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#### Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Ore., November 12, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Edwin E. Stillwell, of Bandon, Oregon, who on April 14, 1903, made Homestead entry, 14845, Serial No. 04479, for NW 1/4 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 25, Township 29 S, Range 15 W, Will. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before M. E. Treadgold, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, on the 29th day of December, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Crowley of Bandon, Oregon; John Lamont of Bandon, Oregon; George Cox of Bandon, Oregon; Grant Palmer of Bandon, Oregon.  
J. M. UPTON, Register.  
Nov. 17-Dec. 22.

#### Strike Hard.

The world is no longer clay, but rather iron in the hands of its workers, and men have got to hammer out a place for themselves by steady and rugged blows.

#### Life and Love.

In the Democratic club room of the home not long ago a statesman, having discussed at length the tariff, currency reform and the Central American situation, announced kindly: "Now, I'll give you fellows the difference between life and love."

Everybody immediately expressed eagerness to know the difference. "Life," he said, "is just one thing after another. Love is just two fool things after each other."

## CANCER A DISEASE OF CIVILIZATION?

Experts Differ on Question and on Value of Radium.

### OVERDOSE KILLED BREMNER?

Cornell Professor of Pathology Thinks So, but Believes in Efficacy of the Mineral—Statistician Declares Those Reported Cured by It Never Really Had Dread Disease.

Speakers who appeared before the American Society for the Control of Cancer in New York differed widely as to the prevalence of the disease and also as to the efficacy of radium treatment for it. The meeting was called to start a movement to acquaint the public with the dangers of cancer and especially with the danger of allowing small cancerous growths to become malignant and deep seated before applying for operations.

Frederick L. Hoffman, statistician, who has made a specialty of collecting information about cancer, asserted that 75,000 adult persons died from the disease last year in the United States alone, while 500,000 persons died from it in civilized countries. He said that cancer was essentially a disease of civilization and was practically unknown among primitive people and savage tribes.

Dr. James Ewing, professor of pathology of the Cornell university medical school, disputed Mr. Hoffman's assertion. He said that cancer was not only prevalent throughout the whole human race, but that, far from being a disease of civilization, it was prevalent in practically all lower animals and was even found among trout and codfish, which died from it in great numbers.

#### Disputes Cures With Radium.

In discussing radium cures for cancer Mr. Hoffman said that a careful study of hundreds of reported cures had convinced him that the patients affected were really not suffering from cancer. He denied that any cure had been effected by any means other than the surgeon's knife.

With this Dr. Ewing disagreed also. He said that cancerous growths had been cured by radium when they were local and when they had been treated before the poisonous toxins from the growth had spread through the whole body. The limit of radium treatment, he said, was confined to a depth of an inch and a half or two inches, as that was the extent of the penetrating power of radium rays beneath the skin. He said that new ways were constantly being discovered to apply radium so that its curative power would be extended to even the most malignant forms of the disease.

In response to questions asked him after he had concluded his address Dr. Ewing expressed the opinion that a very large overdose of radium had been administered to Representative S. Bremner of New Jersey and that Mr. Bremner's death was no doubt hastened by this too extensive application. He pointed out that the correct dosage for radium had not been determined definitely and that much experimenting must be done in this direction.

"The deaths from this disease," said Mr. Hoffman, "have practically doubled in the last forty years. The death rate increases at the rate of 5 per cent every decade. Statistics which I have gathered concerning the disease prove that no doctor operating for cancer was ever infected by it and that no person ever inherited it or passed it as an infection to any other person."

"Cancerous cells are treacherous for the reason that they have no nerve stimulation connected with them. You do not feel any pain as a cancerous growth starts and so gain no warning. The rich are afflicted more than the poor. All persons are liable to be attacked after they reach maturity. Most often the disease appears after the victim has reached an age of forty years or more."

"In England they eat five or six meals a day and so constantly irritate the stomach. It may be that this has something to do with starting cancerous growths, as English people suffer heavily."

#### Urges Study of Localities.

"In Madison county, N. Y., cancer has attained the highest level in the United States as a cause of deaths. We do not know why this is so, but I wish some special study could be undertaken to find out. There are other small localities where the number of cancer patients is especially large. Study of these localities might give us much more light than seeking in laboratories to find the germ that causes it or whatever the source of the disease may be. As a matter of fact, all we know about it is that some cells break loose in lawless fashion and have a peculiar power to attract to themselves all the nourishment taken into the body."

