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DEATH DEALING "MEDICINES"

The Journal of the American Medical Association, published at Chicago, in its issue of December 23 highly commends The Seattle Star for its stand taken against pernicious patent medicine advertising, and quotes The Star's editorial of December 2, in which this paper announced that it would bar out ads of all patented "remedies" which are not approved and used by regular practicing physicians.

The Journal, commenting on The Star's editorial, says: "This is certainly clear cut, and the editor has taken a firm stand. He further says that The Star does not claim to be able to protect the people against all sorts of fakes, but he considers it his simple duty to take the stand here outlined because the line between right and wrong appears to him so clearly drawn."

"We have before urged that newspapers, as a rule, even to the extent of self-sacrifice, would come out on the side of right if the facts were placed before editors in a way to show them what was right. It has been surprising to those who have watched the trend of affairs since the publication of Collier's article on "The Patent Medicine Conspiracy Against the Freedom of the Press," to note that the press committee of the Proprietary Association has not been able to control all of the newspapers. On the other hand, a large number have come out boldly and have sided with the public in this propaganda against frauds in patent medicines."

The Star takes no credit to itself for having barred out fake patent medicine ads. When the exposure of these fakes was recently made by eminent chemists who understood their business and The Star found that it was carrying a number of advertisements of the fakes, it decided without more ado that the "copy" being sent to the editor from the East was unacceptable, and they were cut out immediately, at considerable financial sacrifice.

The Star is not in business for the purpose of increasing the ills of humanity by helping along unprincipled men who foist alleged cures upon unsuspecting people. It tries, to the best of its ability, to improve conditions among men and to carry sunshine into human lives.

While The Star deprecates the fact that many other daily newspapers, knowing the facts about the numerous vile frauds masquerading under the name of "patent medicines," still continue to aid and abet the vendors by printing their lying advertisements, this paper can do little more at present than to keep its own columns clear of the deceptive stuff.

Later on it is certain that an aroused public opinion will compel all newspapers to cut out these advertisements, to which they now cling solely for the revenue they receive therefrom.

It is to be regretted that a few really good patent medicines have to temporarily suffer in reputation from the contaminating influences of the great mass of bad ones, but just now it seems almost impossible for careful newspapers to discriminate between them in the printing of advertisements.

The safest, in fact, the only way for the average man to do is to take the advice of a regular physician before using any patented medicine. The doctor knows, or should know, which of the patent medicines are really meritorious. Perhaps one out of five of these medicines is good when prescribed in specific cases.

As The Star has said before, it is worse than foolish, when one is ill, and health, perhaps even life, is menaced, to trust the average patent medicine advertisement and risk everything by taking an unknown mixture. It is far better to secure what medical help one can get from a reputable doctor, who, despite his shortcomings, certainly should represent the sum total of medical knowledge and skill.

The United States government is not altogether blameless for having allowed so many fake remedies to be palmed off on the public in recent years under the protecting wing of the patent office. Many persons believe that anything the government patents must somehow have an intrinsic merit.

It is hard to understand how any government can conscientiously patent and thereby restrict the use of a remedy that is really good and that should be freely given to the world for the use of disease stricken humanity.

Surely the day is not far distant when a man who would heartlessly keep a valuable medical discovery under his exclusive control by means of a patent will be shunned as an enemy of humankind.

At present the main effort must first be directed towards branding the fakirs who are foisting patented nostrums upon the people.

FAIRBANKS IS A 'SAFE' MAN STANDS 'THOUT' HIT CHIN



CHAS. W. FAIRBANKS, Vice President and President of the United States Senate.

BY MARLEN E. PEW. INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4.—The story of the present-day general scheme of national lawmaking, whether in the interest of the republic or of a favored few, properly begins with the presiding officer of the United States senate. As such, Vice President Charles Warren Fairbanks is a mere figurehead with nominal duties, but he is interesting as a product of the system that dominates the upper house of congress, especially as he is credited with an ambition to succeed President Roosevelt. Fairbanks appears to be a good man in his present position. Wall st. would call him a "safe man."

STAR DUST

"Did you save all of your husband's old love letters to use as a club after you were married?" "Yes, I saved them, but I must say Henry was too smart for me and I've never used them." "Didn't he put anything foolish in them?" "Oh, they were foolish enough, but the first time I threatened to read one he said, 'Go ahead. Then I'll read two or three of yours that I've been saving for the last 15 years.'"

UNCLE HENRY THINKS A little nonsense now and then causes trouble for the best of us. "If I go broke I shall fall back on my pen," says Tom Lawson. Poor Tom! He intends to be broke all ways.

A QUIET CYCLONE Back again after being absent for a few weeks, News has been as scarce as old clothes in this vicinity.

There Are Two Reasons AT LEAST WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR Removal Sale

Not only have sweeping reductions been made throughout our entire stock of LADIES' AND MEN'S WEARING APPAREL, but we give you the benefit of our EASY PAYMENT PLAN in conjunction with the exceptionally low prices. This is a fine opportunity for you to make needed additions to your wardrobe at a minimum of cost and at a maximum of convenience to your pocketbook.

