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HEALTH TEST ON BIRTHDAY

WE are asked by the National Health Council to remind folks of their birthdays. When a man reaches his anniversary day it is a good time to ask himself: "How much longer am I going to live?"

The health council says the answer depends upon the man. He may have a disease he doesn't even dream about and which he could stop if he knew about it. The sensible thing for him to do is to find out if there is anything wrong with him.

Therefore, the health council has started a health examination campaign, the slogan being: "Have a Health Examination on Your Birthday." However, no one should wait for his birthday to have it done. Do it now. It may be too late on your next birthday.

THE MATTER WITH MEN

THE modern young man has lots of faults, but the worst of these is—conceit. This is the verdict of ninety-one out of two hundred girls recently questioned on this score. There were only four who would not find fault with him at all.

Selfishness, fondness for liquor, and a liking for money rather than culture were "copiously mentioned."

Said one young woman, "He's too anxious to get—too loath to give. Expects to be entertained. Thinks only of a good time."

From another, "Hard to talk to. He has nothing to say to a girl of intelligence."

And still a third, "Too immoral, too superficial, too egotistic."

Aside from all these things, they don't think men of today "are so bad."

NATIVE SONS AND SUNSETS

ONE queer thing right after another seems to be happening in this Ford boom, which is rattling right along apparently without anybody at the steering wheel. Close study of the figures in the national poll now being conducted by Collier's Weekly shows that—with only one exception—he is putting all the "native sons" in the shade in their home States.

In Alabama, Ford is leading Underwood, 1,189 to 899.

In Ohio, Ford is running ahead of both Harding and Cox with 6,096 votes to their 4,108 and 2,156, respectively.

In Idaho, Ford is licking Bill Borah, 67 to 34.

In Wisconsin, Ford has 1,593 votes to 1,460 for LaFollette.

In California, faced by a three-cornered opposition, Ford has 4,710 votes to 3,278 for Johnson, 813 for McAdoo and 715 for Hoover.

In New York, Ford has lost his only State so far. With 3,903 votes, he is running behind Harding, an Ohioan, who has 5,898, and Governor Al Smith, 5,416. McAdoo, who used to live in New York before he went to California, polls only 879.

Governor Smith is the only prospective candidate that Ford so far has failed to beat in the former's home State.

Looks like some of the "native sons" are suffering a bad eclipse.

MISS QUINCE, THE KAISER AND YOU

THE President's voyage brings a revelation. Not so very long ago, editors had a saying that a dog fight in the home town was more interesting to the American public than an earthquake killing 10,000 people in China.

And they were right, too. We did not care much for foreign news.

The election of a town marshal, or a new bridge over Goose Creek was infinitely more important as a piece of news than the doubling of the British Navy. And the arrival of the out-of-town girl, Miss Prunella Quince, daughter of the well-known Mr. and Mrs. Quince, completely laid in the shade an item about a mere Kaiser galivanting down to Palestine.

Now it's different. The President's voyage shows it. Wherever he spoke—in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Montana or on the Pacific coast—he found one topic was always a sure-fire hit—our joining the world court; our doing our bit to help repair the damage done to the world by the war.

Even isolationist newspapers had to admit it. The President ran the gamut, too, talking on farming, on prosperity, on capital and labor, on the railroads, on economy and on taxes, that nearest and dearest of all subjects to the pre-war voter's pocket, therefore to his heart. Yet none of these got the hand that not being a slacker in helping restore the world to normal get.

Why this sudden change? Simply this: The last few years have taught us that the earth with its peoples is one small community, like an apple crowded with mites. One sore spot on it anywhere endangers the whole thing.

We have learned that while the Goose Creek bridge is important, because our crops are hauled to market over it, we may not have any market to haul our crops to if the outside world is in turmoil and cannot buy.

We know now that everything that goes on anywhere in the world is "local" news to us because it affects us locally and individually.

Miss Quince's visit still interests us, of course, but it probably never has upset our appetite for a single meal. But the Kaiser's trip in search of "a place in the sun," hit each and every one of us a wallop which has changed the whole course of our lives forever and for aye.

The bard was right. The world's a stage. We are all on it and "Death" is our only cue to get off.

Monte Cristo thought he owned the earth. He has many descendants.

Greatest optimist on this earth is the man who buys his next winter's coal in this weather.

Ninety per cent of the Vassar girls vote they want to wed, showing Vassar girls 90 per cent truthful.

Professor Dewey of Columbia wants to make war an international crime. We want to say to make war is an international crime.

Just about every fly we know needs swatting. You can't be in two places at once, but if some people could, both places would be sitting down.

SUCKERS BLED BY OIL FAKE

Promoters Clean Up \$70,000,000 Through Mail Order Frauds.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—With oceans of ink and acres of paper with which they choke the United States mails and send their tons of letters and circulars promising golden wealth to a half-million "suckers" from Maine to California, oil promoters now being tried at Ft. Worth, Texas, cleaned up no less than \$70,000,000.

