

BETTER BABIES IS AIM OF GOVERNMENT

Weighting and Measuring Future Citizens of Oregon Are Done at Liberty Temple.

BETTER NATION TO RESULT

Children's Year Will Be Signalized by Many Benefits Conferred on Individuals and Humanity in General.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

Someone said a great and grand personage by the name of Clara Kimball Young was speaking on the front steps of the Liberty Temple.

Maybe she was. A crowd and bands and soldiers and innocent bystanders did all the honors at the front gate. In the back room, in the back part of the Liberty Temple, we were so busy weighing and measuring nice little boys and girls that if Miss Young had got into our little quarters by mistake we'd never have noticed, and some of us would possibly have given her a filing card and asked to see the baby. You see, the government has ordered all the babies under 5 years of age to be weighed and measured, and all his or her history and mother's and daddy's history filled in on the dotted lines. The family keeps one-half the card and the other half goes right back to Washington, D. C. To be absolutely technical the other half of the card goes to the chief of the Children's Bureau, the United States Department of Labor, in Chicago, Ill., and from there a report is made to the Children's Bureau at Washington.

Test Is Nation-Wide. This weighing and measuring test is nation-wide and was launched April 6, 1918. It is called Children's Year. Several states have already finished their report. When Mrs. A. F. Flegel, chairman of the Parents' Educational Bureau, conducted by the Congress of Mothers, was in Chicago four weeks ago, that city was only beginning its test. Portland began yesterday.

William Elisha Gunn, who is going to hate his middle name when he grows up, if he doesn't hate it now, was the first young gentleman to report. William Elisha is nine months old, with big brown eyes that dance and a sunny disposition. He sat and kicked his stockinged toes while he sat enthroned on the scales. He pulled it down 2 1/2 pounds. Then William Elisha was carried gurgling and yelling to the measuring machine.

Out flat on his back they stretched this future citizen. Now came the turn in his eye. He arched his neck and snorted as near a snort as a perfectly sweet lamb-like baby of nine months can snort. But the nice lady put her hand on his chest and another nice lady touched his feet, and announced that William Elisha Gunn was 29 inches long.

Education Is Purpose.

A dozen babies followed, one after another, with fond mothers or aunts or grandmas right on the job to see that no one fudged on the weight or measured 'em too short.

"This test," said Mrs. Flegel, taking time between Jack and Sue to chat a moment, "is the first step in a larger wartime programme. It will be followed by permanent work for the protection of mothers, babies and young children. Later it will undertake some definite activities in relation to the three other main items in the wartime programme, namely, home care and income, child labor and education, and recreation.

"The Children's Bureau programme provides the women of the country, and the men, too, ample opportunity for definite and sustained work in the interests of children. The safeguarding and protection of children must be looked upon as a patriotic duty in view of the unavoidable wastage of human life incident to war.

So they're measuring all our little lads and lassies and weighing them, and at the same time the mothers are being told of proper feeding of babies, despite the restrictions promulgated by the United States Food Administration.

Pure Milk One Subject.

Educational propaganda relative to better babies is being given out under the authority of the women's division of the State Council of Defense. Pure milk, for instance, is one subject that is going to be given wide attention. Nurses and babies are coming from the Waverly Baby Home to demonstrate the way these youngsters are cared for.

Prominent women of the Council of Defense act as weighers and measurers and fill out the cards. Yesterday the committee working were Mrs. L. H. Mills, Mrs. Margaret B. Biddle, Mrs. Katherine MacMaster, Mrs. Miss E. H. Lewis and Mrs. Thomas Sharp. Today Mrs. I. N. Walker is in charge. Wednesday, Mrs. Lillian Newton; Thursday, Mrs. I. A. Bodine; Friday, Mrs. J. Francis Drake, and Saturday, Mrs. J. W. Hawkins.

The baby week will close Saturday. After that the schools and parents and teachers' circles and prominent women in different school districts will cooperate in the work. Dr. Jessica Piexotto, of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor, is the National chairman. Mrs. Fred G. Schille, of La Grande, Or., is the state leader in the movement, and Mrs. A. F. Flegel, an chairman of Multnomah County of the women's committee, Oregon division of the Council of National Defense, is getting the Multnomah County tests under way. All mothers in Portland are urged to bring their babies to the Liberty Temple this week.

