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THE "IRATE FARMERS" SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEARD

NO ONE can blame the "irate farmers" from Indianapolis, Indiana, putting on their demonstration at the Kansas City convention. Probably if the truth were known a majority of the Republican delegates welcomed their intrusion.

For, from a spectator's standpoint, the opening of the convention yesterday was about as dead as an affair as the Grand Old Party has ever staged, and everything pointed to a repetition of the boredom today.

Why not have a little hairless excitement, why not be allowed a few fireworks? As far as the nomination of Hoover is concerned such a demonstration can do no harm, and, from the standpoint of keeping the delegates awake, would do some good.

Temporary Chairman Simon D. Fess had an awful time yesterday to even keep the front row from falling into the hands of Morpheus, and until the balloting starts his successor may have almost as difficult a task.

Not quite. For Senator Moses isn't a specialist in bed-time stories. He is an original cuss, with a sense of humor, and a wicked tongue, so any delegate who falls asleep on him is due for a rude awakening.

Nevertheless, without the Indianapolis "farmers," another hot and insufferably tiresome performance was almost certain. Their bally-hoo during the opening prayer, unquestionably kept one vote from the Democratic column, that of the Catholic divine who delivered it.

Of course, he may vote for Al Smith anyway. But usually these church officials who deliver convention prayers are selected very carefully.

Probably only those who have attended Republican national conventions in recent years can appreciate just how tiresome they can be. And undoubtedly the keynote speech yesterday was the worst delivered for at least fifty years. In his dismay at the cool reception he received Senator Fess even forgot to mention the late President Roosevelt among the list of distinguished Republicans.

He corrected the error today and the delegates applauded valiantly for two minutes. Two minutes for the immortal "T. R."! What further commentary on the temper of this convention is needed?

So it's too bad the irate farmers were not admitted. Recognition would have pleased them, amused the delegates, and exposed the truth that this demonstration is merely a carefully stage-managed stunt on the part of Senator Watson of Indiana to place a little horsefly in the Hoover ointment.

Republican leaders, however, always behave this way. If imagination, a sense of the dramatic, and clever stage management were tests of administrative ability, the Democrats would beat the Republicans nine elections out of every ten.

But the plain truth is the American people as a whole don't vote for the "best show"; they vote usually for what they consider the best business management.

And let us not forget this. At least 90 per cent of those irate farmers ejected from the convention hall today will be talking against Al Smith in November. It was ever thus. That is why the Old Guard leaders merely smile, and serenely pass on under the banner, "Business as usual."

QUILL POINTS

You can't make the way of the transgressor hard while the get-away is easy.

Circumstances make the man. Many a man who outlived Ananias has long since been forgotten.

Floods won't be so bad hereafter. Government's intention to purchase has made the land higher.

"All things are relative," says the philosopher. Alas! no. The slower the driver's wife, the faster he goes.

Mr. Coolidge seems to think F. F. V. stands for Farmers' Friendship Vetoed.

You can guess his age if you know his opinion of a rumble seat.

When a city declares its intention to drive out the crooks, it means those that don't pay office rent.

It's all in the point of view. The fleas doubtless complain because dogs annoy them.

Trust in providence is all right as a general policy, but it isn't a good traffic rule.

Correct this sentence: "And when I got well," said he, "I kept every promise to lead a better life."

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be legible and written in ink. Only one letter per person will be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

DO "SHOTS" PREVENT "COLDS"?

A perennial question comes up about this time every year, namely, does "inoculation" with "serum" prevent "colds"?



The remedy or substance administered by hypodermic injection for the purpose of immunizing individuals who suffer from frequently recurring coryza is a bacterin, not a serum. The injection of the bacterin is not "inoculation."

Inoculation means implanting disease or the virus of germs of disease. This bacterin, or bacterial "vaccine," as doctors sometimes call it, consists of the chemical substance of the bodies of killed bacteria only. What bacteria? Oh, half a dozen different strains or types that are most commonly present in the nose and throat discharges of persons ill of common upper respiratory infection.

The choice of this shotgun mixture is based on the unproved theory that the varieties or strains of germs found in the nose and throat discharges of persons with alleged "colds" are the cause of the "colds." If this were so, the remedy would be a true homeopathic remedy, a hair of the dog that bites you, or more properly still, a similar substance containing a virus like. But even this particular combination of half a dozen bacterial strains or varieties may be found by the bacteriologist in a majority of cases in any particular outbreak or epidemic. It does not follow that the particular combination of germs causes the disease. This theory is without scientific support.

