

COMMENT & DISCOMMENT

In our litany for today must be included a prayer to be delivered from scientific fools, especially the ones who have hygiene on the brain. The latest representative of this type to come within our ken is Dr. Joseph French Johnson, dean of New York University, who has decided that if women must smoke, they should smoke pipes. "I certainly think a pipe is the most sensible thing a woman can smoke," the dean is quoted as saying to the reporters who had an ear out to catch every word of wisdom the great man was uttering. And then the dean proceeds to give a lot of smoking information that interests us strangely.

The pipe is the least injurious way of using tobacco, Joseph tells the girls. The smoker inhales less nicotine, he continues. He hints that he rather prefers that women shouldn't use the filthy weed at all. "I might be a little grieved myself to see a pipe stuck between the lips of a pretty girl, but it's her own affair if she cares to do it."

The dean may not be exactly posted as to the comparative effects of the pipe, cigarette and cigar, but he certainly knows the way to make a hit with the co-eds. He tells them it's their own affair, by which he shows that he is a deep student of psychology and knows that if the dear creatures want to smoke, nothing he can say will stop them. He stipulates, however, that he would prefer that they smoke clay pipes, changing to a fresh one each day, for that will be much more hygienic.

Of course, the attitude of the professor has startled New York city, or that portion of it which reads the newspapers, and pipe manufacturers are already preparing a fancy line of pipes to appeal to the feminine smokers who will adopt the hygienic suggestion. Some of these days we'll see the vanity cases made even larger, with room for a pipe and a can of "Tux" next to the powder puff and the lip stick. It'll be most convenient for the young man who wants to borrow a match or the makin's.

There seems to be a regular conspiracy on the part of some of the intellectual elite to make the pathway easier for the women who want to smoke—and there's more of them than you have any idea exist. Dr. Aristine Munn-Recht, dean of women in the same university which Joseph adorns, disagrees with the pipe theory, but adds quite naively: "Ethically the women have the same right to smoke as the men."

Dr. Aristine is a woman and has an uncommonly pretty name, if we may be allowed to say so. She talks something like a sprinkling can, but this may be excused in a pretty woman. We hope that she answers this description, and it is our sincere belief that she does, for only a pretty woman could get away with such nonsense and continue as dean of women.

The Scottsbluff council is all exercised because that city has not been drawing interest on funds on deposit in the local banks. We are surprised that a city of that size, which is one of the few places in these western wilds to "appreciate big business," can be so far behind the times. Alliance has been drawing interest on city funds for years.

Miss Lucy Page Gaston may be out of a job, but her soul goes marching on. Miss Lucy is the dear old soul who has been warring against the deadly cigarette for years and years—in fact, just about as long as there has been any money in the reform business. She discovered this particular graft in Kansas, and has worked it for all it was worth, beginning her activities after Carrie Nation had pre-empted the saloon field and had secured a patent on a hatchet for smashing bar fixtures.

Miss Lucy was, to put it vulgarly, canned from her own league a few short weeks ago. It seems that she took in too much territory. Had she confined her efforts to Kansas, she would still be drawing a salary. But things looked too good for Lucy. She couldn't stand prosperity. She figured it all out: If the people of Kansas could contribute enough to keep her living pretty well and pay her traveling expenses, the whole nation would come across with even more. So she formed branches of her league in various other states, and her ambition, like Caesar's, proved her undoing.

It seems that the league and Miss Lucy published a magazine, known as Coffin Nails, the sale of which swelled the league's coffers. This magazine has been published at Chicago, and Miss Lucy has been editing it from her home town of Topeka. She decided she wanted it nearer home, but the league wanted it left in the Windy City. They won the battle, and in the controversy that followed, Lucy found herself gently shoved out of a job. The league that she had raised from a mere baby to a grown man turned her out in the cold in the middle of a hard winter.

And then, to make matters worse, a bill repealing the drastic anti-cigarette laws of Kansas was introduced in both houses of the Kansas legislature. So near as can be discovered, Miss Lucy is about the only one who opposes it, and here she is without funds to fight the battle. Oh, the ingratitude of leagues and leaguers! 'Tis a tough world, my masters.

