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Throwing a Scare.

IN A bulletin of the state board of health, Dr. Frederick W. Stricker, secretary, makes the statement that of 15,674 children born in Oregon last year, fewer than one-third will reach maturity physically fit. That is a statement whose demonstrability we take the liberty to doubt. Continuing his fearsome summary of the sad condition of our children the doctor says:

Of the children born last year one in 20 will die in their first year, 150 are mentally defective, 100 have organic heart trouble, 600 have defective vision, 450 defective hearing and one-quarter of them have adenoids and diseased tonsils. One-half of the number will have defective teeth and about one-third of the 15,647 will reach maturity in a physically fit condition, he said.

We will bet our last year's straw hat—some what used but still workable—against a Seidlitz powder that the doctor can't prove all that he says. The first and the last statements in the paragraph quoted are particularly dogmatic and undemonstrable, unless the doctor is blessed with the gift of prophesy or clairvoyance. Light upon the motive for such a set-out as the doctor has promulgated is shed by this further paragraph:

To meet this condition, Dr. Stricker suggested that physical examinations should be conducted in the schools and that a strict watch should be kept over the condition of the children at all times so that the defects that develop may be corrected.

There is already too much meddling with our children in the schools and elsewhere by busybodies, medical and other. Care of the physical well being of children is properly a parental, not a state, function. So-called examination of children semi-publicly and in job lots is both an affront and a humiliation to them and their parents. Such a function belongs properly to the family doctor, if anybody, and under parental discretion and direction. Children are sent to the schools to be educated. Their intimate care is a matter for the home.

The Stricker bulletin shows all the earmarks of a purposeful effort to throw a scare.

The Portland Baseball Team.

THE Portland Telegram editorially hopes that the Portland baseball team's debut series on the home lot "may mark a change in the breaks of the uncertain national game." There is nothing uncertain in the game when the Portland team plays. That team loses. One of the reasons why its manager doesn't feel obliged to make it anything else but a loser is that the Portland sports writers and the Portland newspapers generally do his alibiing for him, with consistency if not with convincing logic.

Another reason why the Portland team is a consistent loser is that its present manager threw away much of its strength in unauthorized trades that he made last year while acting as scout for Bill Klepper, then manager. If it looks in Portland like all this is no affair of persons upstate, the answer is that even an up-stater can't escape a sense of humiliation in utter failure to show anything by Oregon's only organized league ball team.

It is fine for the home papers to support the home team when the home team and its management deserve support. But there is a good deal to indicate that the Portland team's present chief function is to act as a big league farm.

Convictions and Crime.

SAYS Robert E. Crow, state's attorney for Cook county, Ill.: "I do wish the press would give convictions as much space as it gives the crime itself." That would not be possible unless state's attorneys could bring about convictions in larger proportion to crimes than they now do. There are a good many fold more crimes than convictions. Naturally a newspaper cannot devote space to a conviction when the criminal is acquitted or the jury disagrees. All it can do is to record the acquittal or the disagreement.

If Mr. Crow and other law enforcement officers want to see more newspaper space devoted to convictions, they should as a pre-requisite obtain more convictions. To be sure this consummation does not lie wholly in the hands of prosecutors. There is need for reformation of our court procedure. Let prosecutors and others bend a portion of their energies to that purpose.

A New Yorker in Portland declares the Yamhill market is one of the city's show places. Yes, and the exclusive booths for the sale of garlic from Italy which predominate in one block are one of its chief small places, from any point between Ira Power's furniture store and the old postoffice. If the New Yorker wants to see a real produce market, manned by bona fide producers who raise their own produce, he ought to make a flying trip to Eugene. Ours is the real goods.

The fire that swept the northwest slope of Skinner's butte last summer was a real misfortune. News that the park board will replant the burned-over area with shrubs and trees is good news. It is an appropriate announcement in connection with national forestry and tree-planting week, which is to begin next Monday.

It is the Oregon cigar dealers' association, an Associated Press dispatch tells the world, which is to promote the referendum against the state nuisance tax on tobacco, notwithstanding that cigars are not taxed under the act.

Although Postmaster Yoran is now selling postage stamps at a lower price than ever before in history, he is not advertising a special bargain sale. Have you bought your supply of Nathan Hale half-centers? So have we.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Non-Taxpaying Voters
(Corvallis Gazette-Times) ... At last the grange has awakened to the real cause of taxation—the non-taxpaying voter. In New York the state grange went in record time in a strong resolution demanding that non-taxpayers be de-

down the bars in school elections so that everybody could vote. Those who pay no taxes are always willing and anxious to vote them onto somebody else. We trust that the grange movement in New York spreads to Oregon.

