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Service is one of the ways by which a tiny insect like one of us can get a purchase on the whole universe. If he finds the job where he can be of use, he is hitched to the star of the world, and moves with it.

—Richard C. Cabot.

### Turn On the Light

The statement of Mayor Young at the close of the Farish hearing, that he could have asked five questions which would have cleared the murky atmosphere in which the case was bathed, discloses a failure of duty on the part of a high official. Why were not these clarifying interrogations propounded in the beginning? They would have saved the time of the commission, the manager, the many city officials, whose attendance upon the hearing day after day was compelled. They would have averted great wear and tear upon learned counsel, but at the same time they would have averted their fees.

Perhaps the mayor spoke loosely when he said that he could have asked five questions which would have opened the door of information and have flooded the situation with light. A more question is not clarifying. It is only a sign that a problem exists. What the mayor doubtless meant was that answers to five questions, concealed in his breast, would have cleared up the situation. Out with the questions even at this late day, that justice may be done and that the people may know that it has been done. Let us blunder along no longer in the dark when the light is trying to break through the clouds.

The mayor further stated that he knew of a mysterious movement which had long been in progress leading up to this denouement. We are all entitled to know. Turn on the light, that we may bask in its rays.

Speaking of questions, we could ask one which, if respectfully and truthfully answered, would afford as much light as the quintette of questions which the mayor has so artfully concealed. We would ask only, who is behind this expensive prosecution of the city manager, who is so much interested in the case that he is putting up money for expensive counsel, what interest has the unknown "angel" in the displacement of the manager? Ah, but here we have three questions instead of one, and perhaps they are three of the mayor's five.

The answers to this triple question would do more than throw light upon the present situation. They would make less likely the recurrence of secret plots against officials. The most hated and feared institution of Venice under the Doges was the "Lion's Mouth," into which any unknown assailant of a citizen might deposit charges that would put his property, his liberty and his life in peril. Many a Venetian dragged his life away in a dungeon or lost it more expeditiously in flames or on the scaffold, still wondering whom he had offended and why he had been sacrificed.

Let the "Lion's Mouth" of Phoenix be abolished by the answers to the questions which we hope the mayor may be prevailed upon to ask. Let us destroy this institution of the middle ages which has been set up in Phoenix and which the commission has momentarily encouraged.

### Worrying the Insects

The department of agriculture in a recent bulletin discloses the fact that it has found a new and deadly insecticide. The poison belongs to the fumigant class. Apparently it has been named after a town in Russian Poland, as it is called "para-dichlorobenzene." The chief advantages of the new substance may be briefly summed up as follows: It isn't necessary to sprinkle it all over the house; it is sufficient "merely to expose a sufficient quantity in one or two open or partially open receptacles." It is not, under ordinary circumstances, harmful to human beings. Its odor does not cling to fabrics. It is comparatively cheap.

So much may be said in favor of para-dichlorobenzene. There is, unfortunately, another and sinister side of its character. This insidious substance does not destroy insects by asphyxiation or swift internal disturbance. It works upon their nervous system. It produces a most violent form of neurostenia. In the cold, scientific language of the government experts, a moth when exposed to the deadly vapors "first displays great excitement and uneasiness, followed closely by spasmodic convulsions, and finally turns over on its back. When in this position violent nervous and reflex action is noticed until life is extinct."

Now neurostenia is a terrible disease. A sufferer from it is likely to imagine that he has the symptoms of almost every known ailment. Insects, on account of their happy-go-lucky dispositions, have generally escaped the dreaded nervous prostration. It is not, then, an underhand trick for a government chemist deliberately to invent a drug that is going to produce in insects that very disease which nature meant them to escape?

Perhaps no one will plead very eagerly for the

lives of the beetles, weevils, aphides, etc., to be spared. But it is one thing to slay an insect and quite another to make it so worried and excited that it tumbles over and dies in a nervous spasm. Is the beetle to be deprived of the one advantage of his lowly state, which is to live and die untroubled by worry and excitement? If American insects present a united and vigorous protest to the government no reasonable person will be able to criticize their action.

Evelyn Nesbit has at least a glimmering of sense. She refused to appear at a theater where she had been billed as Mrs. Harry Thaw, until the "paper" had been reconstructed.

Philadelphia has maintained its reputation for showiness. It took Dr. Sunday eleven weeks to save the town, instead of the usual nine weeks of the Sunday campaigns.

