

POLITICS LEFT OUT

PRESIDENT ISSUES ORDERS REGARDING CENSUS.

NOT BUILDING UP A MACHINE

Violation of Order Will Subject Offenders to Dismissal From Their Positions.

Beverly, Mass.—In a letter addressed to Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, President Taft served notice that any man engaged in the taking of the thirteenth census of the United States who engages in politics in any way will immediately be dismissed from the service.

The president orders the secretary of commerce and labor and the director of the census to embody in the regulations governing the taking of the census the rule so forcibly laid down in his letter.

Mr. Taft says that in appointing census supervisors it has been found necessary to select men recommended by senators and congressmen in their districts. He says he realizes that this method of selection might easily be perverted to political purposes and it is to take the census out of politics, so far as the actual work is concerned, that he has explicitly expressed his desires as to the regulations.

President's Letter.

"Beverly, Mass., Aug. 14, 1909.—My Dear Mr. Secretary:—The taking of the census involves the appointment of some 300 supervisors who, in turn, are to appoint many times that number of enumerators. The supervisors are given complete discretion in the selection of enumerators, respectively, to act under them. The success of the census will depend on the efficiency and strict attention to duty of the supervisors and on the intelligence of the enumerators and their faithful application to the business in hand.

Generally, there is a supervisor for each congressional district. It has been found to be the quickest and best means of selecting suitable supervisors to consult the congressmen and senators as to competent candidates from their respective districts and states.

"This system can easily be perverted to political purposes if the supervisors are not forbidden to use it as an instrument for influencing local and general elections and primaries in the interest of particular candidates or parties. It is not an unreasonable requirement that anyone who accepts an appointment as supervisor or as an enumerator shall, during the term of his employment and service, avoid an active purpose in politics.

"I therefore order that in the preparation of regulations for the taking of the census, you and the director of the census embody therein provision that any supervisor or enumerator who uses his influence with his subordinates or colleagues to assist any party, or any candidate in a primary or general election, or who takes any part, other than merely casting his vote in politics, national, state or local, either by service upon a political committee, by public address, by the solicitation of votes, or otherwise, shall at once be discharged from the service.

"I wish to make this regulation as broad as possible, and wish it enforced without exception. It is of the highest importance that the census should be taken by men having only the single purpose of reaching a just and right result and that the large amount of money to be expended in the employment of so vast a machine as the census shall not be made to serve the political purposes of anyone. Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT."

Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

The following supervisors were named for Nebraska and Iowa:

Nebraska—First district, Frank E. Helvey; second district, Charles L. Saunders; third district, Joseph Albert Hays; fourth district, Philip F. Bloss.

Iowa—First district, John W. Rowley; second district, Asa A. Hall; seventh district, Cambridge Culbertson.

HARRIMAN GOES TO PARIS.

Before Leaving Munich Has Conference With Specialist.

Munich.—E. H. Harriman left here for Paris. Although his various walking, motor car and sightseeing excursions during his stay here gave the impression that his health was good, Mr. Harriman while in Munich had lengthy consultations with Prof. Gustav Hoesslin, a well known specialist on diseases of the stomach.

Ice Fields Hinder Peary.

St. Johns, N. F.—The continued presence of icebergs and floes along the northern section of the Labrador coast, as reported here by vessels arriving from Labrador, may seriously hamper the Peary relief ship Jeanie. There are no fears for its safety, but it is believed that the Jeanie will be considerably delayed in its arrival at Etah, Greenland, the Peary base. The Jeanie is a staunch craft, well fitted to withstand the press of the ice. It has as yet been but twelve days on the voyage.

Rules for Guidance of Land Winners.

Spokane.—Superintendent James W. Witten announced on Saturday rules for the guidance of winners in reservation land drawing. Each holder of a number will receive a government map showing class and valuation of lands subject to entry. When selections begin next April a copy of this may be posted in the land office, the tracts being checked off as fast as chosen. All persons holding notices that numbers have been assigned them may go on the reserve to inspect the land at any time.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

Oliver Nelson of Dodge county was perhaps fatally injured by being thrown from a load of hay.

Fire at Grand Island practically destroyed all of the stock of Kelso & Watters, milliners, and of Mr. Sonin, ladies' tailor.

