

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS TO PREVENT DISASTERS

United States Government Planning Tests in Order to Safeguard the Public From Injury.

COLOBLINDNESS ONE OF GREAT CAUSES OF WRECKS.

Defective Hearing, Mental Disease and Organic Heart Trouble Also Responsible for Mishaps.

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Washington, Oct. 8.—Imagine yourself riding on a train. Then imagine a little more and ask if the engineer is of sound mind; affected with heart trouble; colorblindness; a subject of epilepsy, paresis or some other sinister malady that may cause him wrongly to read signals or drop from his seat at the throttle. He is responsible for your safety. Imagine some more and place yourself aboard an electric car, steamboat or in a cross country automobile. Transfer your imaginings to the motorman, pilot or chauffeur of whatever the man in charge of your safety may be. Is he mentally and physically sound?

This subject is now before the United States Public Health Service. Surgeon General Rupert Blue will soon ask Congress to frame a law placing the power to examine annually the custodians of public safety in interstate traffic in the hands of the Health Service. The danger of wrecks on railroads, steamships and electric cars and of automobiles is expected to be materially minimized if the plan is carried out.

A rigid annual examination would be required. It would include tests for defective eyesight, defective hearing, mental diseases and organic heart trouble. The holding of yearly physical tests of every man who runs a train or steamship or electric car and who is responsible for the lives of hundreds of persons each day will, it is believed tend to eliminate one of the principal causes of wrecks. Officers of the Public Health Service are of the conviction that physical unfitness is responsible for more wrecks than most people realize, particularly in the disasters caused by engineers running heedlessly past signals.

Colorblindness Bad. Colorblindness is responsible for more wrecks than have ever been attributed to this defect, the surgeons believe. People suffer from this ailment and little suspect it. Reds, greens and browns look almost alike to people who are colorblind.

Tests for hearing is also important. Detection of unusual sounds, the peculiar thump of a broken flang or other dangerous conditions of rapidly revolving machinery has often prevented wrecks. The test for organic heart trouble would prevent many disasters, Public Health surgeons declare. Cases are on record where engineers have died suddenly at the throttle while the train went crashing on with its load of human freight. Mental troubles are also held responsible for many wrecks. The effect of "past alcoholism" is often the cause of mental disorders. Paresis—the slow loss of mental faculties—bringing with it epilepsy, the sudden fainting fit or other disorders that might cause the engineer, pilot or motorman to send his human cargo to death and injury despite signals.

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applies to modern steel equipment for railroads, efficient and safe signal systems and proper time schedules, but to the man at the throttle, the wheel, or the controller, Public Health Surgeons assert.

Byrnes is Glad. Every time the House Banking and Currency committee holds a meeting, Representative Byrnes, of S. C., a Democrat, pats himself on the back and congratulates himself that he is no longer a member of that particular committee. For several years Byrnes was a Banking committee member, ranking well up toward the top of the list and in line prospectively for the chairmanship. Because of the Democratic bickering and internal dissension on the committee, Byrnes now says he is glad he retired last March.

Why Byrnes gave up a senior position on the Banking committee, which has charge of currency legislation, is an open secret. The Banking committee is one of the most important in the House, at that Byrnes was interested in the work and served prominently as a member of the Pujo money trust investigation committee. But he is a lawyer, a young one, ambitious and prominent in his state. He successfully defended "Beauty" Beach, charged with assaulting Mrs. Beach who was formerly Mrs. Havemeyer, with a penknife.

Figuring that he might help his personal fortunes by remaining on the Banking committee during the publicity given the currency legislation, Byrnes believes the banking committee will be a "dead one" almost a political morgue, after the currency bill is passed in the House. So he resigned from the committee in the hope of being of more service in other committee work.

Cullop is Oil Magnate.

