

REV. TROUTMAN SENDS BEST WISHES FOR PE-RU-NA

Rev. George A. E. Troutman, Mt. Washington, Mo., Writes, "My Wife and I Are Strong Believers in Pe-ru-na."



Catarrah and La Grippe. Rev. Geo. A. E. Troutman, Mt. Washington, Mo., writes: "My wife and I are strong believers in Peruna."



Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, writes: "For several years I have been troubled with a peculiar spasmodic affection of the throat. It would seize me suddenly and for a few minutes I would be unable to speak audibly, and my breath would be greatly interfered with. I would be obliged to grasp for breath. I finally concluded that it was some catarrhal affection which probably excited the spasm. It interfered with my vocation as a preacher, attacking me occasionally in the pulpit. I had heard so much about Peruna as a cathartic remedy that I determined to try it. After taking two bottles, my trouble has disappeared. I feel sure that Peruna has greatly benefited me."

I was cured of a bad case of catarrh when nothing else that I tried had any effect. My wife was cured from a severe case of la grippe, and we feel that the least we can do is to gratefully acknowledge the merit of Peruna. My wife joins me in sending best wishes for your success.

Throat Trouble. Rev. H. W. Tate, 229 Lincoln Avenue, Peruna.

Ask your druggist for free Peruna Almanac for 1908.

USE OF OPIATES ASTOUNDING

Cause of Most Crimes, Declares County Physician Swoboda.

SOLD IN VIOLATION OF LAWS

Easy for Friends to Procure Drugs Despite City and State Restrictions, Which He Will Try to Enforce.

What 80 per cent of the calls upon the county physician for treatment come from "dope" fiends is the startling assertion of County Physician Swoboda, who has been investigating the prevalence of the use of drugs among the charity and criminal classes. From 20 to 25 per cent of the cases in the county hospital are traceable to the use of cocaine, morphine or some other drug, he declared, "and the proportion will hold good at the city and county jails. Most of our criminals are 'dope' fiends and they commit their crimes while under the influence of the drug. It is astounding the way the use of drugs is increasing. The sale of it except under certain restrictions is prohibited, both by state law and city ordinance, but it is notorious that any 'dope' fiend can get all he wants without any trouble. Something ought to be done to prevent the sale of the stuff." Dr. Swoboda has consulted with Deputy County Attorney Magney in regard to the state law. The officers who have tried to enforce the ordinance declare it is very difficult because of the difficulty of securing evidence that will stand the test in the courts. Dr. Swoboda may call the attention of the fire and police board to the conditions he says exist in Omaha. "I have been called fifty times in the

last ten days by charitably inclined people to treat a woman at Thirteenth and Capitol avenues, but there is nothing in the world the matter with her but 'dope.' She has no trouble in getting all she wants. It is being smuggled into both the city and county jails and the prisoners seem to have all they want. I have never allowed any of it to go into the county jail on prescription since I have been county physician."

Cleaning Windows With Whisky. John S. Cox, president of the Tennessee senate, had an old negro servant who liked his drink just as well as the best Kentucky cologne in the Blue-Grass state. One morning, just after the cold spell broke, the darky said to Senator Cox: "Marse John," said he, "I'll jes' up an' clean dese windows dis mornin'."

"All right, Caesar," replied the senator. "Ise got ter hab a half tumbler of whisky, Marse John. D're ain't nuffin' like whisky for cleanin' windows."

The half tumbler was promptly given Caesar, who armed himself with some rags and carried the whisky to another room to begin work. A few minutes afterward, Senator Cox had occasion to enter his room. Caesar was busy polishing the windows. The tumbler was on the table, but no whisky in it.

"Why, Caesar, what's become of the whisky?" asked the senator. "I thought you used it in this work."

"So I does, Marse John, so I does," was the answer. "Ye see, sah, I drinks de whisky and blows my breg ain the windows."—Judge.

An Insidious Danger.

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble, as it corrects irregularities and prevents Bright's disease and diabetes. All druggists.

BUDGET EXCEEDS LAST YEAR

Much More Appropriated by Council to Run the City.

COMPTROLLER ESTIMATES CUT Mayor Jim Seizes His Trusty Pen and Leads the Onslaught by Whacking His Own Office Allowance.

Mayor "Jim" in person Friday led the forces of the council in cutting the amounts allowed for running the several city departments which draw their financial nourishment from the general fund. The amount set aside in the city comptroller's estimate for running the mayor's office for 1908 was \$4,962. In 1907 it had been \$4,687. Unhesitatingly the mayor drew his lead pencil and changed the figures. "Cut it down," he said, "to what it was last year."

And they did it. When the council finished the adjusting process the total budget stood at \$203,300.00 and \$2,584 was unappropriated. Last year \$16,611.80 was unappropriated for the same purposes. Last year \$10,400 was appropriated to pay judgments rendered against the city. This year \$4,120 was put down for this purpose. But City Attorney Burnam admitted that probably it would take in excess of this figure to pay the judgments. There is the Remis case, which is now in the supreme court. This is a judgment against the city for \$2,000, and cost of the case will amount to \$5,000 additional. So the sum of \$6,000 was put in the appropriation for paying judgments.