One cannot realize the enormity of the fraud until he talks with Chief Inspector Rush D. Simmons, head of the Postoffice Department Investigating service, whose men worked up the evidence.

Estimate Is \$100,000,000

"That represents only the amount of the money obtained by the first ninety-two men indicted," Chief Simmons said. "Our estimate of the total amount obtained by Texas fraud artists was originally \$100,000,000, but further investigations indicate the figure may be closer to \$150,000,000."

The stock promoters began work several years ago, according to Simmons.

"There was enough genuine oil production in Texas to give color of legitimacy to their fraudulent enterprises," he continued; "and crooked promoters flocked there. They often tied up with some local man."

With perhaps less capital than would be necessary to start a first class peanut stand, "million-dollar" oil companies sprang into being.

"Dividends" Laid Out

So-called "dividends" which the stockholders though were coming from profits were almost invariably paid out of new stock sales. Frequently the wise oil promoter sent out fat "dividend" checks as mere bait, urging the sucker to return this, plus more money, and get more stock. More than often the game worked and the promoter got his "dividend" back and some more money as well.

Eventually, the hollow shell of fraud and pretense began to collapse by its own weight. Such pretenses could not be carried on forever. Then, into the breach of suckerdom, strode the "merger" scheme to bleed the stockholders some more.

What Editors Are Saying

Deliberate

(Daily Clintonian, Clinton.)
A city or community cannot mistreat individuals or other communities, deliberately, and not suffer for it.

Golf

(Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel)
What has become of the movement for a municipal golf course? Some months ago the matter received very favorable consideration and apparently much interest was aroused. But somehow the thing has been dropped almost completely. In this respect Ft. Wayne is very much behind her sister cities of equal size and many cities much smaller. Golf is not a rich man's game any more than a poor man's game. It is a game that everybody can play and enjoy.

G. O. P.

(Lafayette Journal-Courier)
Miss Dorothy Cunningham of Martinsville, Second district, has been named as Indiana's woman member of the Republican national committee. This is in line with the Republican policy of calling upon women members of the party to take part in party management. The appointment for Indiana is an excellent one. Miss Cunningham for several years has been active and effective as a leader and as a worker.

Laughs

Easy, When Pa Wins

"Do you give your wife part of the money you win at poker?"
"Yes, excepting when she's very angry at my being out so late. Then I give her all of it." —Judge.

Big Brother's Chum

What's the matter, Bill?
I'm feeling rotten. I think I've got the flu.
That's an awful thing to have. Sometimes it leaves people imbeciles.
How do you know?
I've had it. —Brown Jug

When Little Willie Is Full

Lady (at school treat, to Willie, who is looking unhappy):
"Why, Willie, haven't you had enough to eat?"
"Oh, yes, Ma'am. I've had enough. I feel as though I don't want all I've got!"

When Mother Is Mayor

"You have a woman mayor here?"
"Yes. She's just been elected and her husband is about the unhealthiest man in town."
"Why so?"
"He's told several of his friends confidentially that if his wife has the same opinion of him she had before the election he's slated for the job of dog catcher." —Birmingham Age-Herald

Heard in Smoking Room

(By an Indian)

THERE had been some sort of a newspaper convention on, somewhere, and the Pullman smoker was full of editors and such. The talk got upon poetry and Indiana authors, and one of the smokers announced that one Jap Jones (now Representative of Martinsville, was

TOM SIMS SAYS:

It never rains but it's a picnic somewhere.

Wishing you were an iceberg is a nice summer indoor sport.

Latest style is many little bows. They catch many big beaux.

Nice thing about hot weather is a man can't blame it on his wife.

No matter what happens at a prize fight somebody knew it would.

Many June husbands are forgetting how to drive with one hand.

Atlanta (Ga.) picnicers who didn't know cows ate food went back home for lunch.

People going on vacations to forget things shouldn't forget how poison ivy looks.

Another flivver airplane is invented. Almost as safe as kicking a box of dynamite.

As a light summer pastime we suggest lying on the floor counting holes in lace curtains.

Many are taking advantage of the warm spell to watch those who leave their shades up.

These are the days distracted women remember at the station the tickets are in the trunk.

Questions Ask The Times Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 N. V. Avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal and some marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies.—Editor.

What is the nearest Mars ever comes to the earth?
34,000,000 miles.

How can I remove whitewash from concrete?
Scrub with a wire brush.

When is the best time to cut black locust trees for fence posts so that they will not sprout.
The summer.

If you walked north, and kept on walking after having reached the North Pole, in which direction would you be going?
South.

