

# This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

## VALUE OF BREVITY. THE G. O. P. CONVENTION. COLDEST SPOT ON EARTH. MARRIAGE STILL BEST.

President Coolidge, a man of few words, regrets that his message to Congress could not be shorter. Madame de Sevigne wrote to her daughter, "If I had had more time I should have written you a shorter letter." Considering the field covered the President's message will be found shorter than most men could have made it. His "I do not choose" proves ability to say much in few words.

In Australia workers, unemployed, tried to force their way into the Treasury Building. The rioting was suppressed.

Australia is severe in its immigration limitations, and rioting there by the unemployed reminds American workers that what a country NEEDS population.

A monument to Theodore Roosevelt will be erected above the Calbra Cut overlooking the Panama Canal. Roosevelt deserves the honor; the monument should be a masterpiece.

All his interesting talk, advising women to have nineteen children, etc., will be forgotten. But the fact that he put through the Panama Canal will NOT be forgotten. In that he rendered his country great service.

Old age is the night of life. "Work, for the night is coming when man's work is done," says the old hymn. For those that have not saved, age is a dreary night.

San Francisco is expected to get the national convention next year, with twenty-three national committees now pledged. That is the place for the convention. Many important Republicans need to visit San Francisco, learn something about the United States on the way, and something about national development after they get there.

Berlin scientists have created the coldest spot on earth, producing in laboratory experiments a temperature 459 degrees below zero.

Outside our atmosphere, in mysterious spaces separating solar systems from each other, there exists "absolute zero." On our Fahrenheit thermometer that would be 461 degrees below zero, space without heat.

At such a temperature the properties of matter change. Metals lose resistance to electricity and become supra-conductors. A thin thread of mercury will carry enough electricity to light several hundred lamps. Helium, the gas used in our dirigibles, becomes liquid a few degrees above absolute zero. In that terrible cold molecules in matter lose their motion, which may account for their greater electric conductivity.

First abstract science, then useful appreciation. Practical men may find a way to create in metals, apart from any absolute zero temperature, conditions similar to those that absolute zero creates. That would make possible transportation of electric current without loss, and solve the problem of cheap power.

Mr. Haldeman-Julius, of Kansas, whose daughter is just trying a "companionate marriage" experiment, tells the world that his daughter was born six years before he, Haldeman-Julius, her father, was married. He didn't have money to get up housekeeping, but the dear little girl was born anyhow.

That is interesting, not unusual. Leonardo da Vinci, second in greatness among all artists, was born outside of marriage, his father and mother never married. He supported his "legitimate," respectable half-born half brothers and sisters.

William the Conqueror was born before his father married the interesting girl whom he first saw washing clothes in a brook as he rode past with his warriors.

But all that doesn't change the fact that marriage is better than lack of marriage. Marriage will not go out of fashion. It will persist until men become worthy of an institution at present too good for many of them.

Birth control and publishing information about it are approved by Britain's "National Council of Public Morals."

Theoretically women should have the right to decide how many children they will have.

But it is well that understanding of birth control has been postponed. It might have prevented the arrival of Napoleon and Carlyle, and surely would have prevented the arrival of Caruso, a nineteenth child.

Mrs. Peabody, head of the Women's Committee for Law Enforcement, says "ten million women are not only talking and praying, but working to retain prohibition, and see that it is enforced." They need not work or pray to keep prohibition in the Constitution; nothing can get it out.

As for enforcement, there is room for much working and praying in that direction.

# Take a Cruise Through Christmas Gift Aisle

Happy, bustling crowds throng the streets and stores. What is the strange phenomena that has changed tired, cross faces into bright eager ones? What makes the children even more starry-eyed than usual?

What indeed? Don't you know? Can't you guess?

It's Christmas time again—and Santa Claus—that same jolly old saint of our childhood days is waiting at the threshold of "Wonderland" to welcome all his old friends. No wonder the children are happy!

And the spirit is contagious. It would be impossible for any one to remain cross and irritable in this veritable fairy-land of lovely Christmas things. Every store is stocked to capacity with suitable gifts for all. Some are novel and unusual—some are practical and useful—still others are frivolously gay and extravagant—but altogether charming. All the old reliables are on display too, and this is one year when you will find, with a minimum effort, a gift for everybody on your shopping list—at exactly the price you had planned to pay, whether it be one dollar or one hundred dollars.

