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THE MENINGITIS QUESTION

For the past few days we have been hearing a great deal of talk about the number of cases of meningitis that there are in Klamath Falls. Some of the stories were of the most grotesque character, as in the case of a fond mother in one section of the city who sent her boy to school for his books because six of the pupils of this particular institution had died from meningitis and no publicity had been given in any instance. As a matter of fact not a single student from this school had the disease and there had been no deaths among the children attending it.

Most of the stories that have reached this paper have been predicated upon the statement of a doctor. Some of these doctors have stated that the newspapers have been suppressing the news and were not giving proper publicity to a serious situation. Now we are going to nail that lie and nail it so that every reader of The Evening Herald will know the real facts and can govern himself accordingly.

There have been nine cases of meningitis reported to the county health department. The following list shows the name of the patient, the date upon which the case was reported, how it terminated and the situation to date:

Name	Reported	Termination	Date	
J. H. Donnell	12- 7-25	Death	12- 8-25	
Norman Burk	12- 1-25	Death	12- 8-25	
H. C. Killian		Death	12-24-25	
Mona Brady	12-12-25	Recovery	12-28-25	
Roy Haukins	12-11-25			Living
Jack C. Haney	12-12-25			Living
Bill O'Day	12-26-25			Living
Luther Stiles	12-22-25	Death	12-22-25	
Lea M. Shields	12-22-25	Death	12-22-25	

*—Diagnosis and report, Post Mortem.

This list shows nine cases. We know that two of these cases never had meningitis. There is a serious question about two others—no report has been received from the state board of health about them and the symptoms do not indicate that they had meningitis.

When this disease first made its appearance, The Evening Herald gave it the publicity its importance deserved. For some unaccountable reason it created a stir in the community out of all proportion to what conditions justified. Rumors as senseless as the one about the six deaths spread throughout the county and the radio was brought into play to tell the coast that Klamath Falls was in the throes of an epidemic of meningitis.

At this point we learned of reported cases that were surrounded by very doubtful symptoms and further investigation revealed the fact that practices of a questionable ethical character were being followed by some of the medical profession. When we were convinced that it was a genuine case of meningitis, we published it. But we had to be shown. If all cases reported to us had been meningitis the number would have far exceeded the nine reported to the health department, two of which we know were not meningitis at all.

Last year one physician had three cases of meningitis in his general practice. Fortunately he is a physician who recognized the serious responsibility imposed upon the doctor by his profession. There was no panic then, because he was not trying to profit by the terror that so quickly spreads in a community when an epidemic is threatened. Like all real, conscientious doctors should do, he simply did his duty and kept his name out of the papers.

When you find a doctor standing on the street or visiting the places of business in the city decrying the lack of publicity about the meningitis "epidemic" you will find a man of little practice, a man whose thought is not, as it should be, upon the welfare of the community, the peace of mind of his patients and the building up a healthy public sentiment that has so much to do with warding off disease and aiding in the speedy recovery of those unfortunate enough to be afflicted with any sickness.

As to the publicity end of it, The Evening Herald will take care of that. If we believe that the occasion justified it, we would be in favor of an air tight quarantine, even though we were the only person in the county that believed in it. We are not governed by questions of expediency. It is not a question with us of dollars and cents or what this doctor or that business man may think or believe. We are concerned only with what we

Quoth the Raven —



believe is the truth, what is for the best for the community and what will safeguard the welfare of all the people. Our advice is to forget about this so-called meningitis scare, for there is nothing to it.

THANKS.

We wish to thank those who have so generously responded to our suggestion that they pay their subscription before the end of the year, so that we could start 1926 with a clean slate. The response has far exceeded our expectations and as a result we are prompted to suggest to those who have not paid up that they "step on it" and get under the wire before the New Year makes its bow.

STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON. — Congressman Flais J. Garrett, democratic floor leader in the new House of Representatives, as he was in the last one, has a distinct southern drawl, which is natural, for Garrett is a Tennesseean.