Who were the original Siamese Twins? What became of them?
Chang and Eng, made famous by Barnum. They died in 1874, aged 63, at their home near Salisbury, N. C., within a few hours of each other.

Are drivers of United States mail vehicles exempt from observing traffic regulations?
No. However, some cities have voluntarily made ordinances giving mail vehicles the same right of way as police patrols and ambulances.

When a death, illness or other accident postpones a wedding, how should the guests be notified?
The parents of the bride issues cards using a form worded in the following manner: "Mr. and Mrs. James Smith beg to recall the invitations issued for the marriage of their daughter Martha and Mr. Donald Clark on Thursday, July 16."

How much coal can a miner get out in a day? How much does he earn, and how many days a year does he work on the average?
Daily output varies from five to ten tons. As much as fifteen tons has been gotten out in a day. The miner is not paid by the day, but by the ton. The average wage is \$1.25 per ton. The average working year is 200 days. A miner does not necessarily work all of this time. Most miners average two-thirds of the 200 days. Eight hours is a working day.

Who was Hoyle, of "according to Hoyle" fame?
Edmund Hoyle, born 1872, died 1769, was an English writer on games. Of his early life nothing is definitely known, although it is asserted that he was educated for the law. For many years he lived in London, writing games and giving instruction in games, and in 1742 he published a "Short Treatise on the Game of Whist," which went through many editions and became the world's authority. He also published works on backgammon, piquet, quadrille, bridge and chess.

When does a royal house begin and when does it end?
It begins with the accession of a person of that house, and ends when his successors cease for any reason to be of that family. For example, the house of Tudor came in when Henry Tudor defeated Richard III, and usurped the throne as Henry VII. The house of Tudor ended with Queen Elizabeth, and the house of Stuart came in when James Stuart of Scotland succeeded her; this house ended when James II was deposed. The house of Hanover came in with George I. George V is of the house of Saxo-Coburg, but during the war he changed the name of the royal house to the house of Windsor.

POLITICAL MACHINES OILING UP

Democrat and Republican Chairmen Active in Pre-Campaign Work.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—With presidential nominating conventions but a year off, chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees now are actively at work for the next campaign.

John T. Adams of Iowa, chairman of the Republican committee, and Cordell Hull of Tennessee, chairman of the Democratic committee, each are following the example of former G. O. P. chairman Will H. Hays, now one of the "master minds" of the movies. Adams believed in an early start. Adams and Hull are following his example.

Regional Conference

Adams is staging a series of regional conferences throughout the country, meeting important officials of the various State organizations and developing plans for closer cooperation between the national and State committees.

Democrats on the other hand, fired with enthusiasm as a result of sectional Democratic victories throughout the country, are just as active. Hull is conferring with important Democratic leaders from various localities and what is more important, he is trying to replenish the usually depleted Democratic campaign treasury.

Hull is superintending organization of Democratic Victory Clubs everywhere. To be a victory club member you pay \$5 this year and \$5 additional next year. These clubs, he hopes, will be organized in every ward in the large cities and several in each county in the rural districts. The funds will be used for financing the campaign next year.

President Harding's trip to Alaska is but a part of the Republican program of stirring enthusiasm.

Indiana Sunshine

Buster, a dog which claims to be on the regular staff of the Greensburg fire department has a reputation of being a regular rat killer. Each morning merchants who have captured rodents take them to the engine house and turn them loose. The high mark for Buster one morning was seventeen.

Evansville Scouts instructed pedestrians in the art of safely crossing streets. Their instructions were a part of the Safety Week campaign.

Nights of yore when the Wabash town marshal leaped back in his chair, after lighting his lantern, and prepared for a good snooze, were recalled when lights refused to work. A trusty lantern was borrowed from the fire department for the night man.

County commissioners took lunch in the Bluffton jail. They were guests of Sheriff Noah Frauligher.

Dr. G. J. Behrens, Evansville veterinarian, tells how dogs talk with their tails. Tail wagging indicates joy at seeing the master or some friend, he said. When he tucks his tail between his legs, it is a pretty good sign he has a grounch on.

Located

By BERTON BRALEY

Long, long I sought for Arcady. That realm of happy necromancy. Where hearts are gay, and minds are free
Of everything but joyous fancy; All up and down the world I traileed. Out to the sky-line—and behind it, Pursuing Arcady, but failed To find it.

I asked the way of sages wise, With cynic scorn their features twisted, They could not tell me where it lies, They doubted if the place existed; Yet somehow I could not forget My hopes about that land elysian, Though Arcady had never met My vision.

Then—all at once the skies grew fair, Within my veins new warmth was glowing.

I found a fragrance on the air And felt Arcadian breezes blowing; No longer do I need to trace The land where milk and honey-dew are.

My Arcady is any place That YOU are!

