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Strange New Malady Holds Threat to Future of Race

Factitis Is Sending Man in Mad Pursuit After What Nobody Should Know



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NEW YORK—Did you ever toss on your pillow in anguish in the middle of the night because you couldn't remember who was president of the United States when Sitting Bull captured Vicksburg? Possibly it was your inability to recall where and why President Jefferson crossed the Delaware—or was it the Rappahannock (by the way, is that the way it's spelled?)—that cost you a good night's sleep. Be that as it may, the fact remains that one of the curses of this modern civilization is factitis. This malady may not be known by its scientific name. It is very common, however, extremely contagious, and practically incurable. Factitis explains the condition of those afflicted with a tortured desire to find out

Loses First Round



Brig. Gen. H. H. Denhardt

Attorneys for Brig. Gen. Henry H. Denhardt, seeking to get change of venue of his murder trial at Newcastle, Ky., received a setback when the judge ruled against it. Denhardt, former lieutenant governor of Kentucky, is seen on way to court where he is being tried on charges of slaying Mrs. Yerna Garr Taylor, LaGrange, Ky., widow.

why blondes don't prefer gentlemen, why Hitler doesn't grow a mustache, why there's only one Moe West—in short, these stricken souls are those whose chief ambition would be to become a walking encyclopedia.

Radio Much at Fault

Several factors have contributed to the alarming spread of factitis. Much of the trouble has been caused by radio. More than one cerebellum has been set whirling by the blithe query of some broadcaster, who, safe at a distance poses some neat little conundrum such as "When was Stonehenge built?" You may not even know what this is, so, to save you chasing after another academic will-o-the-wisp, it is a pile of antiquated brick over England way... and the date of its origin isn't even known.

Beware of Homework!

There was a time when the worst exposure suffered by the average citizen was when he or she passed a store window which contained a glass jar of beans in which connection the one who guessed most closely to the number therein won a mop, or a free haircut, or some salt pork. But now one can't even go to a party without mein host popping up with a list of dizzy questions which befuddle more than they amuse. Publishers have even come out with catlike books on the who, what, where and why of the universe.

It is sad enough when the offspring gets tired wrestling with the homework and brings that cussed algebra equation or rhetoric problem around for parental aid. Ah me! This existence has become a maniacal pursuit of facts, but, the fact is, this is more than enough so we'll close with the fact that this is THE END!

Cass county has no bonded indebtedness, as, like the state, we have paid cash for our hard surfaced roads and other improvements as we went.

SOCIAL

From Thursday's Daily—
Birthday Party—
Corbin Davis and Carter Minor shared honors at a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Minor Tuesday evening. The dessert table was centered by birthday cakes with candles. Mr. and Mrs. Searl Davis and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Pollock were also guests.

Garden Club—
Members of the Plattsmouth Garden club displayed a group of Texas wild flowers and a bouquet of tulips, lily-of-the-valley, and violets which were blooming in Plattsmouth. A plant exchange was also held. Chairmen were named from each ward for a membership drive at the meeting at Hotel Plattsmouth last evening.

Dr. Pool of the University of Nebraska is to be a speaker at the May meeting of the club. The club will meet for a dinner preceding the program.

Dinner Honors Newlyweds—
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor, assisted by Mrs. A. F. Seybert, entertained at a dinner and shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kintzel Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Kintzel were married in Omaha, March 27. Mrs. Kintzel was formerly Miss Delta Taylor. She attended the Plattsmouth high school and has been working in Omaha during the past few years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor. Mr. Kintzel is employed in the Armour Packing company. The couple will make their home at 6003 So. 18th st.

Twenty-five relatives attended the dinner Sunday.

Presbyterian Federation—
Mrs. E. H. Becker was hostess to circle one. Mrs. John Sattler and Mrs. George Sayles were assistants. Mrs. Elmer Sundstrom led the devotional period. A reading was given by Miss Wilma Swatek. The ladies voted to use the penny-a-day method of raising money this year. Twenty attended the circle meeting.

Circle 2 met at the home of Mrs. Howard Fullerton. Mrs. Carl Ofc was assistant. Plans were made for the entertainment of the federation during April. Circle 2 will also use the penny-a-day this year.

Mrs. E. C. Giles was hostess to circle 3 at her home. Miss Olive Gass, Mrs. Lillie Reinsack and Mrs. Phillip Hirz assisted. Mrs. L. D. Hiatt led the missionary study. Mrs. Stephen Wiles had charge of devotionals. A vocal solo was given by Miss Eleanor Giles.

Mrs. George Lushinsky was chosen as secretary to Circle 4 at the meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Wohlfarth yesterday. Mrs. John Palacek led devotionals and the missionary program. "Penny-a-day" was adopted as the policy for the year.

Circle 5 met with Mrs. Luke Wiles. Mrs. Paul Ambrose assisted. Mrs. Ralph Wehrlein was elected as the new missionary chairman. The new year books were distributed.

