: "Any day after the expiration of six months after taxes charged against real property are delinquent the tax collector shall have the right, and it shall be his duty, upon demand and payment, to make out and issue a certificate or certificates of delinquency against such property." and Section 38 in part reads: "Certificates of delinquency shall bear interest from the date of issuance until redeemed at the rate of 15 per cent per annum."

Delinquent taxpayers are therefore advised that if they have not paid at least one-half of their taxes on or before the first Monday in April that the same are delinquent and have been delinquent since said first Monday in April, and those who have paid one-half of their taxes as above the remaining one-half will become delinquent after the first Monday in October, and six months from such date a certificate of delinquency bearing fifteen per cent interest per annum may be issued against your property.

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