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IS CONSUMPTION CURABLE?

THE wires yesterday brought the glad news that a German physician had discovered an absolute, unfailing cure for all forms of tuberculosis. The newspaper man sent by the news agencies to confirm or deny the report, lends it his unqualified endorsement. He says it is true, and that in more than a thousand cases it has not failed. In closing his comment on it, he says that "it is the greatest Christmas gift ever given to humanity, save one—the first. If the serum will do what it is claimed for it, or even one-half so much, his statement is true.

Consumption has been named "that dread disease." While it is sometimes cured, the cures are due more to some of the hidden mysteries of nature, rather than to any efforts of man. Climatic conditions, change, outdoor living, all those things, are but simply giving Nature in her inscrutable way a chance to give relief. There have been cures of this kind, but so far as human skill is concerned, it has stood baffled, helpless, conquered before this pale messenger of Death, his first and chiefest. Year after year, in every country and in every clime, countless thousands have gone down into their graves, fading away day after day, once consumption had with contagious fingers touched their breasts.

Old age and infancy; strong manhood and blossoming maidenhood; strength and beauty; guilt and innocence; wealth and poverty, all sexes, classes and conditions of humanity have fallen before his dread enemy, helpless, powerless, hopeless.

Thousands of hearts today are wrung with despair, as daughter, wife, son or husband, tread with swift feet the path consumption has blazed out for them; the gentle down hill path, the short cut to the last resting spot whose roof is the green turf fashioned with a spade.

It does not seem possible that all this is to be changed; that sorrow is to give place to hope, and despair to joy.

If one-half claimed for this great discovery is true, it is indeed the greatest Christmas gift since Christ himself was given of God to man. The greatest and most beneficial discovery ever made. The greatest boon to humanity that any one thing could possibly be. It will be but a short time until it will be known definitely if this new serum will do all, or even part of what is claimed for it, and in the meanwhile most of us will feel more or less skeptical. Still Jenner robbed smallpox of its horrors, and its fangs, which, before his day, wrought destruction at its own sweet will; and this would only be along the same line, and, while we look upon it as impossible, yet it is no more so than that Jenner should have proved correct.

Anyway, hundreds of thousands will listen with impatient ears to hear the glad story confirmed, and millions will rejoice with the stricken that the fountain of youth has been tapped, and this truly dread disease banished, not only from them, but from humanity, forever.

OREGON'S GREATEST GIFT.

OREGON'S immense areas of magnificent timber are often pointed out as her greatest source of wealth. This, at first glance, would seem true, but it is far from it.

Pennsylvania's great deposits of coal have been her greatest source of wealth, and it has been great indeed, but sometime it will be exhausted. This will also happen to Oregon's

mighty forests, though they are different from coal wealth, in that they can be conserved, or reproduced by man, and they probably will be to a greater or less extent.

But Oregon has another vast and inexhaustible source of wealth, a veritable gold mine, unlimited in size, that can never be worked out, and that is her water power. A conservative estimate of the state's water power places it at about 3,500,000 horse power. This water power, once harnessed and put at work, would furnish power for all the factories and industries of the state. It would light our cities, and furnish heat for not only them, but for every farm house and dwelling in the state. It would plow the farmer's ground and harvest and thresh his crops, and carry them to market. Not only would it do this, just as the coal of Pennsylvania does like work for her people, and many others, but it would be at it and stay on its job forever. Coal fields must in time become exhausted, but so long as the sun shines, and rain falls, this great, powerful giant, now belonging to the people of Oregon will be their servant, doing their work uncomplainingly. And it will do this just as long as the sun shines and the rain falls and earth is habitable, and, after that, it does not matter, anyhow. Compared to Pennsylvania's coal wealth, it is comparing eternity to a minute.

Now, it is necessary to conserve this power, to keep it in the hands of the people, for it would be of little benefit to them, if some individuals or corporations owned it, and could sell it back to them. It is not meant by this that it should not be used, for this should be permitted, and on liberal, nay, easy terms, so that we of this generation, may get some of the benefits of it, but the title should be kept in the state, and the power to fix and regulate the charges for its use within certain bounds should also be kept by the state, when individuals or corporations are allowed to put it to use, and so, to speak, control it. We are told that it is safeguarded now. But is it?

