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Oregon's Health Record

THE biennial report of the Oregon state board of health headed by Dr. Frederick D. Stricker reveals much progress was made during the two-year period ending December 31, 1930. Not only did the death rate from tuberculosis and typhoid fever show an appreciable decline, but the splendid record which Oregon has enjoyed from the lowest rate in infant mortality of any state in the Union was maintained.

The report takes note of the fact that the first man to head the state board of health was Dr. Woods Hutchinson whose work in that department won recognition all over the country and who has since become widely known as a writer on health subjects. Of added interest is the recent statement made by Dr. Hutchinson relative to health work as carried on in Oregon, and of which he says:

"The citizens of Oregon may well and justly be proud of the progress and accomplishments of their state board of health during its first quarter century," writes Dr. Hutchinson. "As I severed my personal connection with the board and with the state over 20 years ago and have visited many boards of health, both state, municipal and national, since that time, I may perhaps be permitted to say that the board of Oregon stands well in the front rank of its sister-boards all over the union."

The Indian's Fear Of Pogonip

A STORY appearing recently in the Sacramento Bee tells of a district in Nevada being wrapped in the heaviest pogonip of the winter. Then to save its readers of any undue pressure on the brain the Bee writer explained that the pogonip to which he referred was nothing other than a frozen fog. But the interesting feature of the story was its relation of the fear of Indians of fog. "Not an Indian was to be seen while the fog shrouded the district. They go into their campfires, wrap in their blankets and do not go out until the fog has lifted. Years ago they learned the danger of pneumonia during such fog and the older ones take the warning."

The fear of Indians and their precaution to avoid fog recalls the recent tragedy in Belgium, when a dense fog settled over an area causing the death of an appalling number of people. Fear of a dense, cold fog has existed since the earliest history and the danger which it holds has been recognized not only by those of the higher civilized races, but Indians as well.

What Youth Can Do

ALMON ROTH, president of Rotary International, returning from Europe, observed that youth—young men and women between 18 and 25—are less concerned with national quarrels and the borders between countries than the older generation. Happily youth is more internationally-minded. Through their own thinking, which is usually straighter and more honest than the thinkers of their elders and through those organizations that cross borders and are not confined to one nationality, this new generation has within itself the power to declare that peace among the nations can be maintained without reaching for the gun.

In the international-mindedness of youth lies the hope of the world.

The Land Of Murder

THE hand of the murderer is nine times as likely to strike you down in the United States as in England. A New Yorker's home is thirty-six times as likely to be robbed as the home of a Londoner. More than twice as many people are murdered in Chicago in a year as in all England and Wales. It has been said that our country is mush-minded and that it sympathizes with a conspicuous criminal. But that is not the chief cause of crime. The chief cause lies in the delays in court procedure, the tricks of the law that free guilty men, the laxity of police systems which let crooks pass through the sieve of incompetency and corruption.

Having reached the bottom of depression the task now is to get the toboggan back up the steep.

"Voliva in China still insists that the world is flat." He might try rolling a peanut up Pike's Peak with his nose.

Gene Tunney has been dropped from the social register. But not until he was given a long count.

Man at his best is a lovable animal; at his worst he is abhorrent. At most times he may be found trying to keep his balance between the two extremes.

One thing to do with a drab situation is to touch it up with a few golden dreams.

A cynic doesn't have to be sure of anything.

EDITORIALS

From Over The Nation

Old Records

New York Evening World: In Vienna, according to dispatch to the Sun, there is a little shop where people amuse themselves by putting a coin into the slot and listening to phonograph records. And two of the most popular were made about twenty years ago: The late Theodore Roosevelt speaking on "The Farmer and the Trust" and the late Robert E. Peary speaking on his discovery of the North pole.

This suggests that one neglected way of evoking the spirit of an era is by means of its phonograph records. The two now being heard in Vienna ought certainly to be supplemented by a few that will be remembered by everyone: Raymond Hitchcock making his curtain speech and calling on Mary Roosevelt; The Christa MacDonald singing "The Spring Maid," Lina Abarbanell singing "Madame Sherry," George MacFarlane singing "Can't You Hear Me Calling, Carolina," Beale McCoy singing "Love Joe," from one of the polkas, and also "The Three Twins," Bert Williams singing "When the Moonshine on the Moonshine, So Stilly," and also "Somebody Else—Not Me," Chas. Olcott singing "I Love the Mountains," "Carry On," and Scott singing "La Forza del Destino." Woodrow Wilson expounding the principles of government.