"We need to do away with this word 'cancer,'" he said, "and bring into use in its stead a number of expressions that will rightfully describe the various kinds of growths that occur among mammalian cells. As a matter of fact, the growths are very different in character, and we know so little about them that I do not hesitate to say that our cancer problem is the first problem in importance before the medical profession."

## SIDE LIGHTS ON AMERICAN CONSULS IN MEXICO.

Men Whose Names Are Figuring in News Dispatches.

The American consuls in Mexico are constantly figuring in the newspapers in connection with the exploits and movements of Villa, Carranza and the other rebel chieftains.

George C. Carothers, consular agent at Torreon, has been described by Senator Fall as the diplomatic representative of the United States attached to the flying court of Pancho Villa. Here is his biographical statement:

"Born in 1875; grocer for several years; in commission business, appointed consular agent at Torreon Jan. 3, 1902."

Thomas D. Edwards, consul at Juarez, who has figured conspicuously in the dispatches since the killing of Benton, is an older man. He was born at Floyd, N. Y., in April, 1849. His present home in the United States is at Lead, S. D. Edwards was educated at Rome, N. Y.; editor of a daily newspaper for twenty years; postmaster at Lead, S. D., 1883-86, and held various municipal offices; appointed after examination consul at Juarez, June 30, 1905.

Marion Letcher is United States consul at Chihuahua. Here is Letcher's biographical statement as recorded at the state department:

"Born in Shorter, Ala., Sept. 4, 1872; educated at the University of Alabama and the University of Chicago; was school assistant at Montgomery, Ala., 1895-6; principal of Seale (Ala.) high school; first lieutenant in United States volunteer infantry and company commander in Cuba during Spanish-American war; president of Douglasville college, Douglasville, Ga., 1900-1903; employed in the bureau of education 1903-1909; resident of Washington; appointed after examination (Nov. 10, 1908) consul at Acapulco June 2, 1909; consul at Chihuahua Jan. 10, 1911."

Alonzo B. Garrett, United States consul at Nuevo Laredo, who brought Clemente Vergara's body across the Rio Grande, like Edwards at Juarez, is an old man. He was born in 1847 and was a drummer boy in the civil war. He has been consul at Nuevo Laredo for thirteen years. He has taught school, practiced medicine and was a West Virginia state senator.

### FARM WAGES STILL HIGHER.

Rise 2.5 Per Cent in Last Year and 11 Per Cent Since Four Years Ago.

The wages of farm labor increased about 2.5 per cent last year and about 11 per cent in the last four years. Since 1902 the increase has been about 36 per cent. The estimates are based upon reports of correspondents of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture.

The current average rate of farm wages in the United States, when board is included, is, by the month, \$21.38; by the day, other than harvest, \$1.16; at harvest, \$1.37. When board is not included the rate is, by the month, \$20.31; by the day, other than harvest, \$1.50; by the day, at harvest, \$1.94.

Wages of farm labor have been increasing rapidly, not only in the United States, but in most, if not all, other countries of the world.

Although farm wages in the United States increased about 37 per cent from 1900 to 1910, land values nearly doubled in the same time, indicating that in the distribution of the proceeds from farming operations a larger proportion now goes to capital account and less to labor account than formerly.

### MAN BEST AT 60, SAYS TAFT.

Knows So Much Then He Wants to Guide the Young Aright.

In a recent address to students at the law school of the University of Minnesota former President Taft declared that a man at sixty was at the very zenith of his ability.

"When a man is sixty," he said, "he is able to recognize the defects which have come to him through lack of self restraint and self sacrifice. We know so much at sixty we think we ought to rush in and aid the young men and women to avoid the same pitfalls."

#### JUST A BOY'S IDEA.

It Made the Invention of the Reaping Machine a Success.

In 1830 Obed Hussey of Ohio was inventing a reaping machine, the first ever designed in this country. His chief difficulty was the cutting device, which was three large sickles set in a frame and revolved so as to cut into the grain. It would not work satisfactorily.

A young son, watching the experiments, asked his father why he did not use a lot of big scissors, with one handle fastened to one bar and the other handle to a sliding bar, thus opening and closing them.

Hussey instantly adopted the idea, substituting for scissors the two saw toothed blades which are in common use today on harvesters, the cutting action being quite similar to that of scissors.

From the boy's suggestion he perfected in one week a machine on which he had in vain expended all his ingenuity for the preceding two years. The principle of that cutting device is the principle of all of the great harvesting machines, and its benefit to the farming industry of the entire world has been demonstrated by any other invention for use on the farm.—Chicago V. Biration, in St. Nicholas.

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