

STOP THE HAIR PULLING.—LEAVE IT TO THE COURTS!

IT ISN'T the heat, it's the humidity. It isn't that there is anything wrong with the local county health unit, but a spirit of strife, hostility and dissension is in the air, and the county health unit is simply one of many other victims to it.

What started as a personal matter between two officials of the county health unit, and a year ago would have ended as a personal matter, is now the subject of a tempestuous and, to our mind, rather ridiculous public hearing.

THE rank and file of this section, and no doubt every other section, are in a fighting mood. Discontent, suspicion and general cantankerousness are rampant. Instead of the average citizen believing the best of his fellowman he is believing the worst, instead of trusting his neighbor he is distrusting him, and at every opportunity giving vent to that distrust.

As was pointed out in this column a few days ago, it is a time for cool heads and clear ones, for leadership that refuses to be stamped by the mob, instead of leadership that succumbs to it.

WE ARE going to do everything we can to resist this mob spirit, to maintain, in the midst of this senseless strife and turmoil, both our sense of proportion and our sense of humor. For as we see it, only by such action can this district pull through this trying period with the minimum instead of the maximum amount of damage.

The time has passed, however, when a certain number of cat-and-dog fights can be avoided. The only sensible way out is to recognize them as cat-and-dog fights, and not go completely crazy, and regard them as the long waited Armageddon.

TAKE this county health imbroglio, for example. The original contention, as we understood it, was whether or not the county physician or the county court had the right to hire and fire the county nurse.

Isn't this purely a legal question, a matter for the courts to decide? Seems that way to us. And it also seems, that it could be decided in five minutes.

But after several hours hearing it hasn't been decided. And just why charges against the county physician or any other county health official should affect this decision in the slightest particular, is more than we can fathom.

But the hearing was entirely taken up by such charges. And now that one side of the controversy has been presented, of course the other side will have to be.

TOO bad, too bad. Jackson County for many years has led the state in county health work, and no matter how this particular controversy comes out, the county health unit will suffer, and its splendid work among the people of this community will be retarded.

THAT'S WHAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN, THE HEALTH OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE, AND THAT IS WHY WE REGARD THIS TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT, TRIVIAL THOUGH IT MAY BE, AS A CRYING SHAME.

But, as above stated, with the public temper what it is, with everyone more or less a victim of a widespread combative psychosis, there probably wasn't, and CERTAINLY ISN'T NOW, any other way out.

SO MAY we make this suggestion? That the legal question of who has the right to hire and fire the county nurse, be promptly determined, not by the shock troops on either side BUT BY THE COURT.

With that fact determined, let the proper authority take what action it believes the situation justifies.

Then if the prevailing passion for head cracking is not satisfied, let the head crackers take their charges, not up the lanes or alleys or over the backyard fence, but to the proper authorities where they should have been taken in the first place, i. e. to the grand jury and to the courts.

FOR with the matter of authority established, the case ceases to be a personal one; it ceases to be a controversy, between the county nurse and the county doctor, it ceases to be a controversy between either of them and the county health association; it becomes solely a case of the people of Jackson County versus the individual charged with certain and sundry crimes. And it should be settled, not by public meetings, nor by street corner debates, nor by the newspapers, but by the agencies the people have set up to handle such matters.

Either these charges are true or they are false. If true those guilty should be punished, if untrue those accused should be exonerated, and those guilty of making false charges should receive the public condemnation they deserve.

GEE GOSH!

WONDERS never cease! Two young men climb in an airplane and shoot through a cloud above New York City. They are never seen nor heard of again until, 48 hours later, they land, safe and sound in far-off Turkey.

Who said anything about magic carpets? A certain Caliph claimed he sat on one and was whisked from Bagdad to Constantinople. Very few of his neighbors believed him. And his only alibi was "magic."

But these two aviators lay no claim to magic, and need no alibi. They waved their hands to Sandy Hook on Monday, and they waved those same hands to the Darlanelles two days later.

Shades of Allah! and his lamp. If the old boy is still hovering above in his Nirvana, he must admit that modern science has forced him to take a back seat!

