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## LIFE LENGTHENING

(From the New York Herald)  
The span of man's life in the United States is surely and steadily lengthening, in spite of the biblical threescore years and ten. It is reported by the statistical department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company that there has been an increase of 2 1/2 years in the life span in the last decade, and that the duration of life has been stretched a fifth in less than a generation.

The complete expectation of life at birth is now 54.3 years, as compared with 51.5 in 1910 and 49.2 in 1901. [In the middle of the last century the figure, as the Sentinel man remembers it, was 33 years.] The child born in 1922 is entered on Nature's books for five years more of life than the child born at the opening of the century.

This most recent table also shows an improvement in the death rate in middle life and old age, with a corresponding improvement in the life expectation in these periods. When the 1910 figures were published it was observed that after 45 the death rate showed very little improvement. In fact, at some ages, as at 60 and over, it showed increases. The figures which are now available present no such disturbing features. There is, indeed, a slight but definite change for the better in the later periods of life.

Such news is notable in the face of the fact that during the score of years in which this longer lease has been obtained life in our cities and to some extent even in the rural districts has been keyed nervously to a higher pitch. The pace is swift, but apparently we are developing the standard of making the necessary adjustments to stand it. All life is a series of adjustments and readjustments. The plant which grows at first in such a way that it does not receive light sufficient for healthy life twists and turns until it makes a more favorable adjustment. Only by adjustment does the wild animal live in health in captivity.

It may be that man is only now learning how to live in cities. The time may come when New York and London will form a perfect environment for the maintenance of life.

William James, who was as soundly informed in physiology and psychology as any man who ever lived and who made many shrewd and practical observations from his knowledge, maintained that most of us live on a lower level of activity, a lower plane of energy, than is necessary. It was his contention that there are untapped depths in every man's capacity for life, and that such use of himself as Theodore Roosevelt made was not so much the result of superior endowment as of determination and courage to tap the unused reservoirs of strength. His advice, without its authority of scientific background, was long ago framed in the phrase: "Hard work never hurts anybody."

Many things have contributed to the lengthening of man's life in the last 20 years, but there has been no greater factor than the diffusion of information in matters of personal hygiene and the care of children. When every man knows as much about the machinery of his body and its requirements as he does about his automobile the span of life will have further increased. In fact, the span of man's life is not in sight.

General Grant, more than 40 years ago, regarded as a grave danger the heavy immigration of foreigners into this country. He stated that he feared the time would come when the South, with its Anglo-Saxonism, could alone be depended upon to save the nation from ruin by the influence of an alien population. North Carolina, with only seven-tenths of one per cent of foreign stock, is spending \$20,000,000 in a building campaign. It is putting \$50,000,000 into highway improvements and is expanding its

hydroelectric development and cotton mill interests.

## WHY TURKS MASSACRE

Mr. Talcott Williams, who was born in Asia Minor and brought up there, gives in his book, "Turkey—A World Problem of Today," a most interesting analysis of the causes that lie back of the massacres by the Turks. The slaughter and brutalities to which the Armenians have been subjected are usually attributed to religious influences and they have been called "Christian massacres." "This is but a phase of the underlying causes for these atrocities," says Mr. Williams. Instead, massacre is the Turk's expression of "his bitterness over the centuries of defeat that has been his lot," his anger over "the loss of the unity of his once great empire"—for at the end of the seventeenth century "the Ottoman Empire was holding a territory of two million square miles in full control of the Mediterranean, occupying three-quarters of its coastline. Successive defeat and impending doom have brought increasing bitterness."

"No race has been wholly free from massacres," Mr. Williams contends, "but the crimes of the Turks come close to our own day." "Greece and Rome furnished resounding examples, and massacre was a weapon that even the North American Indian used against his enemy." "The Turk of the hills and plains of Asia had the cruelty of the Sioux, and he had, too, a religion that sanctified murder. But," Mr. Williams points out, once the "Iberian form of Christianity sanctified burning alive in the name of religion."