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Muscle Shoals

By NEA Service
NEW YORK, July 5.—"Come in folks, come in! Let us tell you all about Muscle Shoals! Now is the time to buy lots near the big nitrate plants. Henry Ford has said that if he is given the right to operate here, he will build a city seven-and-a-half miles long and will employ a million workers!"

It is a land office on Broadway. This company has bought a section of land in the Muscle Shoals neighborhood and is doing a rushing business selling it in small portions.

The layout of the city is shown by a relief map and a miniature clay model, showing the Wilson Dam and the plants.

Faster Mail

By NEA Service
AKRON, Ohio, July 5.—A decade's labor finally has crystallized itself into a machine that promises to revolutionize mail sorting in postoffices throughout the world.

Casimir Gehring, former employee of the B. F. Goodrich Company, conceived the idea in 1913. John Ganrich, now vice president of the Goodrich company, to whom he confided his secret, offered to help him.

Some Alaskan Pictures You May Expect to See Soon



Proponents of National Anti-Lynching Law Rally

Mob Killings Still Prevail in Various States of Nation.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Proponents of the much-filibustered Dyer anti-lynching bill are renewing their efforts to inscribe it on the Federal statute books, as reports of mob killings trickle in from all over the country.

Failure of Congress to enact the measure at the last session is regarded by supporters of the Dyer proposal as a partial condemnation of mob rule.

During the first three months of this year, four men were lynched by unidentified mobs, official statistics reveal. Three were negroes. One was white.

Thirteen persons—six whites and seven negroes—were killed in riots. Nineteen, including two white women, were flogged publicly. Four were victims of masked mobs.

In 1922 fifty-seven persons were stolen out of their jail cells and summarily executed by gangs of infuriated citizens who took the law into their hands.

South Shakes Off Yoke
Judge Lynch, cold, unreasoning advocate of old Virginia, had come back to the bench.

But observers believe mob violence is on the wane in the South. The number of lynchings in Dixie-land have decreased somewhat in recent years.

Women in Louisiana have banded together to blot out lynchings. They've organized the Louisiana race relations committee. Similar steps are being taken by their sisters in other Southern States.

Reports of the Civil Liberties Union list these lynchings for 1923:

LOUISIANA: Leslie Leggett, a negro accused of associating with

white women, was kidnapped and lynched at Shreveport on Jan. 4. ARKANSAS: E. C. Gregor, a railroad striker, was lynched on Jan. 13 by a mob of farmers at Harrison. TEXAS: Dr. John Smith, negro physician, was burned to death at Bishop after his hands and feet had been cut off by unknown persons.

Appeal to Religion

GEORGIA: An unidentified negro was lynched in a swamp near Devreux on Feb. 3 by a posse which accused him with robbing stores and killing William Renfro, county constable.

Meanwhile clergymen and social workers are appealing to religious instincts to stop these wholesale murders.

"Judge Lynch is no longer the prototype of Twentieth Century justice."

A Thought

A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.—Isa. 32:2.

It is not enough to help the feeble up.
But to support him after.—Shakespeare.

Precedent, Anyhow

In the Upton Sinclair instance, Los Angeles authorities and the M. & M. labor-crushers evidently bit off more than they could chew, to put it in raw English.

Changing the accusation to vagrancy and conspiracy to buck the peace was ridiculous on its face and the final result is the case is thrown out of court by a police judge who, very properly, decides he hasn't jurisdiction.

BRITISH SAY U. S. LABOR FAR BEHIND

By MILTON BRONNER

NEA Service Writer

LONDON, July 5.—Many times in the last 100 years Tom Hodge, British workman, has elected fellow workmen to Parliament.

However, it was not until 1889 that a real Labor party, appealing to all British workmen, was inaugurated. This was done through the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union Congress, which decided labor's only means of being effectively heard was to create its own party to voice its own policies in Commons.

Its rise has been so rapid, its achievements so many that British Tom Hodge can't understand why American John Smith still sticks to the old American political parties.

The British worker is amused by Samuel Gompers, whom he considers 100 years behind the times.

American John Smith would probably be dazed by the British Labor party's makeup, aims and platform. It is a trades union party, reflecting workers' ideals, and also a Socialist party, including many "white collar" folks among its leaders.

Fusion of the Independent Labor party brought the Socialist element. This gave Labor men like Ramsay MacDonald, brilliant Scotsman, now Labor's leader in Parliament; Philip Snowden, student and thinker; Arthur Ponsonby, aristocrat, philosophically convinced supporter of Labor; C. P. Trevelyan, writer and once member of the Liberal ministry; Sidney Webb, statistician and greatest British historian of trade union movements.

Representatives of the old trades union element include: J. R. Clynes, minister of food in the war-time coalition cabinet; Arthur Henderson, member of the inner war council of the coalition cabinet, and J. H. Thomas, railway worker, who is a member of the king's privy council.

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