The newspapers in general over the state have not played up the results of the child welfare committee's questionnaires on the movies, but this may be because the superintendents of schools in some of the cities and towns discovered that the results didn't justify the suspicion that the movies were such a wicked influence for the young. The Columbus Telegram prints the results for that city, which are rather interesting in comparison with those from Alliance, showing that children in the two cities, which are of a vastly different character,

stand together in favoring western plays and players. The vote on favorite star in Columbus showed Tom Mix leading by a big majority. The figures follow:

Tom Mix was mentioned 114 times, Wallace Reid 72, Mary Pickford 53, William S. Hart 41, Constance Talmadge 41, Norma Talmadge 34, William Farnum 30, Harry Carey 29, Anita Stewart 27, Douglas Fairbanks 25, Buck Jones 24, Charles Ray 23, Mary Miles Minter 20, Pearl White 19, Fatty Arbuckle 19, George Walsh 19, Charlie Chaplin 16, Dorothy Gish 15, Katherine McDonald 13, Wesley Barry 12.

The western type of pictures, including cowboy stories, train robberies, etc., were the preference of 39, adventure 33, romance 22, all other types 29.

LAKE-SIDE

H. S. Fullerton drove up from his home Friday.

Mr. Dalbey drove down from Antioch Saturday.

R. C. Brunson was in from the Star ranch Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Osborn is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. Anna Hansaker returned from Marsland Sunday.

Operator Gorman has gone to Whitman to work.

Dr. Wessen returned Saturday from a trip to Denver, Col.

Emmett Green was in town Friday from out north of town.

Mrs. Harvey Whaley and children went to Alliance Friday.

Dick Keith was in from the ranch Sunday looking for work.

Francis Kieken drove in from the ranch Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. J. D. Whaley went to Alliance the latter part of the week.

Jake Herman drove in from his home south of town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Johnston returned from the west Sunday.

Dr. Moore was down from Antioch on business Thursday morning.

Carl Miller rode in from the ranch to visit his family here Sunday.

Burl Coe was an Alliance visitor Friday and Saturday of last week.

John Musvelt was a Lakeside visitor the latter part of the week.

Frank Westover was in from his home southeast of town Saturday.

Mrs. Frank DeFrance drove up from the ranch Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. D. Kirkpatrick returned from a visit with friends in Omaha.

Lee Watson shipped a cartload of horses to Arkansas Saturday evening.

George Lindsey and O. E. Black were Alliance visitors Friday and Saturday.

Stella and Howard Rochford rode in from their home near Ellsworth Saturday.

Everyone seems pleased to have Nos. 43 and 44 stop here now as they used to do.

Mrs. Elsie Ash and sons were Lakeside visitors from their ranch Thursday forenoon.

Dave Briggs was a Lakeside visitor the latter part of the week from his ranch home near Antioch.

Mrs. Maggie Wiebling returned Friday from a few days' visit with relatives and friends at Antioch.

R. A. Westover returned from Alliance Thursday, where he went to have some dental work done.

Alva Ash has been hauling some fine alfalfa hay to different parties in and around town the past week.

Luther Phipps returned to his home at Whitman Sunday after a couple of days' business visit here in town.

Charles Hitt returned from Whitman one day last week and is now helping with the station work here.

Rev. Charles Barleigh went to Holland Sunday to fill his regular appointment at that place Sunday evening.

E. R. Jameson returned from Alliance Thursday, where he went to receive treatment for tonsillitis and have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Joyce left for Beatrice Thursday morning. They have been employed until recently at the Cook lake pumping station.

Miss Ruth Pollard left Saturday for Halsey for a few weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. Dillard, who is suffering from an attack of nerve trouble.

Abe Underhill has been laying off from the east section the last week on account of getting a sliver in his eye. He went to Alliance Thursday to receive medical treatment. Joe Laquay is working in his place until he is able to go back to work.

The dance at the Standard mess hall was well attended Wednesday night. A bunch from Ellsworth drove up for the occasion. They were the Misses Cynthia Taylor, Mable Young, Mrs. Anna Bennett, and Messrs. Albert Arms, Paul and Don Shrewsbury.

IT WAS POTENT

"How about the bootleg goods in this town?" asked the stranger.

"In what particular?" said the old inhabitant.

"Is it potent?"

"Potent" is the word. A gentleman of my acquaintance stepped out of a theater one night during an intermission and purchased a few drinks in a nearby alley. Then he returned to the theater.

"Well, what is so remarkable about that?"

"He didn't know, until the door-keeper kindly told him, that it was the next night."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

GRATITUDE

Died, at Old Cove, last Sunday night, Old Beck, E. A. Little's mule, 30 years old. Mr. Little tells us that this old mule made him what he has today.—Cove Correspondent of the Mena (Ga.) Star.

