

PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUBLIC HEALTH

The Relation of the Two to Each Other To Be Considered at Meeting.

CHILDREN DISEASE CARRIERS

The Means of Safeguarding Them Will Be Discussed at Hygiene Congress.

New York, June 14.—They tell a story in New York of a small boy who was found in one of the public schools peeling off little bits of his skin and handing them round to his school-mates as curiosities. It was discovered after this interesting game had gone on for some time that little Johnnie has just been having scarlet fever; the keepsakes he was thus distributing among his fellow pupils were the effective means of distributing a practical working knowledge of that disease among them. The school is at present undoubtedly the chief disseminating center of disease. It serves as a sort of clearing house in this respect. Johnnie brings his scarlet fever, while little Jimmie from the next street contributes his incipient, but already infectious, case of measles. Johnnie takes home Jimmie's measles, and Jimmie takes home Johnnie's scarlet fever, so that there is nothing unfair about it and nobody gets left out. It is not surprising that as a consequence measles, scarlet fever, and diphtheria, the characteristic infectious diseases of childhood, show a regular increase every fall after the opening of the public schools.

The fourth International Congress on School Hygiene, which meets at Buffalo, August 25-30 under the patronage of the Honorable Woodrow Wilson and the presidency of Charles W. Eliot, is going to take up this among many other aspects of the relation of the public school to the health of the community.

One of the main subjects of the conference will be "School Children as Carriers of Disease," and the means of safeguarding children in the public schools from dangerous diseases will be very fully considered. Indeed it ought to be so, simply as a question of the square deal. We compel children to go to school, and impose penalties upon them and on their parents if they do not attend. It certainly is only fair that we should take at least reasonable precaution not to inoculate them with dangerous or fatal maladies when we get them there.

Of Widespread Importance.
This matter of school hygiene is indeed one of international importance. The school is probably the public agency which has and may have most effect upon the public health, whether to destroy or to promote. The health of nations as affected at its most vital point is the real subject with which it deals.

So far as the question of mere safety is concerned, the school can undoubtedly be made, in the case of most infectious diseases, the safest place for the child to be, instead of one of the most dangerous. Indeed it has already happened in towns where thorough school medical inspection has been enforced, that the schools have been opened instead of being closed in cases of epidemic, the child being safer there than in the street.

Influence of School Work.
But one more point upon the negative side is to be discussed at this conference. Schools in the past have harmed the children not merely by disseminating infection but by themselves producing certain ailments. Papers are to be read at this conference on "The Influence of School Work upon the Nervous Energy and Development of the Pupil," and upon the prevention of nervousness among school children, and there is to be a paper by Professor Griesbach of Mulhausen on "Brain Localization and Fatigue." The schools have done a good deal in the past to give children stooping shoulders and crooked backs, and accordingly the relation of school seating to the spinal curvature is going to be given much attention. "Mind making through sight saving" is the name of one of the papers on the program, and there will be a symposium on "The Prevention of Blindness among school children."

BEWARE THE WATCHMAN

Fair Grounds To Be Protected By Guard.

Recently some unknown person or persons have several times broken into the buildings at the Eastern Carolina Fair Grounds. The Fair Association Company have a number of articles of value in these buildings and in order to keep all inquisitive prowlers from the premises after night-fall they have placed a watchman there.

This watchman has been given orders to keep all persons from the grounds after nightfall and has been instructed to shoot them if necessary. All persons are warned to keep off the Fair grounds at night.

MRS. R. B. LANE UNDERGOES AN OPERATION.

Mrs. Richard B. Lane, wife of Sheriff R. B. Lane, underwent a serious operation at Stewart's sanitarium yesterday afternoon. The operation was very successful and her many friends will be glad to know that the patient's condition is very gratifying.

DR. C. W. STILES TUESDAY NIGHT

NOTED PHYSICIAN TO SPEAK ON THAT DATE IN GRIF-FIN AUDITORIUM.

Dr. Charles W. Stiles, superintendent of the United States Marine Hospital at Wilmington, will deliver a free lecture in the Griffin Auditorium Tuesday night at 8:30 o'clock on the subject "Public Health and Civic Betterment."

