

Today

Your Glands Are You. Solid Department Stores. Those Dinosaur Eggs. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Follow the proceedings of the American Association for Advancement of Science at Cincinnati. The first day's meeting teaches these things:

We are what our glands make us. If they break down, we break down. Our characteristics are transmitted through the chromosomes. They can be seen and counted under the microscope. Glands secrete hormones and on these we depend for growth, intelligence, all our powers.

The thyroid gland if swallowed digested cures idiocy, in many cases.

The thymus gland just over the heart is absolutely necessary to the well being of children. It fades away, as they grow older. Female pigeons lacking thymus cannot provide egg shell or albumen for their eggs. Feed them dried thymus and the eggs are all right.

Transplanting reproductive organs in human beings stimulates activity only for a while. Such transplantation in the fresh where heat is excessive, causes eventual sterility.

Red corpuscles that give energy to our blood come chiefly from the marrow in the bones, and more freely in spring than at other times.

Certain animals are first male, then female.

Some times in shellfish and birds the sex actually changes completely.

Science is worth watching.

Bank reserves report the sales of department stores remarkably steady and uniform. Nobody can estimate the future of department stores, well managed as profit earning and public service enterprises, offering opportunities of solid, conservative investment. Department store business is still in its infancy—and by the way, for intelligent, ambitious young people, the department store is the best business college.

In New York's great Natural History museum you may gaze upon eggs that dinosaurs laid in far off Tibet, millions of years ago. Those eggs and the date of their laying, which will be questioned only by the ignorant, should cause thought.

W. J. Bryan will be interested in them. The pair of dinosaurs responsible for those eggs were too big to go into the Ark, according to the measurements given in the Bible.

Professor Langfeld in Harvard's psychological laboratory compared Harvard boys and Radcliffe girls as to their speed in observation, deduction, mental applications and interpretation.

A boy and girl tied for first place with 86 per cent. A Harvard boy had the lowest score, with 9 per cent, the lowest for any girl was 28 per cent. The girls beat the boys on the average by a good percentage.

Nothing surprising in that. Women are compelled to do their work within, populating the earth, replacing those killed by famine, plague and war. In the past, the women have had on an average 15 to 20 children each. When the earth is fully populated and families limited to two, the women will be far ahead of the men. They have more power.

His lordship of Canterbury, chief of all the bishops in England, says that the union of England's church with the church of Rome is "a mirage." All London newspapers printed that on the first page yesterday.

But you can't tell. Old English prayer books included a prayer for protection "against the bishop of Rome." That's been cut out.

Once a Catholic could not sit in parliament. That's ended. Hatred is hard to keep alive. And some day, of course, there will be only one religion on earth; which ever of the many hundreds is absolutely true is bound to rule in the end.

Howard Files.

Lincoln, Dec. 28.—Congressman Edgar Howard, democrat, of Columbus, Thursday filed his nomination for reelection with the secretary of state. This disposes of rumors that Howard might be a candidate for the United States senate.

Howard is serving his first term in the house.

Judge George F. Corcoran of York placed his name on the ballot for reelection today from the Fifth judicial district. Other candidates from that district include Judge Hastings and H. D. Landis of Seward.

Eighty-Mile Breeze Recorded on Gauge at Cheyenne, Wyo.

The swiftest wind that ever blew in this part of the country was recorded at Cheyenne, Wyo., Friday morning, according to dispatches to Meteorologist Robins here.

It was moving at the rate of 80 miles an hour, the anemometer showed.

The highest wind ever recorded at Omaha moved only 65 miles an hour. That was on the night of January 22 1919. It blew in many plate glass windows and did other great damage. The bureau records say it "was the worst storm in the history of the station."

"Of course, this does not include the tornado," said Mr. Robins. "Tornadoes move as fast as 500 or 600 miles an hour. A waterspout which appeared on the Atlantic coast offered means of measurement which showed its velocity to be 600 miles an hour. A waterspout is produced by a tornado-like wind at sea."

Somewhat warmer tonight and colder Saturday is the forecast.

CREPT UP TO VICTIM'S ROOM AT MIDNIGHT AND STIFLED CRIES FOR HELP

By Universal Service. New York, Dec. 28.—A man who is believed to have strangled six women to death and attacked several others, was captured here in the arrest of Frank Benner.

The prisoner confessed that he is the slayer of Estelle Phillips, saleswoman in a Broadway department store, who was strangled in her room 10 weeks ago.

He also confessed, the police say, to the murderous attack on Mary Mitchell, a Philadelphia nurse, who was attacked on the grounds of the Tuberculosis hospital, Chestnut Hill, early this month.

The nurse is in a dangerous condition and is not expected to live. "While Benner was being grilled, the authorities were in communication with officials of other cities who had reported that a man answering the prisoner's description, had mistreated and choked to death five other women.