To modernize an old saying: If wishes were horses the poor would buy automobiles.

Doesn't it jar your faith in human nature to hear that the Hohenzollerns are smugglers?

Girls' Basketball Team Still in Lead For Championship

The girls' basketball team of the Alliance high school is still in the lead for the championship of western Nebraska, having won every game so far this year. The girls will have to win but two more games to cinch the pennant, and the next two games, with Bayard and Scottsbluff, ought to turn the trick. The Alliance girls have beaten both of these teams on the home floor. They defeated Gering Monday evening, 23 to 12, and leave for Scottsbluff Friday evening.

The Kimball players proved a little too much for the Alliance recruits Friday evening, the boys going down to defeat to the tune of 46 to 21.

Next Friday will be a big day in basketball circles. The girls' team plays in Scottsbluff and the Scottsbluff boys will meet the Alliance team in this city.

The eighth grade boys took the Antioch eighth graders to a cleaning, 28 to 14, at Antioch Saturday. The eighth grade girls defeated the Antioch girls, 14 to 6, Monday evening, and at the same time the Hyannis team took the Alliance second team into camp, 23 to 19.

Alliance's basketball record has been most satisfactory this year, more games having been won than during any previous season.

DOMESTIC ECONOMY

Maid: "Please, sir, missus wants you to telephone for the plumber, 'cos she's dropped 'er diamond ring down the bath-pipe."

Master: "Tell your mistress not to be ridiculous—I'll buy her another diamond ring."—Bystander (London).

There is one field in which the wise man and the fool meet on a common level. That is when they fall in love and take their pens in hand.—Oregon Journal.

THE SPIRIT THAT WINS

A man who had some business at the outskirts of the town was walking briskly along a vacant block surrounded by a high board fence. He could hear frequent yells over in the block. Evidently a ball game was in progress. Then suddenly a ball cleared the fence, falling in the road a rod in front of him. Then a dusty lad crawled panting through a broken place in the fence, grabbed the ball and threw it back into the field.

"How's the game?" asked the man. "Oh, it's going good," was the kid's reply.

"How's the score?"

"Twenty-seven to nothing against us."

"Why that looks bad, don't it?" was the man's observation.

"Naw," said the kid, "our side ain't never been to bat yet."—Foresight.

HEREDITARY

Stories concerning victims of wifely prattle recall a poignant one told by a headmaster who wrote on a boy's report, "A good worker, but talks too much."

The rule of the school was that during the holidays each boy must get his report endorsed by his father. In this case the report came back with a brief comment attached: "You should hear his mother."—Tit-Bits (London).

A MAN OF ONE IDEA

The prize for the most absent-minded man seems to be due a Liberty, Mo., citizen whose house caught fire and who, after calling the fire department couldn't remember for the life of him where he lived.—Kansas City Times.

Umbrella manufacturers say the American consumer is 5,000,000 umbrellas short. Why, more than that have been borrowed and not returned.

Rotary Club Will Observe Anniversary At Wednesday Dinner

The Alliance Rotary club, at its Wednesday dinner, will observe the birthday of international Rotary with a special program. Earl D. Mallory will give the address of the evening.

The first Rotary club was organized in 1905, and in sixteen years has grown to a membership of sixty-five thousand and is represented in more than eight hundred cities in five continents. Membership has always been restricted to one member from each distinctive business or profession, although occasionally one additional representative from the same firm is permitted. This membership restriction is declared to be one of Rotary's chief advantages. The varied membership secured in this way provides the widest possible number of viewpoints for the consideration of business and community questions.

The only obligations imposed by Rotary are the maintenance of high business standards, a militant good citizenship, an unswerving loyalty to one's government, attendance at meetings, active participation in movements fostered by the club, and active membership in craft, civic, charitable and commercial organizations. Rotary seeks the betterment of the individual member, the betterment of his business, both practically and ideally, the betterment of his craft as a whole and the betterment of his home, town, state and country.

One reason for not stopping immigration from Europe to the United States is that pretty soon we will be able to settle the European question without going to Europe. They will all be over here.—Pharr (Tex.) Clarion.

Conceit is not fatal until a man begins to believe all he says about himself.—Palatka (Fla.) Times-Herald.

Some people are so slow they wouldn't make good pall bearers.—Rocky Mountain Minor, Denver.

A lazy man is no worse than a dead one, but he takes up more room.—Delphi (Ind.) Citizens-Times.

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