

"GIRLS ENCOURAGE FLIRTS"

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By MARGARET HUBBARD AYER.

"It is getting so that it is impossible for a woman to walk about the streets at night without an escort," said Magistrate House, who sentenced a man to the workhouse for sixty days for speaking to two young women on the street on Saturday. The girls gave the "mascher" a good pummeling before he was arrested and were commended for their fight by the court.

Despite the fact that many more complaints have been filed against the "mascher" during the last year and that women who have been spoken to on the streets are less reluctant to fight if necessary and have their insulter arrested, when possible, the number of women who complain of being addressed by strange men, even in the daylight hours, is constantly increasing.

The mascher thrives within our midst and makes it unsafe for young girls to be out upon the streets unaccompanied, and equally unpleasant for those who are no longer as young as they appear.

Nowadays when a woman is accosted by a stranger more than once in a certain part of the town she usually sends in a complaint to the Women's Municipal league, and so I want to the league's headquarters to ask the guiding genius of that organization who to blame for the present condition of things, which makes a woman as liable to be insulted in our city streets in broad daylight as she would likely be in the free and easy capitals of Europe.

Responsibility for the safety of young girls walking on the streets alone comes back in a large degree upon their mothers," said Mrs. William Hazard, who believes that the older and more experienced woman has herself to blame if she is spoken to by strange men.

"If our young girls were all properly trained in the way they are to behave in public most of this trouble would be eliminated," Mrs. Hazard concluded. There was one woman whose opinion counts who places the blame on the offender, and when I went into Dr.

Magistrate House says it is getting impossible for a woman to walk about the streets without an escort. But Dr. Cogswell and the governor's wife agree that the girls are partly, if not altogether, to blame.

Elizabeth Cogswell's office that breezy and experienced person agreed with her opinion, as least as far as the young girl was concerned.

"What can you expect?" asked Dr. Cogswell. "Look at the clothes the women are wearing; look at their low pumps, their transparent stockings, their short light skirts. In addition to that, all of them, even the modern school girl, powders and rouge her face.

"The mother is the worst offender. She flatters her daughter unceasingly, and the girl demands admiration from everybody she meets. She expects it from the passerby on the street. She may only want the glance of admiration in a man's eye, but she is dressed to attract attention, and she gets that and more. The extravagance of women's dress in public provokes insult."

Again the woman was to blame, although Dr. Cogswell admitted that in certain parts of the city, even in the daytime, a woman of any age was likely to be spoken to if she did not go on her way with the brisk and business like walk that discourages the "mascher."

Just as I was leaving I caught sight of a handsome woman whose face seemed vaguely familiar, though one would have to be a clairvoyant to recognize Mrs.

John A. Dix, the wife of the governor of New York, from the unflattering photographs and snapshots one usually sees of her.

As every interviewer's brain is completely obscured for the moment by the one subject in view, Mrs. Dix had to submit to being asked what she thought of the question of the safety of young women in the streets.

"It depends altogether on the woman herself I should think," she said. Mrs. Dix has the most charming voice and manner of speaking.

"Of course, the fashions of today are preposterous and often objectionable, but there are no other clothes to wear. People buy what is in the shops. The way women dress today seems to make them appear all of the same age, none very young and none very old; that's fortunate for some of us, but hard on the young girls, isn't it?"

Mrs. Dix has avoided the unladylike features of the modest fashion in a smart, simple frock of changeable blue and green silk and a small velvet toque and she doesn't try to look younger than she is for some time, I can assure you.

But she agrees with the others. It seems to be up to the girls.

HORSE DISEASE AFFECTS MEN

Caretaker of Stricken Animals Taken with Similar Symptoms.

GERMS FOUND IN EQUINE BLOOD

Kansas Physician Will Determine if Humans Are Threatened—Five Thousand Horses Are Dead.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 7.—The report that a man at Jetmore, Kan., attending horses afflicted with the disease that has caused the deaths of thousands of horses in Kansas during the last few weeks, has taken sick with all the symptoms of spinal meningitis, caused S. J. Crumbine, secretary of the Kansas board of health, to hurry there today.