Deputy Game Warden Gellus re-three more Friend sportsmen of illegal sealing, Charles Ladmann and his brother and George Endicott. They were fined \$15 each. The state railway commission authorized the Crab Orchard Telephone company to issue \$20,000 in stock on the Crab Orchard exchange, which it purchased for \$19,500.

Gothenburg will have a series of revival meetings, beginning September 1. They are to be led by Rev. French Oliver and will probably continue about a month.

Ben and Bred were called to aid in the capture of three men, who made a hold attempt to rob Pote Hammond, a farmer living five miles west of Cozad. The men were traced to Gothenburg, but were not apprehended.

The Munroe fife and drum corps of Hastings, composed of three veteran musicians, lead the Nebraska delegation in the G. A. R. parade during the national encampment in Salt Lake City.

The Cambridge chautauqua closed its third annual session last week, Chancellor William Joseph Davidson of the Nebraska Wesleyan university delivering the closing address. It was the greatest chautauqua ever held in that part of Nebraska.

A delegation of Omaha business men and Douglas county officials waited upon James W. Hooper, chairman of the board that will conduct the assessment of Omaha merchants should not be increased.

News has reached Fremont of the marriage of Mrs. Grace Shurman of Fremont and Ed. A. Pegeau at Denver. Mrs. Shurman for a number of years was a teacher in the Fremont schools and was prominent socially in that city.

Fay Woodford, a brakeman employe on the Burlington between Sioux City and Ashland, was brought to Beatrice upon a warrant sworn out against him by Lizzie Koberowski, charging him with battery. Woodford had his preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court.

J. Frank Jones, the noted outlaw and horseman of Missouri, but now residing in Oklahoma, has been engaged by the Speed association as starter for their races to be held in Nebraska City August 31 to September 2. He is one of the best known starters of race horses in the country.

The Box Butte County Fair association was fully and formally launched at Alliance last week, with a paid-up capital of \$10,000 and all subscribed for. John O'Keefe was elected president and Earl Malloy, secretary. Forty acres of land has been purchased east of the city upon which permanent buildings will be erected and a race course made.

As Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jorgensen and four children were crossing the railroad tracks in an automobile in Blair they were struck by a freight train that was switching near the Acme mill. They were pushed along the track for about thirty feet before the train could be stopped. The motor car was crushed, but no one was killed.

James Hruska, the 16-year-old son of the late James Hruska of Table Rock, met with an accident which resulted in his death. He had been assisting in threshing and started for home on horseback, riding in considerable haste to get up his cows before dark. His horse stepped into a gopher hole, stumbled and fell, presumably on the boy, who was not able to explain the circumstances.

That the right-of-way of the Union Pacific Railroad company embraces an area of 400 feet in width, or 200 feet from the middle of the tracks on each side is established by a decree just handed down by Judge W. H. Mungler in the United States circuit court in the case of the Union Pacific Railroad company against Cecilia Karges, Martin Karges, Kelm Gonder and others.

Chris Ipsen, the pioneer druggist of Grand Island passed away at the St. Francis hospital in that city after an operation for the removal of gall stones. Mr. Ipsen had been a resident of Grand Island for over forty years. He emigrated to this country from a Denmark when a youth. His father was the first spiritual adviser to the royal family and Mr. Ipsen, as a boy often played with the present king of Denmark.

H. P. Runion, of Benkelman, who owns a profitable private fish hatchery, arrived in Lincoln from a visit to the state and government hatcheries in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois. He also attended the national meeting of state and government fish culturists. The hatcheries in Michigan and Wisconsin are the best in the country, but Mr. Runion, after visiting them said he had seen no better than the Nebraska state hatchery near South Bend.

The proposed class rate hearing before the railway commission, assigned to begin August 24, will be postponed until December 1, providing the railroad will allow the testimony introduced during the trial of the 2-cent and Aldrich bills to be introduced in duplicate in the class rate hearings.

Secretary William Ernst of the Johnson County Agricultural and Mechanical association announces that the annual county fair will be held in Johnson county. The committee soliciting a guarantee fund to carry on the fair reports that the required amount has been raised.

Seth Hall, an employe of the Wood River roller mills had his hand severely crushed, while slipping off the belt the hand was caught and thrown into a cog wheel and all of the fingers excepting the first were torn off and most of the palm of the hand was crushed.