Repellant in Appearance. Benner occupied a room adjoining that of Miss Phillips in the morning here and was seen hurrying downstairs with two suitcases after she was slain. He is stockily built and repellant in appearance. He has long, powerful arms and large hands.

Since the murder he has been sought all over the United States. He was arrested today in an employment agency where he applied for a position as a cook. Detectives were called when the clerk in the agency recognized him from a photograph.

At first he denied knowledge of the killing, but when detectives rolled up his sleeve and identified him by the

tattooed figure of a mermaid on his forearm, he crumpled up and confessed.

It took five hours, however, for the detectives to draw from the prisoner the details of the killing.

Creeps to Door. The details of the slaying of Miss Phillips, as the police say they got it from Benner's lips, follow: "Miss Phillips' room was on the fourth floor in the rear of the house next to mine. At midnight, or soon after, on October 11, I crept to her door. It was locked. I forced it open.

"Before she could scream I grabbed and gagged her to prevent any outcry. When I saw she had recognized me I put my hand around her neck and choked her until she was dead." The police say he detailed his subsequent movements in these words: "I went to Philadelphia right away and took a room at Edwards hotel. Next day I got a job in the kitchen of Curran & Meade's restaurant.

Father Churchman. "After awhile I went to an employment agency and got a job in the kitchen of the Tuberculosis hospital, and later I went to work at Bryn Mawr. I saw the Mitchell girl at the hospital and just picked her out. The first chance I got I attacked her and escaped."

Later he is reported to have said: "Sorry for all this, am I? Well, I just can't control those impulses."

The prisoner said he was raised in Brooklyn and that his father was a prominent churchman and ran a plumber's shop until 1905, when he died.

Vernelle Head Whisks Fiance From Station as Staring Throng Looks on



Vernelle Head and Raymond Baur.

Raymond Baur, fiance of Miss Vernelle Head, stepped from a train at Union station yesterday morning, kissed his bride-to-be, amid a throng of staring throng, stepped into her coupe, and was driven to Hotel Fontenelle.

His mother, Mrs. Arthur Baur; his brother, Marcel, and Elbert Isom of New York City, who will be best man at the wedding next Thursday at Hotel Fontenelle, arrived on the same train. They followed with Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Head in another automobile.

Mr. Baur is a representative of the Sinclair Oil company at Paris. He is 27. He is somewhat stocky as to build, with dark hair, large brown eyes and rosy cheeks. At the station

he wore a dark gray overcoat, light gray felt hat, and carried a walking stick. In one hand he carried a small gray suede traveling bag.

He was born in California, but has lived in Paris for several years. The family speak French fluently.

Following the wedding Mr. Baur and his bride will return to Paris, where they will make their home for four years or more.

Miss Head left France last November. "But it seems a year," she declared this morning.

Mrs. Baur is a small woman, with bobbed, auburn hair, who speaks English with an accent. She wore a dress with deep ruffled skirt and short vamp French slippers.

U. S. Cities Living Beyond Incomes

261 With Population of 30,000 or More Show \$5.56 Per Capita Debt.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The cities of the country generally—there are exceptions—are not living within their incomes, census bureau statistics announced today indicate.

A compilation of revenues and expenditures in the fiscal year 1922 for the 261 cities having a population of 30,000 or more, shows a total indebtedness incurred that year amounting to \$5.56 for each resident. The cost of government per capita, including expenditures for permanent improvements, amounted to \$57.38 for the year, against revenues of \$51.81, the total figures being \$2,222,566,519 and \$2,067,008,796, respectively.

The total indebtedness at the close of the year was \$3,618,967,272, or \$93.42 per capita.

The total cost of government in 1922 was highest in the cities having a population of 500,000 or over, with a per capita cost of \$66.88. The next highest per capita, \$64.29, is shown for cities with a population of

300,000 to 500,000. The per capita cost for 1922 for 100,000 amounted to \$48.71; of cities from 50,000 to 100,000, \$44.94, and in the small cities, having a population of 30,000 to 50,000, \$44.38.

Comparable statistics for 199 of the principal cities show the per capita cost has increased from \$34.68 in 1918 to \$58.97 in 1922. An analysis of the costs of the city government shows the per capita cost for maintenance and operation of general departments was the principal item and amounted to \$32.15. The per capita cost of permanent improvements was \$15.95.

New York, the country's largest city, came through the year with a surplus of revenues of \$3.28 per capita over expenditures but the per capita net indebtedness amounted to \$182.72. Chicago's revenues lacked \$3.35 per capita of meeting its expenditures, but its net indebtedness amounts to only \$46.36 per capita.