The state agricultural college bacteriologists have found diplococci in the blood of the dead horses," said Dr. Crumbine. "A certain variety of diplococci causes meningitis in humans. We are going to find out whether the germs found in the horses is the variety that affects humans. If it is, the situation is a menace to the citizens."

Governor Stubbs appealed directly to President Taft today in an effort to get government aid in combatting the disease. In a telegram he told the president that the Department of Agriculture had received the report of the situation with "unardonable neglect or indifference." He said that more than 5,000 horses have died with the disease.

Army Officers Fear Disease. The plague now has come as far east as Riley county, and the army veterinarians at Fort Riley have established a quarantine prohibiting the bringing of any horses on the military reservation.

Fort Riley is wholly a cavalry and artillery post, and there are more than 1200 horses and mules there.

The great mortality has created a serious situation in western Kansas, hundreds of farmers being left without ani-

mals to do necessary fall work. Because of fear that new horses would catch the disease and die the farmers are afraid to buy other animals. Meantime fall crops are going unharvested and very little plowing or planting of fall wheat is being done.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 6.—State Veterinarian Bestrom, who returned this evening from a tour of the state in investigating the ravages of the mysterious horse disease, made a gloomy report on the conditions in the sections visited. The disease, he said, exists in the southern part of the state from Fairbury to McCook and from Columbus to Merna in the north central district. In Phelps county alone he found there had been 800 deaths of horses thus far and scores are dying every day.

The ailment is not limited to animals in poor condition, Mr. Bestrom said, but has claimed some of the finest herds.

Culls from the Wire

Two officers were dropped from the army rolls through the approval of President Taft of sentence of courts martial.

Ernest de Coven Lettingwell, a young American explorer, who has been absent on an arctic expedition for three and a half years, will return this fall.

Heat again held Chicago and vicinity in its grip when the temperature reached 91 degrees and remained at that point for several hours. Four deaths and fifteen prostrations were reported.

Charges of heresy were made against Rev. J. C. Handy, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mexico, Mo., at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, conference, in session in Shelburne, Mo.

Orville Wright, inventor of the aeroplane and dean of air pilots, joined the members in the aviation sport on the grounds of the Aero club of Illinois.

John Morrow, who has long been a well known miner and merchant of Ogbury, Alaska, died in Rochester, Minn., at the end of a journey of fifty-two days made on a stretcher from the far-away north country.

Charles E. Dant, a wholesale lumber dealer of Portland, was the only witness examined when the federal investigation into an alleged combination of retail lumber dealers was resumed today at Portland.

EXPOSITION PLANS ADOPTED

Panama-Pacific Fair Positively Will Be Ready on Time.

FIVE THOUSAND MEN GET WORK

All Exhibit Palaces Must Be Completed Nine Months in Advance of Date Set for Opening of Exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The Panama-Pacific International exposition, which will be held here in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal, will be ready on time. This was the positive assertion today of its president, Charles C. Moore. After months spent in preliminaries the perfected plans have been adopted by the directors and orders have been given to go ahead immediately.

All exhibit palaces must be completed and ready for occupancy June 5, 1914, nine months in advance of the date set for the opening, February 20, 1915. All contracts will be let on this basis.

Five thousand men will be given employment within ninety days and this number will be increased until the fall of 1914, when construction work will be under way on all buildings.

Water Front Two Miles. The exposition will occupy 325 acres on the northern shore of San Francisco bay and have a water front of approximately two miles on the bay with the Marin county hills and Mount Tamalpais in the background. Hills on three sides form a gently sloping natural amphitheater which has lent itself to an architectural development. The plans provide for six courts, each of which, forming the walls of the buildings surrounding it, expresses the individual idea of the architect who planned it.

Hundreds of thousands of trees, shrubs, vines and flowers are ready to be removed at the proper time and set out in accord with a plan that will harmonize with the architectural and color schemes of the buildings. Vines will be set on re-

movable trollees, close alongside the exhibit palaces, so that when the support removed they may be attached to the walls.

Seventeen foreign governments, including France and Japan, have officially accepted the invitation of the president of the United States to participate and thirty states and territories have appointed commissions to select sites for buildings.