Texas people are reasonably liberal, but they draw the line at wearing pistols to church and shooting the chimneys from kerosene lamps. A bill to prohibit attending church armed is pending in the legislature of the Lone Star state.

### UTILIZATION OF SPANISH POTASH DEPOSITS

Consul General Hurst writes from Barcelona, under date of October 6th, that up to the present potash has not been extracted in Spain in commercial quantities. It has been proved, however, that potash does exist near Barcelona, that it is fairly amenable to refining, and that the deposits may become a basis of a world trade, with Barcelona as an export center. Examination and tests thus far have indicated only enough potash for consumption in Spain, but they have been so limited that it is impossible to estimate the quantity and grade of the deposits and the difficulties that may have to be undertaken in mining for this sale.

It is presumed from the varied data gathered that the potash beds are extensive and rich, and likely to have an important bearing on agriculture and certain highly important manufacturing industries, both in the peninsula and abroad. What is now needed is a scientific and extensive survey of the regions in that part of Spain where marked traces of potassium salts have been found. For local consumption it is now probably possible to put certain quantities of potash on the market. As an article for export in regular and unloading shipments, present indications do not point to a definite or even early conclusion.

The tracts of Catalonia in which beds of potassium salts exist are chiefly in the two provinces of Barcelona and Lerida, particularly in the latter near the towns of Suria and Cardona, on the Cardener river. At present, concessions do not go beyond Solsona on the north and the towns of Tarraga, Servera and Manresa on the south, the entire district being practically confined between the Segre and Llobregat rivers. In this delimited region a number of these claims for mining concessions has been made on lands where there is no conclusive proof that potash exists in commercial quantities, although it is possible that these lands contain potash and that the potash-producing area may extend considerably beyond the confines mentioned. Thus far the prospecting has been satisfactory at and near Suria, but a thorough investigation must be made at Cardona and Callus, nearly midway between which Suria is situated.

### NAUGHTY, NAUGHTY, LOS ANGELES

When the first furtive damn was uttered by feminine lips it created a furor. I think it must have been a duchess. None less could have survived the innocation. A stage duchess, of course. Most of our really pungent fashions come via that channel. It was so terrible, so very, very awful, so pungent, so fascinating. It received almost instant recognition among the elect, those courageous few who accept and promulgate our modes. It was about nine or ten years ago that I heard a very high society dame, indeed who was a partner in an important society journal in London, say, "Oh, damnation, who would think she would kick up such a dust about a little paragraph like that?" and I knew that damn was receiving its first series of introductory parties as a guest of honor.

But now it's a passe friend of the family, a shade the worse for wear. Its friends are not leaving it with indifferent haste, to be sure, but there are signs of other verbal explosives vying with it for favor.

I heard a society leader (and she is a society leader, you ask the society editor!) declare emphatically that she had played a "perfectly hellish round of golf, not a single damn thing went right." That was last week. Which would indicate that "hellish" takes at least a certain precedence over damn, when it does not supplant it altogether. Hell has not been a fashionable route so long as damn, so its vogue will possibly outlast damn for a year or two. —Alma Whitaker in Los Angeles Times.

### FUNCTION OF A NEWSPAPER

But some may ask how they can obtain publicity for their views, if the newspapers will not print their letters. In reply we may say, first, that the instances where letters of general interest are not printed are very rare, as far as our experience goes; but, secondly, and chiefly, the function of a newspaper is to print the news, and what one person may think about another is not news; neither are mere statements of opinion. We suppose it will be admitted that an editor has better opportunities than other men of knowing how newspapers are conducted. He certainly sees more of them. Our observations lead us to think that the Victoria daily papers give their correspondents more space and greater latitude than any other dailies in Canada or the United States. No newspaper editor takes any pretensions to infallibility. He doubtless makes many errors in judgment, but he has to exercise his discretion in the light of his experience, and if he makes an error and prints what he ought not to have printed, he cannot escape responsibility by throwing it upon the shoulders of someone else. Moreover, it is the rule almost everywhere for editors to decline to give reason for not giving publicity to contributions.—Victoria Colonist.

