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EXTREME SPAN OF HUMAN LIFE.

The census bureau has the figures to show that the extreme span of human life does not exceed 110 years, notwithstanding the fact that Captain Diamond of Oakland, Cal., claims to have an authentic record of being 114 years old on May 1st, 1910.

Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur's report affirms that it is undoubtedly true that the age of 100 years is occasionally attained. It suggests that it is perhaps doubtful whether, as shown by incontrovertible evidence, the age of 110 has been reached or exceeded.

The report goes on to show that up to very recent times the most incredible reports, the most inaccurate statements, and the most uncritical methods of study, have been the average of many generations the average age of humanity might perhaps approximate this limit.

The government finds that Noah Rabby, who was known as the oldest man in the country in 1904, at 132, was in reality never a centenarian, but at the time of his death about 93.

It is well known that many of the statements of exact age, even in the middle period of life and in youth, are not strictly correct. In old age, with impaired memory, with possibly unintentional confusion of what has been heard and what has been actually experienced by the individual in regard to the events of early years, after the death of contemporaries whose testimony might contradict claims to excessive longevity, and with the well-known tendency of many aged persons to exaggerate, in the utmost good faith, the number of years that they have lived, it is not at all surprising that many unfounded claims to extreme old age arise.

In the annual registration reports of Maine and Massachusetts may be found details in regard to the reported centenarians who died in those states. Dr. Wilbur states that it is perhaps desirable that similar details should be given in all registration reports, or at least that the element of ages should enable the number of decedents aged 100 years and over to be known. If verified statements of age can be secured, the evidence of longevity should be given. Physicians and registration officials should take pains to ascertain the truth about such cases, because they are of extreme interest to the public, and many foolish and sensational statements pass current. It should be possible, with the general adoption of modern methods in obtaining vital statistics, to determine, from the vast number of deaths registered, the maximum span of human life.

Those who have wondered in what kind of a dress suit Roosevelt will appear at King Edward's funeral should have thought that any suit which best becomes a gentleman might do.

The Harvard student who is living on one dollar a week will not be in danger of crowding his heart, or feel the necessity for calling a physician.

It does not do any good to tell a man how mean he is. He knows, but perhaps he is totally ignorant of the blessings of a well ordered life.

Those who have seen the comet without a fall by rising early in the morning may see the comet with one any clear evening next week.

Dr. Hyde takes everything calmly, but a man who could deliberately poison another might meet Beelzebub without being perturbed.

Coleman gets fifteen years in jail for wrecking a bank. Other Cambridge men deserve to get a little for letting the boy do it.

NOT A JAR.

Halley's comet for the first time in its history, it is claimed, swept its tail across the earth on Wednesday, and it appears to have been positively demonstrated that the rap of a comet's tail is not sufficient to daze a Missouri mule.

All those who were in a state of alarm on Wednesday have realized what fear can do for a person—it is a more serious matter to the human being than anything which concerns the comet.

It would not have been surprising had there been a tidal wave created by it, but the telegraph and cable lines gave no notice of any unusual occurrence in any part of the earth in consequence of the comet.

The comet has created an intense interest in astronomy and the people who have failed to see the comet although they have risen early, will still have a chance to see it in the west for a few weeks, getting smaller and smaller until finally it will disappear in the distance, showing to the observers the vastness of space, for it takes but a few minutes to travel a distance of millions of miles.

The comet is going to keep its speed and its orbit for three-quarters of a century, when it will again cross the face of the sun, which it has done some thirty times in its recorded career.

The astronomers have learned something more of this visitor than was ever learned before through the use of the spectroscopic, and when it comes again the advance in science will have been so great that the purpose of these courses of the skies may be discovered. The mind of man is mighty in its ability to grasp and solve these great celestial problems.

THE LITTLE BRONZE BUTTONS.

The Bennington Banner having indulged in a sneer at "the little bronze button," worn by some of the candidates for office from time to time, real veterans of the civil war who were entitled to wear it, the Rutland News calls The Banner's attention to the fact that 3,000 Vermonters still wear that button, and then with reference to its meaning, said:

"First, it represents the life of a man, the great republic, the United States of America. It identifies the wearer as one of the nation's preservers. To go into detail, it points to a hero, one who left home and home comforts, left wife and children, father and mother, sister and brother, all for his country, put on the garb of a soldier, shouldered his gun, went to the front and offered himself as a breast-work and defense, bared his breast to enemy's bullets, jeopardized his life that the nation might live.

"From it is reflected hardship, privation and suffering which cannot be told. The march by day along dusty or muddy roads from sunrise to sunset, following up the enemy, skirmishing and reconnoitering; the bivouac by night, whether under the pale light of the moon with bright stars shining down or in the darkness of storm and gloom with rain pouring upon him; whether in camp and night in or on picket with half the night on duty; whether in front with only hard bread and raw pork, with cold muddy water to drink, or in the rear with fresh bread and coffee, it's the same. It means a soldier in arms, ever ready to fight, and, if need be, to die for country and the flag."

The civil war veterans of Connecticut feel like applauding The News for its able defence of an honorable symbol and the men who are entitled to wear it. The men who deride the wearing of "the little bronze button" are so scarce that if they realized the situation they would feel lonesome.