Taft Gives Warning Against Ambitious and Selfish Interest

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 7.—From within the grass-grown ramparts of Old Fort Griswold on Cotton Heights, President Taft this afternoon told the delegates to the Atlantic Deep Waterways convention that no individual should allow his own selfish interests or his personal ambition to lead him into climbing into power over someone else.

"We should not forget our true relation to our fellowmen," he said, "nor the obligations we owe those who as individuals make up the body politic." The president was telling the story of the defense of Fort Griswold 133 years ago and of the courage of those farmers who had defended the walls against the British under Benedict Arnold. He had spoken of Arnold, saying that no one who had studied the brilliant parts of the man and his ambitions, could help feeling regretful that love of self, self-absorption and ambition for power had led him into that path which made him the "greatest traitor of all times."

Turning from the lessons of history the president took up the matter of deep waterways, a movement which he favored, especially the proposed system of inner canals along the seaboard.

The president, with his ankle bound up, used a cane in walking from the boat landing to his automobile.

A little later at a reception in his hotel, where nearly 1,000 persons shook hands, the president was seated in order to favor his ankle. While he spoke at Fort Griswold he supported himself with the cane. From the fort the presidential party was driven to the Griswold dock and then boarded the Mayflower, which weighed anchor shortly before 6 o'clock and sailed for Beverly.

MOOSERS NAME BALDRIGE

Republican Candidate Vouched for by Friends as Progressive.

GETS NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS

Several in Gathering Question His Affiliation with Party, but Others Say He Has Personally Declared for Moosers.

The bull moosers last night nominated Howard H. Baldrige for congressman from the Second district in a hastily organized congressional convention in the lobby of the Murray hotel. Although Mr. Baldrige is the nominee of the republicans by virtue of the vote received at the primaries, the bull moosers did not bother with a more endorsement at their convention, but made Mr. Baldrige the nominee of the progressive party of the district. Several friends of Mr. Baldrige assured the crowd that Baldrige was with the progressives in spirit and would carry out the pledges of the progressive platform.

The gathering at the hotel was a gathering of the Douglas county bull moose organization. While a half dozen speeches were being listened to, convention calls were being signed at a table in the rear of the room, while solicitors were busy about the room hauling enough signatures to the table to make the call for the congressional convention legal.

When the necessary 100 were procured with an extra fifteen for good measure, Chairman Henry announced a motion to adjourn in order, assuring the members that the thing to do was to reorganize immediately into a congressional convention. E. A. Benson made the motion to adjourn and reorganize. Upon adjournment, J. W. Towle took the chair and called the mass congressional convention. He was immediately chosen temporary chairman with Henry Genau as temporary secretary, and the organization was at once made permanent.

E. A. Benson nominated Mr. Baldrige as the progressive candidate for congress as soon as nominations were announced in order, and Fred Bruning, who sat immediately at his right, jumped to the floor and moved the nominations be closed.

G. H. Thompson started a debate when

he declared he had never received any assurance that Mr. Baldrige was really with the progressives, and he believed that such assurance was due the bull moosers before they chose him as their nominee for congress. A half dozen sprang to their feet to declare that they knew Baldrige to be with them. Dr. W. O. Henry and others vouched for his position and declared they had personal assurance that he was with the progressives.

The national progressive platform and the state progressive platform adopted at Lincoln September 5 were adopted as the platform of the progressives at the Second congressional district.

To Name County Ticket. Adjournment again was taken and the crowd resolved itself into a mass meeting, selecting J. W. Towle and Henry Genau to arrange for a county convention to be held within a few weeks to nominate progressive county candidates. The action

of the county convention might have been organized immediately. The signers were kept busy all evening and got only 115 names for the call of the congressional convention, with a few more for the county convention, although 200 are required for the latter.

George E. Spencer of New York, now visiting in Omaha, produced a large shield with one of his own paintings of a fine specimen of a bull moose standing amid the wilds of his native northern mountains. The painting was cheered.

Sylvia Snyder Stough sang her original song, entitled, "Teddy's in it Yet."

Political Notes

Dr. C. C. Cregan, president of Fargo college, was nominated for governor by the North Dakota progressive state convention.



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