Eastern Outfitting Co., (Inc.) Cor. Pike St. and Fifth Ave. Seattle's Reliable Credit House.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE HAS BEEN CLOSE TO WALL ST. SO LONG THAT HE DOESN'T SHY AT RAILROADS AND SUCH—A "SELF-MADE," NOISELESS, BALL-BEARING SORT OF INDIANA STATESMAN

***** WAS IT CHARLIE HIMSELF? ***** Fairbanks has always been flattered by the popular impression of him—a "self-made" man of the rail-splitting type. A photo engraving in a friendly Indianapolis newspaper, for instance, showed a country lad in baggy jeans, hard at work in a sugar bush. Indianapolis was greatly touched. A copy of the paper, according to the story now told, reached old acquaintances, among them an aged woman, who exclaimed: "Why, that isn't Charlie Fairbanks! That's the picture of a farm hand who worked on the place!"

banks' fortune was laid when he was appointed, through the influence of his father-in-law, assistant to an attorney in a railroad receivership. It wasn't very long before Fairbanks was the receiver. He became also a pretty thorough master of the art of financing railroad properties and, of course, his business carried him to Wall st. Fairbanks became very much attached to Wall st. He became a heavy borrower in the money market and invested freely. During President Harrison's time Fairbanks' financial interests were so large that he had to employ a man, at a salary of \$2,500 a year, to renew his notes as they fell due and assist generally.

INTO NATIONAL POLITICS. Fairbanks began his campaign for the senate by seeking election as a delegate-at-large from Indiana to the Republican convention of 1896. It has been publicly alleged that the election tilters, "purposely or accidentally, juggled the figures" and announced that Fairbanks had received 592 votes to 578 for Judge Hiram Brownlee. Whether this is true or not Fairbanks went to the convention, was named temporary chairman, and his national political career dates from that incident. It cost Fairbanks in the neighborhood of \$16,000 before the legislature sent him to the senate. County newspapers that were having uphill fights financially suddenly took on new life. Fairbanks became known as a philanthropist.

FAVORED IT, BUT— Four years ago Indiana was up in arms against a proposed legislative measure known as the "Joss railroad consolidation bill." J. Pierpont Morgan's interests were much involved and Floyd Woods, an Indianapolis lobbyist, had the matter in hand. Though the people protested against the measure, calling it a "boodle bill," which it was, the legislature passed it. The next step was to have the then Gov. Winfield T. Durbin sign it. Woods was no friend of Durbin. "Charlie" Fairbanks was, and he, too, was well known to Morgan. Woods went to Washington and saw Fairbanks. Later an autograph letter came from Fairbanks to Woods. It was on Fairbanks' official state machine head. Woods declares that the letter said practically this: "I have communicated with Gov. Durbin about the Joss bill, and he will sign it."

But Durbin didn't sign the bill. With his veto he sent out a ringing message upon the evils of lobbying. Woods says that since then Durbin has denied to him that Fairbanks ever spoke to him about the Joss bill, or he to Fairbanks. The Fairbanks letter was copied and a duplicate reached New York. Later certain of Fairbanks' friends heard that Mr. Morgan's Southern Railway stock was a "good buy." It slipped SOME POLITICIANS WILL HOLD THE STOCK, OTHERS TOOK THE LOSS. It is said of Morgan that he never forgets Fairbanks' political state machine for years has been in the hands of "Greasy Joe" Keating, United States district attorney for Indiana. Delevan Smith, Fairbanks' cousin, is a typewriter manufacturer who has been quite successful in getting his machine installed in government offices. The vice president is said to be very wealthy. He is said, in a business way, to be identified with the E. H. Harriman financial party.

EXTRA

The Stone, Fisher Co. will "let go" a whole collection of Women's Coats tomorrow, and the prices will be not less than sensational. To be sure, some of these Coats are left over from last year, but any woman with a little ingenuity can easily remodel them and get immense returns from her investment. The details are very bluntly told in what follows—

LOT NO. 1. Short old fashioned Coat, tight fitting, lined and unlined; they come in blacks, blues, fawns, in good quality of kersey and cheviot, were up to \$10.00, to close out, choice at ...\$1.00

LOT NO. 2. Odds and ends in Mixed Tweed Suits, Serge Dresses, Misses' Heavy and Medium Weight Coats, in loose and fitting styles; also Ladies' Coats in blacks, coverts and various cloths and shades; were up to \$20.00, sale price ...\$2.48

LOT NO. 3. Many Stylish Tweed Coats, in Empire styles; also a number of very high priced garments in tan, kersey, satin lined—imported garments, in fact—also Coats in black and brown; the last named were as high priced as \$50.00; to close\$7.48

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January Soap Sale. Continues all week at THE QUAKER. It affords an opportunity for you to fraction yourself with all kinds of soap at a fraction of its real worth. HANDSOMELY FRAMED PICTURES and art studies are being closed out at HALF PRICE. SILK ELASTIC HOSIERY, BANDAGES, ETC. We carry special quality made of hard twist long fiber silk giving it great tensile strength. Extra Heavy Silk Knee Hose, from instep to above knee\$4.75 Extra Heavy Silk Knee Caps\$1.75 Extra Heavy Anklets\$2.75 Extra Heavy Felt Back Kidney Pliers—Quaker's Special price, per pair 20¢ each—3 for50¢ Electric Insoles—sold elsewhere for \$1.50; Quaker's Special price, per pair25¢ Bath Towels—regular price 25¢; Quaker's Special this week, 2 for25¢ Chest Protectors. The Quaker carries the largest and most complete stock in the northwest. Prices range from .25¢ to \$5.00 Pyrographic Department. This department carries a complete stock of outfits, also woods and leathers to burn. Our pyrographic artist burns any design or motto on either leather or wood to order. The Quaker makes free delivery to all parts of the city. Use your phone—Main 1240, Ind. 1240.

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