FOUNTAIN BEQUEST MADE

Brownsville Remembered in Will of Late Lieutenant Templeton.

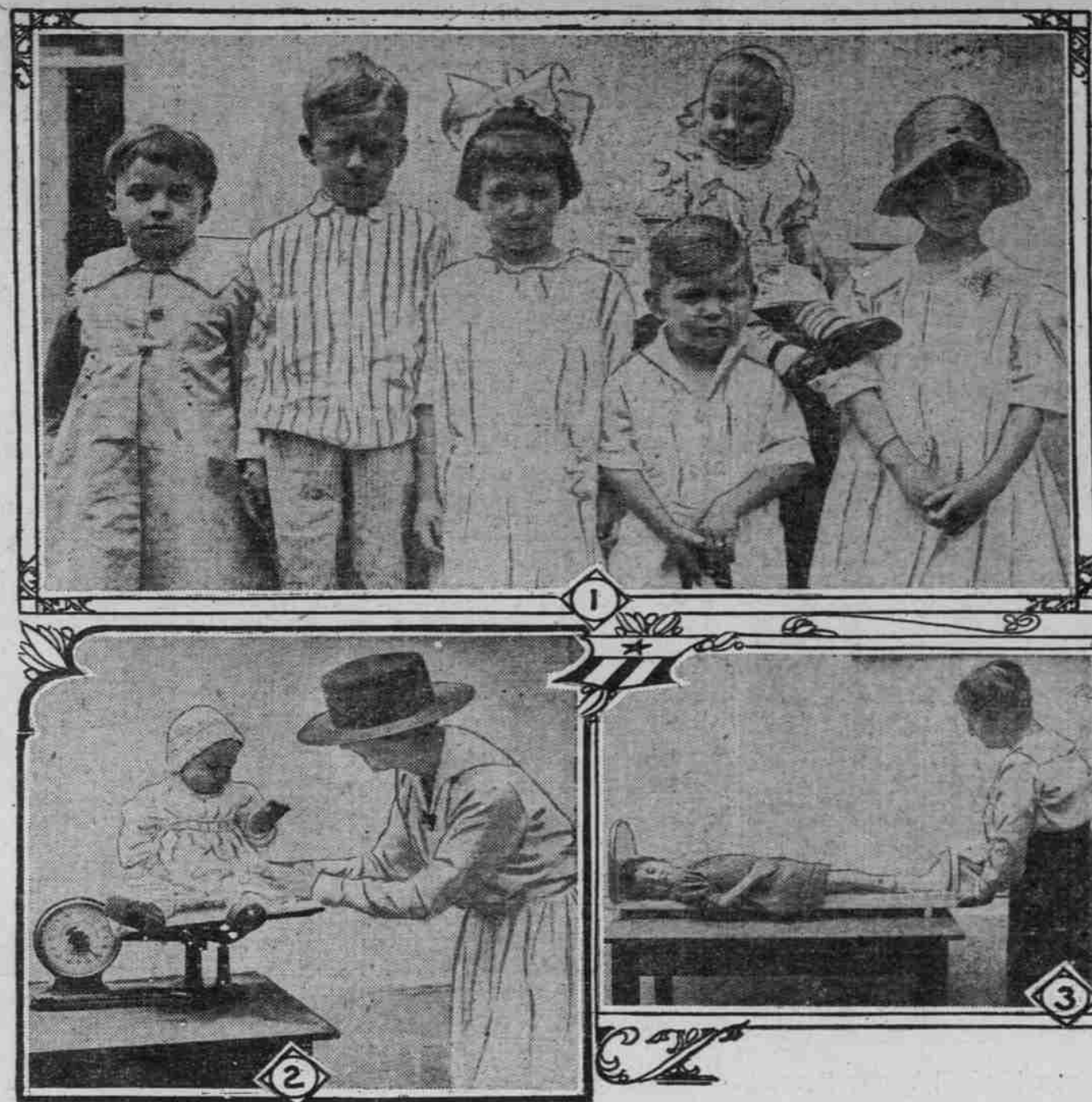
BROWNVILLE, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—It has come to light that Lieutenant Raymond E. Templeton, of the Brownsville aviator who met his death on a flying field in Michigan, made a bequest for the good of his home town. He has remembered the home of his boyhood with a gift of \$1000 and specified that the money be used to erect a drinking fountain for horses.

