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IRRATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

The present epidemic of influenza has brought on the most remarkable exhibitions of official guesswork and inconsistency ever gathered together to mystify and confound a people while endeavoring to formulate a rational course of action for them to pursue.

Physicians have by no means been the greatest offenders in their professional attempts to allay public fear and subdue the ravages of the disease. Their obligation to those they aim to serve is limited to the knowledge of medical research has thus far achieved, and this still has a long way to travel. At the outbreak of the epidemic in Eugene, one physician prescribed a boric acid solution for spraying and gargling. No doubt other physicians recommended the same thing. After hundreds of people had stocked their medicine shelves with this, another physician in the same town shattered the faith of the inhabitants in all remedies by stating in the press that "nothing but 'alkaline' solutions should be used" for this antiseptic purpose. If those who have made more or less study and experimenting in such matters, can't agree, to whom will the ignorant public look for guidance? Why don't they agree? It would seem to the layman that only a common sense rule based upon the results of scientific experiments would serve here—either there is a dependable, effective solution to combat influenza or other bacteria, or there is not. Are the dozens of different germicides that are offered for sale the result of experimentation or not? If not, why are they not placed under the ban? If they are, to what degree are they effective? Is one more effective than the other? Does one out of the twenty or more, all advertised to be effective, stand out superlative more effective than the rest? If there is, what is its name? If there are six out of the twenty all of tried and proven infallibility, what are their names? It would seem if any physician, or chemist, who has actual, not theoretical, knowledge of the effectiveness of this multiplicity of antiseptics, would be under the greatest professional obligation to acquaint the public of the fact. Why keep shrouded in mystery (or ignorance) the merits (or demerits) of these numerous germicides? Why not have a test made of any manufactured antiseptic in a government laboratory and have printed on the label the time required to render sterile, if at all, the most prevalent disease germs before the formula of the solution is admitted to government protection and the solution placed upon the market? Further, if there are any bacteria immune from the potency of each specific formula, let that be plainly stated upon the label also. Why not have plenty of enlightenment upon the things that concern us every day?

To return once more to our present day afflictions, we have added to them the attempt at regulation by the civil authorities. In many cases these have been characterized by inefficiency, indecision and inconsistency. Portland has probably shown as many glaring instances of this as any. After preaching for several weeks against people congregating in public places, Mayor Baker has now ordered the closing of downtown stores at 2:30 in the afternoon. The only possible effect this will have will be to confine the afternoon throng of shoppers into the congestion of about two hours of shopping time instead of distributing the same throng over the entire afternoon. This means, also, the crowding of streetcars, elevators, streets and sidewalks, waiting-rooms, etc., during the curtailed period.

A few years ago Portland newspapers sarcastically referred to the "summer" cars—or open cars—that were impressed into service as late as November to take care of congested traffic, as "pneumonia" cars. Now the city's officials want to kick the windows out of the closed cars to let in plenty of fresh air in order to escape

pneumonia and kindred menaces of human life.

In huge display advertisements the Pacific Telephone Company entreats its patrons to not use the phone except in the direst emergency. Now the Portland department stores urge their patrons to order a yard of muslin or cheesecloth "over the phone," rather than come down town.

If there is a rational human being left in a world made up of perplexity and woe, now is the time for him to stand boldly forth and declare himself as such, and we will give him a job to lead us out of the Land of Dilemma.

There is much complaint by many Springfield residents over the incorrigible acts of hoodlums upon the public thoroughfares and elsewhere. No effort has been made by the police power of the city to effectually suppress the annoyances and disturbances and unless under the provisions of the city charter the marshals are not endowed with sufficient authority to suppress the growing evil, a petition will be presented to the council seeking relief, and the charter so changed as to widen the police powers of the municipality and make it mandatory upon the part of the marshals to promptly and effectually quiet disorder.

We let out a gentle hint a couple of weeks ago that it would be advisable for Springfield business men to get together and work "co-operatively" a little. Are you becoming so used to "drives," boys, that you are going to wait for sheer necessity to "drive" you to this work?

It begins to look as if the "self-determination of peoples" will be changed to "extermination of peoples" before anything is determined.

Now that Austria has secured peace from her neighbors, she will have time to enjoy the wars that are apt to commence at home.

Mrs. "Van" console yourself with the fact that it took a woman to beat you. No "mere" man would dare do it.

Now folks, altogether for a perfectly ripping Thanksgiving. We can be thankful we are alive these days.

There are some things worse than the "flu." Suppose we were in the path of the Hun retreat?

It is nearly time to banish the Kaiser to the Isle of St. Helena and let him think it over.

There is only one time to build Springfield—and that's all the time.

Gee! It was a red-hot campaign for the city election, wasn't it?

Good work can be done in a trench—but not in a rut.