Purely on theoretical ground it seems better to take a culture, when possible, from the nose or throat discharge of the individual case, have this examined by the bacteriologist, and from the strains of germs he finds present a bacterin is prepared. This is called "autogenous" bacterin—meaning the patient himself or the case itself furnishes it. The kind that comes wholesale, for all customers alike, is called "stock" bacterin. Theoretically an autogenous bacterin is preferable. If the object is to apply a hair of the very dog that bites you and not a hair of any other dog, or maybe no dog at all but a cat or a woodchuck or something. Practically, I am not so sure. One cannot lose sight of the fact that the presence of certain strains of bacteria in nose or throat discharges in an individual case is no proof that these germs are the cause of the trouble. And even conceding that the germs found in the culture are the cause of the trouble we have no definite reason to assume that the hair of a terrier isn't just as effective a remedy in cases due to the bite of some other breed of dog as it is in cases due to the bite of a terrier. In other words, maybe it doesn't matter at all what particular combination of germs we use to prepare the bacterin.

At least the immunity conferred by a series of hypodermic injections of bacterial "vaccine" is temporary, lasting thru a season. At that, it is worth consideration for one who suffers frequent disability and incapacity from colds.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Talking Nurse.

Thank you for your reassuring letter about St. Vitus' dance.

A tale told by a visiting nurse about a boy going from St. Vitus' dance to the insane asylum prompted me to write you.

I am afraid we mothers lose what little sense the Lord gave us when it comes to worrying about our children.

Answer—Your letter gives me happiness. I get more happiness out of little opportunities to re-

assure folks than some folks may believe. Some folks think I like to be sarcastic, flippant, and all that. I do, about some folks—talking nurses, for instance. Next to the "trained" nurse who goes about making snap diagnoses and prescribing nostrums, the talking nurse deserves the pot of mush. She can do more harm and stir up more misery and sorrow in the course of an afternoon's gossip than Mrs. Gump ever dreamed of.

As we have had a few cases of typhoid in our vicinity I should like to know whether general health lowers one's resistance to typhoid fever, or if a healthy person would get it just as readily if they drank from the same polluted water. Does para-typhoid become regular typhoid? What is the meaning of a "forerunner" of typhoid?—V. C. M.

Answer—So far as we know, how they persons are quite as likely to contract typhoid fever as are frail or sickly persons. Indeed, in many epidemics it would seem that the frail or sickly people are more likely to escape infection, though that is probably because they are less active and do not get about so much where they are exposed to infection. Paratyphoid fever is a separate disease, resembling mild typhoid fever. We do not know definitely whether paratyphoid ever becomes regular typhoid or vice versa, but perhaps some such mutation does occur. A forerunner of typhoid is anything in the way of illness that may develop in the early onset of the disease. Nowadays most outbreaks of typhoid fever are caused, not by polluted drinking water, but by an undetected human "carrier" who handles food.

The Uric Acid Obsession.

Please tell me how to keep uric acid out of your system. My husband has awful pains in his feet and ankles. I feed him the proper food such as fruit, buttermilk, and plenty of vegetables. As you claim there is no such thing as a diet without uric acid, I thought this might be from uric acid in his system.

Answer—If you will add to your husband's rations some fresh meat, such as pork, beef or mutton, at least three times a week, liberal allowances of biscuit, pie and gravy on his potatoes, I assure you he can't get too much uric acid in his system.

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Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason)

MAN OF KNOWLEDGE

The cobbler sews a boot together, and talks of shoepigs, wax and leather, and patiently I sit and hear him, and when he makes a point I cheer him. I often visit him and harken all afternoon till shadows darken.

"I am," remarked the learned professor who lives next door, "a chronic guesser, and I've been busy guessing lately why that old cobbler charms you so greatly. He is a man of meagre knowledge, he never served a term in college, he is so rough on English grammar, he gives a learned man Katzenjammer. It is to me a question whether he knows one fact not based on leather. And yet you hang round his shop as though he were a modern Dante. I wonder that you are not turning to men of great and solid learning." "I weary of the learned men's spicing," I answered with a show of feeling; "their talk is mostly based on reading, the facts of life they seldom heed. I like to hear a man explain things in his own words, though he's disdainful of the finer points of English grammar, while plying chisel, saw or hammer. The learned man reads a million pages and gathers bunk from long dead sages, and what he says has little bearing on anything for which I'm caring. I've learned a lot concerning leather since going in all kinds of weather to hear the honest cobbler telling how he constructs the shoes he's selling. And I am truly doubtful whether a man can know too much of leather; it makes his shoes for countless millions, professors, captains and civilians; it makes the belts that keep wheels turning where legions are their wages earned. It keeps our army's horses saddled—"

But here my listener skedaddled.

lion dollars worth of new wealth every year, thirteen billions from the soil, six billions from mines, six and three billions from forests. Slightly less than a billion dollars worth of industry with foolish tariff tinkers, and everybody will have trouble.

