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WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Imagine yourself riding on a train. Then imagine a little more and ask if the engineer is of sound mind, affected with heart trouble, color-blindness, a subject of epilepsy, paresis or some other sinister malady that may cause him wrongly to read signals or drop from his seat at the throttle. He is responsible for your safety. Imagine some more and place yourself aboard an electric car, steamboat or in a cross-country automobile. Transfer your imaginings to the motorman, pilot or chauffeur or whatever the man in charge of your safety may be. Is he mentally and physically sound?

This subject is now before the U. S. public health service. Surgeon General Rupert Blue will soon ask congress to frame a law placing the power to examine annually the custodians of public safety in interstate traffic in the hands of the health service. The danger of wrecks on railroads, steamships and electric cars and of automobile is expected to be materially minimized if the plan is carried out.

A rigid annual examination would be required. It would include tests for defective eyesight, defective hearing, mental diseases and organic heart trouble. The holding of yearly physical tests of every man who runs a train or steamship or electric car and who is responsible for the lives of hundreds of persons each day will, it is believed, tend to eliminate one of the principal causes of wrecks. Officers of the public health service are of the conviction that physical unfitness is responsible for more wrecks than most people realize, particularly in the disasters caused by engineers running heedlessly past signals.

"WIRELESS EYE" REFLECTS SCENES OF DARKEST NIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 9.—If the "wireless eye" does all that M. C. Blum says it will do, navigation is on the eve of just such another revolution as it experienced with the discovery of the wireless telegraph, in the opinion of seafaring men who have examined the "eye" with which its inventor, S. Spitz, is experimenting at Vallejo. Blum and W. E. Rode are financing the invention and have taken out twenty-seven patents on it.

The instrument, which works only at night, reflects on a mirror a moving picture of everything within a radius of several miles. It receives its impression from a web of wires erected on a tall mast. It is useless by daylight, however, for the reason that the wires register only the "stylized rays."

THE REFERENDUM ELECTION

ALL citizens should see that they are registered in time to vote at the referendum election November 4. Registration closes Monday, October 20. Persons registered for the general election a year ago are not required to re-register for this special election, but as they will have to before voting again, should register now and have it over with.

Five acts of the legislature have been referred to the people for confirmation or rejection—one against the state university repair fund, one against the state university building appropriation, one against the sterilization act, one against the county attorney bill and one against the workmen's compensation act.

The two referendums against the state university are fathered by H. J. Parkison, formerly a labor agitator, now an ambulance-chasing attorney. They, like the previous referendums, which were composed of fraudulent and faked signatures, are an abuse of the referendum for spite purposes—an effort to cripple the state university and hamper its useful work in order to "get even" with the city of Eugene because Parkison would not make it a "closed town."

The pretense is put forth by Parkison that he is acting in behalf of the future consolidation of the Oregon Agricultural college and the state university. Consolidation would mean a single institution located at Portland and create a fortune for the land speculators alleged to be backing the scheme, and a great loss to the state in the abandoned institutions.

It is time the people rebuked the persistent effort of unscrupulous agitators to cripple higher education. Every good citizen should go to the polls and vote yes on these two measures.

The county attorney act gives each county its own prosecuting attorney. This is a step toward home rule and will stop the insistent complaints of counties now dependent upon poorly paid deputies or occasional visits of the prosecutor from his home county. By keeping the law enforcers in closer touch with their communities it should mean the better enforcement of law and order.

Vote yes on the county attorney bill.

The workmen's compensation act provides a voluntary form of mutual insurance by employers, employes and states for reimbursement for damages or injuries received by employes, on a fixed scale. Its aim is to end the exploitation of workmen and employers by unscrupulous lawyers who sometimes succeed in mauling the employer, but always succeed in mauling the injured employe. The bill was drafted by a special commission appointed for the purpose by the governor, and has the approval of both employers and labor organizations. The referendum was invoked by lawyers who make a specialty of damage suits, commonly termed "ambulance chasers," and the casualty insurance companies, whose business of insuring the employer and then fighting the claims of the injured employe, is crippled by the bill.