Timber lands were safeguarded by the general government, but who owns and controls them now?

The vast coal fields of the country were once the property of the whole people. Who owns them now?

The vast iron deposits belonged to Uncle Sam once. Does he own them now?

The history of the handling of the nation's property is one that Americans will do well to keep closed, for they certainly will not point with pride at it, no matter what party they belong to.

Shall Oregon's water power, greater than all of them combined, travel the same old road?

THE DOGS CONTRIBUTE TO CITY'S FINANCES

A total of \$142.75 has been taken into the city treasury as revenue from dog licenses for the months of October and November, as shown in the report of Poundmaster E. Irwin, submitted to the city council last night. The report follows:

For October—Number of licenses collected, 22; amount of money collected in licenses, \$63; number of dogs killed, 1.

For November—Number of licenses collected, 27; amount collected in license fees, \$79.75; number of dogs killed, 1.

The Y. M. C. A. association has located a branch in Albany and the new order takes over the property of the Abo Club, which it absorbs.

Parcels Post

Law in Effect
New Year's Day

The parcels post law, which becomes effective January 1, 1913, provides:

"That hereafter fourth-class mail matter shall embrace all other matter, including farm and factory products, not now embraced by law in either the first, second or third class, not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined, nor in form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery."

For the purpose of carrying this law into effect the United States is divided into zones with different rates of postage applicable to each as follows:

The local rate, which is at your own postoffice, or on rural route, is one cent a pound. The rate up to 50 miles is 5 cents for first pound; three cents each additional pound.

From 50 to 100 miles six cents first pound; each additional pound, 4 cents.

From 100 to 200 miles, first pound, 7 cents; each additional pound, 5 cents.

From 200 to 300 miles, first pound 8 cents; each additional pound 6 cents.

From 300 to 400 miles, first pound 9 cents; each additional pound 7 cents.

From 400 to 500 miles first pound, 10 cents; each additional pound, 8 cts.

From 500 to 600 miles first pound, 11 cents; each additional pound 10 cts.

Above 600 miles, 12 cents a pound.

It will be observed that the rates of postage are largely reduced and that the limit of weight is increased from four to eleven pounds. Parcels will be delivered at all free-delivery offices and to patrons residing on rural and star routes; they may be registered and may be accorded special-delivery service on payment of the usual fees, and they may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to their actual value, but not to exceed \$25, upon payment of a fee of 5 cents. Distinctive stamps must be used on all parcels, but they may be mailed in quantities of not less than 2000 identical pieces without stamps affixed, the postage being paid in money.

THE OPEN FORUM

The Capital Journal invites public discussion in this department—Let both sides of all matters be fully brought out—It is not the purpose of this newspaper to do the thinking for its readers.

Objects to Sermons.

Sublimity, Ore., Nov. 25, 1912.

Ed. Journal: Having read the many comments on your paper, especially Pastor Russell's sermons, I would like to express my humble opinion in regard to the same. I admit I am in the same boat with Mr. Bartnik, and would gladly see them discontinued, but, of course, do not expect you to do so in order to please me. The main reason, I think, so many people like Pastor Russell's sermons is because he does away with hell, and has an altogether easy sort of religion. His belief is that when a man dies he is dead, body and soul. Every man, no matter how wicked, will arise in time and enjoy life eternal. The only so-called punishment a man will get is that he will be dead a longer or shorter period, according to his degree of depravity. Now, I fail to see what punishment this would be, for what does it matter to me if I am dead one year or a million years, as I would not be aware of it. I also wish to add that I do not think it proper for a non-religious paper to run sermons of any kind, as most people have, or should have, their own religious convictions. However, if we wish to read sermons we can subscribe for a religious paper. In all other respects am very well pleased with your paper and enjoy reading it very much. A READER.

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