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### SMALL CHILD IS HELD IN CAPTIVITY BY PIPE

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 28.—Her tiny foot caught in an open curb box on the sidewalk at Washington street and Main avenue, where she and her parents were waiting for a car, little Josie Olsen, 3 years old, daughter of P. Olsen, 2312 First avenue, was held captive for more than an hour.

Officers Scott, Hughes and Benway, sent from police headquarters with Steward Ned Eria of the emergency hospital, worked to extricate her during a great part of the time, being compelled finally to get a cold chisel and hammer, with which they broke the pipe before the foot would come out.

In the meantime, though at an early hour, 9 o'clock, a large crowd gathered, and it was necessary for the officers to establish lines to keep the child from smothering with the excitement and pressing of the craning throng. The mother was near frantic before the ordeal was over.

The box, which is more of a pipe, being used to turn off water, was left open through carelessness.

### CLAIMS TO HAVE FOUND USE FOR APPENDIX

Organ Serves Purpose in Unborn Child, Says New York Medical Man

After Birth, Having No Further Use, It Atrophies and Becomes Tissue

New York, August 27.—Dr. Israel Feinberg, president of the board of coroners, declares that he arrived at a new conclusion with regard to the history of the vermiform appendix in the human being and its utility. Dr. Feinberg has spent 15 years in the study of the appendix, seeking a cure of appendicitis, and to discover the purpose of the organ in the human structure. The conclusions which he has reached are novel in medical annals.

Explicitly, Dr. Feinberg believes that the appendix is of vital importance in the unborn child. After the birth of the child Dr. Feinberg declares, the utility of the appendix is at an end and the organ gradually atrophies, until in mature life it simulates a rudimentary mass of tissue.

"The appendix is found in an enlarged state in the child before birth," Dr. Feinberg said. "As is commonly known, the child at that period possesses several organs that differ greatly from those which are found immediately after birth, when he begins to breathe and take nourishment—for instance, the heart, the lungs and the intestinal tract. In my opinion the appendix has some particular action in relation to the intestinal canal until the time of birth, when it gradually grows smaller until, at last it contracts so that only a small opening is left, in place of the wide mouth which formerly opened into the intestinal tract.

"That the appendix is a rudimentary organ, due to the fact that there is no use for it after the child is born, and that it, therefore, becomes atrophied, I admit, but that the appendix of the unborn child is a rudimentary organ I deny. After the birth of a child, when the appendix ceases to function, another valve known as the ileo-coccal takes up its work, so that the same results are achieved by nature through another organ."

Dr. James J. Walsh, of No. 110 West 74th Street, an eminent authority upon medical affairs, expressed interest in Dr. Feinberg's observations.

"Dr. Feinberg's conclusions are not only possible, but probable," was the way Dr. Walsh expressed himself. "As yet we know very little about the true function of the appendix, and any new light upon its place in the human scheme is interesting. I shall be pleased to follow Dr. Feinberg's deductions further."

"If what Dr. Feinberg says is true about the use of the appendix before birth and its atrophication after birth, then the appendix is an organ somewhat analogous to the thymus gland, behind the thyroid gland in the throat. The thymus gland is very large just before and after birth, but when the child is two years old the gland gradually atrophies—shrivels up—and apparently is of no further use."

"But I, for one, must take issue with Dr. Feinberg when he says that the appendix in after life is a useless organ. I believe that it has a very vital place. By forming and losing white blood cells into the intestines, it prevents many a serious ailment."

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### ONCE SLAVE, NEGRO FOUNDS HAS BEEN HEAD OF CHURCH FOR TEN YEARS

Chicago, Aug. 27.—"From slave to founder of a town," was the theme of a story told delegates to the National Negro Business League convention by Isaiah T. Montgomery of Mound Bayou, Miss., whose wealth is estimated at \$200,000.

"Born a slave, I was owned by Joseph E. Davis, brother of the Confederate president," said Montgomery. "When 9 years old I was taken into the office of Mr. Davis, where I was taught to do clerical work. After the war Mr. Davis rented to me two plantations, consisting of 4,900 acres.

"In 1857 I bought a tract of swamp land and started a negro colony, and called the place Mound Bayou. It grew rapidly, and today it has a population of more than a thousand people. All the town officers, from street cleaners to mayor, are negroes."

Scarcely elected, he drew back his foot when the Cardinals trooped up to pay homage. Later he waved away the bearers of the Papal sedan chair, saying it pleased him better to walk. Similarly, he betrayed a distaste for the regalia worn by the Swiss Guard. He employs the human singular, instead of the official plural, number in addressing his visitors. He even bids ordinary people sit in his presence during an audience, a privilege formerly permitted only to Cardinals and Sovereigns. He converses with friends through the telephone and, to crown his enormities, he invites simple clerics to eat at his table.

This last was a revolutionary step indeed, for formerly it had been the rule since the seventeenth century for the Pontiff to eat alone. The story goes that on being respectfully remonstrated with for his departure from tradition the Pope replied that as Urban VIII had the right to make the rule, he, Pius X, had an equal right to abolish it. The Pope's meals differ little from those that were served to the parish priest of Salarno, consisting of the simplest and homeliest fare. Whereby hangs another tale. "Surely," His Holiness is said to have declared, "it is not necessary to have seven cooks in order to make me a little soup."

