

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1929.

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FAMILY DOCTOR IS PRAISED BY NOTED SURGEON

Dr. Wm. J. Mayo Pays Tribute to General Practitioner As Diagnostician—Southern Oregon Medical Association Extended to Include Klamath, Lake, Coos and Curry.

A tribute to the physician, as a general practitioner, was paid by Dr. William J. Mayo, of the famous Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, when he delivered a talk before the 38th annual convention of the Southern Oregon Medical Association held in Grants Pass yesterday.

"I don't share the opinion of some eminent doctors," said the world famous surgeon, "that the general practitioner has outlived his usefulness. In the average community the general practitioner holds a place no specialist can fill, his service in the home and at the bedside of the sick remains the foundation stone of medical practice. His value lies particularly in the line of diagnosis, and it is upon diagnosis the modern family doctor should concentrate. When his diagnostic work has been done and only then does the specialist step in."

"General practice is also the best preparation for the specialist. He thus acquires the proper foundation and to his technical knowledge is added an understanding of human nature. I had an assistant in my clinic—I still have him and hope always to keep him—who after completing his examination of a patient gave him a card directing him to go to the dental department and have his teeth examined."

"The patient passed his hand over his mouth, took out two full teeth of false teeth and said, 'here they are; when can I get them back?'"

"For months our men meeting this doctor, would pass their hands over their mouths. But he had the right stuff in him. He lived it down, and he never missed the teeth after that. I merely cite that as an example of how the best expert may at times overlook an essential in elementary diagnosis. The experienced general practitioner would not overlook the essentials."

Dr. Mayo devoted most of his address to an interesting discussion of the physical senses, their origin and evolution, particularly stressing the importance of sight in modern medicine. Relating how his family had been in medicine over 200 years, his children and his brother's children had also taken up the profession, he concluded by declaring that the medical profession is at its apex today. "Religion," he said, "goes back 2000 years, the law must be a generation behind, for its foundation is in the precedent of the past but medicine is the profession of today, and its greatest era is tomorrow."

Preceding Dr. Mayo's address, Dr. R. C. Coffey of Portland gave a very interesting talk on abdominal operations, stressing particularly the increase in appendicitis fatalities. He attributed this largely to disregard of certain elementary precautions and especially emphasized the necessity of never giving cathartics in abdominal disorders where extreme pain is present and the patient is obviously very sick. He touched on gall bladder infections, stomach ulcers, and laid down the general rule, that when there is any doubt of the diagnosis, it is better to do nothing. Keep the patient quiet and give plenty of water, allowing nature to surmount the immediate crisis.

Before adjournment the association decided to invite Klamath, Lake, Coos and Curry counties to join Jackson, Josephine and Douglas in making the organization a "real medical association." Among Jackson county doctors who attended the meeting were: Doctors J. C. Hayes, R. W. Clancy, W. R. Adams, J. J. Emmens, A. F. Kressey, E. W. Shockley, W. H. P. Holt, R. W. Stearns, R. W. Sletter of Medford; F. G. Swedenberg, G. W. Grez, E. A. Woods of Ashland; Dr. Heckman, Central Point. Miss Halcorn, county health nurse, also attended.

Dr. J. C. Hayes of this city was elected president of the association and Medford was chosen as the convention city for next year.

HARMON OFFERS JACK BIG PURSE TO FIGHT

CHICAGO, May 15.—(AP) Paddy Harmon, president of the Chicago Stadium corporation, today offered Jack Dempsey \$500,000 to meet Otto Von Porat, Norwegian heavy-weight in a 15 round bout outdoors during the summer season.

Now Showing at Hunt's Craterian



Scene From "The COHENS AND KELLYS IN ATLANTIC CITY"

Atlantic City with its beaches, hotels and bathing beauties was the location spot where most of "The Cohens and Kellys in Atlantic City," the riotous talking comedy, now playing at Hunt's Craterian theatre, was filmed.

A new kind of bathing beauty contest, called a "Summer Girl Contest," is one of the big features. In the cast are George Sidney, Vera Gordon, Mack Swain, Kate Price, Nora Lane.

Avoid Chronic Maladies by Physical Test, Advice Doctor Coffey to Those Over 40; Childbirth Strengthens Women, Is Claim

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 16.—(AP) Medical science does not have as its goal a race of centenarians, but is vitally interested in assuring the average person a life span greater than the present average of 58 years, according to noted physicians and surgeons attending the 58th annual gathering of the California Medical Association.

To this end leaders in the medical profession, successful in their battle against most of the infectious diseases and increasingly successful in decreasing infant mortality by teaching proper care of babies, are consolidating their gains along these lines and turning to the problem offered by cancer, heart trouble and kidney disease.

Much work already has been done along these lines, but Dr. Robert C. Coffey, noted surgeon and head of the Portland Surgical hospital, advocated regular physical examination of all persons over 40, as those who have passed that mark are the principal victims of these chronic maladies. Dr. Coffey termed the three classes of ailments "degenerative" maladies because their progress causes the organs they attack to break down.