Dr. Connell Makes 'Em Talk. The immense increase asked by the health department caused considerable discussion. This department was given \$12,500 in excess of \$13,000, and then in December an extra bill for \$1,100 was brought in to the council and allowed. The department asked for \$20,500 for 1908. Dr. Connell explained that he wanted among other things to hire six new inspectors and one man to do disinfecting now," he said. But since the council passed the ash pit and the garbage can ordinance I need at least six additional inspectors to enforce these excellent laws. You can't make the people put those things in unless you keep at them."

Councilman (Dr.) Davis thought there would be little menace to the health of the people of the city through failure to construct ash pits. He further declared that much needless expense is incurred by the city through refusal of officers to allow victims of illness or accident to call their own physicians.

"In the schools pupils have been refused the privilege of being vaccinated by their own physicians, but have been lined up and vaccinated at the city's expense," he said. "And I have been refused permission myself to give first aid to the injured which the police took up in some accident. They had to be rushed to a hospital at the city's expense."

McGovern Wants to Be Shown. Councilman McGovern demanded a detailed statement of the expenditure of the health office, which Dr. Connell did not have and an item of \$181 for groceries in December seemed particularly excessive to him.

In the end the council allowed the health department \$15,900. The emergency hospital was appropriated \$300 instead of the \$4,000 asked. The comptroller asked for \$13,125 and got \$12,250. An item allowing \$5,000 for cutting weeds was cut out and where weeds need to be cut in accordance with the recently passed ordinance the funds will be drawn from the general fund.

When it came to \$1,200 for superintendent of the market the mayor remarked that he thought the salary had been cut to \$900. But it was not so. The council passed an ordinance a few weeks ago abolishing the office. The mayor vetoed it and said he preferred to reduce the salary to \$200 instead of abolishing it. The council sustained his veto, but failed to reduce the salary. So the marketmaster who, several pointed out, "doesn't do anything," remains on the payroll at \$10 a month.

Amounts as They Stand. The amounts as finally appropriated were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Department, Funds set aside 1907, Funds set aside 1908. Includes Mayor, Council, Comptroller, City clerk, Legal, City treasurer, Electrical, Building inspector, Boiler inspector, Plumbing, License inspector, Gas inspector, Weights and measures, Superintendent market, Police court, City hall fund, Election expenses, Health department, Emergency hospital, Removing dead animals, Meals for prisoners, Advertising, Premium on bonds, Voting machines, Ak-Sar-Ben lighting, Annual report, Unappropriated, Totals.

The department statement of Comptroller Lobeck of the condition of the general fund up to December 18, 1907, is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Department, Funds set aside, Balance. Includes Mayor, Council, Comptroller, City clerk, Legal, City treasurer, Electrical, Building inspector, Boiler inspector, Plumbing, License inspector, Gas commissioner, Weights and measures, Superintendent market, Police court, Maintaining city hall, Election expenses, Emergency hospital, Health department, Removing dead animals, Meals for prisoners, Advertising, Premium on bonds, Voting machines, Ak-Sar-Ben lighting, Annual report, Contagious diseases, Unappropriated amount, Totals.

The funds required by the city in 1908, as reported to the county commissioners, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Department, Amount. Includes Fire, Police, Lighting, Library, Park, Cleaning and sweeping, Public works department, General, Totals.

Fighting Rivals Disarmed. Harry Downer and John J. Lee of Bloomfield, N. J., in love with the same girl, fought for her with bare knuckles. They battered each other for a half hour until

they could scarcely stand. They have only their bruises and cuts for their pain, for their fair "queen of love" awarded to neither the prize of victory.

"They have proved themselves savages," said the girl. "I shall have nothing more to do with either."

The rivals were arrested and taken before Recorder Adams, who, regarding their bruises and bumps, said: "You have punished each other pretty well. Run, I fine each of you \$10."

PHYSICAL CULTURING A BABY

A Chicago Prodigy, Four Months Old, Preserves "Ship of the Old Block."

Chicago has an infant Hercules in Leonard Anderson, 4 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Anderson, 5346 Jackson avenue. The muscles of this prodigy of physical development are as hard as those of a strong man. They stand out on his little arms, legs and back in cords and knots. His mother began working his arms and legs up and down when he was a week old. When 6 weeks old the baby could grip his mamma's thumbs and hold himself suspended in the air. Now he can stand alone, let his body come to the floor by bending his knees, and straighten up again. He has not learned to balance himself yet, or his mamma thinks he could walk.

He bathes in a large bathtub. He all but swims. He loves his bath and cries when taken out. He has two baths a day. One is in water at 80 and the other at 95 degrees. He sleeps out of doors with only a handkerchief over his head and light covering. He has done this when the thermometer registered 29 degrees above zero. This is the coldest weather his short life has known. His wonderful strength is shown in his ability to swing with one hand or two upon his father's cane held in his mother's hands. He can push his body from the floor to arm's length. He can crawl from one end of the house to the other. His father is a teacher of physical culture. He has been a vegetarian for twenty years. His mother's muscles are hard from daily exercise. She has been a vegetarian for eight years.

