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First Prize in 1910

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First Prize in 1911

at Spokane National Apple Show won by carload of Newtowns.

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TAFT ANSWERS TEDDY TONIGHT

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., April 27.—President Taft refused today to comment on Colonel Roosevelt's speech in Worcester, in which he bitterly arraigned the president. He is expected to reply to the colonel in a speech at Philadelphia tonight.

President Taft spent the night at the home of Clarence Kelsey and slept late today. Interviewers eagerly sought him as soon as he arose, but he persisted in silence as far as the Roosevelt situation was concerned.

Accompanied by Secretary Hilles and Major Rhoades, his new military aide, the president proceeded to the Country club, where he made the round of the golf links. After this he automobiled to Trenton for a two hours stay. The president expects to reach Washington Sunday morning and will start for a second visit to Massachusetts in the afternoon.

COMMUNICATION.

Open letter to Mayor Canon: As you seem to be very much interested in a "clean, sanitary and sightly city" and have issued a proclamation designating May 11 as a clean-up day, I would respectfully ask you as mayor to inspect the southwestern part of the city, west of South Hamilton street known as the Ross and Benson additions which the city has been using as a dumping ground for all kinds of filth such as decayed vegetables, tin cans, barrel hoops, barb wire, etc., etc.

W. J. DRUMHILL.

April 25, 1912.

AL KAUFMAN TO TRY AND "COME BACK"

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 27.—Al Kaufman will make his first appearance in the ring since his defeat by Ai Palzer in New York several months ago, when he will face Charley Horn or Charley Miller in the main event of the weekly boxing show here tomorrow night. Kaufman has been training near the city and reports himself in good condition.

NURSES TO CARE FOR BABES, MOTHERS VOTE

BERKELEY, Cal., April 27.—Volunteer nurses will care for the babies of Berkeley while their mothers visit the polls at the charter amendment election here Saturday, according to a scheme announced today by the Berkeley branch of the California Civic league. The suffragettes are anxious to poll a heavy vote, and have hit upon this plan to relieve house cares.

Melectrical and Gas Men Meet

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 27.—The Southwestern Electrical and Gas association began its annual convention in this city today with an attendance of members from several states. The convention will continue its session through the remainder of the week.

BRAINS AND GOVERNMENT.

IN SPITE of the progress of science the brain is something but little is known about.

Newspapers recently contained an account of the removal of a large portion of a man's brain without apparently working great injury either mentally or physically to the patient.

Certain sections of the brain are supposed to be the seat of certain functions, though recent experiments seem to disprove and upset accepted theories.

At any rate, it is probable that when one portion of the brain is removed, other portions assume, to an extent, the work of the destroyed portion, a provision we find throughout nature, which is forever upbuilding, restoring and substituting.

It is not the size of the brain that counts, but its development. Some of the greatest characters of history have been men with small heads. The shape of the head can be and has been repeatedly entirely altered by thought, even if the skull cannot be enlarged. We are told that active brains have remarkably thin skulls, which would demonstrate that brain cells absorb nourishment not only from the blood directly but also from the adjacent bone structure.

It is probable that only a small section of the brain is utilized by the average person for other than purely physical functions. With many, the brain seems to stop growth with the body. Few adults make proper use of their brain by study, thought and systematic development.

There is nothing stationary in nature, hence what is not developing is retrograding. That is why so many people, who only use their brain in the mechanical ways forced by the necessity of earning a living, really have less thought capacity than when they left school years before.

This is an age of specialists, so we see more lop-sided brain development, that is mental development along certain lines, to the neglect of other lines, than ever before, and that is what every one should endeavor to remedy.

Heredity and environment govern and modify brain capacity, but it is possible for any one, by persistent effort, that is by systematic use of his brain, to reach a position above the average, in any chosen walk or in all-around development.

How many hours or minutes a day does the average person, in any walk of life, give to mental development? Precious few, hence humanity, despite the long centuries of painful struggle, is still enslaved to superstition, precedent and convention.

A democracy is based upon the theory that every person has an equal voice in the government of humanity, hence that government, to be ideal, depends upon the mental development, not of the few, but of all. The time has gone by when the highly developed few should govern the many and the hope of the future and of humanity lies in the mental development of the masses.

The so-called Oregon system, that is the giving of the entire people a direct voice in affairs, instead of through an oligarchy of selected representatives, will never result in a perfect government until the masses are mentally developed. The prostitution of representative government has resulted in its overthrow, perhaps temporarily, as a corrective of existing abuses.

The principal virtue of the Oregon system lies in its educational value, in the teaching of humanity to take an interest in governmental affairs and to study government. It awakens dormant possibilities in all.

The weakness of popular government lies in the undeveloped minds of humanity. The chosen officials are apt to represent a fair average of the people, and as the average of the many is lower than the average of the few, until the people learn by experience and study more about the science of government, officials are apt to reflect mediocrity.

The chief value of the so-called insurgent movement is the interesting of people in the existing abuses of government and awakening them to a study of public matters. Bound by the fetters of partisanship the nation has drifted into a plutocracy that threatens its destruction.

Socialism, so condemned for its ultra-radicalism, is doing more to arouse the masses to a study of conditions than all other political parties together. In its fervor and unconventionality, in its fanning the flames of discord, in its possible use by the unprincipled, if uncontrolled, its red flag may become a danger signal to the nation, but its educational work is unquestioned. Its radicalism, even its rabidness are essential to secure it a hearing, to crack the shell of conventionality, and most of those who sweepingly condemn it haven't had a new idea in twenty years.

No democracy can travel the road to perfection, to idealism, with only half the people studying and participating in government. For this reason, if for no other, it is essential that women be given the same rights that man has arrogated to himself. To call a government a democracy with half of the people denied franchise is absurd.

Man made the present government and all its ills. Man created the laws that permit the creation of the billionaire and the pauper, that permit poverty and hunger to exist in a land of abundance, that allow a few to monopolize the natural resources and exact tribute from the many, that sanction worklessness and prostitution, that place the dollar above the man.

Women average better than men. Woman will not sanction ills that man does. With women participating, the moral average of the electorate will be higher, and laws, which reflect the average of the electorate, will necessarily be better. Women are entitled to the right of studying and participating in government, in working out the problems of humanity side by side with man.

All that is good in a man he gets from his mother, all that is noble, all that is unselfish, all that is really worth while. Is it possible that with such women helping direct government that better laws and better conditions will not be forthcoming?

Scientists tell us that there is no difference between a man's brain and a woman's, except that women average a little smaller in weight. But it is not the size of the brain, but its use, that figures. Women have had no occasion to study governmental problems, no call to develop their brains along the lines that man has, but the average woman will favorably compare with the average man in mentality. Give her the same opportunity to develop that man has had and she will undoubtedly prove his equal or superior in civilization and she has in the uncivilized world.

The future of the nation lies with the brain development, not of part of the people, but of all, and woman must do her share, not only indirectly, but directly.

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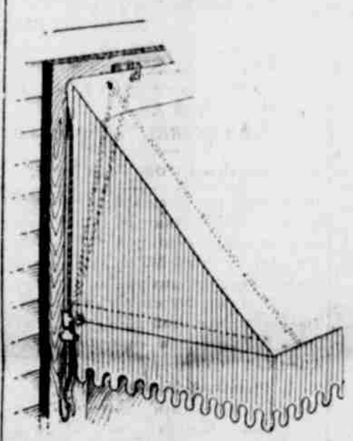

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