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"SAVE THE BABY" IS NEW SLOGAN RAISED

Infant Mortality in London's Slums
Is Higher Than In Any
Other City in The
World.

By Wilbur S. Forrest.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—By mail.

The war is sapping the manhood of the nation; save the babies.

This cry is invading England today and almost for the first time in history the government and municipal authorities are giving the subject earnest attention. The terrible toll of the battlefields, which the

casualty lists printed in the newspapers emphasize each day, has begun to make England think about the future of the case.

Medical authorities are giving "Hints to Mothers" through the press, and systematic investigations of infant life in the slums are bringing forth remarkable revelations.

England's slums are the worst in the world and England's new "baby campaign" has brought this fact home to the government and people.

The medical authorities have just discovered that in Finsbury, the great slum section of London, the birth rate is greater than the average for England and Wales. But why infants there die at the rate of 118 in 1,000 has also been brought to light and corrective measures are being taken.

Among the many obsessions prevailing in this section, as reported by Dr. E. A. Thomas, a municipal investigator, are:

That just before and after childbirth a mother should drink gin; that maternity nurses are not necessary in case of childbirth; that a baby cannot make enough heat to sleep in a cot by itself; that a baby must not be subjected to fresh air because it will get sore eyes; that it is unlucky to weigh a baby and dangerous to cut its finger nails that boiled bread is proper food for infants; that milk bottles should be cleaned with kerosene because "kerosene will clean anything."

These, according to the investigator, are some of the contributing causes of the excessive infant mortality in England's slums, and all of these half-superstitions are kindred to appalling conditions of filth and ignorance. London's slums are dirtier than any others, it is said, and if an infant lives through the first six months it can live through anything. The fathers of these slum families are laborers, hawkers, beggars, cripples, porters, odd-work men, old men, thieves and usual raffle. The mothers are charwomen or engaged in like occupations.

But the fathers have largely disappeared from the slums.

They have gone to war. The wives have encouraged them to enlist, in many cases because the government's separation allowance comes to more than the husbands can normally earn. With the money, the majority of the women drink, raise babies to die, or be neglected. Moreover they often pawn the scant few household things for drink.

The notification of birth often comes to the authorities in the hand-

**OVER THE HILL
TO CAMAS**

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county, both agricultural and fruit. Winstons, Brockway and Olalla, are all localities of interest, and the climax of the drive up the winding slope of Camas and over its top to the other side, all make it a trip of unusual pleasure.

During the hour or more that was spent on the top of the mountain, the officials of the party were busy

in taking notes and making suggestions, the technical nature of which showed that along with their other duties, they have become practical road builders. It was learned that all the labor was being done by local parties, and that no foreign help was employed, while the camps looked comfortable and sanitary. On passing on down to the valley, several teams were not drawing loads of the green planks that measured from 2300 to 2900 feet, and these loads were drawn with perfect ease by two horses to the dumping place at the top, showing the excellent grade that has been surveyed.

After a drive around the valley in an auto bus, an excellent dinner was served by Mrs. Murray, that could not be excelled at a city hotelery, and a return was made to the top where another short stop was made to get the measurements for the additional planking mentioned. The entire cost of this improvement will be a trifle under \$9300, and it is estimated that its life will be from ten to twelve years, if not longer, considering that the unaltered planks without any stringers have stood the strain for some five years, and on a much steeper grade.

Too much praise cannot be said about the contractors, for Schell and Schell are certainly giving the county its money value in a first class job.

The return trip was made by the way of the splendid valley of Looking Glass, and from there over the old road to Melrose, but as this road is one that is practically discontinued, nothing will be said regarding its condition, suffice it to say that Frank Cain showed he was a good auto driver, for he brought both the party and machine down safe over that almost impassible hill.

On approaching Melrose it was found that Road Supervisor John Busenbark has been busy and is distributing many yards of most excellent gravel where most needed. Note was made of several places of which complaint was heard, and instructions given to have them filled in with gravel at once. The officials were strong in praise of the work being done by Mr. Busenbark, and the business like way in which he is taking out the splendid gravel from the apparently inexhaustible bed of the South Umpqua some distance above the forks of the river. This work as performed by Mr. Busenbark shows great executive and business ability, as well as a thorough knowledge of what is needed in making good roads.