**Sues City to Get Stolen Coin**  
 St. Louis, August 28.—What is said to be the first civil suit of its kind ever won here was decided today when John Casey was awarded \$163 for goods stolen by Floyd Davis, known as the "gentleman highwayman." Davis now is serving a term in the state prison.

On Davis, when arrested, was found \$163, which was placed in the police safe. After a long legal fight Casey today regained the money.

**Married Three Weeks—Killed**  
 Niagara Falls, Ont., August 28.—Fred Weaver, 25, was instantly killed today by being run down by a New York Central freight train which he was attempting to board. He had been married only three weeks.

**VACCINE SHORTAGE HALTS SCHOOL CHILDREN**  
 Edmonton, Aug. 27.—Panic has arisen among the mothers and guardians of children of school age in view of the return to the district and task of their youthful charges. Not that they care that the vaccine is over; most of them are probably pretty glad, sighs of relief rather than the other kind being in order.

But regulations in Edmonton with regard to the administration of children to the schools who are unvaccinated are very stringent. Many anxious mothers put off the inoculation ceremony till the very last limit. As a result, Medical Health Officer Whitlaw has been holding a species of vaccination levee during the past few days.

So great was the run on lymph last Saturday that the supply gave out, operations having to be suspended until a fresh consignment could be obtained. This has now been done, and the somewhat sombre and austere looking health officer was bright with the costumes of women and children again this morning.

### BUILDING INSPECTOR GIVEN GREAT POWER BY CLAUSE OF NEW BUILDING CODE

Contest in City Council Will Ensnare on Authority to Alter Bylaw Provisions

Alderman Hornby Says Will Put Club in Hands of Official Against Contractors

Urges That Serious Questions Can be Settled by Council When Need Arises

Aldermen McDougall and Brocklebank Favor Advisory Board or Let Clause Stand

A CONTEST in the city council over the new building code framed by Building Inspector Sylvester is promised for the next meeting night over a clause in the preamble of the code, which practically gives the building inspector unlimited power in modifying any of its provisions, or any of the rules or regulations of the building department.

Serious objections to the clause were urged by Alderman J. A. Hornby and Alderman A. J. Samis at the last meeting of the legislative committee, which examined the new proposed code. Alderman Alex McDougall, who favors an advisory board to assist the building inspector in determining disputed points of the building bylaws, and Alderman R. A. Brocklebank, who inclines to the same view, wanted the clause retained in lieu of an advisory board.

As a result of this division of the legislative committee on the subject, the matter will have to be threshed out by the council.

Might be Used as Club  
 Alderman Hornby contended that under this clause, unless future building commissioners proved to be of the same high order of integrity as Mr. Sylvester, the powers conferred upon him might easily be used as a club against any contractors or builders who were not agreeable to the official, and might even possibly furnish an opening for corruption of the office.

Alderman McDougall conceded that the wide powers conferred upon the building inspector by the clause might lead to abuses, but agreed with Mr. Sylvester that in the absence of an advisory board some legal aid from the building bylaws was necessary.

Mr. McDougall pointed out that numerous building violations are constantly coming up for settlement which either are not covered in the building bylaws, or else are contrary to their letter, though not in their spirit. Under the present system the building inspector settles these when possible outside the law, though he has no legal authority to do so.

**The Disputed Clause**  
 The clause which occasioned the disagreement in committee reads as follows:

"The commissioner of buildings shall have the power to vary or modify any of the provisions of this code, or any rule or regulation of the department of the buildings relating to the construction, alteration or removal of any building or structure erected or to be erected within the city of Calgary, upon an application to him in writing by the owner or lessee of such building or structure, or his duly authorized agent, wherein there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this code, so that the spirit of this code shall be observed and public safety secured and substantial justice done; but no such variation or modification shall be granted or allowed unless the provisions of the code are applied in such a manner as to be in accordance with the decision of the commissioner thereon shall be entered upon the records of the building department."

**Wants an Advisory Board**  
 Alderman Brocklebank was inclined to look on the question in the same light, believing that an advisory board was the true solution of the problem.

Alderman Hornby took the stand that the department had got along very well under the present system, and that when occasion arose for serious deviation from the bylaws the question could be sent to the council to make the necessary change in the bylaws.

There was a long argument over the benefit of an advisory board. It was pointed out that in the case of such a system obtains. It is necessary for the board to meet and settle disputed questions only four or five times a year. Mr. Hornby urged this fact as evidence that an advisory board is unnecessary, and that such questions, when need be, can be settled by the council.

**No Baby Carriages in Theatres**  
 While the legislative committee declined to recede from its former position in ordering struck out the clause prohibiting babies in arms evening performances of theatres and moving picture shows, Fire Chief "Cappy" Smart won a point when the committee agreed to the incorporation of another clause which will prevent baby buggies and go-carts being taken into such buildings.

The chief contends that the practice of leaving these articles in the rear parts of the halls is a serious menace to life and limb in case of a fire or panic. The clause as incorporated by the committee makes it unlawful for any theatre or moving picture show to sell tickets to a person, or any ticket taker to admit a person, having in their possession "any article that may prevent egress in case of fire." It is very likely that the council will agree to enact this provision into the bylaw.

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