Representative Cullop is a budding "oil magnate." He and friends "at home" are owners of an oil well in Ohio which Cullop thinks is going to make all hands rich, maybe. During the hottest time in Cullop's fight for publicity of endorsements of federal bench appointees, Cullop received a telegram that his oil well was spouting like a house afire—a gusher, it was reported. Cullop made a flying trip to Ohio, a week-end journey. He threw a few shirts and socks into a suit case and "beat it" for the first train to Ohio. Now Cullop is confiding to a few intimate friends that the gushing reports were somewhat exaggerated.

APPLE TREE ANTHRACNOSE SHOULD BE TREATED NOW.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 8.—Apple growers should spray their trees with the 6-6-50 Bordeaux mixture as soon as possible after the fruit is picked if they are to get the best protection from apple tree anthracnose, according to the recommendations of Professor H. S. Jackson, of the department of plant pathology, Oregon Agricultural college.

"Growers should begin to make preparation for the annual fall sprayings for apple tree anthracnose," continued Professor Jackson. "Last season was an ideal one for the development of this disease, and in many orchards it seems to have increased, especially in orchards which were not sprayed last fall. It is important that the spray be applied as early as possible. If young orchards, not in bearing, are to be protected the spraying should not be delayed, but should be put on at once."

"Where the disease is very abundant and causing a great deal of damage, two sprayings should be put on, about three weeks apart. Where the disease is especially serious it is advisable to

The Markets

Orders from London yesterday sent hops up half a cent and gave indications of the demand there. It also indicated that the attempt to hold prices down has begun to weaken, and that they will soon go to a price here that will more nearly correspond with the prices abroad and in New York. Albert Hanister, of London, in his annual review of the hop situation, advises brewers to "lay in their supplies at once, as prices are sure to advance and the crop is not large enough to supply the demand." This is also a notice to growers to hold on and stand for better prices. They cannot go lower and growers take no chances in holding, for reports from all points show a big shortage and "not enough hops to meet the demand."

Wheat is sluggish, and the produce and poultry markets unchanged, eggs alone showing an advance.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. Wheat—Track prices: New Club, 78c; new Bluestem, 88c; new Fortyfold, 79c; new Red Russian, 77c; Fifo, 79c; Valley, 79c.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$31. Flour—Patents, \$4.70 per barrel; straights, \$4.10; exports, \$3.55@4.65; valley, \$4.70; graham, \$4.60; whole wheat, \$4.50.

Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 per ton. Hay—Fancy Idaho timothy, \$17@18; fancy eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@16; timothy and clover, \$14@15; timothy and alfalfa, \$13@15; clover, \$8.50@10; oats and vetch, \$10@11; chest, 10@11; valley grain hay, \$10@11.

Oats—No. 1, white, \$25@25.50 per ton. Barley—Feed, \$25.50 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$27@28.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc. Dried Fruits—Apples, 10c per lb.; currants, 10c; apricots, 12@14c; peaches, 8@11c; prunes, Italian, 8@10c; silver, 18c; figs, white and black, 6 1/2@7 1/2c; raisins, loose Muscatel, 6 1/4@7 1/2c; bleached Thompson, 11 1/2c; unbleached Sultanina, 8 1/2c; seeded, 7 1/2@8 1/2c.

Coffee—Roasted in drums, 18@32c per lb. Nuts—Walnuts, 17 1/2@18c per lb.; Brazil nuts, 12 1/2c; filberts, 15c; almonds, 16@18c; pecans, 17c; coconuts, 90c@1.00 per dozen.

Salt—Granulated, \$14 per ton; half-ground, 100c, \$10 per ton; 50s, \$10.75 per ton.

Beans—Small white, \$6.50; large, white, \$5.50; Lima, \$6.50; pink, \$4.15; red Mexicanas, 5c; bayon, \$4.15.

Rice—No. 1 Japan, 5@5 1/2c; cheaper grades, 4 1/2c; southern head, 5 1/2@6c.

Honey—Choice, \$3.25@3.75 per case. Sugar—Dry granulated, \$5.35; fruit and berry, \$5.35; beet, \$5.15; Extra C, \$4.85; powdered, barrels, \$5.60; cubes, barrels, \$5.75.

