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Oregon's Birth Rate

The magazine "Economic Geography", a publication of Clark university, contains an article on the North Pacific hay and pasture region by Oliver E. Baker, senior agricultural economist of the department of agriculture.

In other words, were it not for immigration into the state, our population would show a decline from year to year. Our birth rate, 14.1 per thousand population, is the lowest in the country.

This is indeed a sad commentary on the present population of Oregon and should be a cause for some alarm. We have perhaps the purest American population of any state.

There is a warning in this. We may not continue to draw upon the same racial elements as in the past. Sooner or later this population deficiency here will be filled up with foreign immigration.

The last refuge of the Nordic strain seems to be in the North Pacific region. Yet here, unless there is an increase in the birth rate, the strain will eventually become subordinate, mixed or extinct.

Few weeks ago we poked a bit of fun at Portland whose risibilities had been stirred through the omission of the name of their city as a leading rose city on the Pacific coast. Quoting the Portland papers we attributed the omission to the editor of "Better Homes and Gardens".

The June issue of this magazine we may add contains a splendid article on Salem itself, "The Cherry City" by Mrs. Christine Oxford Cronmiller of Salem.

President Hoover minced no words when he declined to call an extra session of congress. The senatorial hornet's nest has been clamoring for a special session so they could get to buzzing and stinging again.

I do not propose to call an extra session of congress. I know of nothing that would so disturb the healing processes now undoubtedly going on in the economic situation. We cannot legislate ourselves out of a world economic depression; we can and will work ourselves out.

The country has enough to worry about without having a congress on its hands. What we need is a rest cure from politics.

The Butler Score to Date: FOUR luncheons. One banquet. One drama. One salmon. One yacht ride. One airplane ride. One initiation. Ten miles publicity. And for Oregon lots of entertainment "without cost to the taxpayers."

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Drug Addicts

By C. C. DAUER, M. D. The number of persons in the country addicted to the habitual use of opium and its derivatives is estimated to be...

Both of these drugs, the opium derivatives (morphine, codeine and heroin) and cocaine have the property of relieving pain and giving a temporary feeling of self-satisfaction and well-being.

The treatment of drug addiction is a medicinal one and varies with the kind of drug used. In the case of a cocaine addict it is the case of a gradual withdrawal of the drug as is the case with opium.

What health problems have you? If the above article raises any question in your mind write the Statesman at the Marion county department of health.

Yesterdays... Of Old Salem Town Talks from the Statesman of Earlier Days.

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Arthur Montgomery of Salem high school has been elected president of the Oregon high school editors' association.

H. P. Greenberg of Washington, D. C., representing the federal trade extension bureau, will speak at the Commercial club tonight.

Salem golfers came out third in the tri-club competition involving also players of Eugene and Corvallis.

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HERE'S HOW By EDSON



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The Lee Mission party, as related last Sunday had two log houses when the first reinforcement arrived. Every former writer has given the number as three, and an old picture drawn in Philadelphia makes a fanciful portrayal of three log houses...

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LAY SERMON

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Matt. VI:33. The twentieth century translation is: Seek first the kingdom of God.

"MAKE BELIEVE" By FAITH BALDWIN

Mary Lou Thurston, beautiful orphan, seeks a position in the home of wealthy Mrs. Margaret Lorrimer, when the latter's son, Travers, a shell-shocked war veteran, enters. At sight of Mary Lou she becomes wildly excited, takes her in his arms and calls her "Delight" and "wife."



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"I suppose," Lorrimer answered after a moment, and he was perfectly white, so white that Mary Lou's heart misgave her.

"I loved you," he said solemnly, "and you told me you loved me. I took that knowledge back to the front with me, as you call it, through all that happened afterward, through the long weeks in the prison camp.

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"I do ignore it. I must. It is the only way to see light in this situation. I have your word, your promise."

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bound to fall in love, almost everyone did. You'd have fallen for the first pretty girl you saw after your weeks at the front, and I with the first presentable man.

"That's how we all felt. It was—madness, it was like a curious nightmare, it wasn't real. Suppose you had found me, right after the war ended? You—you could hardly have been disappointed, you could have easily fallen out of love, I feel because you didn't find me, because I was apparently lost to you, you built up all sorts of dreams and images about me."

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