

BODY IS BAROMETER

Speculations Regarding Effects of Surroundings Upon Man.

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Berlin.—Prof. W. Hellpach, of Karlsruhe, has published the results of the first all-round inquiry ever made into the problem: "How far are the brain and temperament of man dependent upon natural surroundings?"

His report, entitled "The Geopsychic Phenomena," has made a great stir in scientific circles, owing to the boldness of the professor, who depicts humanity as a mere vitalized barometer, which reacts incessantly to the stimulus of external forces, but has little independent control over its own movements.

Landscape, says Hellpach, is of infinitely greater importance than climate in forming national character. The idea that climate is more important is a delusion. "In the United States the fantastic mountain world of the great west will in time create a different and much more imaginative race than that which exists in the level east and south. At present America's population is too much in a state of flux to allow of this difference being determined, but the change is going on." America will thus in the future have two populations of entirely different psychical inclinations and characteristics.

Professor Hellpach gives a whole series of facts to show man in his capacity as barometer. His activities depend upon weather fluctuations. There live peculiarly sensitive "Wettermenschen" (weather men), whose whole nervous system is affected by thunderstorms. On these tea, coffee and tobacco, taken during a thunderstorm, act with extraordinary force, and the most moderate dose of alcohol, which in clear weather would have no effect, produces violent agitation, and even temporary paralysis.

A second type of weather man is the "snow man," well known to nerve specialists. Shortly before a snowfall their eating, feeding and sleeping are entirely deranged; and they are thus able to predict a snowfall more surely than can a meteorologist with all his instruments. "Snow men" are rarer than "thunder-storm men." Both quickly recover from the weather effects, and even feel better than they did before.

In addition to weather, man reacts to an enormous number of external stimuli, some of which are far off, intangible and even concealed from the senses. Light has precisely the same attractive effect on men as it has on insects. The word "moonstruck" is not a figure of speech, but a reality. Moonlight has a marked effect upon sleepers, and is the main cause of somnambulism. The changes of the moon produce precise organic effects upon certain lower animals, and man is also liable to be moonstruck.

Water, though, at a distance and invisible, affects the nervous system and makes some men conscious of its effects. Hence the "divining-rod" is a reality. The underground water really does cause nervous twitchings of the water-seeker's hands, and this sets the rod oscillating. In the same way diviners of hidden coal, ore and other mineral treasures are quite honest. "It is established that there exist sensitive men, whose psychical condition is affected by the composition of the soil underneath, though of this composition they have no knowledge." And even astrology has a basis of truth. The changes of the earth in its relation to the constellations involve changes of gravitation "which causes nervous disturbances and thus operate on the brain." In a scientific sense no man is therefore independent of the stars and planets.

To Ban Campaign Cigar. Chicago.—Miss Lucy Page Gaston, of the Anti-Cigarette League, has been named to the health committee of the city council to make it a misdemeanor for political candidates to pass the campaign cigar.

Drain Case True. Ill.—Glenn Stockman, his stepfather, Sol Stockman, and his wife, Mrs. Stockman, were charged with the murder of a young girl, who had been found in a drain.

School Notes

The teachers of our public schools were entertained at a Colonial party given at the beautiful home of W. J. Herring on East Maple avenue last Saturday evening. The hostesses of this pleasant occasion were Miss Nina C. Taylor, Miss Carrie M. Moore, Miss Anna M. Herring and Miss Gertrude L. Williams. Many unique costumes of dames and damsels passing fair, with painted face and powdered hair, were in evidence. The plan of entertainment was all in keeping with the occasion, such as a contest at Bunker Hill, Hanging of the Red Coats at Lexington, a presidential guessing contest, and many other appropriate features that kept the guests in constant merriment. At a late hour dainty refreshments consisting of salad and wafers, ice cream and cake were served. The favors of the evening were small silk flags, and George Washington log candy boxes with spray of cherries. This was one of the most pleasant social functions ever given the teachers, and thus—His honored guests did attend And gallants gay their presence did lend. Thus wit and beauty made the rout Grand, merry, gay, long-talked about.

The eighth grade class have completed their course in United States history and are now taking up the study of elementary civics, the text used is "The Community and the Citizen." This is an excellent course dealing not only with our government, but intends to arouse the pupils' interest in the life of the community and his relation to that life.

The teachers were very pleasantly entertained at a Victrola concert last Thursday evening, given by Miss MacLaren at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnhart on East Curtis street.

