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MOTHER'S EMPLOYMENT AND INFANT MORTALITY

New evidence bearing upon the question of the influence of the industrial employment of mothers upon infant mortality was made available in a report entitled "Infant Mortality: Results of a field study in Baltimore, Md., Based on Births in One Year" issued by the Department of Labor through the Children's Bureau. The material relates to births in Baltimore in one year and includes in regard to each infant information as to mother's employment, nationality, economic status, type of infant feeding, and other details that might throw light upon the infant mortality rate. The evidence indicates that the mother's employment away from home either during the months immediately preceding the confinement or during the infant's first year of life is detrimental to the infant's health. The employment of the mother during pregnancy was found to be associated with a marked high stillbirth rate, a high rate of premature births, a high mortality rate during the first month of life, and a high mortality from causes peculiar to early infancy—causes which are directly related to the health of the mother before birth. The stillbirth rate among births to mothers who were gainfully employed in industrial pursuits during the year preceding the birth was over twice as high as the rate among births to mothers who were not so employed during that period. Of the births to these mothers 6.7 per cent were stillbirths, as compared with only 3 per cent of the births to mothers not employed. Of the live births to mothers employed away from home 6.2 per cent were premature, as compared with 5.7 per cent of those to mothers not so employed. The mortality rate during the first month of life was 77.3 per 1,000 among the babies of mothers employed away from home, or nearly twice the rate, 39.9, among the babies of mothers who were not so employed; and the mortality rate from causes peculiar to early infancy among babies of mothers employed away from home was 57, as compared with a rate of 37.2 among babies of mothers not so employed. The common belief that the employment of the mother is especially harmful if continued until a short time prior to the confinement is confirmed by this new evidence. Among the births to mothers employed away from home in industrial occupations the excess mortality from stillbirth and from causes peculiar to early infancy was greater in the cases of mothers whose work continued until just previous to the confinement. It is of interest in this connection that nearly 40 per cent of the mothers who were employed away from home worked until within two months, and 25 per cent till within two weeks, of the confinement period. The employment of the mother too soon after confinement also appears to be a factor in the infant mortality rate. The mortality rate among the babies included in this study whose mothers were employed away from home during the babies' first year of life was found to be one and one-half times the rate among babies of mothers not so employed. In determining this figure allowance has been made for the fact that the mothers who are employed are largely of nationality and income groups in which the mortality rates from other causes than a mother's employment are high. Breast feeding is a principle element of care denied the baby whose mother works away from home. A much larger proportion of the infants of mothers employed away from home were artificially fed than of those whose mothers did not work. That this artificial feeding has serious consequences is apparent from the fact that the mortality among artificially fed babies averages between three and four times that among breast-fed babies. That the low earnings of the father bear the principle responsibility for the employment of the mother is shown by the marked contrast between the several income groups in respect to the proportion of mothers employed. Of the mothers in families in which the fathers earned less than \$4.50, 29.2 per cent were gainfully employed away from home during pregnancy, while only 1.2 per cent of the mothers in families in which the fathers' earnings were \$1,250 or over were so employed at that period. The contrast is equally striking in the case of employment following the birth. Of the mothers in homes in which the fathers' earnings were less than \$4.50, 22.1 per cent were gainfully employed away from home during the infant's first year of life, as compared with only 6 per cent of the mothers in homes in which the fathers' earnings were \$1,250 or over. The greater prevalence of mother's employment in the low income groups is evidently a factor in the high infant mortality rate which characterizes the families with low incomes. Previous reports of the Children's Bureau on infant mortality have shown a definite connection between income and infant mortality. As the income increases, the infant death rate decreases. This Baltimore study, based on a larger group than the previous studies, permits a closer analysis of this factor than the previous studies. The importance of this factor may be realized from the fact that even within the same income groups the mortality rate is higher for babies whose mothers are employed outside the home.

With automobile speed fiends running at large, poison whiskey offered to the thirsty and a pitfall here and there to catch the unsuspecting, the route to peaceful suicide is becoming more complicated each day. If a fellow lives long enough he is sure to get something he is not looking for.

The three-mile limit is still safe. This ought to make coast resorts popular for the thirsty.

This is bill collector's day. Get out your check book—and smile—if you can.

May 1 is "Straw Hat Day"—when the weather permits.

PRUNE PICKIN'S BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS—The town police judge, Billy Whipple Parked his fly On the main drag For a couple hours Yesterday. And The cop pinched him. And Bill was A purty good sport And fined himself A couple dollars—and Besides that had To pay for a Game of pool And now Bill says He never knew The ordinance had Such good teeth.

Local speeders are giving their throttle foot a rest today after viewing the remains of a car which made a perfect tail spin on the pavement south of the village.

The rain, the rain, the bee-you-tiful rain, we're awfully sorry you're back again, but if you must, you must, we s'pose, so go ahead and soak our clothes.