George Van Dyke, post office representative, was in Arlington looking over different rooms that have been offered for a new location for the postoffice. It has been decided that the building now occupied is too small to accommodate the growing business of the office.

STATE ASSESSMENT

EVERYTHING ARRANGED EXCEPT IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

THERE A DEADLOCK APPEARS

Without Douglas County the Total Valuation of the State is Given as \$363,230,096.

The determination of Secretary of State Jankin to force an increase in the valuation of the merchandise of Douglas county or secure a reconsideration of the action of the state board of equalization in increasing the value of bank stock, has delayed action on Douglas county's assessment, until the return of State Treasurer Brian. Even then it is possible no agreement can be reached and that it will be necessary for the board to defer action until the governor gets back from the northwest. Auditor Barton has returned from the east, but as Land Commissioner Cowles and the secretary of state do not agree about Omaha merchandise or banks the auditor's vote would not settle the question.

So Secretary Henry Seymour was instructed to proceed to certify out the valuation of all the other counties, together with a statement showing the amount of money each county is expected to pay in taxes. Without Douglas county the total valuation of the state is \$363,230,096. The levy of 4 1/4 mills for the general fund will raise \$1,624,535; the university levy will raise \$363,230, making a total of \$1,987,765, the total state and school tax to be paid by all the counties except Douglas.

The total appropriations to be paid out of the general fund amount to \$2,976,969. It is estimated that of this sum \$600,000 will be realized by fees paid to the state and money received from miscellaneous sources. This will leave a total of \$2,376,969 to be raised by levy. One-half of this to be raised the first year will be \$1,188,484.

The total assessed value of the state is approximately \$399,000,000. The levy for the general fund on this sum is 4 1/4 mills. This will realize \$1,795,500. It is estimated that 95 per cent of this will be collected, or \$1,705,725.

Herefords at the State Fair.

An exhibitor of Hereford cattle living in another state has written Secretary W. R. Mellor that he has not shown in Nebraska for several years and does not like the premium list which provides that if there is no competition only one-half of the premium shall be paid, but he thinks he will come with his Herefords. Secretary Mellor has written him that he is likely to find a little competition in his line and he promises to make it in his power for him. The exhibitor will find when he arrives at the state fair that he will have to compete with Hereford herds entered by seven different exhibitors alone will have herds aggregating more than 140 animals, which was the total number of animals in this class exhibited last year at the Nebraska state fair.

Cash Prizes for Hustlers.

The Union Pacific has hit upon the novel scheme of giving cash prizes to its station agents for expediting the shipment of grain. This is one of the methods adopted in the effort to handle the enormous grain crop. All railroads are confronted by the task and are preparing in various ways to meet it. For some months they have been hustling cars needing repair to the shops so they might be ready for the rush when it came. The new system is one of merit for agents during the months of August, September and October.

Emergency Rate on Machinery.

The Burlington railroad has secured permission from the railway commission to put in an emergency rate of 25 cents per 100 pounds for hauling the machinery and building material of the Ames sugar factory in Scotts Bluff county, the rate to be effective until February 28. The railroad said this rate is not a compensatory rate, but in order to help out a Nebraska industry it is willing to put in the low rate.

Pullman Rates Reduced.

The State Railway commission issued an order reducing Pullman rates in Nebraska. The minimum of \$2 was cut to \$1.50 and the maximum from \$3.50 to \$2.50. Instead of seats being 25 cents, 50 cents and on up at a jump of 25 cents, 5 cents was the unit.

Many Fine Stock Entries.

The fine stock entries for the state fair are coming in faster than in any previous year, there being 340 entries to date with prospects for at least 636 before the fair opens. This number will just fill the new live stock barn. Entries made before August 15 will be listed in the official catalog of the fair.

Tangle Over Normal School.

A delegation called at the state house from Dawes county to get information regarding the proper steps to take to get a state normal school located at Crawford. As there are two boards, each of which claims to be the real board with power to act in the matter of the selection of a site for the new normal school, towns in the west end of the state that are anxious for the school are at a loss just how to proceed. The delegation, headed by C. F. Coffey, paid its respects to the governor.

Reminiscence of Wellman.

