

"WELL-BABY" CLINICS TO BE STARTED BY PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE AND OTHER AGENCIES

Appeal Is Issued for Small Sheets, Towels and for Large White Aprons—Miss Valentine Prichard to Be General Chairman in Charge of Work—Parent-Teachers Emphasize Importance of Work.



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UNDER the auspices of the People's Institute and other agencies, "well-baby clinics" will be started in Portland with Miss Valentine Prichard as general chairman. To help this cause, an appeal has been made for small sheets, towels and for large white aprons. These may be left with the needlework guild officers or at the Unitarian chapel on Tuesday.

HALF OF CITY HOMELESS

SALONIKI, GREECE, IS LIKE DEVASTATED FRANCE.

People Living in Tents, Huts, Cellars, or Among Charred Ruins of Former Homes.

SALONIKA, Greece, Sept. 23.—Americans who think they are suffering severely from bad housing and living conditions and high rents should get a glimpse of the congested and benighted oriental city, with its narrow, dark streets, cobble pavements, tumble-down buildings, cellar-like homes and other concomitants of poverty. There are only enough houses to shelter one-half the population of 175,000. The rest of the people live in tents, in huts, in the fields or among the charred ruins of their former homes which were decimated by a great fire that leveled the city to ashes in August, 1917.

Only the wealthiest can afford anything like a fully furnished house. Whole flats or apartments are unknown. A family must be content with a single room. Rents have increased greatly and are quite on a par with those prevailing in American cities. Tenants have no such legal protection against landlords as those enjoyed by New York residents. So great is the need for space that the municipality has turned over a number of Turkish mosques in which to shelter the people. In one of these ancient shrines 500 people live as in one great family. They sleep on the stone floor and live a primitive community life. Saloniki is strikingly like the devastated areas of northern France. Everywhere are ruined homes, tangled wreckage and piles of dirt and debris. The government has done little toward restoring the city since the great fire which left 75,000 persons homeless and crippled \$5,000,000 property damage. The housing situation is a critical one. The local authorities have put up several temporary structures, containing four to eight rooms, each room housing a whole family of eight or ten. Six-

ing, eating and washing are done in the same room. The Turkish Community also has erected a small number of houses, but they are wholly inadequate to take care of the large number of persons without homes and the constant stream of refugees from Macedonia. Hundreds of families have found refuge in the cellars and sub-cellars of the destroyed buildings. The cellars are dark, damp, cheerless and lightless. The inhabitants live like so many rats. When it rains water often stands several inches deep on the floor. The extreme congestion has seriously affected the moral standards of the people, many of whom, before the war, were persons of considerable income and of good standards of family life.

MINISTRY IS IN POLITICS

Trend of Pastoral Opinion and Influence Hurts Church.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—(To the Editor.)—A prominent minister of this city recently sent out a letter to a number of business men, asking the cause of the growing indifference of business men toward the church. Possibly one of the answers might be found in the recent political activities of certain reverend gentlemen, claiming to represent the ministerial association, as well as an organization styling itself the "Oregon Popular Government League," which is merely an alias whereby its sponsors may violate the corrupt practice act, which it is doing by sending out scurrilous, false and libelous propaganda against C. N. McArthur, candidate for re-election to congress from this district. This so-called Oregon Popular Government League has sent out a postal card, camouflaged as a questionnaire, but which is in reality a violation of the corrupt practice act, inasmuch as the real intent of the card was to circulate false and libelous propaganda. The card names as its sponsors the above mentioned league and gives the names of the officers, one of whom is said to be a member of the Meadors' union, another an advocate of the nefarious Non-partisan league and Plumb plan, and another a minister of the gospel. It is further stated that the said league is composed of "labor unions, school

teachers, liberal thinkers and progressives." If forgot to state, however, that the principal ingredient was democracy.

Working upon the frailties and prejudices of human nature, the league has induced certain individuals calling themselves prohibitionists, who still believe that it is necessary to place a guard over a dead issue, to join in a conspiracy to defeat McArthur. I, as well as many thousands of others, voted for prohibition not because of any maudlin sympathy for the so-called prohibition party, which by reason of its narrow methods I firmly believe delayed it for years, but rather because of the abuses indulged in by the liquor interests. It is not safe, now that we have it, to infringe too closely upon public rights and personal liberty, because there is a limit to the patience of even the most conservative minds.

We find these various elements conspiring to compass the defeat of McArthur, to satisfy a petty spite, regardless of whether or not his re-election would mean at this time a

greater benefit to our city, state and nation.

Into this vortex of passion come certain holy men, who claim to represent the lowly Nazarene, whose influence has done more for civilization than any and all other influences combined and who preached the gospel of "Peace on earth, good will to men." They say he always fought for booze. If a measure has merit it will pass on its merits, but McArthur opposed placing prohibition riders upon appropriation bills, which is a favorite way that cheap politicians have of forcing bills without merit through by delaying necessary appropriations.

