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Tuberculosis Not Sufficiently Taught in the Schools.

Definite instruction concerning the nature and methods of prevention of tuberculosis is being given to less than 6 per cent of the public school children of the United States according to a bulletin just issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Recent investigation has shown that in only nine cities, Washington, D. C., Dallas, Tex., Richmond, Va., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Detroit, Mich., Malden, Mass., Salem, Mass., Saginaw, Mich., and Knoxville, Tenn., are special text-books being used or lectures being given about tuberculosis. In three states and one territory, Michigan, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Porto Rico, laws have been passed requiring that instruction about the nature and methods of prevention of tuberculosis be given in all public schools. In Tennessee, the State Department of Education has requested that such instruction be given, and has issued circulars for this purpose. In New Jersey and West Virginia wall cards giving instruction are hung in every school-room and the attention of all children is called to them. The actual number of children, however, who will this year be taught by their teachers that tuberculosis is a communicable, infectious disease, and that it can be prevented, will not exceed one million. If the state laws requiring such instruction were strictly enforced, at least

2,000,000 children would be reached.

While tuberculosis does not cause as many deaths among school children as it does among workmen or among infants under five years of age, the National Association gives some figures to show how serious the disease is among this class. Based on the census of 1900, it is estimated that nearly 100,000 children now in school will die of tuberculosis before they are eighteen years of age, or that about 6,400 die annually from this disease. Estimating that on an average each child who dies of tuberculosis has had six years of school, the aggregate loss to the country in wasted education each year amounts to \$1,152,000. According to investigation made in New York, Boston and Stockholm, the percentage of children who are afflicted with tuberculosis is much larger than the death rate would indicate.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis declares that there are two ways of checking the ravages of tuberculosis among school children. The first way is to instruct every school child about the dangers of the disease, and to show how they themselves may prevent tuberculosis in their homes. The second method is to establish open air schools for all children who have tuberculosis or who are suspected cases, segregating them from the healthy children.

She Had a Better Plan.

It was the dreary hour after the Christmas dinner, and the girls were talking in the hushed tones appropriate to the occasion.

"I've just heard of a new charm to tell whether any one loves you, and if so, who it is," whispered Elsie.

"What is it," queried Sophie, absently, fidgeting her new diamond ring.

"Well, you take four or five chestnuts, name each of them after some man you know, and then put them on the stove, and the first one that pops is the one that loves you."

"H'm," said Sophie, "I know a better way than that."

"Do you?"

"Yes, indeed. By my plan you take one particular man, place him on the sofa in a parlor, sit close to him with the light a little low, and look into his eyes. And then if he doesn't pop you'll know it's time to change the man on the sofa."

Henry Watterson, editor of the Courier Journal, Louisville, Ky., celebrated his 70th birthday. He and Mrs. Watterson are spending the winter at Naples-on-the-Gulf, Florida.

Paul H. Jones was accidentally shot at Albany, Ga., and may lose a hand and part of an arm as the result. He was riding to a hunting field in an automobile, when his dog pressed the trigger of a shotgun with its paws, sending the load into its master's arm. President Joseph S. Davis of the Albany Trust company, narrowly escaped death from the charge.

In all this agitation about conservation, where is the conservationist who will stand up for the English sparrow?

Cribs for restless infants in several passenger depots of New Orleans constitute a rather novel feature of the work of the New Orleans travelers aid society. "It works like a charm," one of the society members declared. The movement to install more cradles is being prosecuted.

Raleigh and Greensboro are both active storm centers.

GENERAL NEWS.

Agricultural revolution for Mississippi was advocated by Governor Noel in a special message sent to the legislature urging the enactment of a law prohibiting the giving of a mortgage on growing crops. This custom is at present the basis of the credit system in the rural districts.

Imports of merchandise free of duty into the United States since the new tariff law became operative 7 months ago aggregated in value \$448,449,838, or \$120,438,922 in excess of the free duty imports for the same period of the preceding year, according to statistics issued by the department of commerce and labor, corrected up to February 15. The value of dutiable imports for the same period was \$442,822,658, an excess of \$73,289,141 over the dutiable imports for the corresponding period a year ago. Exports of merchandise for same period aggregated \$1,084,240,825, of which domestic exports were valued at \$1,067,769,036 and foreign \$16,471,789. According to these figures the total imports exceeded the exports for the seven months by \$111,283,014.