A New Era
(Salem Statesman)
A new era is ahead for agriculturists because it now commands the best economic thought of the business world on distribution and marketing. It is of little value to the farmer to produce more abundantly of any one crop or of many crops unless he can obtain ready markets which will yield for him fair profits on his labor and investments.

The crop and livestock producer is today far removed from the consumers and between him and them are several intermediate agencies which share in the final selling price of his produce. It is good sound business method then for him to apply to agriculture those principles of production and distribution found successful in other industries. As manufacturing industries produce in such quantities and of such quality of goods as will demand market attention so must farm producers concentrate on products in their communities, which will be sufficient in quantity and standard quality to command markets. The next step is to pool these products and entrust their sale to some person or organization expert in selling. This is the kind of cooperation which offers one solution to the market problem—than which there is now no other farm problem more difficult.

The Shy and Modest Gender
(New York World)
At last the secret is out. Skirts are not going higher. In spite of those communications from Paris which for several weeks past have described a Plimsoll mark just below the knees, exactly at the knees, even slightly above the knees, the mark is going to stay right where it is, which is to say, halfway between knee and ankle. And why? For a very good reason. Except for the fortunate few, short skirts are not an aid to chic. They are rather a sure source of ridicule. It seems hardly delicate to discuss it at length, but, in brief, bow, bandy, knock and spavin tell the story. So the good people need not worry any longer as to where the girls are headed for. They are not headed for anywhere.

The Deadly Gentler Sex
(Roseburg News Review)
From the frequency with which women have been in the public spotlight the past few weeks as exterminators of other humans, including husbands, children and grandchildren, we must admit there is some ground for the assertion of a certain observer that "the female of the species is more deadly than the male."

Whose Fault is It?
(The Oregonian)
It is a pity that the last legislature sowed so much controversy in measures designed to replenish the state finances. Not that the legislature was wholly at fault. It made the best of those sorry circumstances forced upon it by the governor. But as a result the state is threatened with several referendums, just when it was hoped that we might have a respite from elections and dissection.

Tobacco dealers declare they will invoke the referendum on the tobacco tax law, clearly a discriminatory measure. Friends of the motor buses are going to take similar steps against the law providing for an increased license fee. And the thing which exacts 10 per cent from the funds for propagation of fish and game will also be referred to the people. At least two of these attempts are certain of something approaching a popular reception, even though they may fail. But if, for example, the discriminatory tobacco tax law is referred and revoked, with consequent impairment of the state finances, whose fault will it be? The fault of those who protest against discrimination? The fault of the legislature, forced at the eleventh hour to pass the measure? Or the fault of the governor, who placed his cards so sure purpose that nothing was left save to pass it, or to leave the state in the hole? Additionally, there is serious talk of invoking the recall against Governor Pierce, for his removal of Ben Dorris from the game commission. It is charged that his purpose was political. Many of his purposes are. Most of them are continually steeped in controversy at the whim of its governor?

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN
NEW YORK, April 25.—"Why don't you come out to my neighborhood and get something interesting for your column?" asks Bill Whelan. He lives at the northern tip of Manhattan where the Hudson and Harlem rivers join at Spuyten Duyvil.
"What's out there?"
"Well, there's a bill that runs from Dyckman street to Spuyten Duyvil. It used to belong to Rockefeller but now it's part of the city park system. Under the brow of this bill are caves dug by the Indians. From those caves they could look out upon the Hudson and they were protected from attack from the rear."
"Indian caves right here in the city?"
"Yesir, and if you come out I'll show you a snake at least six feet long was caught in a landslide or glacial movement centuries ago and was turned to stone. You can see it in the face of a cliff."
"And there's a big tulip tree out there, the biggest in this part of the country. It has been preserved through tree surgery and it's fenced off for protection against cur's seekers. There's a plate on the tree telling that it marks the spot where Henry Hudson landed."
"And there's a pottery on that hill where they make some sort of pottery that isn't made any place else."
"Near the pottery there are war gardens, little plots of ground fenced off eight years ago. The fences are still there and some of the same people still claim their plots to plant gardens."
"Well, well, farmers and gardeners fight here in Manhattan, the most congested area in the world."
"Why, say," Bill goes on, "did you know that had tuberculosis camps on that hill, one for Jews and one for Christians? Those camps have a greater percentage of cures than any other place in the state except the

PLANT A TREE NEXT WEEK

An Illustrated Editorial by NEA Service



THE original forests of the United States covered something like 822 million acres. Today there remain but 138 million acres of virgin growth, 250 million acres covered with second growth timber or young trees of no commercial value and 81 million acres that are barren and unproductive of anything. Just 42 per cent of our original timber resources are left, and we are using up these more than four times as fast as they are being reproduced. Our only consolation in reviewing these appalling figures is that, were it not for the work of individuals and institutions, the condition would be much worse. There is still time to stop this squandering of our forest resources before they are gone. It is more a matter of education than anything else. A farmer, after harvesting one crop, plants another. Trees are a crop, just as much as corn is. They should be replanted as fast as they are felled. The idea of setting aside a week for tree-planting and calling to national attention our country's forestry problems, is decidedly worth while. Arbor Day and Forest Week bring a message of conservation. Take part. Do your bit. Plant a tree.