In the will the aviator suggested the following words for an inscription on the drinking fountain: "Erected to the memory of my father and mother and for the convenience of my friends, the horses."

Snacker Voluntarily Surrenders.

ASTORIA, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—Arthur Bergeton, who recently arrived from North Dakota, has voluntarily surrendered to the Sheriff, saying he had never registered for military service. The man is being held to await the arrival of a Deputy Marshal, who will take him to Portland.

SOME CHILDREN'S WEEK EXHIBITS IN EUGENICS SECTION AT LIBERTY TEMPLE.



Group of Early Arrivals to Be Measured and Weighed. From Left to Right—Maxine and Charles Loy, Jennie May Curtiss, James Kellar and Lenora James. On the Table Is Joseph Ivan Mehrer. 2—Weighing the Baby. 3—Mrs. A. F. Flegel Measuring a Baby.

G. A. R. MEN GATHER

Old Soldiers Are Honored at Chautauqua Programme.

PAST COMMANDER SPEAKS

Dr. Esther Clayton Lovejoy Pleads for Aid for France—Grange Headquarters on Grounds. Good Programmes Foreseen.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—G. A. R. day, with the Civil War veterans coming from all over the state to hear the address by Past Commander Hon. C. G. Burton, marked the day at Chautauqua. Judge Burton chose as his topic for the address, "My America," and proved an interesting talker on the subject. He dwelt on the present war as compared to that in which so many of his auditors had taken part, and told of the spirit of the race that made for liberty and justice in every war we have ever been into.

At noon a monster basket luncheon was spread by the old soldiers and their wives. The life and drum corps included: W. H. McClellan, Oregon City; T. M. Kellogg, Portland; C. A. Stockwell, Marquette; J. W. Chase, Wilsonville, and L. Purcell, Forest Grove, fifers; E. B. Grant, Meldrum, drum major; D. J. Hosmer, Portland; John Baldwin, Forest Grove; John Kelly, Oregon City, and J. S. Vaughn, Hillsboro, drummers.

Men Find Old Comrades. At the headquarters of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., 135 registered. Each put down his company, his regiment, his age, and many men located comrades of the battle fronts of 1860.

Dr. Esther Clayton Lovejoy, who spoke under the auspices of the American Red Cross, told a story that gave her listeners a new understanding of what the war really means to the women of this land. Her work as a physician with the American Red Cross in France gave her an opportunity to see and know the actual conditions. She pleaded with the women of this Nation to bend every effort toward greater support of the Red Cross. She told of the great clearing house in Switzerland, where the Germans send back the unfit and the defectives to rid Germany of them.

The speaker had with her many souvenirs of the battlefields of France. An eight-inch shell and a bullet-riddled German helmet are among them.

In telling of the war work of French women, Dr. Lovejoy said that 90 per cent of the munitions used by the French are manufactured by the women.

Grange Has Headquarters. The Grange has headquarters on the ground. Provided with easy chairs and couches and a reading table with the current literature, the Grangers have one of the most convenient buildings at the Chautauqua. Mrs. C. G. Dallas, of Damascus, is the chairman in charge of the building. The place is provided with a small kitchen, and in the rear, under the spreading trees, is a picnic table, where families may eat their meals. The building is a comfortable frame structure, and it is the intention of the Grange to have it

painted and improved in many ways for the seasons to come.

On the night's programme the appearance of the Colonel Fettes' Original Old Soldier Fiddlers made an end to a happy day for the many veterans on the grounds. These old-time musicians have made the Chautauqua and theater circuits for the past ten years.

On tomorrow's programme the regular morning and evening features will be supplemented by the appearance of The Fenwick Newell Concert Company, both afternoon and evening, and by Dr. George B. Pratt and Judge Rolan B. Baggett, in patriotic addresses.

S. S. SPENCER IS DEAD

EUGENE BANKER TAKEN TO HOSPITAL QUICKLY EXPIRES.