**Let's Tour the Stores**  
Your difficulty will be in elimination rather than in selection, for you will find one gift lovelier than the next.

For the little youngsters—to whom Christmas Day rightfully belongs—there are hundreds of ingenious toys. One that seems to particularly appeal to the youthful visitors is a highly-colored mechanical clown that performs acrobatic stunts. Incidentally, if one is to judge from the number of grown-ups crowding around it, this mechanical clown is equally appealing to them. It sells for three dollars. Less expensive toys include bright marbles, kites tops, boats, roller skates, scooters, and sleds, for the boys and for the girls there are all sorts of dolls, books, dishes, furniture, etc.

A charming gift that any woman would love is, on the surface, a cigarette lighter—but when the top is lifted there is a removable lipstick, a bit of dainty rouge, powder and mirror. The case may be had in sterling silver, white gold, gold or silver plated, and the various reptilian skins.

**For the Wife**  
An umbrella that the wife, sweetheart, sister or girl friend will be glad to receive is of the short, stubby variety with a beautifully carved dog head for a handle! Other pretty umbrellas have more dignified handles for those of a more serious turn of

mind. For those who like books, you will find a wide range of titles and authors, including the newest fiction, old masters, and old favorites. Nothing makes a more pleasing gift.

A gift that any man will appreciate—first, because it is useful as well as ornamental—and secondly—because he has always wanted to own one—is a dressing gown. Springfield stores have a large selection—in a variety of materials and styles—in gay or subdued colorings, and hubby will no need to pretend to receive it with great rejoicing—his appreciation will be real and his Christmas happiness will be completed.

For the smoker, there are innumerable novel conceptions to warm his heart. And you will find his favorite brand—all ready for wrapping—in a gay Christmas box.

**To Women's Heart**  
Then, for the more intimate feminine gift, you will find a host of lovely lingerie to delight the heart of both the donor and the recipient. Nothing is more universally acceptable to women!

Many of the stores have arranged their wares—on tables according to price, so if you have decided to spend say two dollars for a gift—all you need to do is locate the table carrying that priced merchandise. There you will find displayed the best that can be had for the money.

It is a great aid—and a great time saver for busy shoppers.

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## U. of O. Boy Wins



Theodore Ruch

Theodore C. Ruch, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ruch, of Eugene, has been named Rhodes scholar from Oregon, following the competitive examination in Portland recently. Ruch graduated from the University of Oregon last year, and has since been doing graduate work in psychology at Stanford university. At the university he was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic society, and he was also prominent in many campus activities.

Ruch will enter Oxford university, England, next fall, and under terms of the scholarship will remain there for three years. The three Rhodes scholars that preceded Ruch were also University of Oregon students, and previous to this many won this award from this institution. Alfons Korn, also of Eugene, and Clinton Howard, are now studying at Oxford, while Arthur Joseph, chosen in 1923, has recently returned to America.

Other Rhodes scholars from the university are Cecil Lyons, 1909; Carroll N. Wooddy, 1910; W. Bohler, 1912; P. T. Homan, 1913; Kerby Miller, 1920; and Tom Brockway, 1921. Selection for Rhodes scholarship is regarded as the highest honor that can be won by college and university students. This year there were eight candidates for the award which was allotted to Ruch.

# TOWN AND VICINITY

**Here From Albany**—Walter Palanuk of Albany was in town Monday.

**Will Make Home Here**—Arthur Williams arrived last Thursday to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Will.

**To Appear In Court**—H. Menton was arrested Friday for parking too far from a resident of Veneta, spent Sun-chauffeur's license.

**Visits From Harrisburg**—W. A. Turner of Harrisburg spent Sunday visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner.

**Here From Veneta**—Mrs. C. W. 'etty John, formerly of Springfield, but not a resident of Veneta, spent Sunday and Monday in this city.

**Burglary Attempted**—Two unidentified men attempted to enter the Newland department store Saturday evening, soon after the closing hour. Mr. Newland and several customers who had not yet completed their purchases were in the store, although the front door had been locked. When Mr. Newland approached the front of the store, the pair fled. The lock on the front door was partially loosened by the suspected burglars.