Have phonograph records come to the attention of collectors yet? One suspects that here would be a rich field for them, as many people would probably pay fancy prices for records that delighted them in their youth.

Hard Boiled Nerves

Time: Like a crescent moon through a fog, the tenacious edge of a great physiological discovery appeared at Cornell university last week. Prof. Wilder Dwight Bancroft, authoritative student of colloid chemistry, and Dr. G. Holmes Richter, research fellow, have been using an ultra-microscope on living sensory nerves. They have seen anesthetics making the water-clear nerve cells become first cloudy, then coagulated like the white of a hard-boiled egg. When the anesthetic wears off, the nerve cells resume their original clearness. Alcohol affects the nerves similarly. So do narcotics.

But when nerves are drugged repeatedly, they lose their recuperative powers. Increasingly large bits of the coagulation remain. These bits cause a nerve irritation which only more of the drug (alcohol, narcotics) can allay—explains the addicts' craving. Drs. Bancroft and Richter have sought some chemical which would prevent the coagulation of the hard-boiled nerve contents but not injure other parts of the cells or of the body. Last week they cautiously said: "In the light of laboratory experiments, we seem to have hit upon something which promises favorable results."

Unemployment?

The Pathfinder: Even before congress met this that and the other government expenditure was proposed as an unemployment relief measure, and as long as congressmen are together there will be many of them urging their own pet schemes as relief measures, just as they pushed them as "war measures" some time back. It is an insidious sort of attack from which level-headed members must protect Uncle Sam's treasury. Congress can be depended on to be sympathetic and generous toward unemployed citizens, but it must guard itself against such which would mean direct benefit to selfish interests and relief to the unemployed only incidentally. All propositions should still be judged on their own intrinsic merits.

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

Reform in general is all right. Individual reformers are all hell.—Stanley Lewis.

At heart "Red" (Sinclair) Lewis is almost fanatical in his idealism and his evangelism.—Professor William Lyon Phelps.

History is a panorama punctured by cataclysms.—Sir Charles Oman.

Women dominate social life more now than they ever did, and as much as they ever will.—Mabel Walker Willebrandt.

A religion which does not touch science and a science which does not touch religion are mutilated and incomplete.—Ralph Inge, "Gloomy Dean" of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The trying experience through which we are passing may ultimately be a fine thing for us.—Thomas W. Lamont.

Outlawry of war is impossible immediately, but it will come with educated public opinion.—Former Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg.

STILL IN POSSESSION
"But Madam, you cannot marry again. If you do, your husband has clearly specified in his will that his fortune will go to his brother."

"Yes, I know. It's the brother that I'm marrying."—Pagan Gales, Yverdon.

Chest Colds
Rub well over throat and chest
VICKS
OVER 12 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

UNEMPLOYED ASK AD OF HOME OWNERS

An appeal to every local homeowner to lend a helping hand to the unemployed by having needed home repairs and remodeling work done immediately was issued Saturday by W. D. Miller, president of the W. D. Miller Construction company.

"In issuing this appeal," he declared, "I am merely reiterating the one made by Colonel Arthur Woods, head of President's Hoover's Emergency Committee on Unemployment, who believes that repairing and remodeling of the nation's homes offers one of the greatest opportunities to alleviate unemployment. There is nothing selfish about it because home owners can have this work done now at low prices that may never be reached again. The present is the ideal time for such expenditures."

Help Prosperity
He pointed out that the great national unemployment problem is only the sum of hundreds and thousands of local unemployment problems and that only by relieving the local situation can the really big help be given to a whole. He also declared that the building industry is responsible for nearly 21 per cent of the nation's jobs and consequently is Colonel Woods' statement the most vital factor perhaps in the restoration of prosperity. He clearly indicates his belief in the importance of stimulating the building industry. He feels sure that if home owners will do their part, this work, combined with the huge public improvement work now being pushed into action, will soon solve the unemployment problem.

