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EXAMINING SERVANTS FOR DISEASES

The Sanatorium Sun
 The Republic of Nicaragua seems to have stolen a march on many states of the more advanced United States, including North Carolina, by requiring that all servants must be examined by public health officials before they can obtain employment.

A law to that effect was passed a few years ago in New Jersey. Shortly afterward an arrest was made under it, the defendant, sentenced, and an appeal was taken to higher courts. There, if memory serves, the matter remains, becalmed in the foggy stillness of constitutional law.

Nicaragua's forward step in the direction of better health conditions was announced a few weeks ago by Dr. Roberto Gonzales, minister of public health, who added that free treatment for the cure of certain diseases would be provided for those requiring it.

This action, Dr. Gonzales explained, was aimed at typhoid, dysentery and social diseases, but no doubt it will prove beneficial in improving the tuberculosis situation in that country and will likewise aid in general health improvement.

Dr. McCain touched upon a phase of the servant problem in North Carolina, and the problem in this state, of course, is not unlike that in other states—in his most recent biennial report. Discussing the prevalence of tuberculosis in Negroes and the peril involved for the white population, he wrote:

"Tuberculosis among Negroes is the most serious problem with which we have to deal. The death rate among Negroes is 3.2 times that of the whites. Although Negroes comprise only 28 per cent of the population of North Carolina, 53.7 per cent of the tuberculosis deaths occur among Negroes.

"Since Negroes are nursemaids, cooks, food handlers and personal servants in other capacities in the homes of the white population, their tuberculosis problem also vitally concerns the white population of our State not only in a humanitarian sense, but also for their own safety. One of the greatest sources of infection among the white population is the Negro servant."

The work of curing tuberculosis and other diseases is showing results that are extremely gratifying to those whose lives are devoted to health building. The disease-prevention campaigns are also playing their part in reducing mortality and increasing human happiness. Food handlers in public restaurants and certain other groups serving the general public must convince the proper authorities that they are free of contagious diseases. It would seem a wise move to provide this measure of safety and protection to every child and adult who is served by a domestic servant.

COURT NOT IMMUNE TO CHANGE

Oxford Ledger
 History records many changes in the size of the Supreme Court of the United States.

These changes were made, of course, for political expediency on the part of the administration.

Even though his proposals for judicial reform are more brazen than some of his predecessors in office, the following recapitulation of changes, as printed by the Morganton News-Herald, will shed light on an issue that is often discussed recently:

The Supreme Court of the United States was established in 1789 with six members.

In 1801, twelve years later, the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States was reduced to five (5).

In 1807, five years later, the membership of the Supreme court of the United States was increased to seven (7).

In 1837, thirty years later, the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States was increased to nine (9).

In 1863, during the War Between the States, the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States was increased to ten (10).

In 1866, just three years later, the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States was reduced to seven (7).

In 1869, also a three-year interval, the membership of the Supreme Court of the United States was increased to nine (9) and has been at that figure ever since.

FAIR AND PROPER

The News and Observer

There is no reason in the world why the telephone system should pay Asheville and Hickory a franchise tax and not pay such a tax to other cities in North Carolina. And if the telephone system can pay it in these towns, it can afford to pay it in the other cities and towns in the State.

Smoothest working, so far as rates and taxes are concerned, of all utilities in America, the big telephone monopoly has in most cases escaped any municipal franchise taxes for years, although other utilities have been paying such taxes to cities and towns. This Legislature should end the condition under which the telephone system has paid a franchise tax to towns where it had to and paid none in towns where it could escape paying.

This morning the Senate Utilities Committee should give a favorable report to the bill permitting towns and cities in the State to tax exchanges at the rate of one per cent of their gross receipts and speed the bill on its way to passage. The measure would only give to all cities what the system has agreed to pay to some cities. Such a fair and proper bill should be promptly passed.

Lespedeza seed are scarce and high. Better buy what you need now.

Influenza is becoming prevalent here. Doctors say avoid getting wet, and having wet feet and to keep the body in the best physical condition.

Valentine Warns Of War Menaces

United States Is In More Danger Of War Than In 1918, He Tells Club

There is really more danger of the United States' being entangled in a European war today than there was at this time of the year nineteen years ago, Timonius T. Valentine of Nashville, attorney and political figure of state prominence, told the Current Topics Club.

At this time of the year in 1918, shortly before American entered the World War, there was little belief among American citizens that their country would be involved, he declared. The same sense of security, Mr. Valentine pointed out, is prevalent today in the United States and it is as false now as then.

Many more factors and international complications exist now to engage the United States in a European war, he stated, than existed then.

True democracy is a preventative of war, Mr. Valentine said. He expressed his belief that where the people of a nation have a government that is entirely responsive to their wish, as a thorough democracy should be, the people will never voluntarily decide to enter a war.

It is only when the government falls into the control of one person, or one small faction, that the powerful propaganda machinery and the coercive measures can be set up by which a nation of people is half lead and half dragged into war, Mr. Valentine declared.

As long as small dominating groups are able to control the governments of some countries and to sway those countries to their selfish interests, he prophesied, there will continue to be wars.

At the close of the World War, Mr. Valentine recalled, the German people ridded themselves of their Kaiser, set up what they considered

a democratic government and believed they were free of domination. Internal complications later so confused the German people, he said that they surrendered control of their government to one dictator and Germany has slipped into a condition as bad as before the war.

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