While looking through some old files in the office of the clerk of the district court an attorney from Clay county came across a couple of affidavits executed in 1876 by Walter E. Wellman, who is supposed to be now on his way to the north pole via the airship route. At that time he was foreman in the office of the Sutton Times, which was published by his brother Frank. The affidavits were to the effect that certain legal notices had been published in the Times for a period of five weeks each.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Name the farm. — Tidy up the place and then keep it tidy.

Improve the rainy days. Keep the boys interested by letting them own something of their own.

Less acres better farmed would put many a farmer on the profit side of the ledger.

The waste land on your farm is worse than a dead loss to you. Get it to work.

Wool should be stored in closely tied packs so that it will not become dusty or soiled. The wool buyer pays more for clean than for dirty wool.

How is the wood lot? Have you availed yourself of the excellent information which the government forestry department is ready to furnish you and which if followed will make your timber lots more valuable?

Just one more cultivation on the corn that you think is necessary and then another one for good measure. The corn will feel better by several bushels more per acre.

It is a good practice to feed the calves in stanchions. It is easy to break them to that method of tying. Have the feed ready for them in the troughs and they will soon learn to put their heads through and will get into the right places. Be patient with them.

An abused cow will not return a profit. It is a loss every time she is frightened. To run a cow to pasture is like throwing money away. A cow in any way worried will not do her best. The cow that is made a pet will make money for its owner. The milk of a frightened or abused cow is poisonous.

The average American market prefers a brown egg, while New York city is ready to pay a premium for white-shelled eggs. The brown-egg buyers in particular claim that the eggs are of a richer flavor. All this is imaginary, when we come to understand that it is food and not color that favors the egg. Is it reasonable to suppose the brown egg of the Brahma fed on onions could be as sweet as the white egg of the Leghorn fed on clover?

Why not a national pure feed law to protect live stock. In some states such laws have been enacted and are enforced, while in others they have been enacted but are not enforced, and still others have no laws regulating the sale of feed. In some states all sorts of stuff is sold for feed, and the farmer has no means of knowing what he gets for his money. When he buys wheat bran, he often gets ground cornstarks, straw and oat hulls; middlings or shorts are largely bran ground fine, and some of the prepared stock feeds have very little feeding value. What is needed is a national pure feed law which will be enforced the same as the pure food law.

The practice of following wheat with wheat, while exceptionally favorable to the increase of the Hessian fly, is so general in our large wheat-growing counties that the "steps" in fly control have been selected and tested in accordance with this practice. Those desiring to use rotation as a means of controlling the fly and straw worm would do well to consult a more extended treatment of these insects. Disking.—The disk should follow the binder or header just as soon as possible. This will throw out a large percentage of the flice seeds that would otherwise be protected by lying in the stubble below the surface, so that their parasitic enemies can attack them. The disking will conserve the soil moisture, render the plowing easier, and start the volunteer wheat and the weeds.

Could the aggregate annual damage caused by rats to our farmers be known the latter would be appalled at the figures. Do all you can to lessen their number. Here are nine ways in which you can accomplish this: 1. Protection of our native hawks, owls and smaller predatory mammals—the natural enemies of rats. 2. Greater cleanliness about stables, markets, grocery stores, warehouses, courts, alleys and vacant lots in cities and villages, and like care on farms and suburban premises. This includes the storage waste and garbage in tightly covered vessels and the prompt disposal of it each day. 3. Care in the construction of buildings and drains so as not to provide entrance and retreats for rats, and the permanent closing of all rat holes in old houses and cellars. 4. The early threshing and marketing of grains on farms, so that stacks and mows shall not furnish harborage and food for rats. 5. Removal of outlying straw stacks and piles of trash or lumber that harbor rats in the fields. 6. Rat-roofing of warehouses, markets, cribs, stables and granaries for storage of provisions, seed grain and feed-stuffs. 7. Keeping effective rat dogs, especially in city warehouses. 8. The systematic destruction of rats, whenever and wherever possible, by (a) trapping, (b) poisoning, and (c) organized hunts. 9. The organization of "rat clubs" and other societies for systematic warfare against rats.

Smile even though the sun does not.

Summer boarders are often profitable, but never the boarder coz.

Don't try to measure all the profits your farm returns you in cold cash.

A feed mill will prove a profitable investment to the farmer feeding ten or more head of cattle.

Water heated to 130 degrees will kill cabbage worms and is not hot enough to injure the plants.

