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A JOLT TO OUR PRIDE.

Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the children's bureau of the department of labor strikes an interesting blow at tardiness displayed by many sections of the country in co-operating with the new bureau. She does it by a brief review of work done in New Zealand, a country marked for its progressiveness in many lines that Americans would do well to follow. Like certain of our states, New Zealand is young and vigorous, with a scattered population, and no large cities. Yet in New Zealand co-operation in behalf of children, and particularly in respect to infant mortality, has reached such an advanced stage that the children's workers have been able to reduce the number of infant deaths in most of the largest cities 50 per cent in five years. In the United States, many of the state governments have not even arranged to provide accurate statistics of infant mortality and the children's bureau, so far from being able to help, has been unable even to obtain figures on how many babies are born and how many die.

In 1912, the infant death rate in New Zealand was 51 per 1,000. In the United States in the same year such estimates as were obtainable pointed to about double that rate.

In a resume of the means by which New Zealanders have accomplished this progress, Miss Lathrop points out the educational propaganda in rural districts as well as cities, the co-operation between volunteer and public health authorities, and the aid rendered by newspaper and other forms of publicity.

The children's bureau of the department of labor is an important adjunct to government service, and under heavy handicaps has been doing some noteworthy work. There is every reason why the states should see that the desired statistics upon which to base future operations are forthcoming, and that public and volunteer efforts shall be coordinated with those of the government.

Elinor Wilson is having her wedding slippers made to order in an eastern shoe factory. Knockers will say that since her father is an ex-

ponent of the good old Thomas Jeffersonian school she should buy her slippers from a general store.

May Richardson, who slashed the painting of "Venus," was released from jail the other day to go to a hospital and be slashed for appendicitis. And some people oppose vivisection.

The Lohengrin wedding march is about the only tune the United States Marine band has to play these days.

It is surprising how much better plain lemonade tastes to many people when it is named punch.

THE BANKS O' DOON.

Ye banks and braes o' bonnie Doon. How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair? How can ye chant, ye little birds, And I see weary, fu' o' care? Thou'ld breuk my heart, thou warbling bird, That wantons through the flowering thorn. Thou minds me o' departed joys, Departed—never to return.

Aft hae I roved by bonnie Doon To see the rose and woodbine twine, And lika bird sang o' its love, And fondly, sae did I o' mine. W' lightsome heart I pu'd a rose Fu' sweet upon its thorny tree, And my fause iver stole my rose, But, ah, he left the thorn wi me! —Robert Burns.

FRENCH SAYINGS.

Nothing is of more value than civility.

He that walks too hastily often stumbles in plain way.

He who speaks of a doctor does not always speak of a learned man, but only of a man who ought to be learned.

To know the value of money one must be obliged to borrow it.

Speak of the wolf and you will see his tail.

He who arrives first at the mill should first get his grist.

THE FOG.

The weird fog elf in robes of gray Creeps up from the sea at break of day, Gently caressing the hills one by one, While a prisoner he makes of the glowing sun.

His presence has sent brave men to their doom, Proclaiming to loved ones a message of gloom; Yet the plants and the flowers lift their heads to be kissed By the stealthily vanishing wraith of the mist. —Gertrude Ailyn Long.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Mrs. Frank Hendricks and son, Harvey, have gone to Kennewick.

WILL BUILD HOSPITAL. (Continued from Page 1.)

allowing men to cross the yards without going around or causing them to crawl under cars when the path is necessarily obstructed with incoming or outgoing trains or switching crews and trains. It is a new feature of the improvements and alterations contemplated, and goes far toward proving that the O. W. officials are constantly scheming to stop the leaks incident to so large a business as railroading, and lessen the number of accidents to life and limb.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

You must clean the stomach and bowels, purify the blood, each Spring or you leave Winter's germs and accumulations in your blood and system. Drive them out, clean up the stomach and bowels,—take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, a leading Spring Remedy—tonic. 35c Tea or Tablets. Red Cross Drug Store.—Adv.

Take something for your stomach's sake—Rhubarb. A good spring tonic and medicine—Pie-plant. Get it of your grocer. We supply it. J. B. Stoddard, Fruitdale. 4-15-tf.

Rugged Mazda lamps, large and small at Newlin's Drug Co. 30c each.—Adv. 4-17-tf.

The Evening Observer on sale at Newlin Book store and the Club.

Let nothing keep you from seeing the King Road making demonstration in La Grande May 2nd.—Adv. 4-23-tf.

King the road drag man, will be here May 2nd and make a road. Be sure and see how it is done.—Adv. 4-23-tf.

Reward Offered. For return of Elk's tooth (unmounted) to D. H. Steward. 4-23-tf.

FURNISHED HOUSE to rent. Call 313 Main Ave. Black 112. 4-23-tf.

MARK TWAIN PHILOSOPHY

When in doubt tell the truth. Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid. Pity is for the living, envy for the dead.

The spirit of wrath—not the words—is the sin, and the spirit of wrath is cursing. We begin to swear before we can talk. Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed. Man is the only animal that blushes—or needs to. "Classic"—a book which people praise and don't read. Nothing is so ignorant as a man's left hand, except a lady's watch.