As a result of the fine poultry show held in Rockingham in January, Messrs. H. C. and J. C. Dockery will start up a poultry farm on a large scale in a few weeks. It will be located about 3 miles from town on Pegues road. The farm is to start off with 1,000 hens, mainly of the Buckeye Reds, though White Leghorns will also be bred. E. Press Covington, a poultryman of wide experience, will be manager of the farm.

After being acquitted before the coroner of the justifiable homicide of Joe Capps, Ben Morris, Jr., an 8-year-old boy, was found guilty at Asheville of manslaughter by a jury in superior court. The jury was out on the case twenty-three hours. Morris claimed he found Capps destroying the furniture in the Morris house and the man made at him with a razor when he shot in self-defense. Although much of the evidence was circumstantial, the state made out a strong case, breaking down Morris' statements in several instances. Morris is related to some of the best people in the city and county.

William Weston, aged 74, was found dead in his home in Hope Mills. Deputy Coroner Floyd Sanders went down from Fayetteville and empaneled a coroner's jury. From the evidence gathered the following verdict was rendered: "That Weston died from an overdose of 'extract of corn whiskey' and a blow on the head caused by a fall."

Solomon Shepherd, who confessed to killing Engineer Holt at the East Durham coal chute in 1908, was found guilty in the superior court at Oxford Saturday of last week and was sentenced by Judge Biggs to 30 years in the state prison at hard labor.

On last Friday Mr. W. J. Miller found among a lot of wood in the cellar of his store, a possum, which had taken up winter quarters. It is a mystery where Mr. Possum came from, but it is believed that he came up the branch from the creek in the northeastern part of the town.—Asheboro Courier.

There occurred at the oil mill at Henderson a singular accident which resulted in the instant death of a faithful employe of the plant. George Worthom, colored, while engaged in removing suds from a large tank, he was overwhelmed by an avalanche of suds and before he could be rescued life was extinct, having been smothered.

John Hodd, who was struck on the head with a baseball bat by Leon Creech the latter part of January, in O'Neal township, Johnston county, has returned to home. About 10 days ago he was brought to the Wilson sanitarium for treatment where it became

necessary to remove a portion of his skull. The young man had a narrow escape from death, and is now in a feeble condition.

Postoffice Robber Caught.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 17.—Uncle Sam's arm is long. Roy Sands, a white man about 23 years of age, broke into the postoffice at Mayodan on the night of October 25, 1909, it is alleged, and stole between \$7 and \$8. He was caught in Ironton, O., Friday, by Postoffice Inspector C. H. B. Leonard, and will be brought next week to Greensboro, where he will be lodged in jail to await trial at the next term of Federal court, unless he can arrange to give bond of \$500. Mr. Leonard, who has just returned from Ironton, brought news of the arrest.

After Sands was caught, he was taken before a United States commissioner in Ohio, before whom the young fellow confessed his crime. He was then asked before a judge, in order that the necessary papers for his removal to North Carolina might be issued. He is now in jail at Cincinnati. Sands, whose home is in Mayodan, is said by Mr. Leonard, to be rather a decent looking young fellow.

Much of the development and new life which the small and isolated towns of this state have recently taken on is due too progressive action of their local papers. The latter have done a great deal of good; in fact, have been a power of influence in bringing about the wonderful changes which have taken place and are still going on. The man in the village or country who thinks his county newspaper has no influence or that its voice is not heard outside the immediate community is greatly mistaken. A county newspaper properly conducted is a powerful factor and has a wide circle of influence. The good such papers do is beyond calculation, and the greater financial support they have at home the greater and the more wide-spread is their influence for good to the community in which they are published.—Charlotte Observer.

Home-Coming of Roosevelt.

Washington, Feb. 18.—John Stewart, president of the New York State League of Republican clubs, has conferred with President Taft regarding a mammoth reception here to Col. Roosevelt when he returns from Africa. The indications are that Mr. Taft will not be present at the reception, believing that nothing should take any glory from Roosevelt.

Salisbury's new hotel, the Ford, is now open, under the management of Mr. C. G. Walker, a hotel man of experience and lately of Virginia. The house has been remodeled, refurnished and renovated throughout, electric signs put up and it is the purpose of the new manager to run an up-to-date house. This hotel has been conducted for several years past under the name of the Vanderford.