Woods' Appeal
"As householders and home owners," says Colonel Woods, "we can now, in this time of excess labor and low cost materials, do those things of permanent value to our homes and in our communities which we have always wanted to do. Let us spruce up our homes—make the repairs that are needed—do that little job of painting, or the like, that has long ago—fix up the old corners of the yard—replace the worn out or broken parts that halt the smooth running of the household."

Ask Leadership
Colonel Woods appeals to every home owner in every community to be a leader in this work—not wait for the other fellow or the neighbor next door to lead the way. "Savings bank deposits," he says, "show increases. Certainly America has become a hoarding nation, afraid of its own future in the matter of an attitude toward life at this time. The nation needs the leadership of its millions of citizens—each an example to the other."

Nu-Life Display In Chamber Window
The first to take advantage of the offer of the use of a display window made by the chamber of commerce to manufacturing firms of this city is A. M. Holton, president of the Nu-Life Mills, Inc., 21 Main street.

The display consists of a cereal breakfast food, which was invented and patented by Mr. Holton, and bread made of flour from the Nu-Life mill. The cereal is made exclusively of Burbank wheat and barley raised in the Klamath basin, and is shipped in wooden boxes, manufactured locally. The capacity of the mill is 100 cases of cereal a day.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

There will be no jury trial in the circuit court until March, Judge Benson announcing that he will devote the intervening month to the hearing of equity cases, demurrers and motions. The juryman was Saturday evening excused from duty until March.

Some of these people who have been complaining so bitterly of the little spell of cold weather experienced the past few days may feel like blossoming forth in "B. V. D.s" and low shoes if they remember that the zero mark has not yet been reached.

A vacation was granted the pupils of the Riverside school this morning on account of the water pipes in the building being frozen. Tradesmen are at work today, and school may be called tomorrow.

A temperance mass meeting will be held at the court house commencing at 7:30 this evening. The purpose of the meeting is the consideration of an application for a liquor license at the Altamont tavern, but it is probable that the matter of submitting the question to the voters at the forthcoming city election in May will also be taken up.

J. Hardin Carter, captain and forward of the high school basketball squad, will not be out of the game, as was first reported, but will participate in the games here Thursday and Friday nights. Carter strained several cords in his feet during practice on Friday, but it has been decided that with a different type of shoes, he will be able to play his usual fast game.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
"Life" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 18.

The Golden Text was, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matt. 19:17). Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "He that will love life, let him keep his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (I Peter 3:10).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science text: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "In Science, all being is eternal, spiritual, perfect, harmonious in every action. Let the perfect model be present in your thoughts instead of its demoralized opposite. This spiritualization of thought lets in the light, and brings the divine Mind. Life not death, into your consciousness" (p. 407).

Stockholders Will Meet January 26

A meeting of the stockholders of the Klamath County Dairymen's association will be held in Klamath Falls, January 26, according to an announcement made Saturday.

In addition to the regular routine matters, E. G. Harlan, assistant manager of the Oregon state chamber of commerce and editor of the Oregon Business magazine, will speak on "The Success of Co-operative Organizations in the Pacific Northwest."

FALSE TEETH

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Geographic Question

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HORIZONTAL
35 Auto fuel.
36 Den.
In Italy.
37 To perch.
38 Seraglio.
39 Cat's foot.
40 To piece out.
41 United.
42 Music drama.
43 Fish.
44 Ozone.
45 Cavity.
46 Organ of secretion.
47 Custom.
48 Last word of a prayer.
49 To attempt.
50 British—? (Sing.)
51 Gull family.
52 Remedies.
53 To put on.
54 Club-foot.
55 Wishes.
56 Exclamation of sorrow.

