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New Pneumonia Cure

Additional reports of pneumonia cures through the use of sulfapyridine, the new wonder drug, were made by physicians attending the annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association at Memphis a few days ago.

This drug, which is a derivative of sulfanilamide, and has been proved effective in a dozen or more diseases, was only approved for general clinical use by medical and government authorities last March. Since that time it is credited with saving hundreds of lives in pneumonia cases alone.

A report of pneumonia patients treated by Dr. Richard E. Ching of Memphis since last spring, and using sulfapyridine, showed that only 15 out of 116 died—about one-half the percentage of deaths in previous years. Of these 15, a majority were in advanced stages of disease when admitted to the hospital.

An interesting fact is that no deaths occurred in 11 cases of type three pneumonia, one of the most deadly of all the 33 known types of the pneumococcus germ, treated by Dr. Ching. About 70 per cent of the 116 cases treated had abrupt crises of fever, with relief of symptoms within three days after beginning the sulfapyridine.

Pneumonia has been third among fatal diseases in the United States in recent years, ex-

ceeded only by heart disease and cancer in its death toll. Therefore the possibility of saving many lives by use of the new drug is very great.

Great Quake Recalled

Recent slight earth tremors in the Mississippi valley recall the great earthquakes of 1811-1812, which centered at New Madrid, Mo., and were the heaviest of shocks ever recorded in North America.

Three principal shocks were experienced—on Dec. 16, 1811, Jan. 26, and Feb. 7, 1812—with many lighter ones between and after these dates. These greatest shocks were felt as far away as Boston, 1,100 miles distant from their center.

Over an area about 100 miles long and 50 or more miles wide, the earth was in some places raised, and in others depressed, forming ridges, domes and lakes. The current in the Mississippi river is said to have been actually reversed for a short time, and a temporary waterfall was created.

Great cracks opened in the ground, landslides fell from the river bluffs, and the whole surface of the country was altered. Because the country was very sparsely settled at that time, the loss of life and property was very small.

Although many faint earth tremors are felt in various parts of the United States from time to time, this country has been remarkably free from major earthquake disasters.

Food and Health

Popular ideas about food are a strange admixture of truth and fiction, according to a recent article by Dr. Lieb, an authority on diet. Particularly is this the case with respect to notions of what is good for people, or not good for them, under varying circumstances.

For example, bananas and nuts were long thought to be hard to digest, but if the bananas are ripe and the nuts are

chewed sufficiently they are among the most easily digestible of foods.

The prejudice against raw foods is also unwarranted it is said. Raw corn, wheat and other starches in moderate amounts are completely digested, while raw potatoes are 78 per cent digestible. The craving of some children for raw potatoes may be indulged to a reasonable extent without harm, and the same is true of raw cabbage and lettuce.

Forcing children to eat spinach or other foods which they do not like is not good for them, as the feeling of repulsion which they experience hinders digestion.

What's New

A simple instrument has been devised to measure the refraction index of glass.

A tool has been invented to enable model airplane builders to cut strips of balsa wood quickly and accurately.

Its knife guided by a carrier sliding along a rail, a device has been invented for cutting beveled edge card mats for mounting photographs.

A surface material has been invented for outdoor bowling alleys to proof them against rain, strong sunlight and extreme temperature changes.

Announcement was made recently of the development of a new blood vitamin, K-5, which aids in blood clotting, particularly in surgical operations, and which can be given by hypodermic as well as by mouth.

Time Tables

C. & E. I.
Northbound.....11:49 a. m.
Southbound.....1:27 p. m.
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Southbound.....7:15 a. m.
Northbound.....8:30 a. m.

Hazards of Traveling In Stagecoach Days

Illinois tourists who are accustomed to traveling in streamlined trains, motor buses and automobiles may read with interest accounts of the inconveniences of travel during earlier times, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

According to one pioneer's record of a stagecoach journey across the Illinois prairies in midwinter, a group of travelers began their trip on a morning in January, 1834, in a four-horse carriage, but abandoned the coach for a sleigh at the first station because of huge drifts.

Because the horses made their way through the snow with great difficulty, another team was added the next day. Later, after a complete change of horses had been made, the passengers twice escaped disaster when the animals broke through ice in crossing streams. Finally the driver was plunged knee-deep in water, and reached a farm house just in time to save his frost bitten feet.

Pumpkins Grew Big in Summer of 1838

"Pumpkin coaches" rolled out of the pale of fancy to become realities in Illinois during 1838 when a number of giant vegetables were produced in the state. Newspaper accounts of that year tell of products almost fabulous in size says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA.

Among the vegetables which made news at that time, were two pumpkins, one weighing 143 and one-half pounds, and the other, 122 pounds. The heavier one measured six feet and two inches in circumference. Honorable mention, so to speak, was also given a beet, three feet and four inches in length, 23 inches in circumference, and 21 pounds in weight; two bunches of celery each three feet and six inches in length, and a cabbage weighing 19 pounds.

The first magazine to be issued was the Gentleman's Magazine, published in London in 1731.

A thief who robbed a Portland shoe salesman of his samples got 80 shoes, but all for the left foot.