COMPTROLLER LAWS INVALID

Decision of Judge Redick and Solomon Will Appeal Case.

UNDECIDED AS TO RESIGNING

Failure to Amend City Charter Providing for Duties of City Comptroller Fatal Defect of Legislative Act.

Judge Redick in the district court Saturday morning decided the laws enacted by the last legislature creating the office of county comptroller and providing for the merger of the city and county comptrollerships were invalid, and he announced he would issue an injunction to prevent the county board from expending any money to establish the new office and from approving the bond of Comptroller-elect Solomon.

After the decision was announced Mr. Solomon declared he would appeal to the supreme court in the hope of reversing the decision, but he could not say what action he would take in regard to resigning as county commissioner in order that he might make an offer to qualify for the comptrollership. Judge Redick held with Mr. Solomon's attorneys on three of the four questions raised in the case, but on the fourth, which was pivotal, he held the law bad. He held the law providing for the consolidation of the city comptroller's office with the county comptroller was unconstitutional because it amended certain sections of the city charter without specifically naming them as provided in the constitution. He also held the consolidation feature was one of the principal inducements to the passage of the law creating the office of county comptroller and hence that law should fall with the other.

Four Points of Attack. Four points were raised by the attorneys, Deen & Hurdman, who attacked the validity of the law. First it was contended the law was unconstitutional because it was class legislation; second, that the main law amended sections of the statute

without specifically naming them; third, that the title was not broad enough, and, fourth, that chapter xxxvii, the law providing for the consolidation, was a cognate act; that it is unconstitutional because it failed to amend the sections of the charter relating to the duties of the city comptroller and that chapter xxxvii was so inseparably connected with the subject of chapter xxxvii, creating the office of county comptroller, that it formed an inducement for the passage of chapter xxxvii, and if chapter xxxvii is unconstitutional chapter xxxvii must fall with it.

Judge Redick held there was nothing in the law creating the office of county comptroller that would invalidate it. But he held it was in consideration of the fact that the county comptroller would perform the duties of the city comptroller that the legislature fixed the salary at \$3,500 for services which the law required the city to pay \$7,000 a year for.

Merger Main Purpose. Continuing the court said: "If we are permitted, as held in many other jurisdictions, and perhaps not definitely denied in this, to consider matters of common knowledge with relation to the history of the legislation under view, it cannot be disputed that the main object in the passage of the four chapters discussed upon the hearing was to consolidate the office of city and county comptroller. I am inclined to think that this is a fair inference from the nature of the amendments themselves. Such object is defeated by the failure of the legislature to properly provide that the county comptroller shall be ex-officio city comptroller and to permit the one chapter to stand without the other would be to frustrate an intention that never existed in the minds of the legislature."

I am not unmindful of the gravity of the question involved in this case. They are not only important as questions of constitutional law, but they are important as affecting the rights of the people who have voted for the county comptroller, and rights of the comptroller elected and the persons selected by him to perform the duties of that office, but when the questions have been given careful and conscientious consideration and the court is fully satisfied that the laws are unconstitutional, its duty is plain. A temporary injunction will be allowed.

Judge Redick called Judge Kennedy in to consult with him upon this point in the decision and Judge Kennedy agreed with him as to the conclusion announced.

In prefacing his decision, Judge Redick said it was always the policy of the courts to hold laws constitutional except where

their unconstitutionality was clearly proven.

CO-OPERATIVE HOME GETTING

Features of the Semi-Annual Report of the Nebraska Savings and Loan Association.

The semi-annual report of the Nebraska Savings and Loan Association of Omaha presents showing of business growth for the last half of the year. At the beginning of this period the directors decided to revise the bylaws and methods of operation and afford better facilities for saving and home-getting. Although the new rules did not go into effect until October 1, the impulse of the change increased the business of the association by \$24,000. The report shows assets of \$173,550. A dividend rate of 6 per cent per annum was credited to share accounts and \$3,500 carried to the reserve fund. W. B. T. Bell, manager of the Nebraska Telephone company, succeeds H. Vance Lane on the directory of the association.

MAYOR WILL GO TO CONGRESS

Our Jim Decides to Attend the River Navigation Meeting in Sioux City.

Mayor Dahlman will attend the Missouri River Navigation congress in Sioux City January 22 and 23. The mayor received an invitation Saturday morning from the executive committee and has decided to accept it. The committee asks him to be one of the speakers and to this also the mayor is not averse.

"I am going, sure thing," said the mayor. "It is one of the biggest things that's happened in this part of the country in a long while and I want to be there. I'm going to try to get some of the council to go along. We want to have a good bunch there."

Railway Notes and Personal. Erastus Young, auditor of the Union Pacific left Saturday for Chicago.

E. L. Lomax, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific, leaves Sunday night for Chicago. The employees of the legal department of the Burlington, presented Charles P. Manderson, general solicitor, with a hand engraved copy of a Christmas present engraved with the names of the members of the department.

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