But how comes it that Congressman John Q. Tilson, republican floor leader who represents the third Connecticut district, also draws like a southerner? The answer is that Tilson is a Yankee only by adoption. He, too, was born in Tennessee, and grew up there. While a student at Yale he took a fancy to New Haven and stayed there. Now Tennessee claims as native sons both big party

floor leaders in the lower house of Congress. That is, indeed, the "Hog and Homing" state's proud distinction.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth attends the sessions of the House of Representatives, as a spectator, almost as regularly as her husband attends them, as a member and as a speaker.

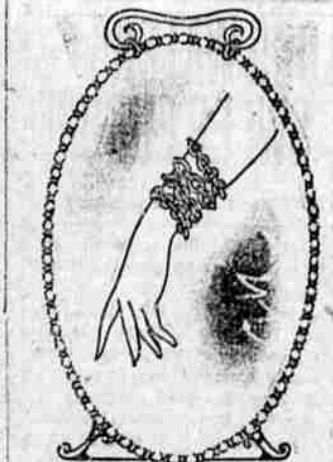
Mrs. Longworth has a lorgnette and makes frequent use of it. She always brings with her a handbag, which is the subject of a lot of curiosity. Of all monster handbags that handbag in the great-grandmother. It's almost as big as an old-fashioned carpetbag. What in the world does the speaker's wife have to lug around with her that requires such an enormous contraption? It wouldn't be polite to ask, probably, but plenty of people are wondering.

Nearly all the senators have automobiles. Any number of the representatives ride in street cars. Why

to this, senators and representatives are paid alike. Generally speaking the senators are no richer than the representatives. No explanation seems to be available. It's just a fact, with no particular why or wherefore.

NEW YORK.—Having pursued her husband across the Atlantic three times, Mrs. Henry Harris Thomas has caught him and is suing for separation. He owns movie patents and real estate in Florida, she says.

Slaves to Fashion



You aren't doing right by your wrists these days unless you fetter them. Going around in chains is no sign of bondage to anyone but fashion. Your slave bracelets may be of gold, silver, jade, or combinations of these and any precious stones—but they must be.

Out Our Way



WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

Bits of News From Towns Throughout the State FROM ALL OVER OREGON

COAN IS PRAISED
J. B. Coan, former pastor of the South Methodist church here, is commencing his superintendency at the Wesley hospital, Marshfield, under most favorable conditions, according to reports from Coos Bay.

Dr. N. E. Davis of Chicago, secretary of the Methodist general board of hospitals, predicted success for the hospital under Mr. Coan's leadership, stating that its range of service would constantly widen. Already it is said that the institution is being established on a more sound business method and basis under his administration.

"General confidence," said a Coos Bay newspaper, "throughout the community in the hospital has been restored with the coming of Mr. Coan."—Marshfield Tribune.

BAN IS LIFTED
It will be perfectly all right for anyone who feels like it to shoot off fire crackers next Thursday night in celebration of New Year. Mayor Giesy announced today that he has lifted the ban on firecrackers for that occasion.

The firing of guns will also be allowed on condition that blank cartridges are used. Bullets are barred except for policemen, and even the officers can't use them merely for celebration purposes.

Reasons given by the mayor for lifting the ban are the general demand for the crackers on New Year night and the fact that there is no danger of fire at this time of year.—Capitol Journal.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY
A new organization among high school boys to be known as the super-scouts will be formed soon. The club is to be made up of Boy Scouts and former members of that organization and will be created for the purpose of serving the student body. It will sponsor various activities and carry on such work as it may find to benefit the students and the school. Thirty-four boys have already signified their intention of becoming members and Maynard Bell has been named temporary chairman. He has appointed a nominating committee and officers will be elected as soon as school reconvenes. The club is not a secret organization.—Roseburg News.

