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ARE WOMEN BEARING MORE CHILDREN THAN EVER?

In the January Woman's Home Companion, Ida M. Tarbell writes an important and interesting article entitled "What Women Are Really Doing." She has made a most thorough examination of the thirteenth census and she answers with figures many of the false and sensational ideas about women that are being circulated.

"But grant that marriages are increasing and that the increase in divorce is neither great nor of direful meaning, the alarmist platform has still another proof that marriage is a failure. This last foothold of the theory is that children are decreasing. Women are not bearing children as they once did.

"It is pretty difficult, even with the best of censuses before us, to find out just what has happened in the last one hundred years to the population of the United States. It has suffered serious vicissitudes, such as the Civil War, making it impossible for twenty years at least to find out what was happening in a large section of the country. It has had a continual but uneven stream of immigration pouring into it. That it has increased is true. But it is the immigrant, the including of the Indian, the fecundity of the negro and of the "lower races" which has caused the increase. The true American is not increasing. Thus the population. But the thirteenth census speaks better of the true American.

According to it our native populations, those whose parents were both born in this country, not only is keeping up the birth rate, but in the last decade has increased it by over two per cent. He makes a better showing than since 1870.

"Let us not be deceived. The human heart does not change. It demands its mate, always has, always will; and the mated will find a corner to themselves where they can sit by their own fire and rear their own brood.

"Their corner may be a flat and not a cottage, their fire may be a gas log and not a bundle of sticks, their dinner may come from the corner in cans and be heated and not cooked, the wife may vote and the husband may give himself a score of liberties an earlier generation would have frowned on, but what has all that to do with the foundations of life?"

Some day, some time, all towns and Rich and poor, great and humble.

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cities will have streets for vehicles and automobiles where the pedestrian will not be permitted to walk, and there will be walks for the pedestrians where automobiles and vehicles will not be permitted. Then, and not until then, will there be reasonable safety to the person who is still old-fashioned enough to use his feet for walking purposes.

Just now The Dalles is having a big frolic with her naval parades and oldtime story tellers gathered once more around the spot where gold dust was once used for money and law was enforced by Judge Lynch and a sixshooter.

Medford is starting some more highway work. Medford believes any road work justifies a bond issue, and some of the people of the Medford country believe they had as well be broke entirely as to be cramped for lack of good roads.

No doubt the girl movie actress who took poison in a Portland hotel and then repented regrets that the camera was not present to get a picture of her agony, for future royalties.

According to Ned Baldwin, special correspondent for the Observer, the Cello canal is greater in proportion to its size than the Panama canal. This is of importance to all people of the northwest.

Getting ready for the track meet? Of course.

Real activity of the 1915 kind is shown by the Motorcycle club.

One grand jury got through quickly and adjourned.

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TRACK MEET ENTRIES

(Continued from Page 1.)

- 32. Moon, H. 41. Millering
33. Moon, E. 42. Rosenbaum
34. Jacobson 43. Young
35. Reynolds, J. 44. Hopkins
36. Reynolds, E. 45. Bean
37. Larson, M. 46. Ingle
38. Larson, L.

LOSTINE

- 47. Laverty

MEACHAM

- 48. Casey 49. Ross

ONTARIO

- 50. Hursted 53. Weaver
51. Koenig 54. Maddex
52. Van Petten

PENDELTON

- 55. Gordon 64. Colesworthy
56. Bowman 65. Myers
57. Latourelle 66. Huey
58. Siebert 67. Russell
59. Peters 68. Osborn
60. Boylen 69. Friedly
61. Curl 70. Brown
62. Minnis 71. Ulrich
63. Reed 72. Mims

UNION

- 73. Perkins 78. Gale
74. Jones 79. Sturgill
75. Crouter 80. Coffman
76. Griggs 81. Callihan
77. Maxwell

WALLOWA

- 82. McRae 87. Pfeffer
83. Greer 88. Brace
84. Kay 89. Hendricks
85. Bright 90. Thompson
86. Young 91. Bishop