### DIET OF ANCIENT ATHLETES

The actual diet used by the ancient Greek athletes consisted of a certain kind of cheese, specially prepared from goats' milk. Later on a flesh diet was introduced. The Romans, in the early stages of training, utilized a vegetarian form of diet, consisting of dried figs, new cheese and boiled grain. Later on, again, meat was added to the list, but only one sort of flesh was thought suitable, and that, curiously enough, was pork, an edible absolutely banned by most modern trainers. Galen most firmly maintained that pork contains far more nutriment than any other flesh food. It certainly is a very significant fact that the ancient athletes complained that if they were forced, when in training, to live upon anything else but pork for any one meal their mental and physical forces alike were seriously impaired.—Webster in Strand Magazine.

### FARISH GETS OVATION

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and advances the money for paving, and, in order to do this, they must whack the price up about ten per cent for their trouble in handling the bonds.

Then there is another thing—the town ditch. It will have to be moved. The question is, where will the money come from? Suppose the taxpayers who are affected should build a concrete siphon under Van Buren street. That would take up some of the cement from Mr. Fuller's mill and give employment to the men Judge Lewis says are out of work.

"Storm sewers will be an absolute necessity if paving is to continue. It will cost from \$200,000 to \$300,000 to build an adequate system. For this, I believe, no bonds should be issued, but the work should be done by direct assessment on the lands that are to be drained."

"Phoenix certainly needs paving. We don't often have such rainy seasons as we have just passed through, when the streets are converted into seas of mud. If we have another next year, Phoenix people will grow web feet like the citizens of Oregon."

It seemed that the members of the chamber of commerce were determined to hear about paving. President Fenimore got up as the Phoenix mayor La Comfort clears were being passed around and said something about it. Then Judge Lewis told the crowd the astonishing fact that one out of every five able-bodied men in Phoenix was out of work. He, too, suggested paving as the remedy.

"Start paving, and you will bring about the prosperity that belongs to Phoenix. Why is this condition? Because we have been retrenching. It is not because our confidence in the ultimate prosperity of the Salt River valley is one whit disturbed. Paving will not only bring in outside capital, but it will furnish work for thousands who now need it."

In closing, Judge Lewis announced the entertainment for the Associated Charities at the Elks' theater.

Paul Edwin Fuller of Mesa followed the first speaker with an eloquent appeal to the merchants of Phoenix to aid in starting the Phoenix Portland cement mill. The valley has agriculture and nearly is mining, and the only great fundamental industry that is lacking is manufacturing.

He told how much the manufacture of a local cement would give in cost on future great construction works, and he mentioned its users of immense quantities of cement in the lining of canals, the building of the Verde dam—and paving.

H. D. Marshall, who called himself a boffer at the Ingleside club, told how winter visitors ought to be entertained. There are but three playgrounds—Ingleside, Chandler and Castle Hot Springs. Climate and sunshine are already here in great abundance, but accommodations are yet limited. He mentioned golf as one of the chief requisites of a proper resort hotel. In his attack upon present conditions, he took in everything that holds off winter visitors—from the inconvenience of railroad accommodations, the utterly impossible railroad stations, the lack of real publicity, the scarcity of real hotels. He suggested a hotel that would hold 500 to 1000 guests—a sort of combination plan, built in connection with the railroads. The fair fields near the Country club would do, he said. In passing, he paid an eloquent tribute to W. J. Murphy, who has done so much for the tourists by maintaining his part of their accommodations in the face of many difficulties.

A. A. Betts, sulking for F. A. Jones on rates, shared with Senatrix F. W. Munds the subject of cans. Betts came right out in meeting and said that there ought to be a canning factory here, but Mrs. Munds, depending on a slip of paper and some typewriting, conveyed these thoughts to the members:

"Mr. Chairman: I notice in glancing over your program for this evening that the first speaker proposes to 'pack the house and establish a cannery here in Phoenix.' Now, Mr. Chairman, we have been canning things out in the legislature this week. We canned the land commission, the tax commission, and someone wanted to can the governor. This is to say that I hope you will not let this cannery process go any further and whatever you do, please do not can the legislature."

### FRANCIS W. MUNDS.

Senator Stapley urged assistance for the cement mill, spoke of economy in the state administration, and gave a few ideas on getting together.

Rudolph Kuchler of Glendale presented a very eloquent address on the assistance the chamber of commerce can render the community from the farmer's point of view.