VERTICAL
1 Prickly pear.
2 The brute soul to the devil.
3 To become exhausted.
4 Unit of work.
5 Mohammedan ruler.
6 Divers.
7 Ancient.
8 Goethe hero who sold his soul to the devil.
9 Passageway between seats.
10 Films.
11 Uncommon.
12 Insects nest.
13 Foot of verse.
14 Dower property.
15 Twice.
16 Arid spot.
17 Flower holder.
18 Similar.
19 Valued.
20 To challenge.
21 To elude.
22 Drain.
23 To yawn.
24 Warm.
25 To deface.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER
GARDEN BALSAM
ALIA AFA ILVA
PEG EMEND PET
SLENDER
ABATES SPIRES
CARON APORE
TRAVES URGENT
ELM TERMS HAG
LEE ILVA ANA
KANSAS NORRIS

Murder At Bridge

by ANNE AUSTIN, author of "THE BLACK PIGEON," "THE AVENGING PARROT," and "MURDER BACKSTAIRS"

CHAPTER XLVIII
"That would be impossible, Miles! Your wife is already dead!" Then, silencing the hoarse oaths of the men and the screams of the women, came slow, steady words: "Tracey Arthur Miles, I arrest you for the murder of your wife, known as Juanita Leigh Selim, and for the murder of Dexter Sprague. And it is my duty to warn you that anything you say may be used against you!"

Tracey Miles lifted his ashen face and stared at the detective blankly, as though he had gone deaf and blind. "All—over—last? May I—have—a drink?" He managed to articulate at last.

"Poor devil! He needs it," the too soft-hearted young detective told himself, as Tracey Miles poured a drink from the almost empty whiskey decanter and raised the little glass to his lips.

"I have—nothing—to say!" the murderer gasped thickly, then fell heavily to the floor.

It was three-quarters of an hour later. District Attorney Sanderson, Captain Strawn and Dundee were alone in the house where Nita "Selim" had been murdered, and where her husband had committed his crimes by committing suicide. The morgue ambulance had come and gone.

"I should have known," Dundee admitted ruefully, as the three men entered Nita's bedroom, "that so ingenious a criminal as Tracey Miles would not have failed to provide against the possibility of discovery. His must have snatched an opportunity to spill synapse of potassium into the decanter when my eyes were off him for a moment—and upon Lois Dunlap."

"I'm glad he did," Sanderson said curtly. "But it was ghastly that poor Lois had to know that it was she, in all innocence, who fired the gun."

"It was," Dundee sighed. "But I believed that the only way I could make Miles confess was to frighten him into thinking Flora would be killed."

"Captain Strawn and I are still in the dark as to exactly how Miles managed his wife's murder," Sanderson reminded him. "This morning you chose to tell us nothing more than that a Hamilton man had married Nita Leigh in New York in January, 1918, and that eight years ago, when he saw her picture in the Evening Sun, along with the story that 'Antia Lee' had committed suicide, he felt free to marry again. . . . You said then you knew who the man was, but you would not even tell us his name."

"Because I had very little actual proof then," Dundee answered. "As to who he was, the salient clue had been staring me in the face the whole time, but it was not until I was fooling with a set of diagrams last night, doing the thing called 'the names of the men who might have married her and then murdered her, that I saw it—'"

"Saw what?" Strawn demanded irritably. "The Selim is simply Miles spelled backward," Dundee explained. "Possibly because he considered it the sophisticated thing to do, Miles used an assumed name at the party at which he met Nita Leigh. Even the first name, 'Mata,' by which she knew him, was only his initials reversed."

"Simple—but clever," Sanderson commented. "Just as all of Miles' schemes were after Nita, based on Sprague, turned up in Hamilton to demand 'back alimony' as the price of her alliance. . . . But let me show you how he killed his wife."

He strode to the big bronze lamp. "It took me less than an hour today to reconstruct the first death machine so that it would be almost exactly as it was when Miles finished his work just before 2:30 last Saturday—and as it remained until he had an opportunity to come back here and dismantle it. Tracey Miles removed out that the guard was removed from the house Thursday!"

As he spoke, he was unscrewing the big, jewel-studded bowl of the bronze lamp. Wedged at a downward-slanting angle, inside the bowl, which was 12 inches in diameter, was Judge Marshall's snub-nosed automatic and silencer projecting slightly from a hole whose jewel was missing.