Member of City Council, One of Most Prominent and Active Members of Masonic Fraternity in Oregon.

EUGENE, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—Septimus S. Spencer, one of the most prominent and active Masons in the state of Oregon, banker and member of the Eugene City Council, died very suddenly at the Mercy Hospital in Eugene this afternoon. He complained of acute indigestion while at his post as paying teller of the United States National Bank this morning.

Mr. Spencer was grand master of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Oregon in 1913. He was a 32d degree Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and a member of El Kader Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., recorder of the Knights Templar and secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies in Eugene at the time of his death. He was also a member of the B. P. O. E.

Septimus S. Spencer was a son of Septimus H. Spencer, Oregon pioneer, born near Eugene September 25, 1865, and in the banking business in this city for more than 25 years. He was one of the organizers of the United States National Bank, in 1907, and its first president. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Spencer, who resides in San Francisco, and two daughters, Miss Bernice and Miss Annette Spencer, who make their home with their uncle, Joseph Luckey, in Eugene; one brother, J. H. Spencer, and three sisters, Mrs. J. S. Luckey, Miss Eliza Spencer and Mrs. Mary Wheeler, all of Eugene.

EDUCATORS DISCUSS WAR

Schools to Be Made Factor in Reconstruction Work.

SALEM, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—Superintendent J. A. Churchill returned today from the meeting of the National Education Association at Pittsburgh where he appeared on the programme a number of times. The sessions, he stated, were almost entirely confined to questions dealing with the war and how they may become a factor in developing citizenship, and also in preparing youthful minds for the readjustments coming after the war.

MOONSHINE FOUND IN COOS

Rancher Arrested With Five Gallons of Liquor in Possession.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—W. C. Bostwick, a rancher on the head of Flores Creek, in the south-

FIGURES ASKED TO FIX NEXT TAX RATE

State Commission to Procure Estimates of Costs From All Institutions.

LEVY TO BE UP FOR VOTE

Probable Increase Must Be \$350,000 for State's Institutions Alone. Is Statement Made by Governor Withycombe.

SALEM, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—The State Tax Commission today ordered Secretary Goodin, of the Board of Control, and Tax Commissioner Galloway to secure estimates from all state institutions and departments as to the probable cost of operation for the next biennium to determine how much of an increased levy should be placed before the people at the general election in November. The commission will meet again on August 15 to consider the estimates, most of which will be in by then. It is also the plan of the commission to hold hearings from time to time for organizations that may have suggestions to make relative to the necessities of state expenditures.

Governor Withycombe strongly pointed out the need of additional funds, declaring that at least \$350,000 more will be needed for institutions alone, based on an increase of 25 per cent in costs. He declared that the Emergency Board would absorb all of the extra funds available through the limitation amendment and enhanced fees. In addition, he asserted, there would be military needs, funds needed for the state police throughout the war, funds for a hospital in Portland for crippled soldiers, funds for training soldiers at the colleges, 1200 soldiers to be trained at the O. A. C. next year alone.

Lumbermen Expect Pay. Governor Withycombe stated that 250,000 feet of lumber have been donated for barracks at the O. A. C. and the lumbermen are trusting to the state for reimbursement. The Governor suggested that the hospital for crippled soldiers should cost \$250,000 at least, and that it should be paid for jointly by the state and Multnomah County.

State Treasurer Kay called attention to an article in the Portland Journal in which he declared that "by juggling of figures" it had been made to appear that there would be no deficiency and he asserted that the paper was "merely playing politics." "Any newspaper which would make such assertions in the light of the facts is unfair, unreliable and dishonest," declared Kay.

"What paper did you say it was?" queried Governor Withycombe. "The Portland Journal," said Kay. "Give it 100 per cent discount then," asserted Governor Withycombe. "It is twaddle; too cheap, too contemptible to consider for a minute."

Institutions Are Overcrowded.

The State Treasurer went on to point out that the School for Feeble-Minded has a waiting list of nearly 50 and is now crowded to the doors; that the State Hospital at Salem is crowded, the one at Pendleton is nearly to capacity and will be by the time the Legislature meets. "As far as I am concerned, if the sup-



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