Few of us can stand prosperity—another man's, I mean. Let me make the superstitions of a nation and I care not who makes its laws or songs either. There are two times in a man's life when he should not succumb late—when he can't afford it and when he can.—From "Pudd'n-head Wilson."

A WELCOME TO WINTER.

The summer time was good to me; It brought me happy hours, The bright green fields were fair to see; Refreshing were the showers.

And now that winter time is here New pictures please my sight, The moon and stars shine bright and clear; The world looks pure and white.

So, ever as the years go by, New beauties come to bless Him who will see with loving eye— For him there's happiness. —Charles H. Meiers.

New Fabrics for Spring and Summer in Our Dry Goods Department. Vera Cruz Crepes, New Windsor Crepes, New Printed Faxons, New Tub Silk. Our Line of Trimmings and Laces Complete. Among the latest novelties are Jet Bandings—Spangle Bandings—Chiffon Laces—Fancy Ruffings and Embroidered Applique. Wool Crepes, Crepe de Chine. NN West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

PALMER SYSTEM AWARDS HERE

Miss Esther Bonner is Honored By Makers of Books of Penmanship.

Two hundred and seventy-five Palmer buttons for 25 drills in penmanship are in the hands of La Grande pupils for efficiency in the tests prescribed by the well known promoters of the Palmer system. In addition to this there are now three progressive pins in the possession of pupils of this city for proficiency in 75 drills prescribed by the company, which means that much progress is being made in writing.

Miss Esther Bonner, superintendent of writing in the public schools of the city has a letter of warm commendation for the good work she has been doing here in which the company speaks with much praise of her untiring zeal to promote good writing.

Among other pupils of La Grande who have received awards for writing are Miss Eileen Peare of the Sisters Academy who now holds a certificate which entitles her to teach penmanship. The Academy also has a large number of the buttons.

More Rabies On Lower Powder.

Baker, April 23.—Dr. F. T. Notz, county stock inspector, yesterday received a report from the state bacteriologist of the examination of the head of a coyote which was sent from the Young ranch on Lower Powder. The report was to the effect that the animal was infected with rabies. The coyote, which was killed on the Young ranch after having bitten several dogs, is also thought to have carried infection to other coyotes and domestic animals. This is the first case developed in the county in several weeks that has been brought to the notice of Dr. Notz in his official capacity.

At the Wrong House.

"Have you a Charles Dickens in your home?" asked the polite book agent. "No!" she snapped. "Or a Robert Louis Stevenson?" "No." "Or a Gene Field?" "No we ain't, an', what's more, we don't run a boarding house here either. If you're looking for them fellows you might try the house across the street. I understand they keep roomers."—Detroit Free Press.

The Helpful Spirit.

"It's funny how Sandhill can tell those old stories and get a laugh out of them." "Nobody laughs at the stories. It's Sandhill's enjoyment of Sandhill's density that makes every man a contributing factor."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Constitution.

"Father, what is the constitution?" "My son, it is a document that is most sacred to the party that is not in power."—New York Sun.

Misfit Tails.

It was Robert's first visit to the zoo. "What do you think of the animals?" inquired Uncle Ben.

After a critical inspection of the exhibit the boy replied: "I think the kangaroo and the elephant should change tails."—Youngs town Telegram.

That Held Him.

Wife—Henry, you need a rest. Let us go to Bangtong Springs. Hub—That place! Why, it's only fit for women and fools. Wife—I know it. Let's go there together.—Boston Transcript.

Athletic.

"I don't think," said an old lady, "that bookkeeping is a very sedative employment. There must be so much exercise in running up the columns."

Secrets.

A man can keep the secret of another better than his own. A woman, on the contrary, keeps her own better than that of another. La Bruyere.

Copperfield Case Ready For Trial.

Baker, April 23, (Special)—District Attorney Goodwin is ready to begin the first of the Copperfield cases in circuit court tomorrow morning, if the damage case now being heard is concluded today. The first case to be tried is that of the State vs. William Stewart, ex-mayor of Copperfield, who is charged with illegal liquor selling, and indicted by the grand jury on evidence placed in the hands of the district attorney last December.

James H. Nichols, who has acted as counsel for the Copperfield parties throughout their controversy with the governor, will defend Mr. Stewart, and he and the district attorney have agreed to allow all the facts in the cases to go before the jury, that the affairs given so much publicity as the result of the governor's raid may go on record before the court from the direct testimony adduced at the trials. With this procedure likely, there promises to be some interesting doings when the cases start.

Check Your April Cough.

Thawing frost and April rains chill you to the very marrow, you catch cold—Head and lungs stuffed—You are feverish—Cough continually and feel miserable—You need Dr. King's New Discovery. It soothes inflamed and irritated throat and lungs, stops cough, your head clears up, fever leaves, and you feel fine. Mr. J. T. Davis, of Stickney Corner, Me., "Was cured of a dreadful cough after doctor's treatment and all other remedies failed. Relief or money back. Pleasant—Children like it. Get a bottle today, 50c and \$1.00, at your druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for All Sores. Adv.

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