Order of events and entries—

- (1) 100 yd. dash—
3. Francis 57. Latourelle
4. Harding 73. Perkins
5. Langrell 82. McRae
21. Burleigh 83. Greer
26. Prindle 31. Conkey
50. Hursted 30. Huff
55. Gordon 32. Moon, H.
56. Bowman

- (2) Pole Vault—
88. Brace 27. Waterman
82. McRae 22. Ault
78. Gale 24. Funk
55. Gordon 14. Keown
68. Osborn 16. Weeks
47. Laverty 37. Larson, M.
26. Prindle 42. Rosenbaum
15. Keown, Osborn 43. Young

- (3) Mile run—
86. Young 27. Waterman
87. Pfeffer 23. French
76. Griggs 20. Gardner, W.
62. Minnis 11. Ward
63. Reed 13. Williams
61. Curl 36. Reynolds, E.
52. Van Petten 38. Larson, L.
49. Ross 40. Bradley
28. Todd

- (4) 220 yard dash—
3. Francis 57. Latourelle
4. Harding 82. McRae
6. Gorman 85. Bright
21. Burleigh 31. Conkey

all complain that they are unable to control their children.

Every woman is a little touchy about it if her husband likes baker's bread as well as he likes her's.

Sometimes a foolish theory will cause quite a ripple on the ocean of fact.

The average man thinks he will not be considered a gentleman unless he says his wife made him.

Contractor Twohy is Inspecting Proposed Railway Line on Foot

Grants Pass, Or., May 5.—Robert E. Twohy, of Twohy Bros., who have taken over the contract for the construction of the Oregon & California railroad, arrived in this city yesterday and immediately went over the 10-mile unit of the line built by the city of Grants Pass. From the end of the line he and Engineer Harmon, who supervised the construction of the line so far, proceeded over the right-of-way on foot. Mr. Twohy explained that he wanted to make the trip on foot for the reason that Engineer MacVair, who had reported upon the proposed line, was so optimistic in his report that he could not believe there was such an undeveloped field. Judge John F. Twohy, the head of the contracting firm, arrived here this morning and immediately joined his son. He will go further into the details of the road's construction and inspect the territory adjacent to he proposed line.

Business Men Hear Lecture on Fires

Albany, Or., May 5.—The Albany Merchants' association held its regular monthly banquet, and business meeting last night. After the business session E. M. Underwood, credit man with the Failing-McCalman Co., gave an illustrated lecture on the cause and effect of fires, showing views of slightly dumping grounds and neglected vacant lots grown up with weeds taken in several Oregon cities and towns.

13 Convicts Sent to Build County Roads

Salem, Or., May 5.—Thirteen convicts yesterday were transported to Clatsop county, where they will be put to work, building roads. They are the first to be put to road building under the new administration. They were put in the custody of County Judge Cornelius, and the county will guard for them, and pay all their expenses, including transportation.

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58. Siebert 32. Moon, H. 90. Thompson 24. Funk
60. Boylen 33. Moon, E. 84. Kay 13. Williams
75. Crouter 20. Gardner, W.
79. Sturgill 16. Weeks
87. Russell 46. Ingle
72. Mims 42. Rosenbaum
(14.) Shot Put. 27. Waterman
83. Greer 25. Downs
90. Thompson 10. Gardner, L.
91. Bishop 3. Francis
79. Sturgill 4. Harding
80. Coffman 2. Tompkins
81. Callihan 48. Case
87. Russell 31. Conkey
69. Friedly 33. Larson, L.
56. Bowman
26. Prindle
(15.) Relay.
Wallowa—83 Greer, 82 McRae, 85 Bright, 84 Kay.
Union—73 Perkins, 75 Crouter, 74 Jones, 78 Gale.
Pendleton—60 Boylen, 57 Latourelle, 59 Peters, 58 Seibert.
Hermiston—28 Todd, 29 Gunn, 27 Waterman, 26 Prindle
Baker—3 Francis, 7 Landreth, 14 Keown, 5 Langrell, 6 Gorman, 4 Harding, 17 Swift.
La Grande—31 Conkey, 30 Huff, 37 Larson, 32 Moon, 42 Rosenbaum.
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