While stating that there has been an increase in the chronic maladies, Dr. Coffey expressed the belief that the increase is caused by the fact that more people reach the age of 40 now than before the average life span was increased.

In advocating regular examinations, Dr. Coffey pointed out that by these methods the symptoms of the maladies can be detected and proper steps taken to combat the disease. He draws this parallel: "You wouldn't think of driving your automobile if it had a bad knock in the engine. But people

go around with the equivalent of a bad knock in their physical makeup and declare they have the courage to bear it without treatment."

Dr. Montrose Burrows, formerly of the Barnard research laboratory and now of the Pasadena hospital, said that maternity does not tend to shorten the life of a normal woman.

"On the contrary," he said, "child bearing tends to strengthen a woman. I have just been attending a case of a 30-year-old woman, the mother of 13 children. She suffered a broken leg and it mended nicely. That indicates that maternity does not adversely affect the normal woman."

Not only is the normal woman stronger after the experience of childbirth, but after the convalescence comes the period in which she is more beautiful than she ever was before, Dr. Burrows added.

Doctors at the convention were generally in agreement on the belief that school-teaching is the most nerve-racking occupation for a woman.

Think Davis Receptive WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP) Secretary Good expressed confidence today that former Secretary Dwight F. Davis would accept the post of governor general of the Philippine Islands which has been offered to him by President Hoover.

Oregon Weather Fair and mild tonight and Friday but cloudy or foggy near the coast. Humidity below normal in the east portion and decreasing in the interior of the west portion. Moderate north to west winds on the coast.

DERBY SCHOLARS INSPECT MEDFORD BUSINESS PLACES

DERBY, Ore., May 16.—(Special) —Having achieved a 100 per cent attendance record for the past month, with Mrs. Carter's permission, the lower grades of the Derby school were awarded an observation day Monday morning, accompanied by their teacher, the pupils motored to Medford, where a very enjoyable and instructive day was spent.

The first place visited was the O.-O. mill where Mr. Witter piloted them through the plant, explaining every detail in a way that the children understood. They were thrilled and awed with the immensity of the mill and its operations.

The next place visited was the Medford Ice & Storage plant where they were shown and instructed about the making and use of ice and cold storage. They then had a picnic lunch in the Boys Scouts' park and the children enjoyed the playground equipment. They visited the courthouse, the First National bank, Mr. Swain's fascinating store and Fluhrer's bakery. At each place they were given special attention and the most interesting and educational information was given them. The pupils can never forget their observation day.

The lower grades of Derby school will attend the circus en masse today and the upper grades will enjoy the evening performance.

Thursday afternoon, May 9, Miss Burr, the rural supervisor, made an official visit to Derby school. Mrs. Hanby accompanied Miss Burr.

Friday morning two officials of the U. S. forestry department entertained our school with moving pictures of an educational nature on fire prevention. They also gave two comic reels which kept the children in an uproar of laughter. Entertainments of this type are a special treat to the children in rural communities.

On Friday we had a school picture taken of all the grades. Mrs. Harrison visited the upper grades on Thursday afternoon and also made a social call at the teacherage.

Friday afternoon the pupils of the lower grades entertained their mothers in honor of Mother's day. Games and music were enjoyed, after which dainty refreshments were served. Tulips and wild flowers were used as decorations. Mrs. Webb won first prize and Mrs. Dunlap consolation in the guessing contest.

Misses Dorothy and Billie Carless spent the week end at the teacherage.

On Saturday the Misses Carless, the Derby teachers, Jack Marion and Frank Dunlap took a horse-back ride to Butte creek where a picnic lunch was enjoyed.

Miss Videll made a trip to Butte Falls Saturday afternoon.

Lake Carrier Grounds SAUT STE MARIE, Mich., May 16.—(AP) Caught in a blizzard the

steamer Henry C. Frick of the Pittsburgh S. S. company, grounded in the lower St. Mary's river below Sallor's Encampment at 1 o'clock this morning. The steamer, upbound, is believed to be light. A tug has been sent to her aid.

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Columbia's STAR OF THE WEEK

BEN SELVIN

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1800-D My Sin.

Honey—Fox Trots—Ben Selvin and His Orchestra. 10-inch, 75c.

1797-D Sleepy Valley (Theme Song from Motion Picture "The Rainbow Man").

Dawn—Vocals—James Melton. 10-inch, 75c.

1796-D (When I'm Walkin' with My Sweetness) Down Among the Sugar-Cane.

From Sunrise to Sunset (From Sunset Till Dawn)—Vocals—The Diplomats. 10-inch, 75c.

1801-D Deep Night. Maybe—Who Knows?—Vocals—Ruth Etting. 10-inch, 75c.

That's Her Now!—Fox Trots—Ernie Golden and His Orchestra. 10-inch, 75c.

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