"There's a blank cartridge in the gun now, of course, but Miles, in his panic, took my words literally. . . . See the electric magnet strapped to the gun butt? He got it from the bell Sprague had installed from here to Lydia's bedroom. The magnet was connected with the electric wire in one of the two lamp sockets, as you see it now, and the long cord of the lamp was connected with the wire of the bell in the dining room—so connected that when anyone stepped on the two little metal plates under the dining room rug, the kitchen bell would ring and the gun would be fired automatically. But if you will examine the jewel hole," he suggested, as he removed the gun, "you will see that Miles had to enlarge it considerably, using a reamer, which I found in the tool chest in the basement, along with all the apparatus which Sprague had bought for installing Nita's alarm bell. I could see no reason for Sprague's having needed a reamer, however, and this morning was lucky enough to find a proof that Miles himself had purchased it at a hardware store on Tuesday."

"How did he connect the lamp cord with the dining room bell?" Strawn puzzled. "These modern houses don't have exposed wiring."

"You forgot Sprague's wiring for the alarm bell from here to Lydia's room!" He threw back the rug. Near Nita's bed there was a hole in the floor, and out of it came a short length of electric wire, ending in two small metal plates. But attached also to the wire was the cord from the bronze lamp.

"The plug of the lamp cord is

bridge game while he was dumpy, he would find the money in a drawer of the cabinet that stood in the trophy room between the two windows. . . . This drawer!"

"But—how—?" Sanderson frowned.

"Very simple! When Sprague pulled open this drawer, which was just at the height of his stomach, he received a bullet in his heart. . . . See these four little holes? A wire was screwed into the bottom of the drawer so that it gripped the gun with its allegor at an upward angle. A piece of string was tied to the trigger and fastened somehow to the underside of the drawer, so that when Sprague pulled the drawer open the string was drawn taut and the trigger pulled. Practically the same mechanism by which he tried to murder me. . . . The kick of the gun jerked the drawer shut. All Miles had to do when he was pretending to look for Sprague was to turn off the trophy room light, by a button in the hall."

"Then he had the rest of the night to remove the gun?"

"Yes. Sometime during the night, after Flora was asleep with a sedative, he removed the gun from the vice, but he could not remove it. His next concern was to make the murder jibe completely with Captain Strawn's theory of a gunman who had trailed his quarry to the Miles home and shot him through the window. The window was already open, but the screen must be raised, too, and Sprague's fingerprints had to be on the nickel catcher by which the curtain screen is raised or lowered. Of course Sprague had not touched the screen—"

"Do you mean to say he lugged the corpse to the window and lifted it up so that he could press the nickel catches?"

"No," Dundee answered. "That was not necessary. He simply removed the curtain screen and carried it to where Sprague's right and left palm upturned on the floor, and pressed the thumb and forefinger against the nickel catches. But the finger prints thus made were reversed—as I discovered when I examined the prints in Carraway's office today. Miles could not turn a stiff left hand over without bruising the dead flesh; consequently the print of the forefinger was on the catch where the thumb print normally would have been."

"Well"—Sanderson drew a deep breath. "He was a cleverer man than any of us suspected, and it is a pity Nita did not find him as he reared Sprague's vengeance when she made her will."

"Hello! What are you doing back here?" Dundee exclaimed in surprise when, upon returning to the living room, he found the three men found Penny Crain.

"Dad wants a private word with you," Penny explained, her brown eyes glowing with happiness. "He's on the front porch. . . . And you ought to see mother! She looks like a 20-year-old bride."

When Dundee joined him on the porch, Roger Crain's handsome face flushed painfully, but there was happiness in his brown eyes, too.

"Secret! Hart asked me to thank you for giving her Penny's message to pass on to me. I'm sure you've guessed a lot, but what you probably don't know is that Serena Hart used the securities I had sent to her for safe keeping, to buy the market with. She wouldn't let me touch a penny of the money until she had turned it into enough to clear up all my debts in Hamilton."

Then she sent me home SHIRDLIF. Then, and she sighed slightly. "She sent me home. . . . I'm sorry. I'm going to try to make Margaret and Penny happy."

"Through?" Penny called from the doorway, and her red lips were so adorably rounded over the word that Bonnie Dundee forgot Tracey Miles and his ingenious schemes. There was room for nothing in his mind but a plan to get her alone so that he could kiss that soft, provocative mouth. (THE END)

Fossils of sea-going whales have been found in two localities in Michigan, one in the northern part of the state and the other not far from Ann Arbor.

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