SANITARY MILK.

The agitation over the milk question in Boston is proving to be an education for the people. The contractors have testified that they were in the habit of selling milk seventy-two hours old, or even older. Dr. Oliver, a man of 48 years' practice, declared no milk was fit to use after it was 24 hours old. Among other things Dr. Oliver said that pasteurization removes the only danger signal of milk, the sour stage. Milk that is pasteurized does not sour, but becomes bad for use as quickly as any other milk and may be putrid and yet not sour; that pasteurization kills the germs in milk, and it becomes worse than milk with live bacteria in it, at the same time becoming a more active vehicle for carrying other germs, typhoid and similar germs which may be gotten into the milk by handling it.

He termed pure milk as a germicide and capable of warding off dangerous disease germs the same as healthy blood will.

The revelation that Boston has little fresh milk served, and that such evidence of the evil of the practice has so stirred up the authorities that the health issue is now most prominent, and will be decided before any more attention is given to the milk business. It looks as if the milkmen's strike was going to be more beneficial to Boston than was anticipated at the start.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

As a publicity agent Mayor Gaynor is doing a great deal for New York.

Thieves out west stole the cornerstone of a theological seminary. What next?

Bawdiness from the stage offends disgusts than pleases an audience in Norwich.

Happy thought for today: Second thoughts may be best thoughts if we only get them.

Even the total abstainer is just as earnest for a full quart bottle as the fellow who drinks.

Kipling did Edward VII. in a poem and it now remains to be seen if Austin can do better.

No one will dispute this declaration from the west: "It takes a brave man to resign a good office."

When the comet has disappeared a new excuse will have to be invented for staying out of nights.

It was thought that congress would adjourn in May, but the prospect for that does not now look bright.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY.

ON THE TRAIL OF A ROMANCE

"Your maid said you could not speak on account of your cold," said Miss Horkins, as she took a chair, "but I can do the talking for both. I am just wild to talk to somebody, for the things that sometimes happen in a boarding house are enough to keep one awake nights."

"What has happened now?" asked her hostess, in an unnatural squeak. "There, don't try to talk dear. I will tell you all about it. The fact is, I have been greatly agitated about Irene Haredale, the daughter of the rich widower, you know."

"As there is room for four at the table where Mr. Haredale and his daughter sit, I requested Mrs. Blinks to allow me to sit with them, because there is such a fine view of the lake from that end of the dining room. Irene has been brushing up her Spanish lately, as her father expects to take her with him when he goes to Mexico to look after some lands that he has there."

"One night at dinner she joyously announced that she had persuaded her Spanish teacher, Señor Ibero, to come and board with Mrs. Blinks, and she said he would have a place at our table where she would get the benefit of his conversation, which of course would be in Spanish."

"I was not at all pleased with this plan, for nothing is more annoying than to hear conversation in a tongue that one doesn't understand. "Señor Ibero is quite good-looking and very polite, though he speaks but little English, and he didn't take me long to make up my mind that he was making love to Irene! I immediately classed him with those foreigners who come here to seek rich wives, as for Irene, she is perfectly fascinated with him, and when he is about she has eyes and ears for none but the Spaniard."

"I said one day to Mr. Haredale: "Do you realize that Señor Ibero is making love to your daughter?" "No, Miss Horkins, I do not," he replied. "Do you understand what it is that they are saying?" "No, nor do I want to," he replied. "My daughter translates parts of the conversation, sometimes, and it is about the plays of Echegaray, or the novels of some of those old Spanish fellows that it would bore me to death to hear about."

"I cannot be deceived, I continued firmly. "If he is not making love to her, why does he not make up his mind to place his hand on his heart?" "My dear lady, he does it simply

happily crowned with enormities that utterly and completely shut off the view of the stage, so that the unhappy ones behind must sorrowfully resign themselves to an evening peeping and craning an aftermath of sore necks. An American woman who goes to an Italian theater and takes off her hat is looked upon as outlandish and rather improper.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

When the present congress assembled in special session a little more than a year ago economy was the watchword on every side, because the treasury was confronted with a deficit of \$60,000,000 at the end of the fiscal year ending with June, 1909. While some improvement in revenue was expected as a result of the revision of the tariff and because of improving business, there was a settled belief that the fiscal year 1910 would also show a good deficit.

Now at the close of the tenth month of the present year the federal treasury is found to be in a very strong position. Instead of a deficit the present fiscal year now promises to close with a substantial surplus. The government's receipts for the ten months show an increase of \$50,500,000 over the corresponding ten months in 1909, the increase being shown in both tariff duties and internal revenue receipts. On the other hand, the ordinary expenditures of the government for the same ten months have decreased about \$2,000,000.

The deficit for the ten months is \$16,700,000, against a deficit in the previous year of \$89,250,000. But the treasury has paid out since July 1, 1909, \$27,000,000 on the Panama canal account. No bonds have yet been sold to make good this expenditure, so that the treasury has really to its credit on the operations for the year so far about \$10,500,000.—New Orleans Picayune.

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