

A CHILDLESS FUTURE.

"During the period from 1860 to 1900 the proportion of children to 1000 women of child-bearing age decreased in the United States by 152, or an average of about 30 to each decade. If we assume that the change will continue unchecked for a century in the direction which it has been during the last 40 years, there will be no children left."

This startling statement came out in the lecture on birth and birthrate delivered by Professor Walter F. Wilcox in the course on sanitation in Godwin Smith Hospital in Ithica, N. Y. last week. "It is one of the main duties of statistics to point out the whirlpools in the stream along which society is going," said Professor Wilcox, "before the current becomes irresistible, and thus to arouse a desire to change the course."

"The true reason for the fall in the birthrate is that in modern times, mainly within the last half-century, births and birthrate have come under the control of human will and choice in a sense and to a degree never before true."

"Our leading American authority, Dr. John Shaw Billings, put it as follows:

"The most important factor in the past in the change is the deliberate and voluntary avoidance or prevention on the part of a steadily increasing number of married people who prefer to have but few children. Before this change began the birth of a child in the vast majority of cases was not an indication of a deliberate preference for that result on the part of both or either of the parents."

"There is not a single one among the experts who denies that this is the great underlying cause of the modern decline in the birthrate of all civilized communities."

Professor Wilcox also gave statistics to show that marriage is less common among college graduates of both sexes than it is in the average of the entire population.

The figures regarding the birthrate among college graduates show that the highly educated part of the American people not only does not increase the population at all, but, on the contrary, fails to reproduce itself,

Mountain View Items.

Mrs. A. R. Locke has not been very well lately and Miss Gertrude Folks has been helping her with her housework.

On account of bad roads a part of rural free delivery No 1 has been discontinued until good weather comes again.

There are several good farms in this neighborhood that are being offered for sale at reasonable prices.

Mrs. Anna Hall gave a nice Christmas tree and dinner at her home on Friday.

Mrs. Perry Totten has been ailing for some time past.

George Armstrong has the largest and best young apple orchard in the neighborhood and he is producing some very fine apples.

On Tuesday December 22d, the last day of the Bryant school north of Corvallis the teacher gave the scholars a Christmas tree loaded with nice presents for all. The little folks enjoyed it very much.

The Mountain View phone line has not been working very well lately on account of some of the poles falling down. The entire line needs to be improved soon. The other companies who are running their wires on the Mountain View company's poles for some years past have agreed to help pay for repairing the line but so far only one company has come up with the cash and that is the Pleasant Valley Company. Please let us hear from you other companies soon or the line is likely to be out of commission when you might need it badly for a doctor.

Bids For Wood.

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for furnishing wood for the Oregon Agricultural College for the ensuing College year, 1909-10; will be received by the undersigned until Saturday, January 9th. Specifications will be furnished at the Business Office of the College.

J. A. BEXELL,
Financial Secretary.
12-18-4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Benton county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Floyd Lane, deceased; All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same duly verified as by law required to me at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, or at the office of J. F. Yates at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, within six (6) months from this date.

Dated December 7th, 1908.
W. G. LANE,
Administrator of the Estate of Floyd Lane, deceased.
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned constituting the Sewer Committee of the City of Corvallis, will receive bids at the office of Police Judge in said City until six o'clock p. m. of Thursday of the 31st day of December, 1908, for the construction of a lateral sewer through Block No. 3 in the County Addition to the City of Corvallis in accordance with the plans and specifications thereon on file with the Police Judge of the City of Corvallis and the ordinance of said City providing for said sewer construction. Bids must be accompanied by a certified check equal to one fourth (1/4) the amount of such bid payable to the order of the Police Judge of said City to secure the City and the property owners against loss or damage on account of failure of such bidder to enter into contract with the city and give bond for the faithful performance thereof as required by the ordinance providing for the construction of said sewer. All bids will be reported to the Common Council of said City at its regular meeting of January, 1909.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Dated December 17, 1908.
GEO. FULLER,
J. A. HARPER,
I. BOYD,
Sewer Committee.
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