We trust every patron and friend of our schools will be present at the reception to be given Friday evening, March 1, at the South Side School building, by the superintendent and teachers of our schools. Come out and let us become better acquainted that our relations may be more profitable and the interests of our schools advanced.

Burglars Scared Her to Death. Fright from a burglar's visit has caused the death of Mrs. Lucius F. Spencer at her home at Passaic, N. J. Fear of thieves had always haunted her, and when she was awakened by the flash of a dark lantern through a bedroom window fall in her face, she screamed several times, frightening the intruder away, and then became unconscious.

Caught the Audience. Patience—Did the rendition of "Julius Caesar" meet with the approval of the audience? Patrice—Oh, yes; you know they killed Julius in the first act!—Yonkers Statesman.

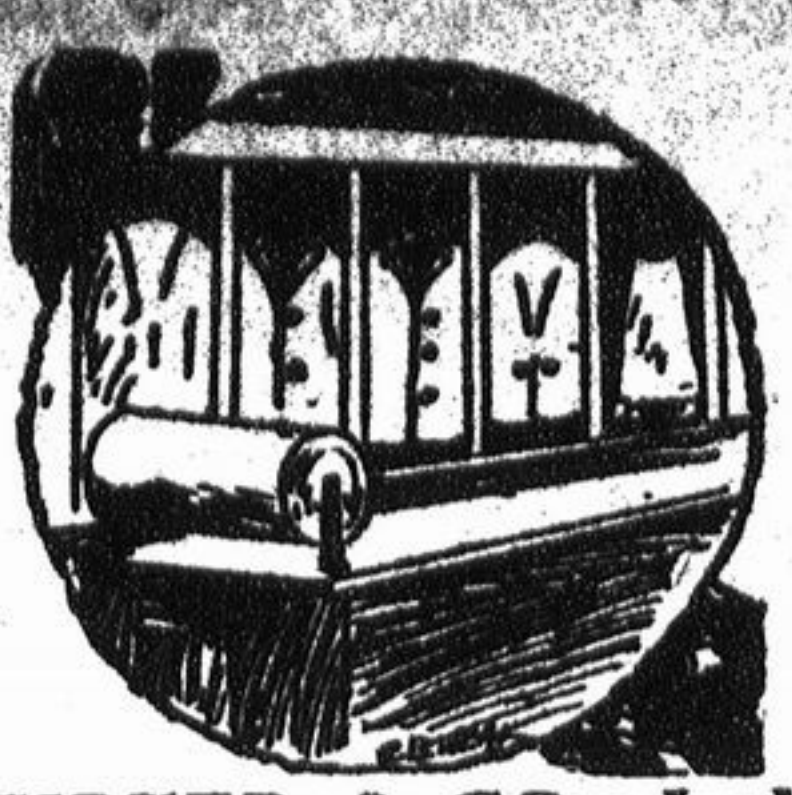
LEGAL NOTICES.

Executor's Notice. In the matter of the estate of William I. Bauer, deceased.—All persons having claims against the estate of William I. Bauer, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to attend and present such claims to the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, for the purpose of having the same adjusted, at a term of said Court to be held in the County Court Room in Wheaton, in said Du Page County, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1912, being the first day thereof. Dated Clarendon Hills, Feb. 4, 1912. GEORGE GREGORY, Executor. CARNAHAN, ELDON & SLUSSER, Attorneys.

LEGAL NOTICE. To the Members of the Ladies' Library Association: Please take notice that a meeting of the members of the Ladies' Library Association is hereby called, to be held at the rooms of the Ladies' Library Association, located on Cullins street, in the Village of Downers Grove, county of Du Page, and state of Illinois, on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1912, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering and acting upon the sale of all books and library furniture of this Association to the Downers Grove Free Public Library for a nominal consideration. Every member is urgently requested to be present. MARY S. BURNS, MARY H. NALAMORE, M. ALICE THOMAS, NETTIE ATTWOOD, LUCY A. STANLEY, SARAH V. LANCASTER, FANNY L. STEWART, ELIZABETH SACKSTEDER, MATILDA DIETZ, MARY GRAHAM, HARRIET M. HUGHES, Directors of the Ladies' Library Association.

LEGAL NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between F. C. Moberg and Walter V. Moberg and conducting a painting and decorating business under the firm name of F. C. Moberg and Son is this day dissolved. Walter V. Moberg, the son, will settle up the firm affairs and conduct the business hereafter alone under the old name, F. C. Moberg & Son, having taken over his father's interest therein.