It is expected to prove a very helpful and informing lecture and a large attendance is hoped for. The speaker is a man of wide reputation and the City Beautiful Club under whose auspices he will speak feels that it has been particularly fortunate in securing such services. That he will give the people something worth hearing is certain.

This lecture was originally announced for the court house, but on account of the better lighting facilities at the Griffin Auditorium it was decided to hold it there.

This consideration of the evil that the schools have done to children's sight brings us to the more hopeful and constructive side of school hygiene. The schools are going to be in the future, and have already become to a great extent, the means of preventing or improving many kinds of physical defect, among the chief of which are defective sight and defective hearing. Many examinations of school children in different lands have shown that about a fifth of them have seriously defective vision. In many cases these defects were not discovered in the old days. Thousands of people have gone through life stigmatized as dull or half-witted because they could not learn to read, when in truth the fact was they had never seen a book clearly enough to distinguish one letter from another; and the pathetic part of it was that the people themselves have believed in their own stupidity, when the putting of a little piece of glass before their eyes would have remedied this supposed mental abnormality. In some states the law now requires every child in the public schools to be tested to find out whether he can hear and whether he can see,—an obvious but belated precaution before trying to make him read or take part in oral exercises.

Treatment The Important Thing.
Of course the important thing is not diagnosis but treatment, and this again is one of those facts that are so obvious that they are a little apt to be forgotten,—not however at the coming congress. It is not so important to know that a child cannot see, although that in itself may make an enormous difference to his mental and physical condition, as it is to enable him to do so. The tests of hearing are apt to have the important result of discovering adenoids; and it has been shown that twenty minutes given to taking out an adenoid may do more for a child's mental development than a twenty year's teaching could have done without such operation.

ARAPAHOE MAN GETS NEW TRIAL

Jury In Case Of Violation Of Search And Seizure Law Fail To Agree.

NOAH B. LEE THE DEFENDANT

One Week Term Craven County Superior Court Comes To A Close.

A one week term of Craven county Superior Court which convened in this city last Monday morning for the trial of criminal cases only with Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding came to a close yesterday afternoon. Judge Allen again demonstrated his ability to clear a docket in record breaking time by making a clean sweep of the docket. A few cases were continued but this was done on request and they could easily have been disposed of if they had been ready for trial.

One of the most interesting cases brought to a close yesterday was that in which Noah B. Lee, white, of Arapahoe was charged with violating the Search and Seizure Law by having more than one gallon of whiskey in his possession at any one time. This case was begun on the previous day and was hard fought by both the prosecution and defense. The case was given to the jury before the noon recess. The jury could not agree on a verdict and a mistrial resulted. The defendant was required to give bond for his appearance at the next term of court and at that time the case will be retried.

William John, colored, who several weeks ago was arrested by R. H. Rusk, attorney at law, and who spent the afternoon "jazzing" over Craven county roads, was found guilty of larceny and was sentenced to a term of six months in jail with the fine of \$100.

Edward Gaylor, colored, pleaded guilty to assault and was sentenced to a term of four months in jail with the privilege of being hired out.

Walter Lawrence, colored, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to twelve months on the county roads. Lawrence was implicated with Will Boyd in assaulting and robbing a Mr. Brock on George street several weeks ago but managed to get clear in that charge only to be immediately placed in custody on another.

LOOK FORWARD TO GREAT WEEK

WORKERS IN TENT MEETING TO WORK WITH RENEWED ENTHUSIASM.

The services at the Tabernacle tent meetings were well attended all last week in spite of the very inclement weather. The workers feel greatly encouraged and will enter into this week with renewed enthusiasm.

There will be three services each as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:45 p. m.

Rev. J. B. Phillips, the pastor, will preach morning and evening. Sermons for every morning of the week, to be preceded by the "Penny Catch" the inspiration of the old Testament leader.

Mr. J. Q. Brown has arranged for special music for both services and every lover of music will enjoy this feature of the service. Mrs. Brown will have her junior chorus render a special selection before the evening sermon.