Among cities with a population of 100,000 or more Seattle had the highest per capita revenue receipts amounting to \$93.85; Boston was second with \$89.55, Los Angeles third with \$79.81 and New York fourth with \$69.94.

The highest per capita cost of government was at Detroit, where it amounted to \$126.30, Seattle was second with \$110.71, and Los Angeles third with \$89.34.

Dixmude Lost in Sea: Body of Chief Found

Corpse in Mediterranean Near Sicily—All 50 Aboard French Dirigible Believed Dead.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Baron Russo, mayor of Sciacca, Sicily, telegraphed today to the French ministry of marine that the body of Lieut. Commander Duplessis De Grenadan of the French airship Dixmude was found accidentally by fishermen. It was floating beneath the surface of the water and was brought up by fishing nets.

According to the Messagero, the commander of the steamship Alessandria on Sunday picked up an "S. O. S." from the Dixmude which at that time was caught in a gale and was being driven before the wind at the rate of 125 miles an hour. Another Italian destroyer has been placed at the disposal of the French to help search for bodies and wreckage.

By International News Service. Paris, Dec. 28.—The tragic fate of the giant French dirigible Dixmude was revealed today when official announcement was made that it had been lost in the Mediterranean.

The body of the commander—Lieutenant Commander Duplessis De Grenadan—was picked up near Sicily.

It is feared that all the 50 persons on board were drowned.

Official announcement of the loss of the Dixmude was made by the ministry of marine.

The commander's body was picked up by Italian fishermen.

The ministry of marine issued a communique saying:

The French naval attaché at Rome has been informed by the Italian naval authorities that the body of Lieutenant Duplessis de Grenadan has been found by Italian fishermen.

"The body was picked up six miles from land in the vicinity of Sciacca, near Girgenti on the coast of Sicily.

"The French naval attaché at Rome will go immediately to Sciacca. The cruiser Mulhouse and three torpedo boats likewise will go to Sciacca. Other vessels will continue the search for wreckage and bodies."

The Dixmude had been missing 10 days.

French, Italian and British de-



Cigarette

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troopers are searching for the missing bodies. News of the loss of the great airship followed a report that it had been sighted 250 kilometers south of In Salah, in the Sahara desert. Hope that the crew and passengers might be safe was turned into sorrow by news from Naples that the body of the commander had been found. This news made it certain that the Dixmude, helpless from lack of fuel and a disabled motor, had been forced down into the sea.

The Dixmude had set out from the air base at Toulon 10 days ago to fly over the Mediterranean to Algeria. It was charged that the commander failed to communicate with the air ministry before departure of the ship and failed to take the precaution of learning future weather conditions.

The last message from the Dixmude was a radiogram last Friday night inquiring about atmospheric conditions over northern Africa.

According to information from Naples, Commander Duplessis was identified by papers in the pockets. His body was received on shore with military honors.

The body was found floating on the water off Sciacca, on the Sicilian coast.

When the Dixmude left Toulon on December 18, it was expected that she would reach her destination in 72 hours. Forty-eight hours later she was reported from the French navy station at Bizerta on the African coast. The Dixmude at that time was traveling in the direction of Biskra.

Price of "Gas" Hiked in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A 2-cent increase in the price of gasoline, effective tomorrow, was announced today by the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the first upward price movement since the gasoline war last fall brought gasoline prices down to most of the country to the lowest levels in years.

P. L. Kelley, superintendent of the Standard Oil company warehouse in Omaha, declared that no notice of an advance in the price of gasoline had been given here.

Building Slumps in Middle-West

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The seasonal decline in building activities in the states included in the seventh federal reserve district came during November this year, when construction amounted to \$43,690,327, or 25 per cent below October, the monthly business condition report of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago announced today.

The decrease in residential construction amounted to 18.3 per cent for the district, although in Iowa it increased 43.2 per cent.

Decreases for November amounted to 2.0 per cent for Chicago and 5.1 per cent for Des Moines.

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Iowa Observes 77th Birthday

Historical Review to Be Read in Senate as Part of Program.

Des Moines, Dec. 28.—The 77th anniversary of the admission of Iowa to statehood is to be observed in the senate today with a program that included the reading of a historical review of the state and a number of speeches on the progress of Iowa and the high position it holds in the union today.

Col. L. W. Ainsworth, secretary of the senate, was to give the historical review and several senators were to speak in tribute to early Iowans.

Indications were that the anniversary program would mark the extent of today's session and that the both houses would again find themselves without a quorum. Twenty-two members were present in the upper house yesterday and only 24 members of the house were here for the reconvening.

Some of these were convinced that no business would be transacted until after New Year's day and planned to return to their homes tonight. Many of the Iowans wished to adjourn until January 3, but the matter was put over without action.

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