J. H. Mulholland brought a message from the board of trade at Wicken-

### Ladies' Aid Society

The Ladies' Aid society of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. C. D. Reed, 806 North Fourth avenue. This being the first anniversary of the society, the election of officers was held. The following persons were re-elected: Mrs. C. E. Newcomer, president; Mrs. E. Hanson, vice-president; Mrs. P. L. Zimmerman, secretary; Mrs. J. F. Westberg, treasurer. Refreshments were served at the close of the business meeting and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed by the large number present. Miss Irene Jacobson rendered several fine selections on the piano. Asa hostess, Mrs. Reed did her full share in making this anniversary meeting a success in every way.

burg, urging mining development and good roads.

C. H. Fitch reminded himself of the story about the customer who came into the reclamation office with questions about irrigation in terms of gallons. Then, just out of curiosity, the project manager figured some gallons. An acre foot of water, he said, contained 45,324,765,990 gallons of water. The Roosevelt dam, when full, contains thirty billion billion gallons, or enough to cover 626 square miles a foot deep. This would flood the state of Maryland a foot under water.

The entertainment ended with a program rendered by members of the Ellis Musical comedy company from the Coliseum. Frank Cack, Marjorie Khaw, Earl Caldwell, Mr. Young, Regina Vicienne, the prima donna; Babe Lewis, the soprano; Earl Hall and Miss Barker rendered solos and Mrs. Hall assisted at the piano.

President Fenimore then advised the members to go home and "square it with their wives."

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES GLEANED BY THE CUB

By THE CUB.

The Cub was criticized by some for saying what he did about school spirit, but the majority seemed to take it in the way it was meant. The truth hurts sometimes, as in this case. The spirit of the school, which was said to be defunct, has been discovered to have been only sound asleep and just needed awakening.

The Coyotes were treated with a double program at the assembly held in the Auditorium yesterday morning. The Coyote band, under the direction of Mrs. Williams, rendered several musical numbers of high merit. It was very noticeable what great improvement the band has made in the last few months under this competent instructor.

The second part of the program consisted of a demonstration of the typewriting department of the school. C. L. Michael had charge and gave an interesting talk on the business of stenography and its value. He gave the average wage of the typists in the different degrees of proficiency. The Phoenix high school ranks second to but very few schools in the United States, for the output of proficient typists. For instance, a pupil of the high school for three years, Samuel Holsinger, holds the championship for the west as the fastest operator in the high schools. The Coyote typists continually take

### MISSIONARY TO TELL OF FROZEN NORTHLAND

G. J. Carter, missionary to the Eskimo along the coasts of Labrador and Greenland, will speak on the Perils of seal hunting and whaling at the Isaac school house next Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Carter, who is a native of Newfoundland, spent twelve years as a seal hunter and whaler in the far north before becoming a "fisher of men," and will give a vivid description of human and animal life in the frozen regions. In connection with his adventures he will also tell of missionary work among the people of Greenland and Labrador. The public is cordially invited to attend this lecture, which is free to all.

First and second places and sometimes both in the high school contests of the country. Several proficiency medals were awarded at this assembly. The Underwood gold medals for eighty words or over a minute were awarded to Felix Rosas, who wrote 85 words in the test; Edward Taley, 84; and Arthur Sutherland, who reached the speed of eighty words. The Remington gold medal was awarded to Alexander Rosas for writing 84 words per minute for ten consecutive minutes. An exhibition of speed was given by six students of the department, the speed running from 85 to 166 words a minute. The program was full of interest all the way through.

Coch Gentry has arranged a few track events to take place this afternoon between the classes of the school. The main feature of the program is a relay race between teams of four men each. The team said yard run will also be featured. The program will start at 4 o'clock sharp. Everybody is welcome.

The Coyote carnival is going to be some stunt. It is well under way and before the end of the week it will begin to take form. It will be given on Friday, the 12th, at the Auditorium.

The Coyote baseball team is going over to Glendale on Saturday to win a baseball game from thoseugar kings.

There was a meeting of the Book and Pen club yesterday afternoon in Mr. Colodny's room. A very interesting program was given. Mr. Colodny's tricks with words showing the way they grew were exceptionally interesting as well as instructive.

