

NEW YORK LETTER

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The busiest agent in New York at present is the stork, for the birth rate here has risen to a point at which it has broken all previous records. Various of the boroughs which constitute the greater city have held the record for high birth rate from time to time, but that of Manhattan has just set a new figure which must even make old Mr. Stork weary. In the district which comprises the lower or southern part of the greater city a new arrival puts in an appearance every five minutes, or at the rate of 288 trips every day for the stork. In other parts the rate is almost as high, so that figured altogether every sixty ticks of the clock sees an addition of one to the city's inhabitants. Once every five hours and a half some family is made happy with twins; four times a month the stork brings triplets and five times a year quadruplets. Vital statistics further show that while the birth rate has been increasing to an extent which gives every other family a baby once a year, the death rate has been steadily decreasing. Last week a new low record was made in this respect with only thirteen deaths in each one thousand inhabitants. This figure is considerably lower than the normal rate, which is between fifteen and sixteen per thousand. While the highest birth rate is in Manhattan the lowest death rate is normally in Brooklyn. Marriages have decreased about one-third in greater New York, while suicides have greatly increased, both of which facts are attributed by investigators to last year's panic.

With the smoke of election cleared away one thing seems pretty fairly certain—that is that horse racing in New York has seen its best days. Only 350 persons attended the last meeting at a local race track which six months ago saw 60,000. The old days at Saratoga when racing was a sport and not business, and when wealthy southerners and Cubans vied in their hospitality and entertainment are apparently gone forever. But those extremists who have seen in the governor's attitude in this matter what they choose to believe the ruin of the blooded horse have had their eyes opened this week by the

horse show, the annual event, which just preceding the opening of grand opera marks the beginning of the winter season. Two weeks ago, the Hotel Astor, Governor Hughes' personal headquarters, was thronged with persons upholding him in his declaration that race track gambling must cease. Cited then as the stronghold of the enemies of the horse, the same place this week has been thronged with admirers of this animal attending the fashionable horse show. Never before indeed has New York had such a show and the millions of dollars worth of racers which have been shipped abroad since the passage of the anti-race track gambling bill nowhere near offset the increased value of horses exhibited at the show this year. Thus the great fear of persons who love horses for their own sake has been removed by this assurance that the thoroughbred is here to stay. One particular feature of this, New York's greatest horse show, was the great number of entries of women's saddle horses, showing that society is riding more than ever. In comparison to the carriages of the present day much interest was taken in the exhibition of early vehicles, including the coaches of Washington, Lafayette and Lincoln.

A new and interesting solution of the servant problem is just being tried here. This problem, by the way, is one of the most serious of all those which perplex the city, since 57 per cent of the persons desiring them are unable to obtain competent servants, and the average time which the household helper remains in one place is less than two months. It is estimated by employment agencies that the average servant takes at least seven different positions every year, and that 25 per cent of their time is spent in looking for new places with resultant changes of more than 3,000 daily. This of course does not mean that there are 1,000,000 servants seeking places in New York, since a large number change oftener than once a week. The Housewives' Society which has been organized to cope with this servant problem will attempt to counteract the tendency

among servants to change situations constantly by offering a series of awards for continuous service for terms ranging from two or twelve years. For the latter term of continuous service rings and cash prizes are given. Prizes for shorter periods include bracelets, orders for clothes and the like. For two years continuous service solid gold bees in the form of pins are given. As an indication of the condition in this city the fact that only 31 bees, four bracelets and one ring were awarded at the first presentation of prizes is significant. In other words the society which found positions for 900 servants last year has been able to discover only 31 who have occupied the same position for two years and only one who has done so for twelve years.

A good deal has been said of late about the enormous expense of the Public Service Commission of this state. The fact that the cost of its maintenance amounts to about \$4,000 a day was used repeatedly during the past campaign as an argument against it. But whether the commission itself be regarded as successful or unsuccessful figures just collected throw a new light on the matter by proving that this body is not expensive after all. As a matter of fact the annual increase of expense due to its existence is only \$94,000, a sum very considerably less than the \$1,200,000 generally cited as the proper figure. Before the creation of the two Public Service Commissions the various unrelated commissions working, which then existed to deal with the same subjects, were maintained at an annual expense of \$1,106,649. Of this the Rapid Transit Commission got \$921,459; the Gas and Electric Commission \$60,171 and the state inspector of gas meters \$23,440. As compared to the total of expense for these various commissions that of the two new Public Service Commissions performing not only all the duties of their predecessors, but additional ones as well is \$1,201,143 an increase of \$94,493. In view of the billions of dollars of investment in public service corporations which come under the direction of the commission this can hardly be called an extravagant outlay.