With the continued and persistent work that is now being done on the roads of Douglas county by the present county court, it will not be long before Douglas county will be praised for its good lateral highways, instead of being execrated for its poor ones. But all this takes time, and it takes the co-operation of the taxpayers with the officials, it cannot all be done in one month, or in one year, but the start has been made in an intelligent manner and will be carried through to a successful finish.

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writing of children, apparently dictated by the mother and a committee of relatives. Here is a portion of one of these notifications:

"Present at birth mother and the lady what makes the tea we don't know her adres. Say father wasn't present so he don't know about it so please excuse him but mother knows. It was a stlle born and not in the according to the relations please to say if it was not I don't think."

The war is going to make these conditions in the slums conditions of the past, the authorities say. The race even in the slums must be preserved.



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**AUTO RELAY RACE
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The secretary of the Roseburg Park and Fair Association announced this morning that arrangements had been made for an automobile and motorcycle relay race to be held during the three days of the fair this week. Already enough entries have been secured to insure a fast and furious race in each event. Ten miles will be run each day of the fair and a purse of \$75 has been hung up for the auto race and \$50 for the motorcycle race. These two events should be a great drawing card as the race will not be decided until the closing day of the fair.

While the committee in charge of this part of the speed program would not make known any of the participants it is quite generally admitted that Claude Welch will be one of the participants in the one race and as he has had experience in the driving of racing cars he will doubtless be able to give a good account of himself.

**MEDFORD WINS
BALL GAME 15 TO 2**

Imitating the example set by the sliding Beavers, the Roseburg boys yesterday lost the last game of the series with Medford by a score of 15 to 2, coming out of the contests with only one game out of the four to their credit. Unlike the other games which were clean, fast and exciting exhibitions of base ball, yesterday's game was a grand comedy of errors on the part of the local players.

Busch and Medley, who acted as twirlers for the performance pitched good ball for the Regulars, but the lack of support lost them the game. Cornell, pitching for Medford, pitched a consistent game and won easily.

The first three games were excellent exhibitions of the national sport the first game going to Medford by a score of 3 to 2, and the second was also dropped by the Roseburg boys by a score of 2 to 0. The Regulars came back strong on Saturday, however, and ended the game with a score of 5 to 0 to their credit. Loose playing Sunday was the re-

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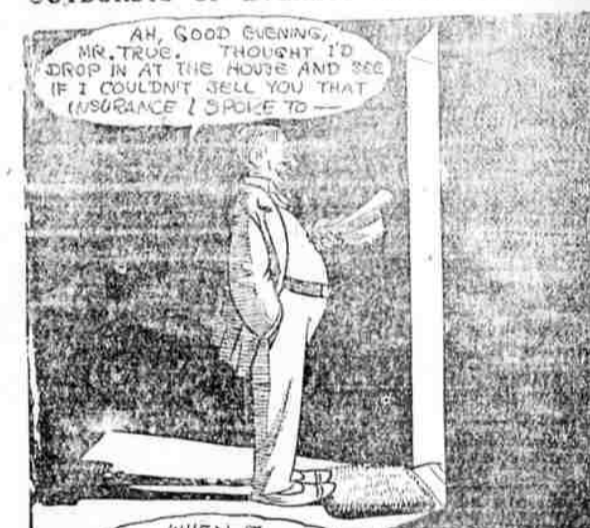
sult of the large score against the local players according to the spectators. The fielders would manage to get in front of the ball, but would fumble or throw it away.

Cedarstrom and Perry were the features of the games, making sensational plays in nearly every exhibition, seemingly impossible plays being made by both of them with perfect ease while playing steady and consistent ball at all times.

WAYNESBERG, Pa. Sept. 13.—Dr.

J. T. Silvert, the suspected murderer of Nettie Poland, committed suicide in his office today at Georgetown, W. Va. The body of the girl, stripped of all clothing, was found in a deserted automobile on the road.

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