Broken vehicles, tired teams and small loads tell the sad story of many bad country roads.

Be more particular about the first plowing, for if carelessly done later cultivation cannot make up for the deficiency.

While cowpeas will grow on poor soil, they will make a poor crop, and it pays to enrich the ground for them as well as any other crop.

During the dry spell keep the cultivator going. It puts a dry mulch over the ground and prevents moisture from being lost.

There is a tendency to increase the production of small fruits, but the production of apples seems to be falling off.

A good wind-break for the orchard is a good thing. It holds the snow, protects the orchard and increases the value of the farm.

When you see a thing out of place, put it up; when you find something broken, fix it. It will save you time later on.

Washington declared that agriculture was the most healthful, the most healthful, the most useful and the most noble employment of man.

It is a good plan to throw corn on the cob to the chickens, but do not let the cobs accumulate to add to the other filth which collects so easily. Clean up the yards and keep them clean.

Did you ever sit down and figure how much capital you had invested in farm machinery? If your farm is at all well-equipped it will amount to a goodly sum. This invested capital which can be made to return you good interest only as you take care of the machinery.

Good results from mulching fruit trees cannot be expected unless a sufficient amount of mulch is provided to prevent the growth of grass. It should be eight inches deep over a circle the diameter of which is at least two or three feet greater than that of the branches. Many of the failures where mulching has been tried have been due to the fact that the mulch has been packed about the trunks of the trees or spread so thinly that it had little effect upon the growth of grass.

In marketing fruit or vegetables always make the packages as neat as possible and use only uniformly good stuff. The trade demands quality in all food products, and that which looks the cleanest and can be exposed for sale in an appetizing manner will always command the highest price. Good goods should always be exposed for sale in new packages. When the trade once learns that you produce foods of high quality you will never have any trouble in disposing of them.

Sudden change in the diet of any animal is bad especially the horse. The soft bran mash, by many advocated as a good Saturday night offering is apt to cause colic unless the horse has been accustomed to bran during the week; similar sudden use of green grass, roots, boiled grain or grain other than those mentioned is apt to cause indigestion of a serious nature, and, taking all things into consideration, the horse will do better on a steady ration at fixed intervals and in such a way as to allow sufficient time for proper mastication. All changes in feeding and in feed should be made very gradually, and this applies especially to the change from old to new grain and hay. Lastly, the horse requires no medicines or stock food or condimental foods or condition powders. Feed and care for him sensibly and carefully, work him properly, groom him well, see that his stable is sanitary, and he will thrive, work and enjoy life. Horses enjoying the luxury of life such as we have outlined are damaged and insulted by every dose of dope mixed in their feed or squirted or poured into their mouths.

Are you producing good milk? Read the essentials to its production as outlined by the Rhode Island experiment station, given below, before answering the question: It is the farmer's part to produce clean milk. The consumer then must take proper care of that milk to keep it clean.

The farmer should provide a proper barn. It should answer the following requisites: Be well ventilated. Easy to keep clean, with smooth floors, walls and ceilings. Be provided with proper feed boxes, preferably each cow having her own—not connected with any other, and approved balanced rations. Be supplied with pure water, preferably in separate troughs. A daily routine providing open-air life during a part of each day for the stock must be established. There must also be periodic inspection of animals for symptoms of disease. Clean milking implies: The careful cleaning of the cow's flanks and bag before milking. Thorough washing of the hands of the milker, together with his entire change of clothing, even paying attention to his hair, eyebrows and teeth. The milker should milk with care and the barn should be kept free of dust at milking time. After milking, the milk must be quickly cooled to a temperature nearly 45 degrees by icing, and so kept at that temperature until delivered. It must be removed from the neighborhood of the cow, and shielded from odors, especially from dust, and must be caught in a pail with a cover or at least a pall provided with some sort of cover, such as cheese cloth.

Our mistakes of yesterday are responsible for our worries of to-day.

Many who used to smoke 10c cigars are now smoking Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c.

When a woman gets really sick she begins to wonder if she will look good in a halo.

Mrs. Windover's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, soothes the gums, relieves inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. Size 25c.

Life's Unequal Combat. You, a river, are contending with the ocean.—Latin.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently, and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, Etc.