Fruits and Vegetables. Apples—New, 60c@82.50 per box; apricots, 75c@1.25 per box; cantaloupes, \$1.25@1.50 per crate; peaches, 40@60c per box; watermelons, \$1.25 per cwt.; plums, 30@50c per box; pears, 75c@1.50 per box; grapes, 50c@1.15 per crate; casabas, \$1.75 per dozen.

Tropical Fruits—Oranges, Valencia, \$4; navel, \$4.50@5.50; Florida grape-

spray before the fruit is picked, making application before the fall rains if possible.

"While it is advisable to prune out the more seriously infected branches before spraying, the spraying is the more important and should be given the preference. The pruning may be done as soon as possible after the spraying. All affected branches should be removed from the orchard and burned as soon as cut off, since they would be a source of infection if allowed to remain on the ground.

"So far as practical it is advisable to clean out the dead bark wherever cankers are formed, and if wounds are large to protect them with grafting wax or paint. It has been shown that bark in cankers may be a source of infection for three years. Its removal is further advisable as it offers protection to various insects, especially

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DRAMATIC NEWS

FRANCES ALDA IS SUPERB AS MIMI

It was not until last season, that Frances Alda had her chance to sing the role of Mimi at the Metropolitan opera house, in New York, a theater where older favorites had won their successes as Puccini's fascinating, but frail heroine. Advance notices disclosed nothing of what Madame Alda would do in the new role, now for her—but the public which had so greatly admired her Desdemona, was prepared to enjoy Alda's Mimi quite as keenly. The consensus of opinions the day after the performance resulted as Alda's public predicted—it was an overwhelming triumph for the Australian soprano.

William J. Henderson, the New York Sun critic, one who most singers fear, stated in his review:

"Madame Alda's singing of the music of Mimi, had the charms of natural beauty of voice and simplicity of style."

Mr. Krebbiel, of the Tribune, declared in his report:

"But no apology was needed for Madame Alda last night. Her voice has the fresh youthful quality, which lovers of the play like to associate with the fragile heroine, and the music is easily within its technical demand, and her skill as an actress compasses all its histrionic needs."

The Morning Telegraph waxed eloquent in its essay:

"Alda's throat, like an abundant fountain, poured forth floods of crystalline song. Her tones were full and free and true. They reflected her emotion as dewdrop reflect the morning sunlight. Her Mimi was a winsome and flowerlike woman, awayed like a flower in the wind, by the desire of the moment and like the flower quickly fading into death."

The press closed its comments on Alda's impersonation with these strong words:

"Connoisseurs have always recognized the natural beauty of Madame Alda's voice." In the third act, the soprano obtained admirable results vocally and histrionically, winning many certain calls and flowers."

EMPLOYEE KILLED BY AN S. P. WORK TRAIN

Olaf Olson, a native of Sweden, met death yesterday by being hit by a special S. P. work train, near Turner. The theory of suicide was popular for a

time, but, upon investigation by Coroner Clough, it was found that Olson failed to hear the approaching train, and was struck by accident. According to the information received by the coroner, Olson had just come to work on the section gang, and, after depositing his lunch in a building nearby, started to walk up the track. The train approached him from behind, and the engineer gave several warning whistles, but the man did not look around. The pilot of the engine hit Olson and threw him to the side of the track. His head came in contact with a tie, and death resulted instantly. The dead man has a wife and son here, and has been in the country but a short time.

FACT.

Local Evidence. Evidence that can be verified. Fact is what we want. Opinion is not enough. Opinions differ. Here's a Salem fact. You can test it.

P. A. Sutton, tent and awning dealer, Salem, Oregon, says: "I had kidney trouble and rheumatism for ten years and sometimes I was laid up. Doctors did not help me. Sharp pains extended through my back and were most severe in my kidneys and loins. Often when

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