MARSHALL DANA MAY GET POST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. —(AP)—President Coolidge was urged today by Senators McNary, Oregon, and Shorridge, California, republicans, to continue representation of those two states on the shipping board. Both declared later that they were encouraged, but the indication was given that the president had reached no conclusion as to whom he would nominate to succeed H. E. Haney, democrat of Oregon, and Meyer Lissner, republican of California, as commissioners.

McNary particularly urged the appointment of Marshall N. Dana, democrat, Portland newspaperman, as successor to Haney, who had been in disagreement with the president on the marine policy and will not be continued in office. In the event that Coolidge desires to name a republican from the northwest states, McNary urged the selection of Frank L. Shull of Portland.

As a successor to Lissner, Shorridge supported Phillip Teller, republican of San Francisco. He also proposed H. U. Brandenstein of San Francisco for consideration of a democrat, if one is to be named from that section.

President Coolidge intends to fill the two vacancies by the selection of both a republican and democrat, but it was indicated he was not determined which portion of the Pacific coast should furnish each.

DE SOTO, Mo., Dec. 30. —(AP)—Four men, two of whom had blacked their faces for disguise, held up the American bank here today and escaped with \$7,900 cash.

NEW YORK.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has spent millions in buying most of a Fifth Avenue block, presumably to protect his residence and that of his father from encroachment of trade.

Christmas could be worse. Mailing early is fine, but suppose they mailed the bills early?

Midnight Matinee at the Pine Tree, New Year's Eve. (Adv) 30-31

VIVIAN MARSTERS ENGAGED
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marsters, of 1903 North Jackson street, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Vivian Marsters, to Mr. Harry L. Pearcy, of Salem, at an informal party on Saturday evening, to which a few intimate friends were invited.—Roseburg News.

LOCAL WOMAN DIES
The death of Mrs. E. W. Redifer, of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, occurred at ten thirty Sunday morning, December 27, after a long illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fannie Cooper, of Salem. Mrs. Redifer has been in Ashland for several months critically ill, under the care of her sisters, Miss May Benedict and Mrs. Fannie Cooper.—Ashland Tidings.

AMNESIA VICTIM
An aged man, giving the name of S. C. Wood, appeared at the Community Hospital last night for treatment of an injured foot, and this morning was unable to tell the police where he lived or the names of any of his relatives.

The victim of amnesia is being kept in the hospital, while the police are endeavoring to locate relatives.—Ashland Tidings.

INJURED BY FALL
Mrs. Ellen H. Wagner met with quite a distressing accident at her home at 25 Granite street yesterday morning, which resulted in a broken bone in the left ankle and also a fracture of one of the smaller bones in the left wrist.

She was leaving her home for Sunday school when she slipped on the porch step and fell on the paved walk.

Mrs. Wagner, who is one of the pioneer residents of Ashland, is 84 years old, but she has rallied well from the shock of the accident though the broken bones will naturally be slow in mending in one of her years. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Kinsey.—Ashland Tidings.

OFFICIALS PREPARE

Louis Bennett, city recorder, is preparing to defend his action in refusing to call a recall election because of alleged irregularities in the petitions filed in his office. The alternative writ of mandamus signed by Judge T. E. J. Duffy gives Bennett until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to call the election or show cause why it should not be made permanent.

The holiday interrupted the preparation of papers in defense but they are, however, to be put in form beginning Monday.—Bend Press.

Albany Shivers as Temperature Drops

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 30. —(AP)—The temperature here last night registered 25 above zero, a drop of one degree from the minimum of the previous night. The cold was intensified by a heavy fog which overhung this part of the Willamette valley.

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Parson-Athlete



An athletic parson—that's Rev. Charles H. Urban, pastor of a church in Philadelphia. He's somewhat of an all-round athlete at the University of Pennsylvania though prefers football and wrestling to other sports. He played tackle on the freshman eleven last fall. This winter he hopes to make his letter in the mat pastime.