France asks this country to join an international committee on large dams, to prevent floods, reclaim land and develop power. Mr. Robbins, acting secretary of war, favors the committee.

Our government doubtless will refer the French invitation to our big power men. They have definite ideas on the construction of dams, reclamation, power development, etc., and especially on the importance of keeping government out of such matters.

Irving E. Vining was one of the instructors when the school opened. He was in charge of history, elocution and English literature.

Students were to ride to school in the old black bus. A small dormitory for girls was built and occupied during the second year; there was a season during the winter when the dormitory was turned into an infirmary as an epidemic of measles struck the school.

The chief entertainment of the student body parties which were held in the chapel was the grand march. It was invariably led by I. E. Vining and his partner, who led the long lines into many intricate designs.

Football was popular. It was old-fashioned, though sport of that period. There were no gym facilities in the early days. The professors in the school held the important positions on the football team. Contests were rare, as the school was so isolated and transportation was so difficult.

A school of music was one of the departments of the early school. There was also a commercial school, where typewriting and bookkeeping were taught. These both found shelter in the main building, as did the training school, which occupied one small room.

Graduation exercises were held in town at the old Chautauque building. Those who were highest in scholastic attainment were orators of the day.

Among the very early graduates who still reside in or near Ashland are: Mrs. H. G. Yeo, Mrs. A. H. Fraicht, Mrs. H. C. Galey, Mrs. Susanna Homes Carter, Mrs. George Gillette, Mrs. Louise Peruzzi, Fred C. Homes, Mrs. Jessie Wagner Miles of Medford, Mrs. Elda Farlow Anderson, Fred Neil, Mrs. Cordelia and Grant Blake.

Tuesday afternoon, June 12, marked the climax in the social events of the senior class of 1928 of the Southern Oregon Normal, when 145 were graduated.

The exercises were held in the Normal auditorium at 2 o'clock. Edmund S. Conklin, head of the department of psychology at the

University of Oregon gave a splendid address of particular interest to the graduates and to the parents.

Professional and recreational played by the orchestra. Invocation was given by Rev. P. K. Hammond, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal church of Ashland.

James Stevens, baritone of Medford, accompanied by Miss Alma Lawrence, sang two solos, which were well received.

Greetings to the class on behalf of the board of regents were given by W. C. Bryant, member of the board, in the absence of Hon. C. L. Starr.

J. A. Churchill, president of the Southern Oregon Normal presented the seniors with their diplomas.

Members of this year's class at the normal, who have already signed contracts to teach next year are:

Martha Bolton, Curry county; Fosma Kenney, Myrtle Creek; Wilma Clark, Lew; Mildred Culy, LaGrande; Kathryn Marsh, Klamath Falls; Bonnie Scholes, Harrisburg; Wilma Sparlin, Albany; Esther Barrett, Klamath Falls; Aubrey Haan, Tillamook county; Rose Martin, Myrtle Creek high school; Wilma Cheley, Jacksonville; Priscilla Webb, Medford; Alvia Withersell, Roseburg; Betty Brown, Table Rock, Jackson county; Ann Coe, Astoria; Elnora Darnwood, Crook county; Lucille Dawson, Klamath county; Julia Eakin, Klamath Falls; Helen Deyue, Myrtle Point; Teresa Foley, Burns; Mildred Geyer, Tualuma; Margaret Hammerbacher, Grants Pass; Patricia Gale, Sisters, Deschutes county; Madeline Hutchison, Coos county; Mattie Lichtenberger, Arlington; Naomi Love, Lakeview; Alice Mammie, Marshfield; Hilda McCall, Midland, Klamath county; Esther Moore, Klamath county; Arlene Robertson, Elkton; Louise Scroggins, Multnomah county; Grace Smith, Beaver Creek, Jackson county; Lillian VanNatta, Warren; Annie Wells, Persim, Jackson county; May Youngman, Langlois, Curry county; Albie Beck, Powell Butte; Dorothy Bellum, Elgin; Hazel Brown, Marshfield; Dorothy Carless, Phoenix; Reta Lane, East Side; Mary Lancaster, Bandon; Helen Lyons, Neil Creek, Jackson county; Edith Patterson, Kerby; Zana Reese Flora; Carl Rice, Bandon; Clara Will, Crook county.

Those who will attend college or normal next year are: Helen Detrick, University of Oregon; Margaret Turner, college; Romana Lippincott, Chico Normal, and Joe Mercer, college.

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