They say that McArthur favored war with Mexico in the interest of Wall street. Like every other red-blooded American, McArthur was opposed to the spineless pacifism displayed in dealing with Mexico, when American citizens were being butchered and American women ravished. He was also opposed to the sinking of the Lusitania and other ships carrying American men, women and children, while a democratic administration temporized and the present democratic candidate for the presidency practically condoned it.

They say he voted for the Eeach-Cummins bill. He did, and all honor to him for it, because it protects the public from starvation by the suspension of traffic, compelling both employer and employees of railroads to arbitrate their differences, as the public, who pays the costs, has paramount rights to either.

They say he voted against increasing the weights of parcel post packages. He did, for the reason that under the present parcel post system such increase would put every small merchant in the country out of business and leave us at the mercy of the most gigantic mail order trust the world ever heard of.

They say he opposed an efficient farm loan system, as well as the measure for inheritance, income and excess profits tax. He voted for both these measures, but a little thing like the truth never stands in the way of those who seek to destroy.

They say he opposed the establishment of a government armor plate factory. He is proud of his vote against this measure and every member of congress who voted for it ought to be ashamed of it. Notwithstanding, the factory was built at a cost of \$61,000,000, but it never turned out a single plate and the factory was recently sold for \$300,000.

It is said that \$100,000,000.000 of war debt, \$11,000,000,000 represents graft and waste. There is an editorial in The Oregonian of Sept. 21 entitled "Where the Money Went," which is worth reading; that is if you care to be enlightened on this subject. If, after you get these facts, you still vote to perpetuate the party responsible for them, never complain of conditions, but take what's coming to you.

It is a matter of some surprise that the reverend gentlemen referred to, who prate so much about humanity, are not interested in the elimination of inefficiency and waste in order that humanity might be benefited by the lowering of living costs. It is also a matter of some surprise that these peaceably inclined gentlemen, mindful of their duty toward humanity, do not ascertain the democratic candidate's views about President Wilson's idea of conscripting the youth and manhood of America from 15 to 45, and his guarantee to send them across the water to participate in petty wars of unprovoked Europe, the offering them as a sacrifice upon the altar of ignorance, selfishness and greed. Or is it possible that these gentlemen are possessed of a one-track mind, therefore incapable of extending their vision beyond the desire for revenge? We can scarcely believe that the church is drifting toward the breakers of intolerance or that inquisitorial methods are necessary to enforce the teachings of Christ. If this be true, then one cannot wonder of there is a growing indifference toward the church, but it might be well if our reverend gentlemen who seek to play with the passions and prejudices of men would look more closely into the meaning of that wonderfully wise admonition, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

If you believe in American ideals you will be put to the test on November 2, for inasmuch as we are to have a republican president, it becomes imperative that we have congress in harmony with him, otherwise there can be no change for the betterment of our foreign policies or our domestic affairs for that matter, as the democratic balance of power will stand for malicious obstruction.

THOMAS McCUSKER.

LIFE HAS ITS BRIGHT SIDE

Busy Farmer Helps Aged Man Market Fruit of Toif.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 23.—(To the Editor.)—While watching the interesting process of turning farmers and truck gardeners' produce into cash at the farmers' market, and supplying the tables of homes of city people with wholesome and palatable food, one sees at work the nature of humanity.

One beautiful little incident that came to my notice was a case where a very old man came tottering along with a market basket on his arm filled with mushrooms which he had gathered in the woods during the rain. The old gentleman asked one of the farmer-salesmen if he would sell his wares for him, in the kindness of his heart the farmer said he would be glad to serve him. The basket was handed over and the old gentleman walked on, saying he would return for his money before the close of the day.

When the farmer looked at the contents of the basket he found they had been picked out of season and were in a rather poor condition, but desiring to be of service he spent a half hour of his time attempting to sort and clean the all but worthless mushrooms. At last he said he would have to give it up. "I am afraid it will be a disappointment to the old gentleman, but I cannot offer that class of food to the people."

Here was displayed in a very beautiful way a spirit of service and good-fellowship.

It is little incidents of this kind

that cheer one through a stormy day, little rays of sunshine that keep the traveler on his way. H. A. WALTER.

CAVE MYSTERY CLEARING

Volcanic Energy Theory Is Supported by Geological Student.

SEND, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Evidence indicating that the Horse Butte cave, at first believed to be

heated as the result of volcanic energy, may have drawn its warmth from the kindling of waste organic matter in the rocky tunnel, has been found. John A. Dron, engineer and geological student, who visited the cave last week, is convinced that the burning of matter introduced into the cave produced the heat, which was retained for days afterward by the rock walls.

Exploration of the tunnel, made possible by the gradual lessening of the heat, revealed no passages or cracks through which subterranean heat might have been conducted.

Oil Sought in Canada.

EDMONTON, Alta.—According to D. E. Dowling, Dominion geologist, the most extensive explorations for oil ever undertaken in the Canadian west, save by the Imperial Oil company, will be conducted next year by the Whitehall Oil company of England. The company is composed of a group of British capitalists, of whom Lord Cowdray is the chief.



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