Every one who believes in the square deal will vote yes on this measure. The sterilization bill will be discussed later.

Production of Asbestos

A comparison of the figures of production of asbestos in the United States for 1911 and 1912 shows that the output for 1912 was considerably less than that of the previous year, yet notwithstanding this fact the production for 1912 was the largest in the history of the industry, except that of 1911. The production in 1912 was 4403 short tons, valued at \$87,950, against 7694 short tons, valued at \$119,935, in 1911, according to an advance chapter from Mineral Resources of the United States, on the production of asbestos, by J. S. Diller, just issued by the United States geological survey. Nearly all the asbestos mined in the United States came from Vermont and Georgia, although a little came from Wyoming. The finest asbestos yet found in the United States, comparing favorably with the best from any part of the world, is in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, in Arizona; it is not, however, easily accessible.

Asbestos is the most important fireproofing material known. Its fibrous structure adapts it to a wide range of applications, from woven fabrics such as theater curtains and articles of clothing to various forms of asbestos shingles, stucco, plaster, "lumber" and other building materials that render structures thoroughly fireproof. Its lightness, strength, durability and insulating property against heat and electricity give it special advantages for structural use in cars and electric-motor subways. For insulation in electrical appliances the asbestos must be free from magnetite.

The Ozone Myth Exploded

Much has been written and said about the marvelous effects of ozone. All the benefits of life on the mountains, in the forests and on the sea have been credited to the "ozone in the air." The same popular fiction has been used in advertising summer resorts and sanatoriums. Various chemical devices have been manufactured and offered to the public to "make the air of the bedroom or the sick room exactly like that of the pine woods." All of which would be delightful if it were only true. For alas, like many other popular delusions, the ozone myth has been subjected to the cold and analytical eye of the scientists.

Professors Jordan and Carlson of the University of Chicago have carried on an extensive series of observations and experiments to determine the exact effect and value of ozone. The results of their work appear in a recent issue of The Journal of the American Medical association. The conclusions reached by the men of science is that the hygienic value of ozone would be hardly worth considering were it not for the persistent and extravagant claims made by the manufacturers and promoters of ozone generators. So far as the destruction of germs are concerned, these claims have little or no foundation. Some bacteria are undoubtedly killed by ozone under certain conditions, but this fact is of little importance in practical use.

STORY OF GAME TOLD IN RHYME IN MATTY'S PRAISE

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Back to the grand old master, back to the old "Big Six," the refuge in deep disaster, the wizard of countless tricks, Away with each fresh "sensation," each marvelous new-found star! The "guy with the cerebration" is still in the lead by far.

The warrior of thirteen seasons, the veteran scarred and grim—we've heard of a hundred reasons for giving the boot to him; they said he was old and weary, that palsy had got his wing; that his ancient eyes were heavy—and he "didn't have a thing."

Yes, sir. He shut the Mackmen out—and when it came his turn to elout, he hit the sphere upon the snout. Three times the "Big Six" came to bat and swung at where the ball was at and made two hits—there's class in that! It's really pretty good, by Heck, for such a senile, ancient wreck!

And Connie Mack's young pitcher Plunk—well, now, he ain't so very rank—keeping the score, nine innings, blank. It's only thirteen years, or so since this young fellow learned to throw in big league company, you know. And when this fact is understood, of course, you'll see—I thought you would—the boy, with practice, may make good!

That line of stuff is wit sarcasm. I honor Plunk as much as you—in fact, I waxed enthusiastic in cheering him—and Matty, too, I think them baseballs grand old men—we may not see their like again.

ROSEBURG ELECTS FIRST WOMAN OFFICIAL

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 9.—The first woman to run for public office in Roseburg was elected at the regular city election Monday. This was Miss Agnes Pitchford, and she was elected city treasurer. Napoleon Rice was elected mayor by an 894 majority, his only opponent being Charles Brown, the socialist candidate. Carl E. Wimberly, present incumbent, was elected city recorder. The referendum measure to increase the occupation taxes was defeated by a majority of 609, the vote being 175 yes, 784 no.

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