**Passes Embalming Examination**—Melford Allen, connected with the W. F. Walker funeral chapel here, passed his examination before the state embalming board in Portland Monday. Mr. Allen and Mr. Walker went to Portland Sunday and returned to Springfield Tuesday morning. Mr. Walker is a member of the state embalming board.

**Motor to Portland**—Miss Billie Berg, accompanied by Mrs. M. B. Huntly, Mrs. E. E. Pyne, and Herbert Jordan, motored to Portland Saturday afternoon. They visited friends and relatives until Tuesday returning that evening. Charles Jordan made the return trip with the party. He returned to Portland Wednesday evening.

**In From Marcola**—Mrs. James Wright and C. H. Landers, both of Marcola, were visitors in Springfield Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor of Wendling and Paul Millican of Waltherville were in town Monday.

**People Mailing Early**—Many people are heading posters in the postoffice and are mailing their Christmas packages early, according to F. B. Hamlin, Springfield postmaster. The amount of business and the receipts are about the same as for this time last year, he said.

**Out of Town Visitors**—Among the Tuesday Springfield visitors from neighboring communities were Mrs. T. S. Russel of Jasper, Henry Guild of Eugene Motor route C, and D. Mallatt of the Davis mill on the Mohawk.

**Attend Funeral at Cheshire**—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lingo attended the funeral of Annie Johnson of Cheshire Sunday. The Johnson and Lingo families were neighbors there before the Lingo's moved to Springfield.

**Visit Local Depot**—Charles A. Fulton and W. W. Jones, both representatives of the Chicago Great Western Railway company, visited Springfield from Portland Wednesday.

**Land Company Meets**—The annual meeting of members of the Brattain land company was held Saturday evening at the home of Paul Hadley on east Main street. Paul Brattain was elected president of the company and Paul Hadley secretary-treasurer.

**Attend Cottage Grove Meeting**—Oswald Olson and W. R. Pirtle attended a special meeting of the Cottage Grove Masonic lodge Saturday evening. Representatives from the Eugene and Drain lodges were also present.



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## SET O' SILVER

If you want to give something that will last for a long time after the Holidays. Select something in Silver-ware, Cut Glass, China Ware, Clocks, Watches or Jewelry.

For Gifts that Last — See Your Local Jeweler

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## Don't Forget

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| Celery,      | Nuts,    |
| Lettuce,     | Raisins, |
| Oranges,     | Figs     |
| Apples,      | Dates.   |

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## Meats and Poultry for Your Christmas Feast

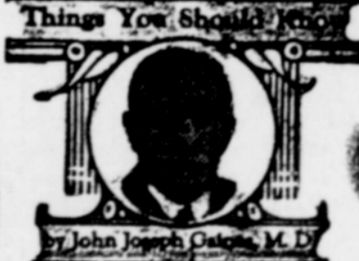
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## About Your Health



by John Joseph Galen, M.D.

### Condiments.

Most people use spices and sauces of varying potency, not because such things possess any nutritive value, but to compel the stomach to tolerate an over-feed. The normal, healthy human being does not need an appetizer; his desire for food is exactly adjusted to his need of nourishment, and any interference with it by its erratic host will, in time, bring punishment in the way of indigestion. Fully as many people abuse condiments in excesses as poison themselves by tobacco or alcoholic stimulants! Just a matter of time in action is all the difference; it takes the spice brigade a bit longer to kill or disable its victims.

Visit a popular cafe, and watch the "tubby" men blackening big juicy steaks with pepper, or soaking them with highly concentrated solutions, to force their great, sagging stomachs to combat the extra burden! They are only fanning a slowly-waning vital flame—the fire that has been tirelessly overfed.

Most condiments act by immediate irritation, the contact with the surface exposed. Put some salt in your eye; some mustard; some pepper, or any compound containing it; besides causing pain, it stimulates copious secretion—does it with violence sufficient to disable the optic temporarily. Only a fool would put red pepper in the eye, but they do not hesitate to drop the coals into the stomach; the effect is the same.

The physician employs condiments as medicine, and wisely. He wishes to restore the debilitated organs by gentle stimulation; a besotted stomach may be improved by moderate stimulation, but is made weaker by the repetition of bigger and stronger doses of the stimulant. Our actual use of condiments is, perhaps, ten times in excess; a wise plan would be to reduce both food and condiment systematically.

Next Week: Life Expectancy