Robert Carroll, 12-year-old school boy from Aledo, Illinois, whose Aberdeen-Angus steer, Mascott, won the junior grand champion steer award at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, is shown being congratulated by S. G. McAllister, president of the International Harvester Company, whom he met during his visit to Chicago. Mr. McAllister, member of the board of directors of the National Committee for 4-H Club work, congratulated Robert for being the second Mercer County, Illinois, youth to win an outstanding blue ribbon at the International Exposition in the last two years.

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Do You Know Illinois?

By Edward J. Hughes
Secretary of State

Q. How did the Democratic party in Illinois stand on the silver question prior to the presidential campaign of 1896?

A. The State Central committee of the Democratic party declared for free silver under the leadership of Secretary of State W. H. Hinrichsen. Only one member at the meeting—represented by proxy—dared defend the gold standard.

Q. Where and when was the Illinois silverite convention held in Illinois in 1895?

A. At Springfield early in June.

Q. For what did it declare?

A. The delegates passed resolutions demanding the "free and unlimited coinage of both metals at a ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the action of any other nation."

Q. What was the attitude of the opposition as expressed in the press?

A. On June 4 the Chicago Tribune carried a story from Springfield: "A puny baby was born here today. It is a weakling. A five months' young one, and will of necessity be fed on a bottle. Buck Hinrichsen stands godfather and John P. Altgeld is godmother. Billy Bryan gave it his benediction and blessing."

Q. What important speech on the gold standard was made in Chicago on April 15, 1896?

A. Secretary of the Treasury (Cleveland administration) John G. Carlisle, made a two hour speech to working men of Chicago.

Q. Where and when was the Illinois Democratic State Convention held in 1896?

A. At Peoria, June 23.

Q. How long did the convention last?

A. In five hours and two minutes of working time a full State ticket was nominated, a free silver platform adopted, 48 free silver delegates to the National convention elected and tied to silver by the unit rule.

Q. Where and when was the Democratic National Convention of 1896 held?

A. It met in Chicago on July 7th.

Q. Who were the Democratic candidates for president in 1896?

A. William Jennings Bryan won the regular Democratic nomination. At Indianapolis the gold Democrats or National Democrats nominated former Governor and then United States Senator John M. Palmer of Illinois.

Q. Who was elected Governor of Illinois in 1896?

A. John R. Tanner, Republican.

Fires Sweep Trees From Early Fields

Many of the early fields in Illinois presented a dismal appearance, according to an account written in 1819. A traveler of the time observed that frequently settlers cleared the ground by grubbing up small trees only. Large ones were either cut down to within three feet of the ground or merely chopped around the stems and a small strip of bark peeled off. Decay was then left to take its course and the land owners were saved the trouble of cutting down the trees.

When underbrush, roots, and smaller trees were burned where they lay, the fire often spread to the larger standing trees, says the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA. In some areas, a visitor could commonly see about one hundred half burned trees to each eight or ten acres under cultivation.

In the Smithsonian Institution at Washington is the largest topaz crystal ever known—a 350,000 carat gem from the Brazilian mines.

Interesting Notes

A single grapevine in Rosebud, Tex., covers the entire side of a building and is half a block long.

Walter Kenton of Detroit found a quart bottle of liquor on his porch when he went to take in the morning paper.

An Episcopalian minister, Rev. Henry Scott Rubel, writes the jokes for Joe Penner, the radio comedian.

G. L. O'Bryan of St. Paul has lived in the same house and slept in the same bedroom for 50 years.

Mrs. Elsie Ryan of Dublin requested in her will that none of her relatives attend her funeral.

A wedding license was recently granted in Hamilton, Mont., to Mrs. Mary Jane Patterson, 93, and J. W. Hayden, 72.

When no pupils showed up at a school near Grace, Ida., the teacher investigated and found the school bus had taken the children to the wrong school.

When his cow waded into a creek to drink, it ran out with a large bass clinging to its tail, says James Sparkman of Hot Springs, Ark.

Workmen remodeling Walker Inman's home in Atlanta, Ga., found a family of mice snugly bedded down in a nest of much-chewed dollar bills.

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Miss Genevieve Tracey, a department store employee of Kansas City, Mo., was operated on recently for the removal of 14 pins and a paper clip from her lungs.

Firing at a feathered streak, Fred Sharp of Rochester, N. Y., brought it down and discovered a white pheasant. Wardens said it was the first ever seen in that section of the state.

Joseph B. Chambers, 93, rode his bicycle to court at San Jose, Calif., and won a divorce from his wife, Emma, 76, charging that she sold his two automobiles and spent the money.

Speeding down a street in Milwaukee in pursuit of a motorist, Officer Walter Kohlman was pitched from his motorcycle. Shaking off his daze, he looked up at a street sign. It read: East Falling Place.

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Fiddlers' Contests Were Popular In Pioneer Days

Fiddlers' contests were popular features in many Illinois communities during early days, say research workers of the Illinois Writers' Project, WPA, and competitions were often arranged among experts from the neighboring counties. At one contest held in Charleston, Coles County, in 1899, six counties were represented by 122 fiddlers, according to a news item of the time. The numerous tunes played included such favorites as "Granny Will Your Dog Bite?" and Fisher's Horn Pipe."

The oldest dynasty in the world is Emperor Hirohito's of Japan. He is the 124th of an unbroken line of rulers.

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