The old saying that there is no easy road to wealth has just received

a surprising contradiction in this city. All that is necessary, apparently, is to secure a job as street car conductor. Many conjectures have been made as to how much a collector of fares might knock down during a day's run, and the arrest this week of a street car conductor has thrown some positive and surprising light on the matter. Unfortunately for himself this man for some time kept a ledger showing his daily profits. The discovery of this account has therefore at last indicated to a waiting world an easy manner of getting rich quickly. During eleven days this individual with an unfortunate fondness for book-keeping received \$25.09 as wages and knocked \$63.50 in fares entered on books as "profits." In other words his average daily wage was \$2.28 and his average daily "profit" from fares pocketed \$5.77. This does not of course represent the full possibilities of the job, for like most others its beginnings are small. On the first day recorded in the ledger of this money-making genius he earned \$2.16 as wages and contended himself with 90 cents profit in fares. But from this modest start he rapidly developed the possibilities of the situation until two weeks later three consecutive days showed "profits" of \$10.35, \$11.05, and \$10.45 respectively, or altogether \$31.85, representing a total of 637 fares. During this period his wages averaged \$2.31 a day.

What Would You Do?

In case of a burn or scald what would you do to relieve the pain? Such injuries are liable to occur in any family and everyone should be prepared for them. Chamberlain's Salve applied on a soft cloth will relieve the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a very severe one, will cause the parts to heal without leaving a scar. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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STAND BY BOYS' AND GIRLS' AID SOCIETY

WHAT THIS FINE INSTITUTION HAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR CHILDREN.

The work of the Boys' & Girls Aid Society has become so well known throughout the State of Oregon that it is almost needless to give any detailed account of it, but to the information of those who do not know, a few extracts from the last annual report of the Society may be interesting.

During the fiscal year just past the Society received 373 children. There were on hand at the Receiving Home at Portland the first of the year 55, thus making the total number of children 428. Out of this number 47 were found places to work for wages, 158 were placed in family homes where they received their clothes, board and schooling, 32 were placed out for legal adoption, 91 were returned to parents or relatives, 33 were sent to other institutions and 12 were discharged, having become of age; making the total number disposed of 373, thus leaving on hand at the Receiving Home the first of the fiscal year 52. Out of the number received during the year there were 207 new cases, of which 131 were boys and 76 girls. The average age of the girls was 10.7 and the average of the boys 9.3. The following counties contributed to this number: Baker 5, Benton 5, Clackamas 3, Clatsop 1, Columbia 1, Coos 1, Crook 2, Douglas 6, Jackson 1, Josephine 2, Klamath 2, Lane 12, Linn 5, Malheur 2, Marion 5, Multnomah 117, Sherman 3, Tillamook 5, Union 2, Umatilla 5, Wallowa 2, Wasco 5, Washington 9, Yamhill 6.

The work of the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society is now bearing fruit. Superintendent Gardner says that they receive quite a number of letters and visits from children who were once in their care, but who now have become of age, and these visits are very pleasant, as it shows that in many cases the children turn

out to be good and useful citizens who otherwise would be a care and expense to the community.

The donations from the public schools of the State and from private citizens makes it possible for the management to care for the children who come under its guardianship in the most economical manner and also feed and clothe them perhaps better than any other institution in the State, and the Society now appeals to all those who have the welfare of dependent children at heart to subscribe toward this excellent institution this Thanksgiving. Money, provisions of all kinds, fruit, vegetables, or indeed anything that is of use in a household, is very acceptable. The railroad and steamboat companies have kindly consented to deadhead all donations sent to the Society at Thanksgiving if plainly marked "Boys' & Girls' Aid Society, Portland, Oregon."

All communications should be addressed to the superintendent, W. T. Gardner.

The Receiving Home is on the East Ankeny car line and the management earnestly invites all interested persons to visit the institution at any time. All its workings are open to the inspecting of interested persons. If you want a boy or girl to raise, apply as above.

The County Advisory Board for this county are as follows:

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This distressing disease results from a disordered condition of the stomach, and can be cured by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Get a free sample at Frank Hart and leading druggists, and try

The Slim Woman Is Winning. The day of the slim woman's triumph has arrived. "The thinner one is the more stylish," says the dressmaker.

This would have been sad news for the fat woman a year ago. She would have had to try dieting or exercise. Nowadays, however, the woman who is too fat for the styles goes to a druggist and gets a case of Marmola Prescription Tablets, one of which she takes after each meal and at bedtime and so reduces her superfluous flesh quickly.

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How to Cure a Cold.

Be as careful as you may you will occasionally take cold, and when you do, get a medicine of known reliability, one that has an established reputation and that is certain to effect a quick cure. Such a medicine is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has gained a world wide reputation by its remarkable cures of this most common ailment, and can always be depended upon. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. During the many years in which it has been in general use we have yet to learn of a single case of cold or attack of the grip having resulted in pneumonia when this remedy was used, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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