Practical Device. "Why don't you mend that large hole in your umbrella?" "I keep it to put my hand through to see if it is still raining."—Meggsdorfer Blauert.

Fitted for the Job. The general consulted the topographical chart. "You understand, colonel," he said, "that this charge on the enemy's fortification necessitates the most reckless disregard for human life?" "I understand, general," the colonel replied. "The forlorn hope that leads the movement will be composed exclusively of amateur chauffeurs."

A Financial Epigram. "H. H. Rogers," said a New York broker, "always advised young men to get hold of capital. He used to point out to them that without capital a man could do nothing, nothing. He used to pack this truth into a very neat epigram. "Fortune," he used to say, 'can't knock at the door of a man who has no house.'"

Severe. Samuel Gompers was talking in the smokeroom of the Baltic about a recent newspaper attack on a rich corporation.

"It was a cruel attack," Mr. Gompers chuckled. "It was as cruel as the Jonesville Clarion's paragraph about old Deacon Hiram Ludlow."

"This paragraph header the Clarion's obituary column. It said: "Deacon Hiram Ludlow of Frisbie township, aged 82, passed peacefully away on Thursday last from single blessedness to matrimonial bliss after a short but severe attack by Maria Higgins, a blooming widow of 37 summers."—Detroit Journal.

GAVE HER AN IDEA.



Cycle Dealer—Here is a cyclometer I can recommend. It is positively accurate; not at all like some cyclometers, which register two miles, perhaps, where you have only ridden one. Miss de Byke—You haven't any of that kind, have you?

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS.

Unselfishness in Life is the One Thing That Will Transform All Things to Gold. The moment we set about the task of making every human being we come in contact with better for knowing us—more cheerful, more courageous and with greater faith in the kindness of God and man—that moment we begin to attain the third purpose of life—personal happiness. Would you possess the magic secret of the alchemist which transforms all things to gold? It is unselfishness—or, to use a better word, selflessness. He who goes forth bent upon being always kind, always helpful, in the little daily events of life, will find all skies tinted with gold, all his nights set with stars and unexpected flowers of pleasure springing up in his pathway. And all his tears shall turn into smiles.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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TROUBLE IN ROYAL PALACE. Tidings Borne by Amateur Actor Sufficient to Lead Hearers to Expect the Worst.

The Shakespeare club of New Orleans used to give amateur theatrical performances that were distinguished for the local prominence of the actors. Once a social celebrity, with a gorgeous costume, as one of the lords in waiting had only four words to say: "The queen has swooned." As he stepped forward his friends applauded vociferously. Bowing his thanks, he faced the king and said, in a high-pitched voice: "The swoon has quenched." There was a roar of laughter; but he waited patiently, and made another attempt: "The swoon has quenched." Again the walls trembled and the stage manager said in a voice which could be heard all over the house: "Come off, you doggone fool." But the ambitious amateur refused to surrender, and in a rasping falsetto, as he was assisted off the stage, he screamed: "The coon has swooned."—Success Magazine.

Aid Fight Against Tuberculosis. At the recent meeting of the National Association of Bill Posters, held in Atlanta, Ga., it was decided to donate to the campaign against tuberculosis \$1,200,000 worth of publicity. The bill posters in all parts of the United States and Canada will fill the vacant spaces on their 3,500 bill boards with large posters illustrating the ways to prevent and cure consumption. The Poster Printers' association has also granted \$200,000 worth of printing and paper for this work. This entire campaign of billboard publicity will be conducted under the direction of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in co-operation with the National Bill Posters' association.

They Were Good Mothers. Elizabeth Cady Stanton is quoted as saying that a woman's first duty is to develop all her powers and possibilities, that she may better guide and serve the next generation. Mrs. Stanton raised seven uncommonly healthy and handsome children, says an admirer of hers, and the children of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe testify to the virtues of the noted woman as a mother. The eagle may be as good a mother as the hen or the goose.

Self-Made. "I might say to you, young men, that I am a self-made man."

"In what respect?" asked an impatient youth.

"In this respect, if you must know," replied the orator. "I made myself popular with men who had a pull and thus obtained my present lofty position."

Her Intentions. "Do you think your sister will marry me?"

"If you keep comin'." "Have you heard her say anything about it?" "I heard her tell me that if you didn't stop comin' here so often she'd make things unpleasant for you."