The public is invited and strangers will be made to feel at home. There will be much discussion at this congress as to the best methods of seeing that children get the spectacles or other treatment that they need.

COLLECTING LIQUOR DRAFTS ALLOWED

A United States Court Holds That This Is No Violation Of The Law.

DISTRICT COURT REVERSED

Held That Prohibiting Carriers From Collecting Does Not Apply To Banks.

St. Paul, June 14.—A bank which collects a sight draft representing the purchase price of liquor shipped in interstate commerce into a Prohibition State does not violate the law prohibiting a carrier from acting as agent, according to an opinion handed down Friday by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The opinion was delivered by Presiding Judge Sanborn, in reversing the decision of the District Court of North Dakota, in the case of the First National Bank of Anamoose, which had been convicted and fined \$300 in the lower court.

"The history of the times and the proceedings in Congress which led up to the enactment of the statute," says the opinion, "have convinced this court that the mischief at which it was leveled was not the collection of sight drafts by banks of ordinary collectors for the purchase price of liquors, although bills of lading were attached thereto and delivered on collection, but that it was the collection by carriers or their agents of the purchase price for C. O. D. shipments of liquor into prohibition States, whereby they became virtually the agents of the liquor dealers in the selling of liquors."

Judge Sanborn declares that in the opinion of the majority of the court the law excludes "banks, ordinary collectors and all persons who are not members of the general class of carriers."

In a dissenting opinion Judge Trible declares that the statute clearly includes not only all common carriers and their employes but "any other person who is connected with the transportation of intoxicating liquors in interstate commerce, shall collect the purchase price thereof, before, on, or after delivery, from the consignee or any other person," regardless of the fact that he is not an employee of the carrier.

Florida cantaloupes are plentiful on the local market just at this time and the price of fifteen cents each or two for a quarter is well within the reach of those whose appetites crave delicacies of this variety.

STOLE WHIKSEY AT VANCEBORO

MIDNIGHT PROWLER RAN-SACKS EXPRESS OFFICE AT VANCEBORO.

During the wee 'nua hours last Friday morning some unknown person broke into the express office at Vanceboro and after ransacking the entire place departed with clothing valued at fifty dollars, and one gallon of whiskey.

The intruder gained access by prying open one of the rear windows and this was badly damaged where a crow bar or some other heavy instrument had been used on it. A number of packages were found open on the following morning. Among these were several containing whiskey several bottles contained in these had been sampled. The midnight prowler was evidently a connoisseur in the drink line for each package of inferior liquor was cast aside and the gallon with which he departed is said to be of the very best brand.

The thief left no clue by which he could be traced but the authorities are of the belief that it is the work of some one living in or near Vanceboro.

Mrs. L. J. Taylor and son Thomas Lee attended the opening ball at the Atlantic Hotel last night.

COLORED WOMAN FOUND DEAD

Acting Coroner Dr. Walter Watson Decides Inquest Unnecessary.

Susan Walker, a colored woman about thirty years of age, was found dead at her home, No. 46 Chapman street, shortly after 9 o'clock last night.

The house in which the woman lived is what is known as a "dodge house", a sort of flat in which two families reside. She lived alone with the exception of a colored man who had a room in her home. This man whose name is Jesse Wallace has not been seen in several days.

Last Saturday the Walker woman was taken ill suddenly but her condition improved and yesterday afternoon she was seen sitting on her porch.

A few hours later neighbors found her dead. In company with a Journal reporter, Acting Coroner Dr. Walter Watson went to the scene and after viewing the body decided that an inquest was unnecessary and removed it over to her home to be taken to the place as ordered by the coroner. Her daughter was advised to have it moved over to her home prepared for burial.

C. B. CLUB WILL OPEN THE CASINO

JUNE TWENTY-FIFTH WILL BE A MEMORABLE DAY IN NEW BERN.

(Written For The Journal)
The City Beautiful Club met in regular session on the afternoon of June 9, in the club room, at the Hotel of the National community building in the city park made that night and the work of the club has increased under the leadership of its president.