Its dern s'coid that we inflict such a pome as the above on our readers but the muse which was seated on our shoulder hopped down for a moment and cavorted back and forth on the keys of this old gossip mill that we couldn't resist the temptation. Shades of Longfellow, but we hate to do it.

DUMBLELL DORA THINKS—That Noah had the first arc light. One in a while we get a heart throb out of our column and last eve we read a letter from a little school girl who asks us to eliminate "Dumbell Dora" from this dept. and we'd like to do it but we can't. The little Dora who writes making that request says the boys are "kidding" her because her name is Dora. Now listen, Dora, you tell those birds to let you alone—and if you need any help just call for me and I'll bring along a sling-shot.

HOW TO TELL AGE When you find a lady who refuses to state her age, ask her to multiply the number of the month in which she was born by 2, add 5, multiply by 50, add her age to this sum, subtract 250; and the first figure, or figures, in the answer will be the number of the month in which she was born and the last two will be her age.

Whenever a school m'aim turns up her nose and draws down the corners of her mouth at the suggestion of going to a hot dog stand after the show, it's a safe bet that she's been out of college at least ten years.

THE OLD WAY IS BETTER Now comes the news that in several states on the mainland marriage by radio has been declared illegal. We can easily see that there would be confusion in the broadcasting of the marriage ritual. By listening in, we might hear something like this: Minister—do you utu-dah-dah-ta-ta tahadadad Eloise Ith take this prune oilseed firm to be your Texas Gulf Oil preferred 34 bid 38 lawfully wedded timouse and woodchuck fable by Millicent Muddle?

MIND VS. MATTER I know a giddy girlie Who creates like a whizz. And though her mind's not oft made up, The rest of her sure is!

Emile Coue should have handed us the maxim as follows: "Every day in every way I get debtor and debtor."

As predicted in this column some weeks ago the spring bonnets are being replaced with fall styles. If the seasons flew by as fast as the fashion designers would have them do, we'd never be able to catch up with ourselves.

The stork will never want for a market for its wares, for the poor we will have with us always.

Ganna Waleka complains that reporters give her a headache, says the Kansas City Star. But she probably knows nothing of the number of copywriters who have suffered headaches on her account.

Our idea of optimism is the Brooklyn school that is teaching good manners and expects the kids to graduate in four years.

It looks like the earplugs the jokers are wearin' nowadays are used for stakin' to show where the ears are.

BROCKWAY MAN IS VICTIM OF DEATH

Mr. Clark Coulter, who lived on a ranch two miles west of Brockway, was found dead in his home soon after he had entered it last evening. It was apparent that death came instantly, probably from cerebral hemorrhage or heart failure. Coroner Ritter made an investigation and found that it would be unnecessary to hold an inquest. Mr. Coulter, who was 22 years of age, came from Home, California, four years ago and purchased the ranch on which he has since resided alone. He was a Christian gentleman of education and refinement and ever held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Roseburg, veteran of the Spanish-American war and a member of the Dillard M. E. Church where he taught a Sunday school class. He leaves two grown sons in Idaho and two brothers in Iowa have been notified. No funeral arrangements will be made until word is received from them.

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LOOKING GLASS H. S. NEWS A pic social will be held at the grange hall Friday evening, May 3. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the boys and girls baseball clubs.

The high school record which ended March 29 was as follows: Number of days taught during month, 20; whole number of days attendance, 156; whole number of days absence, 23; average number of pupils belonging, 18.9; average daily attendance, 17.8; per cent of attendance, 94.1; whole number of times late, 6; number of persons neither absent nor late, 7.

Vera Klove and Ruth Rodley returned home from Eugene, Monday. They say they had a pleasant trip to Eugene.

The Looking Glass school baseball team played the Canas Valley school baseball team at Canas Valley, April 29. The game was 3 to 4 in favor of Looking Glass. Following the game a delicious supper was served to the players and visitors. The grade schools have been doing some track meet practicing. They intend to enter the meet. The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. G. B. Best Wednesday afternoon.

BROCCOLI GROWERS ATTENTION Will fill all orders for broccol seed the day received. Per ounce \$2. Price per lb on application. Fred Schmidt, Lillard, Ore.

SAYS POCAHONTAS WAS NICKNAME

NEW YORK, May 1.—What was the name of the Indian princess of early colonial days who saved Captain John Smith from execution? "Pocahontas," would be the answer from almost any American school child versed in American history. And "wrong" would be the retort of E. H. Leech of Greenwicht, Conn., who has started a movement to have history textbooks altered in their stories of America's most famous native princess. Stirred by recent reports of a search in London for the Indian princess' grave for the purpose of having her body brought home after nearly three centuries, Mr. Leech made a study of old historical sources, and says he has found that "Pocahontas" was merely the nickname or "little name" coined by her father, the powerful King Powhatan, in a moment of tenderness. It means "little tomboy." The princess' real name, Mr. Leech declares, was "Matoaka." Of more than a dozen prominent educators whom Mr. Leech wrote concerning his discovery, it was news to