WAR GAMES PROVE BUT LITTLE

Conditions not war conditions, writes Stewart, and therefore afford poor basis for test

By CHARLES P. STEWART
(NEA Service Writer)
WASHINGTON, April 25.—War games, like the one at Hawaii, are hardly practice. But experts agree they don't prove anything. The conditions aren't war conditions and can't be made so. If the "blue fleet" captures the Sandwich Islands, it won't prove such a fleet really can capture them. If the "blue fleet falls, it won't prove the islands are invulnerable. Honest-to-goodness shooting has to be done, if anything actually is to be demonstrated. This won't do in a war game.

For years the French army annually simulated a German invasion at the Galle war games. For years the German army whaled the tar out of all (imaginary) comers at the Kaiser's annual war games. For years the English fleet annually destroyed the enemy in a North Sea engagement—not a bit like the Jutland battle.

Some years ago an American fleet—theoretically a hostile one—theoretically attacked northern Long Island, to see if it could be theoretically captured. It couldn't—so the referee decided.

Early in the theoretical fight the shore defenders theoretically sank all the enemy warships. But they kept on coming. "Hey!" signaled the shore forces, "you're theoretically sunk!" "The heck we are!" signaled back the fleet commander, getting landing parties overseas. Thus, after being completely wiped out, the invaders captured the island.

This may seem funny, but in real warfare it's exactly what's liable to happen. Destroying an enemy "theoretically" isn't quite sufficient. Of course in these Long Island maneuvers, the referee's decision finally stood, but in wartime it wouldn't.

one at Saranac. Some of those people are being cured of tuberculosis more than a block or two from where they lived and contracted it.

"Come on out there some day and I'll show you the bootleg boats. Every one in a while I can look out my window and see a rum runner come through Spuyten Duyvil in a fast speed boat, with a police boat in pursuit. Sometimes the rum runner will go down the Harlem river, but sometimes he will sneak into a wharf and hide while the police boat passes.

"And say, when the sun goes down over the palisades it makes just about the prettiest sunset you ever saw, with the sky above the cliff all crimson and the river in a purple shadow. I think you could find something to write about if you were to come out."

"Thanks, Bill, that will help me fill the column some day. Thanks a lot."

were? The difference is not between Smith and McAdoo. Both are good men. No one has any irreconcilable personal objection to either. The irreconcilable difference is between the two groups which have taken them as their symbols. And that difference would be as great under other symbols, or none. They are simply different sorts of people. One of them thinks the sidewalks of New York are America. The other thinks it is the country's church. One of them thinks beer is a sin, the other calls it "personal liberty." Even on the principles on which they agree, they do not feel the same way about them.

The Ku Klux is the extreme expression of the one; Tammany of the other. Whatever seems axiomatically true to one seems axiomatically false to the other. You cannot reconcile two such groups merely by giving them new names to fight over.

Oregon Briefs

Announcement is made that the Ashland branch of the state normal school will begin its summer session Monday, June 22, and close Friday, July 24.

W. C. Hawley, representative in congress from the first congressional district, has returned to Salem from Washington, D. C., to spend the summer.

An order was received last week by the U. S. land office at Vale withdrawing from entry all government lands within the boundary of the Owyhee project in Oregon and Idaho.

Clair Dement and Cecil Anderson of Myrtle Point, in whose broken-down automobile a jug of moonshine was found, were each sentenced to 90 days in jail for liquor law violation.

The Rev. T. A. Meriwether, for a long time pastor of the Episcopal church at Klamath Falls, delivered his farewell sermon Sunday and left Sunday night for Germantown, Pa., where he will be stationed.

Five autoists had a narrow escape from death near Bonanza Sunday when the machine they were riding in plunged off the highway into Lost river. The car was lost but the men swam to safety.

Mrs. J. P. Larson, Silverton pioneer, died at her home in that city Sunday after an illness of four days. Mr. and Mrs. Larson recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

By a majority of nearly four to one, voters of the Reedsport school district have authorized the issuance of \$10,000 in bonds for purchase of an additional block of playgrounds and construction of a gymnasium.