"Please come and take me," is the cry of the vacant positions in the census department at Washington, and in an effort to answer this plea, there will be a civil service examination March 5.

The census taking for the United States requires a large number of men. Under the rule of state distribution, North Carolina is entitled to about seventy-five of the department positions. To fill these, an examination was held last October, but North Carolina failed to contribute anything near her share of applicants.

Another examination will be held March 5, to give any who desire these positions a chance to qualify themselves. These examinations will be held in Raleigh, Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Statesville and Wilmington. The positions pay a minimum of \$600 and run as high as \$1,200 per annum.—Raleigh Evening Times.

County to County.

A misunderstanding between loom fixers and the weaving overseer at the Cannon factory at Kannapolis resulted in about a dozen fixers refusing to continue work. As the trouble is said to be not at all serious it is thought the matter will be amicably adjusted within a day or two and the workers return to work.

The tri-state medical association of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, in convention at Richmond decided to meet next year in Raleigh, N. C., the third Wednesday in February. Dr. Joseph A. White, of Richmond, Va., was elected president.

Wilmington is making ready for a series of evangelistic meetings by the great Evangelist Torrey in the Champion Cotton compress beginning March 6.—This month Dr. Torrey is in Erie, Pa., and reports from that city are that he is stirring the town on its depths. The meeting at Wilmington will be under the auspices of all the denominations and a great outpouring of the spirit is confidently predicted. Dr. C. H. Stiles, the noted lecturer and authority on the hookworm disease, by special invitation of Rockingham citizens will lecture in the opera house at that place February 25.

Colonel Jack, whose real name is J. A. Crone, of Boston, blew into Spencer today pushing a 60-pound wheel-barrow. He is walking from Boston to Los Angeles to win a wager on the ground that the distance of 4,000 miles is covered in 100 days. This is his second trip of the kind, having walked 9,000 miles around the United States border in 30 days. He has written a book on his foot travels and will supplement it after making the Los Angeles trip. Colonel Jack, by special request carried a letter from a High Point business man to a Charlotte firm, which demanded a certain amount of postage stamps alleged to be due the Charlotte man on account of insufficient postage on letters.

Wilson county framers—at least the many who have been interviewed on the subject—have decided to reduce the acreage of cotton and tobacco at least 25 per cent and pay more attention to the cultivation of corn and raising meat, at least enough for their own consumption. Farmers all over the county are busily engaged getting everything in readiness for seeding time—in fact many of them have planted their tobacco beds and are hauling compost and getting in readiness to earn their bread by the sweat of their brows.

The ladies of the hospital circle of the King's Daughters of Wilmington announce that about \$800 has been received as the result of their efforts on hospital day, but that they were not able to see all who should be interested in this work and the canvass will be continued a few days longer. They also state that the amount received is not sufficient to make all the necessary and desirable improvements at the James Walker Memorial hospital for which they are working, and that they will not cease their effort until complete success is assured.

On February 15th, at 7:20 p. m., Halley's comet viewed in the Wake Forest five-inch telescope, appeared as a faint nebulous cloud, about 7 degrees west and 2 1/2 degrees north of the planet Saturn. Such was the observation as viewed by Professor J. F. Lannan, of the department of astronomy of the college. So far as is known this is the first observation that has been made of the comet, not only in the state, but in the South.

A gentleman who lives near the Bourne farm at Tarboro says a bear has been in his neighborhood. Some nights ago something disturbed a pig with a litter of young ones, the mother being frightened away for some time. An examination of the ground disclosed unmistakable tracks of Mr. Bruin.

Southern Railway Company Building up the South

The railroads are giving much attention to the upbuilding of the South is evident to all who have given the subject consideration. Necessarily, the work of a railroad company who does not possess a land grant must be general in its scope in order to serve all the districts its lines represent. The recent campaign of Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the Federal government, which was made under the auspices of the Southern Railway Company, is but one of the many moves made by that company looking to the betterment of farm conditions in the South. The lecture tour referred to comprehends more than is generally supposed. Every Southern State reached by the Southern Railway was visited, and the several masters, practical talks made by Dr. Knapp, will be far-reaching in their effect. Many thousand farmers and others in the States visited were reached either directly or indirectly, through the press, and thereby stimulated to practice better methods of farming.