From Friday's Daily—
Delta Deck—
Mrs. Tom Walling entertained the Delta Deck card club Thursday evening. High score went to Mrs. Frank Gohelman; second to Miss Margaret Scotton; and third to Miss Laura Melsinger.

Pinocle Club—
Miss Marie Horn entertained the pinocle club at her home last evening. Mrs. Lorene Urish won high score and Mrs. Edgar Newton, second.

St. Paul's Ladies Meet—
A social meeting of the ladies of the St. Paul's church was held Thursday afternoon at the church. Rev. G. A. Pahl played a piano solo. Wilbur Claus also offered a piano solo number. Mrs. Mike Kaffenberger and Mrs. Otto Pitz sang a duet. Mrs. Charles Herren and Mrs. Wm. Puts were hostesses.

Ladies Auxiliary—
Mrs. Frank Cummins entertained the ladies auxiliary of the St. Luke's church at her home Thursday afternoon. Announcement was made of the church meeting to be held in Omaha May 7th. The national education secretary is to be a speaker. Father George Tyner and Mrs. Tyner of Omaha were guests at the meeting.

Birthday Party—
Mrs. Fred Lugsch and Miss Hulda Spahn entertained at a party honoring their mother's birthday Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Elizabeth Spahn was presented with a number of gifts and bouquets of flowers and the party at her home. A birthday cake

was served with the refreshments.

76th Birthday—
Miss Olive Jones, beloved librarian of this city, is celebrating her seventy-sixth birthday today. She was surprised with a huge birthday cake and bouquet of flowers. Miss Jones has been librarian in the Plattsmouth library for over fifty years.

The beautifully decorated cake is a gift of Miss Anna Peoples and the bouquet of carnations expressed birthday greetings from Miss Verna Leonard, librarian. Mrs. Adam Kaffenberger, Miss Vivian Hoenshell, and Miss Anna Peoples.

From Saturday's Daily—
Guests from Shelton—
Mr. and Mrs. Ludwick Hallas and daughters, Mary and Ellen, arrived last evening for a visit with Mrs. Hallas' mother, Mrs. Ethel McCarty, and with Mr. Hallas' mother, Mrs. Joe Hallas. Mr. Hallas is a banker at Shelton, Nebraska.

Attend Fraternity Dance—
Dr. and Mrs. Frank Molak attended the Xi Psi Phi fraternity dance at the Omaha Athletic club last evening. Dr. Molak affiliated with the fraternity while a student at the Creighton Dental School.

Spring Party for Standard Bearers—
Standard Bearers of the Omaha district were guests at a spring party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shover in Omaha Friday evening. A 6:30 dinner was served. Mrs. Shover, who is a past national secretary, gave a short talk explaining the value of following a plan and making out reports sent out by the heads of departments.

Miss Margaret Seck, a missionary from central China, was the main speaker of the evening. She wore a dark red Chinese dress of the modern vogue. In her talk she told of a day in the life of a Chinese girl. She also showed articles used by the Chinese girls and explained their use. Miss Seck was the private secretary of the wife of Chang-Hi-Cheek during the past year. She gave some interesting information about the recent situation there.

Later in the evening the girls played games and Chinese prizes were given. As a concluding event for the evening, Mr. Shover dressed in a Malay costume and told fortunes. The members of the Plattsmouth group who attended were Maymie Schwenneker, Ruth Ann Hatt, Clara Sent, Kathryn Barkus, Helen Hall, Dorothy Glock, Mrs. Pete Carr and F. L. Barkus drove cars.

During the afternoon Mrs. Seck spoke before the district meeting of the women. Mrs. O. E. Pearson presided. Mrs. V. C. Wright and Mrs. R. B. Hayes attended the women's meeting.

Washington Waif



Wabash News

Paul Ruetter was passing his 19th birthday anniversary during the past week and was receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

Parker Orie was in Weeping Water last Wednesday, joining his friend Eugene Colbert there and together they made a business trip to Plattsmouth.

H. H. Gerteling and wife were pleased to hear from their daughter, J. D., now Mrs. Emil Bauers, who has not been in the best of health, but who advises them she is now getting along very nicely.

The Ladies Aid society of Wabash, which is a very active organization and much interested in the betterment of conditions generally, met at the home of one of their members, Mrs. Hansen, last Wednesday. All enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon, climaxed with refreshments.

Elevator Changes Hands
E. F. Marshall, of Weeping Water, has acquired the Wabash elevator, formerly owned by the Farmers Elevator company, and will operate the business in the future. This business has always been a good asset to the town, paying top prices for grain. Mr. Frank Marshall will look after the business, being experienced in this line and well known to a large number of the farmers in this part of the county.

Complete Track Work
The crew of workmen who have been going over the Missouri Pacific tracks in this vicinity, have completed their work and are being sent elsewhere, some one place and some another, to continue their labors. In the shift, Guy Hinds has been sent to Springfield to work, while John Cardwell, John West and Paul Hansen have been sent to Walton, where there is a good deal of track work to be done.