The work as planned and carried out has in no wise run out of money, so that the treasury has been somewhat depleted and it is the wish of the club to raise more funds at an early date. Several projects were discussed as a means to this end and committees appointed to make necessary arrangements.

The first venture is to be made at the opening of Ghent Park on Wednesday, June 25. The managers have kindly given the first afternoon and evening of the casino over to the City Beautiful Club and we will work hard to make this a memorable event. The splendid floor of the casino is fitted up for swinging and skating in the afternoon and dancing at night.

Everybody is most cordially welcome to come out and spend a few happy hours at this delightful place of amusement. Refreshments of various sort and drinks, ice cream and candies can be had at a nominal cost and a good time is guaranteed. Every member of the club is asked to assist in making the opening a grand success for the City Beautiful Club and the managers who have spared no pains to give us a clean, stylish place where we can be refreshed and amused at little cost.

W. E. Perry has opened a pressing club in the building, corner of Middle and Broad streets, formerly occupied as a barber shop. The Standard Pressing Club is the name of the new establishment. Mr. Perry has been with the Roper Lumber Company for a number of years, but prior to going with them was in the printing business.

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P. O. Box 1, R. E. R. Co. of the National Real Estate Co. of the city.

New Bern Bank & Trust Co.—Cost of execution.

J. O. Baxter Diamonds—Standard Shoe Co.—The Crescent shoe.

J. M. Mitchell & Co.—Monday special remnant day.

C. F. Sauer & Co.—Extracts. Duffy Grocery Co.—Growth, hens etc.

Citizens' Savings Bank & Trust Co.—Statement. Citizens' Savings Bank & Trust Co.—How about that leakage? J. J. Baxter—Wizard sale continued. S. Coplon & Son.—June reductions all over the store.

SAYS CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

Judge O. H. Allen Hands Whiskey A Solar Plexus Blow.

SOLD MAINLY BY NEGROES

Sales Are Decreasing In The Old North State Each Day.

Judge O. H. Allen, who concluded a one week term of Craven county Superior Court yesterday afternoon, is a proponent of the first water and never long an opportunity of showing the public how much can be done to improve whiskey in the North Carolina.

Just before 4 o'clock, Spencer, colored, was sentenced to the State prison Friday afternoon for a term of ten years for the murder of Alvin Hargett, also colored, last December. The defendant's attorney told Judge Allen that Spencer was intoxicated when he committed the rash act and asked for mercy.

This was an excellent opportunity for the Judge to get in a "body blow" at whiskey and he availed himself of it. He said that the time had arrived when the bulk of the whiskey traffic was confined to the colored people and that it was in the very worst possible hands. He said that when a negro gets a drink of whiskey in his stomach he immediately loses what little control of his senses and person with which he is endowed and trouble follows.

"Conditions are not very good," said Judge Allen, "and I think we have to see the time when there will be much better than they are now. I have seen many cases of men who have lost their reason and are in the State prison for a term of years. All this is due to the fact that the liquor is taken away from the people and they are ruined. I was in that city a few weeks ago and while in conversation with several prominent men they told me that they would not have liquor back again for any amount of money. This is the spirit that prevails all over the State.

"Whiskey is filling more insane asylums, making more idiots and causing more sorrow and pain in every way than any other thing under the sun and the quicker that it is suppressed by a National law the better it will be for every one. Take the case of Charles Spencer who stands before me charged with the murder of a fellow being. Drink, says his attorney, was the cause of his ruin. Normally, the man was peaceful and quiet and when he got a drink of whiskey he became a homicidal maniac. I have seen many cases of men who have lost their reason and are in the State prison for a term of years. All this is due to the fact that the liquor is taken away from the people and they are ruined. I was in that city a few weeks ago and while in conversation with several prominent men they told me that they would not have liquor back again for any amount of money. This is the spirit that prevails all over the State.

One of the first things that I noticed when I stepped off the major part of the week, L. E. Baxter has decided to continue his great Wizard sale and attract more. Read his advertisement in this issue of the Journal.

PROGRAM AT THE ATHENS TOMORROW.

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