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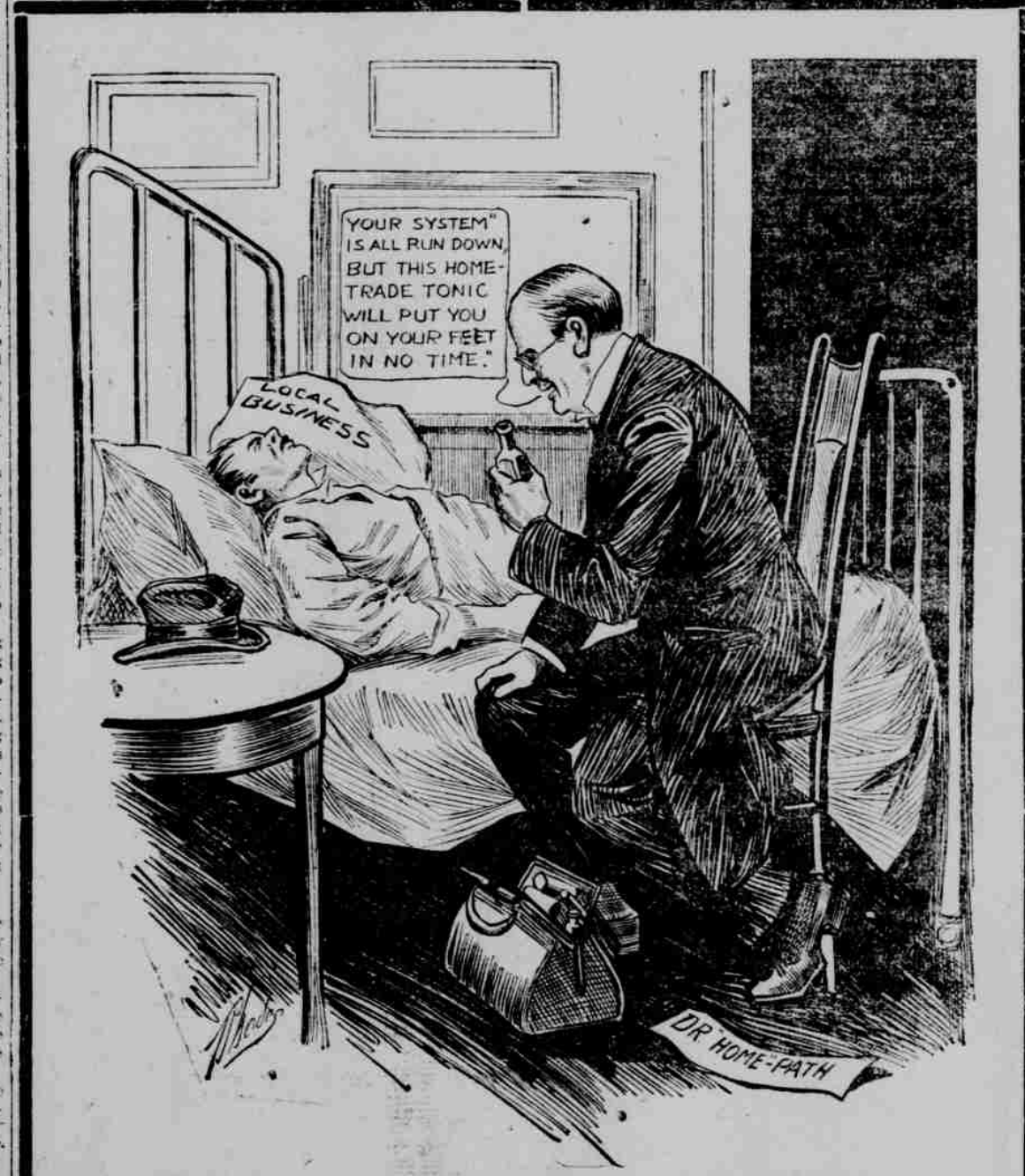
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Barber—Hair pretty thin, sir. Been that way long?  
Man in Chair—Long? I was born that way. It is true that subsequent to I enjoyed a period of rampant effluence, but it did not endure—Foster Transcriber.

Everybody attend Dr. Cramer's method sale of cattle today, 9 miles northwest of Phoenix—A.S.



### THE WRONG MEDICINE

THIS COMMUNITY is no better than the men and women who live in it. If YOU and I do wrong, our Community SUFFERS... But it is useless to look outside of Arizona for the remedy. The REAL REMEDY is near at hand. It is WE who are able to KILL or CURE. The WRONG MEDICINE kills—the medicine that bears the out-of-town label, the "mail order" label. But the TONIC that cures is the PRACTICE of "trade-at-home." Let us all—each one of us—from this day on practice and preach, "TRADE AT HOME."

—The Republican Ad-Men