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

Prices Paid Farmers for Produce. Butter 25 to 30 cents. Butterfat, 30c. Eggs, 18 cents per dozen. Hens, heavy, 18c lb; light 16c lb. 1922 Broilers, 30c lb. Veal, dressed 8c to 12c lb. Hogs, dressed, 12c, 120 to 160 lbs weight. Cows, prime, 4 1/2c. Steers, prime, 5c. Honey, local production, 29c lb. Cacara bark, 1922, 6 1/2c lb; cascara bar, 1921, 7 1/2c. Retail Prices on Mill Products. Kid mohair, per lb. 60 to 70 cents. Mohair, per lb. 52c. Wool, fine, per lb. 46c. Eastern oats, \$2.10 per 100-lbs. Millrun, \$1.40 to \$1.60 sack of 50 lbs. Cracked corn, \$2.15 to \$2.30 per 100. Whole corn, \$2.00 per 100 lbs. Rolled barley, \$2.00 sack of 70 lbs. Flour, soft wheat, \$1.75 sack. Flour, hard wheat, \$1.95 and \$2.10 a sack.

all save one, he said. The one was Harris Hart, superintendent of public instruction of the state of Virginia, who wrote Mr. Leech that Pocahontas had been recognized by her real name of "Matoaka" in her native state, although most folk even there cling to the diminutive "Pocahontas."

Among the authorities Mr. Leech cites is a document written in the script of William Strachey, secretary of the Virginia colony, who arrived with Lord Delaware in 1610. He wrote:

"Pocahontas, or Matoaka, the daughter of Powhatan, is married to a discrete English gentleman, Master Rolfe, after she had renounced idolatry and been baptized."

Strachey added that Pocahontas was the "little name" given to children in accordance with an old Indian custom, although she was called Matoaka "at more ripe years."

Mr. Leech also cited the inscription on a painting by Simon de Passe, done shortly after she had made her triumphant entry into England in 1616 as John Rolfe's wife. The inscription reads: "Matoaka, alias Rebecca (her baptismal name), daughter of the powerful prince Powhatan, Emperor of the Virginia."

O. A. C. CADETS MAKE EXCELLENT SHOWING

(By BURTON HUTTON) CORVALLIS, May 1.—Inspection officers were enthusiastic over the showing made by the O. A. C. military units during the inspection held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of last week. The visiting officers were Major H. L. Jordan, commanding officer of all O. A. C. units of the ninth corps area, Major H. T. Bull, and Major R. W. Kingman, representatives of the war department. The officers left Wednesday afternoon for the University of Washington. From there they will go to Washington State college, then to Idaho, and then back to Washington, D. C. The results of their inspection will be recorded in Washington, D. C., and the list of distinguished colleges to be published by the war department in one or two months. O. A. C. has rated the distinguished college list for five years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922, and has been working hard for it again this year.

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THE VILLAGE RHYMESTER by Carlyle Emery

Dear Folks:— With his fortune gone forever and no assets left behind, then Joe Jackson saw his folly and he had a half a mind to resume his worldly tramping begging feed along the way, but a Something seemed to hold him, to advise him he should stay in the Village where his father had provided him a name he could look upon with honor, one that held no blot of shame. What this Something was, that held him, he could not have told or guessed, but it seemed to rumble dimly in the region of his breast. All the more he fought against it all the more it fought to cling, and his nights were spent in wondering what the coming day would bring. With himself he vainly argued that a hobo's life was soft, working now and then for victuals and a sleeping in a loft. But the Something kept insisting "Tis unwise to go away, you will find your greatest pleasure in this Village if you stay." So the Something won the battle over all his outward pleas, for a life that held no labor, one of much apparent ease. Now the Something was Desire to be counted as a man. In his breast the seed had sprouted and it opened like a fan 'til it filled his soul and reasoning. For desire to do right, can accomplish worlds of progress with its strength and growing might.

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HOME BREWER HASTENS, FEARING GAS SHUT OFF CLEVELAND, April 30.—George Maxfield was up in police court, charged with possession of 788 bottles of home-made beer. "Why such a supply?" Judge Terrell asked. "I was afraid the gas was going to be turned off May 1, and I wouldn't be able to make any more. So I thought I'd make a good supply while I could," Maxfield explained. International tractor tools are built to stand the strain of heavy work. Sold by Wharton Bros. DAILY WEATHER REPORT U. S. Weather Bureau, local office Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 5 a. m. Precipitation in in. and Hundredths Highest temperature yesterday... Lowest temperature last night... Precipitation, last 24 hours... Total precip. since first of month... Normal precip. for this month... Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1921, to date... Aver. precip. from Sept. 1, 1877-'20. Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1922... Aver. precip. for 44 wet seasons Sept. to May inclusive... Fair tonight and Wednesday. WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

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