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BACK TO THE FARM!

Early soon the sap will be stirring in the trees and the wild geese will be migrating their way north and the city man's fancy will lightly turn to the thoughts of a dear little farm in the country—where he can get away from the roar and stress of the busy streets and see the blue heavens now shut in by skyscrapers and get a breath of pure air.

This is all right—provided the city man does not let his fancy turn to thoughts of the farm too lightly. He should, on the contrary, do a lot of real thinking before he starts out to make a living on a farm. He wants to be dead sure he's right before he goes ahead.

In fact, the city man who forsakes the city for the farm wants to know himself very thoroughly before he shakes the dust of the streets from his feet and turns them toward blossoming clover and all that sort of thing.

For there is a whole lot to life on the farm besides blossoming clover. To be sure, there are bees and butterflies and flowers and new milk and fresh eggs and golden butter and fruits and growing things.

But the electric lights are few and the trolleys are far between and cement sidewalks are conspicuous by their absence. The telephone doesn't result in quick service from the corner drug store, the market and the delicatessen man. There isn't any vaudeville handy. And the servant problem is a good deal more complicated than in the city.

Moreover, Mother Nature is very far from being the genial, benevolent old soul she is pictured by the fictionists who write farm prospectuses. She has bounties, but she does not give them for nothing. She demands full payment in advance. And she exacts full penalty for mistakes.

In short, if the city man who goes to the farm has a tender spot or a weak place in him, the farm will find it out.

There will be blisters and backaches. Muscles will go sore and have to be worked out of soreness into strength. There are weeds as well as flowers, bugs as well as butterflies, frosts as well as balmy breezes. Ere the waving grain delights the eye, the city man will discover why Providence gave him eyebrows. The lowing kine which provide rich cream and golden butter may turn out confirmed kickers at milking time.

Moreover, the city man, used to doing things on the instant, will encounter a slowness and deliberation in Nature's ways and methods that is little less than maddening. Against these ordered processes it is useless to rage; they cannot be hurried. He must learn to wait seed time and harvest and possess his soul in patience.

So, it is evident that a balance sheet must be struck between city and country. If one loves the bustle and light and noise, let him stay in the city. If one goes to the farm he must forget all these city joys as well as shut his eyes to the annoyances of the farm. He cannot carry the city to the country.

But when, in the course of time, the wholesome spirit of country life gets into this city man he will come to his own and get many and rich rewards. With grit and patience Nature can be made to bestow a generous bounty. He will find independence, pecuniary and spiritual. He will find health. He will find an abiding place that is a real home.

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Village of Downers Grove

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, A. D. 1912, at the Village Hall, election precinct No. 1, and at J. W. Tucker's real estate office, election precinct No. 2, in the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Ill., a primary election will be held for the nomination of candidates for the following offices to-wit:

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We believe now to be the time for action and that sufficient local pride and enterprise exists to perform this important duty without further delay.

Perhaps the latest definition of a philosopher is one who eats bread with butter and without complaint.

Generally, man proposes and Providence disposes, but this year woman proposes and man hasn't the heart to refuse.

Eastern society woman tells us that the grizzly bear is not as naughty as its reputation. Isn't she the knacker!

Kansas has a citizen who claims to be "the only hog dentist in the world." What's the use of casting gold fillings before swine?

We are informed that Mars is experiencing a hard winter, but, then, there is reason to believe that Mars has nothing on us.

One good thing about the king of weather we have had this year is that it keeps your priceless chunk of butter from melting away.

A leading actress refuses to play in a theater that asks but one dollar for its best seats. This actress will yet be put on the retired list.

A food expert informs us that there is as much nourishment in two eggs as there is in a good sized steak, but eggs were discovered ever.

Miss Plankowitsskajakable, a Russian dancer, is about to visit us. Line-type operators are in favor of the extension of undesirable Russians.

Paraphraser are talking sundry jolts at the man who paid \$27,000 for a Bible and does not read it, but how many paraphraser read the Bible?

One of our snagglers tells us that there is a scarcity of \$10,000 men, but in our varied career we have not seen many \$10,000 jobs lying around loose.

Never be in your place of business when a person wants to borrow money of you, because if you are in you will be out, and if you are out you will be in.

Chicago lawyer is responsible for the startling statement that a man will be on the safe side if he obeys the ten commandments. Another Solomon!

The queen of Siam breaks into court with the story that she has been robbed of her jewels. We never there was a vaudeville circuit in

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