BABIES MUST HAVE MILK

"You get more calories to the penny from milk than from any other food even at the present price," said Dr. E. J. Labbe, specialist, who returned recently from Europe and who spoke at the State Fair and at other patriotic gatherings. Dr. Labbe told of the children he treated in the Red Cross children's hospital in Evian, on Lake Geneva, in France. The little French and Belgian refugees were wan and weak and almost lifeless. A milk diet soon brought good results and the babies thrived. "But," said Dr. Labbe, "they will never entirely shake off the marks made by the months in which they were starved for milk. Children must have milk if the race is to go on. It is every man's and every woman's duty to do all in his power to keep the herds of Oregon alive. Feed men, mill men, dairymen, householders, dealers, everyone must co-operate. The babies of the world must be saved."

Milk may be used not only as an addition to an already rich diet, but in place of some of the slowly digested dishes which over tax the digestive organs and impair the health. Milk contains all the elements necessary to sustain life and build up the body. It must be remembered too, that butter is a food for all, for rich and poor, for old and young. Cottage cheese is another dairy product that is of great food value.



The Questionnaire

After a noble struggle lasting four days the editor managed to fill out his questionnaire and duly filed the same one hour ahead of the time allotted to return it, to avoid being "pinched." It was a narrow escape. Strange to say within one hour after same was filed, news came over the wire that an armistice delegation had started from Berlin for the western front. Apparently German spies have been reporting our every move for a long time, and upon learning of our entry into the forces of the U. S. A., realized that it would now be useless to prolong the struggle. While we appreciate this tribute to our military prowess, we regret that we did not file our declaration of belligerency sooner. Inasmuch there was no great commotion among the Boche, it is assumed that the matter has been discussed over there for some time and prearranged among the Hun military leaders to quietly submit to the inevitable when announcement was made of our being hurled into the crisis. So without the blare of a trumpet, the Hun laid down as we stepped into the maelstrom of war to strike the shackles from the Goddess of Liberty and unloosen the pinions from the Dove of Peace.

But we will never be quite the same again. The mental strain of groping in the past and tearing away the shroud from memories that had been laid away in camphor balls and trotting 'em out on dress parade, has indeed been great. Some of the questions were almost rude. They haunt us. Our brain is a seething vortex and those queries dance before our distorted and distraught vision and intrude themselves in weird form and phantasy:

Q. How old were you when born?
A. Quite young for my age.
Q. How much did you weigh on your nearest birthday? (Answer yes or no.)

(If your answer is "no," you need not answer the questions on the following nine pages nor sign your name.)

Q. Did you speak English in high school; if so, how much.
A. Not much.

Q. Were you ever in jail? (If you answer "yes" you need not answer the following seven pages.)

(Registrant reads "the following seven pages," and in a fit of desperation answers "yes.")

Q. Can you qualify for the aviation service? If so, tell us her name, color of hair, and what you know about her on the next dotted line.

A. Registrant "goes up in the air," answers "no," and because of that has to reply to the next four pages.

Q. Do you waive your rights to "deferred osculation?"

A. No, safety first!
Q. Have you warts, spavin, carbuncles or an ingrowing face? How much are they? (Ans. yes or no.)

A. Yes.
Q. What other chronic afflictions?
A. The Springfield News.

Q. What do you take for it?
A. Tanlac.

Q. What would you rather do, raise food for the allies or raise h—l with the Huns? (Answer yes or no.)

A. Yes.
(If you answer is "yes," you will be put in Class 1. If "no," you will be put in sooner.)

Q. What military experience have you had lately?
A. Saw Empey go "over the top" at the Rex.

Q. If you swear to the affidavit that will exempt you from being shot at sunrise, what swear word can you say the plainest?

A. Damfino.
Q. If unable to swear, yourself, who would you prefer to do it for you?

A. Frank DePue.
Q. State how many languages he can do it in?

A. All of 'em.
(The next two questions Registrant must answer "yes" to the first and "no" to the second.)

Q. (1) Do you know anything else about yourself?
A. (1) Yes.

Q. (2) Is it fit to print?
A. (2) No.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our appreciation of the kindness shown us by our friends and neighbors attendant upon the death of Herbert Creech.

MR. and MRS. JOHN CREECH.
MR. and MRS. JAMES EVANS.

IF EVER A HORSE LAUGHS
It is after we are through shoeing him. He feels like a two-year-old with those perfect fitting, comfortable shoes on his feet. "If you think it doesn't pay to take pains with a horse's shoeing, bring yours here and be pleasantly surprised with the better gait he will show, the better work he will do for you."

I have secured the services of a first-class horseshoer and am now prepared to accommodate old customers as well as new in that particular line of blacksmithing.