The Turks' hatred for the Armenians is, in Mr. Williams' opinion, deeper than the differences of religion. "The atmosphere of Islam is full of daily, hourly references to reverence, praise and trust in Allah, but Allah's commandments, from 'Thou shalt not kill' to 'Thou shalt not covet' are not regarded by the Turk to apply to his enemies the Armenians. The Armenians had prospered. 'Cut off any race,' says Mr. Williams, 'from political positions and civil rights, and its members will devote themselves to exchange, to banking, to trade, and to transportation as did these downtrodden people. They waxed rich, pursued all the four paths I have mentioned, and their wealth and prosperity grew. The Armenians became the natural channels of European trade, and the Turkish middle class became poorer and more hostile, and fanatic, culminating in the desire of the Turks to entirely wipe out the Armenians,' a feeling similar to that which causes the Jewish pogroms in Russia and in southeastern part of Europe.

"The history of the world shows that racial bitterness turns to massacre when as a nation victories fall away and prosperity disappears. To the mind of the simple, unlettered Turk the Armenian 'has the prosperity which he has lost—a prosperity rightfully belonging to a Turk or to a believer in Allah.—Literary Digest.

## THE 1927 FAIR

So that every person in the state may know exactly how the 1927 Oregon exposition is to be financed the committee in charge of the exposition has issued a statement on this subject which is as follows:

"The nucleus of the amount necessary is to be formed by a stock subscription of \$1,000,000 by business men and citizens, this amount to be raised by October 1, 1923. Added to that will be \$3,000,000 contributed from the tax levy imposed on Portland only. On top of that we expect appropriation from the Federal government and have assurance that we will get it and on top of all that we expect appropriations for state buildings from various states.

"On the question of Oregon state participation here has been considerable said in the state press. Naturally and most certainly we expect Oregon to participate. It would be a fine situation to hold an Oregon Exposition and have California with a building, Washington with a building, Idaho with a building and many other states with buildings and Oregon with nothing. If the state of Oregon cannot afford to erect a suitable building at an exposition which is intended to start Oregon on the road to development we had better close the doors of the state and quit.

"We are not going after a big sum of money from the state, but we do count on the state and the counties of the state making a reasonable showing at the exposition. If the state is not willing to do this the state should not vote for the exposition and if they do not vote for the exposition there should be no more talk about developing the state because the state cannot be developed without general state co-operation."

A tunnel more than six miles long will be built through the Continental Divide in Colorado. This will short-

en the distance between Salt Lake City and Denver 173 miles and shorten time on passenger trains between the two points six hours.

## ON SMYRNA WHARF

"Never was a group of babies brought into the world under stranger or sadder surroundings," states Dr. Esther Lovejoy of Portland in a message just received by J. J. Handsaker, State Director, Near East Relief. "I have just returned to Constantinople from a week in the inferno of Smyrna. I worked day and night directing the birth of hundreds of infants. Many were born on the planks of the wharf, the laboring mothers being protected from the panic stricken crowd only by the thin white line of American sailors. One baby was born while its young mother was standing in line unwilling to give up her place even for the birth of her first child.

"Turkish soldiers systematically rob the refugees, wrenching rings from women's fingers. The quiet of the night is disturbed by piercing cries from young women and girls who are being taken by Turkish soldiers. They desist from their crimes only when the searchlights from American warships are turned on them."

Six shiploads of food have been dispatched by Near East Relief, for a population greater than Oregon's is homeless.

President Harding has appointed Will Hayes, National Chairman, and Archie Roosevelt, Executive Secretary of a campaign for funds for relief of the Smyrna sufferers who now number nearly one million. At least \$15,000,000 will be needed.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, the Red Cross, the Knights of Columbus, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Near East Relief, the Federation of Jewish Welfare Societies, all have joined in this life saving movement, designating the Near East Relief as the agency for doing the work.

Contributions which are most urgently needed should be sent to Near East Relief, 613 Stock Exchange Building, Portland.

## WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

In the report of the joint Episcopal commission on home and family life in relation to religion and morals occurs the following:

"We touch the root of our family problem when he points to the lack of religion in the home. It is paralyzing to think of the average American family going on from the rising to the retiring hour as if God had no existence. Sunday is a day for extra sleep, motoring, Sunday papers in many volumes, comic supplements. If American children are not to be taught of God in the schools and He is unnamed in the home what can we expect but that at this moment the United States is actually developing into a non-Christian nation? \* \* \* It is useless to look for a living church or to hope to make the United States a Christian nation when Christian families enter upon the day without a prayer, sit down to a pagan board with no heart lifted in thanks to the Giver of all, and retire to a rest which asks no care of the sleepless Eye and the overshadowing Hand. It is not from such homes that have gone forth the men and women who have been the salt of this perishing earth."