Preparing for Corn Planting
Farmers of this vicinity have all completed sowing their oats and other small grain, also the work of straightening up their fences, etc., and are now turning their attention to the preparation of corn ground, so it will be in readiness for planting early in May. The weather has

been fine for the preparation of the land, and all are looking hopefully to the future confident of continuing moisture this year and a satisfactory crop. It takes a lot of adversity to discourage Nebraska farmers and they generally come back smiling—willing to stake their time and seed on the raising of a good crop. The failures of the past few years are forgotten and the future—well that lies ahead of us.

CLAIMS TO BE A SEAMAN

For the first time in its history the supreme court was called on Thursday to pass on the question of whether a piledriver worker employed on Missouri river improvement contracts is a seaman or just a plain worker. Carl F. Belk, so employed by the Massman Construction company, was permanently crippled and badly maimed when his shoe caught in moving machinery. He brought suit for \$30,000 damages in a law action under the federal employers liability act. The company defended on the ground that recovery was limited to the amount the state workmen's compensation law gave him.

Belk's action is based on the contention that he is not under the compensation law because his employment gave him the status of a seaman and the right to sue at law for damages. His attorney said the piledriver was a vessel operating under its own power, and the district court erred in not submitting to a jury the question of fact.

Defendant's attorneys contended that as the piledriver was being used to build a dike, the latter being a land structure attached to the land of Nebraska, it was not a vessel and Belk not a seaman. The test is the use to which the piledriver was put, and if not being used in transportation it is not such a vessel as the maritime laws contemplate. That it was used on navigable waters does not make its operation a maritime enterprise.

RETURNS FROM MISSOURI

From Saturday's Daily—
Mrs. Henry Born returned early this morning from Savannah, Mo., where she had been all week staying with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Minnie Christoffersen who is at Savannah taking treatments. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Man Given the Blame for Dust and Flood in U. S.

Indicted by Raymond J. Pool for the Upset of Natural Balance and Great Damage.

Dust storms and floods are only nature's revenge upon man for his interference with her ways, Prof. Raymond J. Pool, chairman of the University of Nebraska botany department, told members of the interprofessional institute at their meeting Saturday night at Lincoln.

"Mother nature is not a nudist by chance," said Dr. Pool. "If left to her own ways, she will clothe herself in a smock of forest trees or at least in a skirt of prairie grasses. But for thousands of years man has been running away with her clothes so persistently that she has had the greatest difficulty to preserve her modesty."

The subject of Dr. Pool's talk was "Water, Water, Water." In it he discussed the course of nature in undistributed areas and cited instance after instance in which thru lack of foresight and adequate knowledge man disturbed that course, denuding the hills to bring on floods and the prairies to give rise to dust storms.

Referring to the Republican river valley flood of the summer of 1935, the botanist expressed disconcertment at the fact that, in spite of "sincerity of purpose and vigorous activity" of those investigating it to find a means of forestalling a repetition, scant attention is being paid to the fact that the 1935 flood "really began many years ago when man became an active party to the crippling and ruination of the prairie" on the river's watershed.

"I, myself, 25 years ago saw the progress of those changes in the prairie balance which contributed significantly to the setup which led to the disaster," he testified. "The prairie sod had been severely disturbed by breaking, overgrazing and fire, until there were then huge fields of fallow land. Even in the prairie areas that had not yet been plowed the plant population was so reduced in density and virility that water and wind had free access to the surface soil over great expanses. The land was essentially bare."

HERE FOR FUNERAL

A number of the old friends and neighbors of the W. E. Rosencrans family were here Friday to attend the services at the Horton funeral home for Mr. Rosencrans.

Among those here were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gamble of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Thomas, Nebraska City; Mrs. A. C. Davis and Mrs. Kelly of Falls City; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hughes and daughter, Omaha; Charles C. Parmele and Mr. and Mrs. Pollock Parmele, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. William Racusen, Omaha; B. I. Clements, Elmwood.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Gordon McNeil, of Omaha, was arraigned Friday afternoon on the charge of grand larceny, arising from the theft of iron from the stone crusher of Ole Olson at Weeping Water. To the charge the defendant made a plea of not guilty and was held for the preliminary hearing set for May 3rd. The bond was set at \$1,000 and in failure to supply the same he was remanded to the custody of the sheriff.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

James Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Short of this city, is at the Clarkson hospital at Omaha, in very serious condition.

He was taken to the hospital Friday and on arrival there it was found that his appendix had ruptured and made his case very serious as peritonitis had developed. The young boy has been given a blood transfusion in hope of keeping up his strength.

HELP KIDNEYS

To Get Rid of Acid and Poisonous Waste
Your kidneys help to keep you well by constantly filtering waste matter from the blood. If your kidneys get functionally disordered and fail to remove excess uric acid, there may be poisoning of the whole system and body-wide distress.
Burning, scanty or too frequent urination may be a warning of some kidney or bladder disturbance.
You may suffer nagging backache, persistent headaches, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel weak, nervous, all plagued out.
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