Mr. M. V. Richards, the Land and Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway, who suggested and organized the tour, in discussing the purposes and effect of the trip, said:

"The Southern Railway Company has for years endeavored to do its part in promoting the further development of the country along its lines. Its policy is to treat all sections alike, co-operate with the people in every county in their effort to build up the country. The farming sections have not been overlooked. The Railway Company realizes the value of a full development of the rural districts in order to obtain the best development of the towns and cities which serve the country."

Mr. Richards rightly advocates the importance of the town people

and the country people standing close together if the best results for all are to be obtained, and this recent trip tends to bring closer harmony between all classes. The merchant, manufacturer, and farmer alike, were interested in the talks made during the trip. Mr. Richards says that while the towns have a powerful attraction for the people on the farms he believes that that feeling is at a minimum in the South, and that his company, especially, has in view promoting a sentiment among the people to "stick to the farm." He argues that the South will again be the great farm home section of the United States. "The South is the ideal large and small farm home region; the standard of comfort and happiness is found to be higher and more general in the South than elsewhere on account of the attractive features of the rural home surroundings, when once developed, commensurate with the possibilities of that part of the country. Only those who have had to do with the practical side of promoting the development of the South appreciate the obstacles which have stood in the way of advancing the best interests of those already established in the South and drawing others to that section. We desire to inculcate in the minds of every young farmer in the South the idea that he should buy a piece of land and intelligently and industriously work his own holdings; that he should also be impressed with the importance of cultivating well a small area rather than farming poorly a large place.

"The avenues are numerous for concerning how to farm and make obtaining reliable information concerning how to farm and make a profit, so that unsuccessful farmers in the South should be the rare exception."

PRETTY SPARTANBURG GIRL Cannot be Located—Said to Have Gone to Asheville.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 17.—Charged with abducting the daughter of Julius Johnson, a well-known lumber dealer of this city, Mrs. Parham, and Walter Johnson were arrested this afternoon and lodged in jail. Mrs. Parham was arrested in the city and Johnson was arrested at Inman. He is not related to the father of the girl.

Miss Johnson, a pretty and attractive young girl, possessed of a splendid figure for one of her years has not been located. It is said she boarded a train for Asheville. The warrant for the arrest of the woman and the man was sworn out by Mrs. Julius Johnson, the mother of the girl. Mrs. Parham, the woman in the case, is an attractive looking woman and for the past few weeks has frequently been seen in company with Miss Johnson.

Bridge Classified as Gambling.

Guy Eddie, city prosecutor under the Good Government administration of San Francisco announced Monday that society women who indulged in quiet games of bridge, old maid or any similar pastime for prizes will be arrested. They are just as guilty of a misdemeanor, he says, as the man who conducts a "blind pig," and must be dealt with accordingly.

"There will be a rustling of silk skirts, a bustling of French heels and an angry buzzing about the ears of Mayor Alexander when the police start to gather in the feminine "gamblers."

"I have been informed that bridge is not to only gambling game that many of the society women indulge in when they go out to spend a quiet afternoon," said the prosecuting attorney. "Bridge is a game for some of the western belles, and of late I have heard

that poker—the real thing, draw stud and all the brands of that typical game—has become the pastime of many of the club women."

What Love Is.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Testifying as a medical expert in the trial of Thomas Katzons, on the charge of murdering Victoria Kawalec, Dr. James Whitney, called to refute the love insanity plea of Katzons, today declared that "love is never insanity but a temporary affection of a weak nervous system." He added that "if a person's nervous system is properly organized and protected love waves cannot have a serious effect."

"SOBBING OF THE PINES."

Pennsylvania Capitalists Taking Timber From Alexander County Taylorsville, Feb. 17.—A large force of hands in charge of Mr. Burt Lynch of Wellsborough, Pa., arrived on the noon train yesterday and went out this morning to the Calvin Coles tract of land 10 miles west of here where they will establish a camp and begin at once logging and cutting the valuable timber thereon. This land was sold for taxes several years ago and was bid on by Mr. W. B. Matheson of this place. A law suit followed, the heirs recovering the land which was sold soon after to Pennsylvania capitalists at \$6 acre. This tract contains about 1,300 acres of fine timber and when this is removed the land, no doubt, will bring the purchase price. Mr. Melvin Stebbins of Wellsborough, one of the company, will arrive later with his family, and make this place headquarters looking after the loading and shipping of the lumber to northern markets. It is estimated that it will take a force of 100 hands four or five years to remove the timber.

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