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By William Brady, M. D.

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REPORTING PROGRESS IN THE CONDUCTOR'S CLOSED CAR NEURITIS.

Well, well, we live and learn. Possibly our Nebraska reader will recall that I had a touch of neuritis in my arm last fall. It came on while I was driving out where the sun shined and the water bill is a dollar a day and worth it. This bilious neuritis was on the right side—of course it would be in my case. According to the French authorities it should be on the left side.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. This is MY ABB. You recently stated that a person can't make up for lost sleep. That seems a paradox. How do we get back the energy then?—M. E. G.

ANSWER—We do not get back the energy if we lose any of the ESSENTIAL hours of sleep. Most persons sleep longer hours than are essential, and the loss of a few hours sleep now and then for such persons is insignificant—provided they don't get all hot and bothered about their "insomnia."

MONKEYING WITH THE BUZZ SAW. A laboratory test shows my blood has 42 per cent lymphocytes, 50 per cent multinuclear, 3 per cent mononuclear, white count 15,000. What per cent must one have before it will prove fatal?—E. B.

ANSWER—Yes, by all means. My consideration of laboratory reports entirely to your doctor.

NEEDS A VEST AND A PAIR OF PANTS. The writer has had heart trouble for 20 years. Now for the first time in my life I have a problem which causes me worry and nervous trouble. I am now annoyed with a coated tongue for some five months. Do you think it is from the stomach, caused by worry? Please suggest a cure.—E. R.

ANSWER—If you were my patient and claimed or acknowledged to other symptoms than the coat on the tongue, I'd see that you were fitted out with a suitable assortment before you got out of my office. Just on the off chance, and not that I care whether you put on a tire sale or not, something seems to tell me you've been sitting around using a heater with leaky pipe—using a heater with leaky pipe—using a heater with leaky pipe—using a heater with leaky pipe.

POISONOUS HAIR DYE. French woman gave the recipe to restore natural color to gray hair. Plumbic acetate, i.e. sulphur, each one ounce, common salt 2 ounces, bay rum and alcohol, each one pint.—W. E. M.

ANSWER—Old stuff—sugar of lead and sulphur. It doesn't "restore" color, but dyes the hair black. Lead is not safe for use as hair dye.

FLIGHT O' TIME

(Medford and Jackson County History From the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY July 31, 1921 (It Was Sunday) Herbert Launsbach sells out his Grocery business to his partner, J. A. Moffett.

Ford bug and Chevrolet collide at Main and Central avenue, and Ford is knocked out at Jackson County Bank steps.

City planning will be topic of civic forum luncheon. Medford woman testifies Tanlac is a blessing.

Woodshed and garage of W. Y. Crowson, 1012 East Main street, go up in smoke entailing a \$400 loss, despite the valiant efforts of the fire department and Herbert Afford, first on hand with water.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY July 31, 1911 (It Was Monday) New auto law for Oregon goes into effect tomorrow, and autoists plan to file test suit on grounds that the license fee is a double tax and therefore illegal. Chief of Police Hitson announces that he will arrest all autoists not properly licensed.

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Ye Poet's Corner

What Will Gold Buy? What will your gold buy, my friend, What will your gold buy? Buy not the sordid things of life: I hear you make reply.

If not the sordid things of life, Then what would you advise? Garments rich, jewels rare, Such as a king would prize.

"Nay, seek the simple things of life That satisfy the heart. Then as you joy in their use, Give to mankind a part. Have shed their golden rays, In place of jewels rare; As words that Moses wrought in stone, Have been treasured everywhere.

They have lifted men in every age, Above the things of earth. And pointed out ages before, King Emmanuel's birth. So many a thought of humble men Have shed their golden rays. Go spend your gold to help mankind To brighten their dark days.

Then brighter far than jeweled crowns, Three epitaph shall stand; Eternal in the memories Of every kindred man. If gaudy baubles deck thy form; And wine brightens thine eye, Had thou bequeathed one lasting gift When thou hast come to die? —By Mary O. Caray.

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