In Lighter Vein

Long Enough
(The London Mail)
He—Rather stupid, isn't it, I don't see how a girl can marry a man she has known only two weeks.
She—I don't know how she can marry one she has known any longer.

Preparing for the Worst
(Washington Star)
"I understand you are going over your old studies in parliamentary procedure."
"I'm doing more than that," answered Senator Sorghum. "To provide for emergencies in which parliamentary procedure may not avail, I'm also taking a few lessons in boxing."

A Fable
(Richmond Times-Dispatch)
Mother, you go to the movies this afternoon and I'll stay at home to wash the dishes and prepare for supper.

The Way States Differ
(Union County (Ky.) Advocate)
In Maine daylight saving has been made a crime. Here in Kentucky we have it the other way round. We can't save moonshine, at least if we're caught with it.

May Not Catch It
(Newcastle (Ind.) Courier)
Remember, however, it is the pursuit of happiness that is an inalienable right, not happiness itself.

Real Economy
(Windsor Magazine)
He—But don't you cook much more for dinner than we use, darling?
She—Of course, silly! If I didn't how could I economize by making left over dishes?

Tom Sims Says

COOLIDGE shook hands with 1420 in less than half an hour, which is what comes from milking cows when young.

Five were fined in New Jersey for bull fighting, so be careful where you hold your picnics.

They are padlocking bootleg joints in New York, so now a man must carry a key as well as a corkscrew.

Thousands of desks throughout the land have feet on them now for the first time in several months.

Golfers' lockers were robbed at the country club in Wilmington, Del., thist being an awful thing.

In spite of all the automobiles, the population of the United States has increased eight million since 1920.

Tom Mix, movie star, rode a pony through London, so now they will think all Americans ride ponies.

Philadelphia has 100 public libraries; so she must have about a million picture shows.

There are women in fur coats who think it cruel to catch wild animals in steel traps.

Alimony is paying the notes after the auto is stolen.

What to do with retired public

As the World Wags

By FRANK FAY EDDY
THE STUDENT UNION drive on the campus expresses the America of today and even more the America of tomorrow. Student government has become an established fact in American universities, especially state universities. The older colleges like Harvard and Yale have kept the reins of power more in the hands of the faculty and their regents. This is because they function largely on the basis of endowments and contributions coming from private individuals. Such institutions can say to the prospective student "Here is an educational institution which you may enter by complying with certain conditions and by paying certain fees, in which you can stay as long as you comply with certain rules and conditions we deem for the best interest of yourself as a member of this collective group and most advantageous to our college." The student can take his educational opportunity or leave it.

IN THE STATE UNIVERSITY the faculty members and the students are alike upon a common ground of citizenship. The absolutism in the theory of endowed colleges conceivable on the part of the faculties is deleted into such a grant of authority as is necessary in any management to give it directive power.

THE GROWTH of the student government however in both kinds of colleges has been marked in recent years. Naturally, however, it has had an expression in the freedom in the state universities, greater than elsewhere.

THE RESULTS have on the whole justified this democracy of youth. In the University of Oregon, for instance, there is a notable absence of set rules governing the conduct of students. But there exists a very effective system of standards, supported by prevailing practice and traditions, by which every student governs his conduct. Some of these relating to the entering freshmen are somewhat humiliating, but serve the purpose of whipping the freshmen into shape for more or less happy relations in the student body as a whole.

CAPACITY for organization is a distinguishing characteristic of the modern American. In no other expression does the genius of our people stand so distinctively revealed. It is our strength and our weakness. When a group of organizing Americans start out to achieve a certain goal, they develop a contagious enthusiasm and express it in alluring propaganda and correct psychology, which seldom fails. This is the strength of this American trait. Its less praiseworthy aspect is that in our concentration on results we frequently override perfectly defensible objections to our pet plans. We develop a mood which is anything but tolerant of those who disagree with us. It is sufficient to recollect the intolerance of public

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25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of April 25, 1911)
It appears from statements of the Italian prune crop for the county will be good this year.

The front of Dave Rice's school has been treated to a fresh coat of paint. Another spring improvement.

The weather today has included all kinds kept in stock by the bureau. We have had our usual sunshiny spring; we have had the clouds floating lazily across the sky; we have had strong winds and rain; we have had the heaviest storm of the year; and they have billed only a few minutes too.

L. E. Bean came down from River last evening where he has been prospecting.

Mrs. Thomas Condon arrived today from Salem where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. Bean.

Gov. Bob Taylor of Tennessee passed through today on his way to the north. He is suffering from throat and did not fulfill his engagement here for tonight.

W. M. Howard and J. R. Combs are to speak in Eugene on May 30.

C. D. Combs has a beautiful new bird at his place of business. It is quite a stranger in this county. It is a Java sparrow white as except for the beak which is black.

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