L. E. THOMPSON.

The Grandoldope

Joe Hill has a new hat.
It is not the first
New hat he has had,
But this hat unusual.
It is more or less becoming
To Joe's style of beauty,
But just the same
The hat baffles description.
The crown looks like
One of Eggimann's buns
And the brim resembles a
Victrola record.
If you see any combination
Like that
Going down street,
You will know
That Josephus
Is hitched to it
Somewhere.

The armistice
We had fixed up
With John Keteis
Has about expired
And we are in
No frame of mind
To renew it.
Peace with folks
Who don't even try
To get along with us
Is useless.

Look at John's competitor,
Mark Mike Peery—
We never have trouble
With him.
Of course he's married
And naturally
He'd be more humble.
But aside from that,
He doesn't look down on us
Like John does
Because we work
For our money.
Of course we collect
More off of John
The first of the month
For Ads.
Than we do from Mike,
And Mike knows it,
But he doesn't make
Any such mean remarks as:
"John has to advertise strong
To sell his stuff."
Like some competitors would say.
That's what we like
About Mike—
If he can't
Say anything good
About his rival
He says nothing at all.

On account of some alterations
To be made in the
Sheriff's office,
Our fellow-citizen, John Edwards,
Expects to remove his star
From the service flag.

"Is Councilman Eggimann here?"
"He is!"
"The meeting will please come to order!"

"Is Treasurer Keesey here?"
"He is!"
"The Marshal will please lock the safe."

"We will now have
The Health Committee's report
On the Flu Situation."

"Honored Sirs:
Your committee
Having been advised
By Doc Rehban
That influential bacillus infinitum
Has made necessary
The inoculation with a
Vaccine emulsion of
Extraordinary gogetum
Into the lymphatic system of
One Springfield woman
With six kids.
She reports that all her "troubles"
Have "flu."

We hope so.
We hope not.
Say, what is the
Right answer, anyhow?

"Ah-choo!"
"Who was that sneezed?"
"Weber!"
"The council will adjourn!"

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

J. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 15c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

NOTICE OF ROAD DISTRICT MEETING.

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the legal voters being resident taxpayers and owners of real property in Road District No. 55, in Lane County, Oregon, will be held at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1918, at the Minnie Hall in said Road District, to determine whether said road district shall levy a special tax of 3 mills upon all the taxable property in said district for the purpose of providing funds for general road purposes.

H. L. BOWN,
County Judge.

The Careful man knows that
Poverty is worse
Sickness so he
Banks his
money.



"SICKNESS IS BAD," BUT POVERTY, AND DEPENDENT UPON "CHARITY" IS WORSE. WE CAN'T ALWAYS PREVENT SICKNESS, BUT POVERTY IS NEARLY ALWAYS THE RESULT OF EXTRAVAGANCE AND WASTE.

MOST MEN CAN SAVE PART OF THEIR EARNINGS FROM THEIR WORK OR THEIR BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY DENYING THEMSELVES.

WHEN SICKNESS COMES DON'T LET IT FIND YOU WITHOUT MONEY.

PUT MONEY IN THE BANK FOR SELF-PROTECTION.

BANK WITH US.

THE 96-223
First National Bank
of Springfield, Oregon

Boy.
Howdy!



If you only knew tobacco you'd get a pouch of Real Gravely today. Then you'd have a satisfying chew, a good tasting chew. It lasts so much longer than any

man can chew this class of tobacco without extra cost.

It goes further—that's why you can get the good taste of this class of tobacco without extra cost.

PEYTON BRAND
Real Gravely Chewing Plug
10¢ a pouch—and worth it
P. E. GRAVELY TOBACCO CO., DANVILLE, VA.

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To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the legal voters being resident taxpayers and owners of real property in Road District No. 5, in Lane County, Oregon, will be held at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd day of November, 1918, at the Lower Camp Creek School House in said road district, to determine whether said road district shall levy a special tax of 3 mills upon all the taxable property in said district for the purpose of providing funds for road work, one-half to be used on the Watterville road and one-half on the Upper Camp Creek Road.

NOTICE OF ROAD DISTRICT MEETING.

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the legal voters being resident taxpayers and owners of real property in Road District No. 10, in Lane County, Oregon, will be held at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1918, at the Woodman Hall in said road district, to determine whether said road district shall levy a special tax of 5 mills or less upon all the taxable property in said district for the purpose of providing funds for general road purposes.

NOTICE OF ROAD DISTRICT MEETING.

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the legal voters being resident taxpayers and owners of real property in Road District No. 18, in Lane County, Oregon, will be held at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1918, at the School House in said road district, to determine whether said road district shall levy a special tax of 5 mills upon all the taxable property in said district for the purpose of providing funds for the upkeep and improving the roads in the district.

H. L. BOWN, County Judge.

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P. A. Johnson Secretary

Chas. Kingwell R. W. M.

A married rounder doesn't get much fun out of it. He has to put in half his time squaring himself.