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**DECREASING BIRTH RATE.**

"During the period from 1860 to 1900 the proportion of children to 1,000 women of child-bearing age decreased in the United States by 152, or an average of about 39 in each decade. If we assume that the change will continue unchecked for a century and a half in the direction in which it has been in progress during the last 40 years, there will be no children left."

This startling statement came out in the lecture on birth and birth rate, delivered by Professor Walter F. Willcox in the course on sanitary science in Goldwin Smith hall yesterday.

"Let me not be understood as predicting the continuance of this movement," continued Professor Willcox, "but often the best method of bringing home to yourselves the vast sweep and significance of the changes revealed by statistics is to project them into the future and see whither they lead. It is one of the main duties of statisticians to point out the whirlpools in the stream along which society is going, before the grip of the current becomes irresistible, and thus to arouse a desire to change the course."

"The true reason for the fall in the birth rate is that in modern times, mainly within the last half century, births and birth rate have come under the control of human will and choice in a sense and to a degree never before true."

Professor Willcox also gave statistics to show that marriages are less common among college graduates of both sexes than it is in the average of the entire population. The figures regarding the birth rate among college graduates show that the highly educated part of the American people not only does not increase the population at all, but on the contrary tends to produce itself.

**CUMMINS' ELECTION.**

The election of Governor Cummins to fill the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Senator Allison, marks the definite and distinct passing of the old political regime in Iowa. For many years Senator Allison was the representative par excellence of that state. He was a machine man, a political boss, yet a man who stood for everything outwardly respectable, who got for those who best served him every honor and office of profit that could be reached, and who got for his state every appropriation that came within human ken, but who nevertheless, from start to finish and irrespectively of the best interests of the masses of the people of Iowa, represented the corporations, the trusts and the plutocratic manifestations of the money power, whenever and wherever found.

We have come upon a day of higher ideals and better conception of official responsibility. The highest duty is now to the people and the public interests. The man who represents any other interests is being slowly but surely weeded out of public life. Cummins stands for the new order of things, and gallantly he fought for them against great odds. He has earned his promotion, and he will make good the promises of his career in the new field of activity which he will, through his election, so soon enter.—Telegram.

The decision of the supreme court resulting in placing Grant county in the wet list after voting dry, shows how close Union county came in being similarly declared. The main point at issue being identical, errors in the posting of the notices by the sheriff.

The difference being, that the vote in Grant county was very close, and the lack of proper official notice might have changed the result. In Union county the majority being so large that all of the votes cast in the precincts where the alleged irregularities occurred, would not have changed the results in the least.

The apple growers of the state of Washington have built up a large and profitable business by the most careful culture of their orchards and the attention to picking of the fruit for market. Last year some of the apple producers of the northwest made money enough out of the crop to pay for their farms.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Homes which contain carbolic acid should take extraordinary measures to keep it away from the usual household medicines. During the past 10 days the press of the northwest has chronicled no less than a half dozen fatalities caused by carelessness. Only two of these cases were children, the others being adults.

We wonder if Grande Ronde will be represented at the National Apple show to be held at Spokane December 7-12. Here is an opportunity to get some cheap advertising that should not be overlooked.

A party that was beaten by 600,000 in 1896, by 800,000 in 1900, by 2,500,000 in 1904 and by 1,200,000 in 1908 should not be so imprudent as to join in the search for the origin of the word "frazzle."

Governor Stuart of Pennsylvania will ask the legislature for \$6,000,000 to build a state highway from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. The good road movement is taking a more practical shape in all the states.

An ordinance is before the city council of Spokane, to limit the saloons to 218. The plan is to limit them to the present number.

**Foley's Honey and Tar**

Will cure your cough, heal your lungs and expel the cold from your system.

Do not take chances on a cold "wearing away" as pneumonia and consumption are the result of neglected colds.

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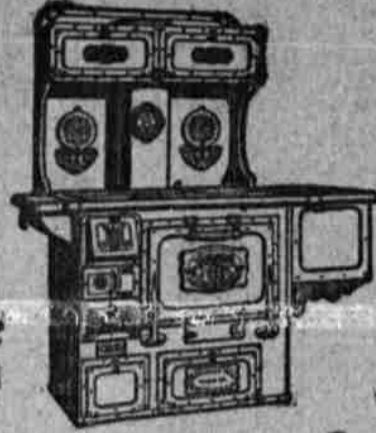
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This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Ore., October 5, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that CHESTER A. PIKE,

of Vancouver, Wash., who, on October 1, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 01850, for W 1/2 SE 1/4 1 1/2 SW 1/4, section 8, township 5 south range 35 E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on the 1st day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: Basil E. Lever, of Portland, Ore.; John O. Kissell, of Vancouver, Wash.; John W. Mallard, of Vancouver, Wash.; David C. Brichoux, of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register. 10-16-12-18

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, La Grande, Ore., September 21, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that MARTHA LANGDON,

of La Grande, Oregon, who, on September 8, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 01333, for W 1/2 NE 1/4, section 18, township 2 south, range 35, E. W. M., has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver of the U. S. land office at La Grande, Oregon, on the 9th day of December, 1908.

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Main 78

Independent Phone 1211

Claimant names as witnesses: Chas. Colwell, of Perry, Ore.; Harry Colwell, of Perry, Ore.; Edward Lovely, of La Grande, Ore.; W. R. King, of La Grande, Ore. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, at La Grande, Ore., November 2, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that GEORGE C. KISSELL,

of Portland, Oregon, who, on October 24, 1908, made timber and stone sworn statement No. 02060, for E 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, section 16, township 5 south, range 36 E. W. M.,

has filed notice of intention to make final timber and stone proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the register and receiver, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 15th day of January, 1909.

Claimant names as witnesses: David C. Brichoux, Allen J. Webb, H. E. Coolidge, J. T. Williamson, all of La Grande, Oregon. F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.