Chaplains in the army found during the World war that the vast majority of young men in army and navy had no real knowledge of what Christianity is, continues the report. The ignorance of American boys and girls as to the most rudimentary facts of faith is appalling. The Bible is in many so-called Christian homes the book never opened. Fathers and mothers make it a well nigh universal but highly dangerous rule to leave the instruction of their children in religion and morals to teachers, servants, playmates and chance acquaintances. — Portland Journal.

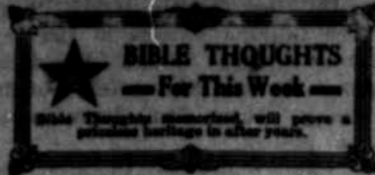
A vote was recently taken on the wet and dry question among the inmates of the prisons in the United States. More than 133,000 voted dry and only 909 voted wet, which shows that even the lawbreaker is capable of right thinking and dreads the results of drink.

To convey the size of the new Majestic, the largest ship in the world, the following statistics are given. Its tonnage equals that of the entire Spanish Armada which attempted to conquer England in 1588; the interior space equals that of 200 eight-room houses.

## Another Clubbing Rate

The Portland Daily Journal and the Coquille Valley Sentinel each for one year for a \$5 bill.

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Saturday, Oct. 21

IF—If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul;

THEN—Then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones.—Isaiah 58: 10, 11.

Sunday, Oct. 22

THE FEAST OF HARMONY—Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife.—Proverbs 17:1.

Monday, Oct. 23

WARNING TO MEDDLERS—He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife that belongeth not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.—Proverbs 26:17.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

PICTURE OF PEACE—The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.—Isaiah 11:6.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS—Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.—Acts 10:34, 35.

Thursday, October 26

GOD'S THOUGHTS—I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil. . . . And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.—Jeremiah 29:11, 13.

Friday, Oct. 27

GOD RULES WITHIN—I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.—Ezekiel 36:27, 28.

## Happy Meeting in Jail

Here's a pathetic story of a happy reunion which we find in a press special from Baker in Tuesday's Oregonian:

Because Tom Calder, 23, just discharged from the army, was placed in jail for moonshining, a mother and her son, who had been separated for 14 years and both of whom thought the other dead were re-united at the Baker county jail. Tom's mother, now Mrs. S. H. Myers of Portland, clasped him in her arms and both weepingly rejoiced in the reunion, regardless of the setting. She had read the account of his imprisonment in a newspaper.

Fourteen years ago George Calder and his wife separated. Mrs. Calder went to California and was later divorced. The father took Tom to the hills west of Baker to rear. In later years he was told that his mother was no longer living. The mother said the father had notified her shortly after the separation that her boy had died shortly after the separation.

Later she married S. H. Myers and after a long stay in California moved to Portland recently.

Tom, an unusually fine appearing youth, left the hills and mines when the world war broke out and enlisted in the army.

Soldier Tom was discharged this summer. He told the justice of the peace when arraigned with a chum for moonshining that he "had just got off on the wrong path."

That was September 6. Three months was sentence. The short newspaper account of the case came to the notice of a friend of Mrs. Myers. The mother was shown the story. She investigated and found her boy.

## Gravel Ford Notes

All the farmers around here have been busy filling their silos.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward and children, of Catching Creek, were Saturday evening visitors at the J. S. Clinton home.

A farewell surprise party was given at the home of W. T. Brady last Saturday evening. Quite a large crowd was present in playing games, etc. Mr. Brady's folks are leaving this week for Grants Pass, where they will make their future home. They have been residents of Gravel Ford about 40 years and will be greatly missed by their neighbors and friends.

Mr. Cole was a Myrtle Point visitor Monday.

Everybody come to the spook party and pie social at the Gravel Ford school house, Saturday night, Oct. 28th. Fun for all. Ladies bring pies. The money will be used for school purposes such as fixing hot lunches, etc.

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