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DECREASE IN BIRTHS A NATIONAL DISASTER

Bounty for Big Families Will Help to Remedy the Evil Which May Overtake Us.

Roosevelt was right when he said race suicide was the one great evil of our country. All other evils that can befall us are nothing compared to this blight which cuts short a full crop of babies. No wonder Napoleon the First became alarmed at conditions which prevailed in France at one time during the twenty-five year war. Men left their wives and joined the great general who was almost overrunning the world. They became fond of the nomadic life and much attached to the army which offered plunder and fortune and they forgot wife and home. The general saw the conditions and finally issued a decree divorcing all wives of soldiers who had been alone a certain number of years. When asked why he did this he explained that a nation whose birth rate fell below its normal stage was doomed to certain decay. France, he said, would be ruined if its births fell off to any great extent. The officials of modern France only a few years ago discovered that the birthrate had greatly decreased and after much study it was decided to offer a premium to the mothers of large families. This was done and the rate of birth at once increased.

The United States, if it were not for the hundreds of thousands of emigrants which come to us annually, would fall behind in its birthrate. Many of these people have increased and multiplied rapidly which has, as far as saved the nation from destruction. There is also another side to race suicide which is of the highest importance. A recent writer in one of the magazines said that there is no escaping the conclusion that the baby crop is worth more to this country of ours than all the corn, wheat, cotton, beef and poultry products put together—worth more in dollars and cents. Untimely frosts, the wheat rust, the green aphids and all the other crop and animal scourges couldn't work so great a national disaster as a genuine baby famine.

And it is simply appalling to think what would happen to our national temperament if babies were abolished. Our sense of humor would instantly go glimmering, and smiles would become rarer than black holly hocks. The education of parents in all the little arts of tenderness would go into instant decline, and we would speedily become a nation of ossified hearts and sour faces.

Babies are the chief apostles of unselfish affection. All the world admits that. The mother who has constantly maintained an attitude of unalloyed selfishness toward all the world will go to the depths of self-denial and sacrifice for the helpless child, and men of fiery and autocratic temperament become meek and plastic disciples in schools of patience and restraint wherein their own babies are the teachers and disciplinarians.

Roosevelt, the soldier, the statesman and deep thinker, has caused the whole world to become interested and the time has come to take action. If the Oregon legislature will offer a bounty on large families the state will fill up and become developed much faster than it does now.

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S. P. Passenger Schedule.

Table with 2 columns: Direction (Northbound/Southbound) and Train Number/Time. Includes times for No. 20, 12, 16, 14, 11, 15, 13, 19.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wynant left Wednesday for a trip to their old home at Warsaw, Ind., intending to be gone nearly three months. It has been 26 years since they left Warsaw for the Pacific Coast and have never been back to the old home. Mr. Wynant has three sisters and Mrs. Wynant one sister living in Indiana.

FRUIT EXHIBITS NECESSARY FOR EACH FAIR

H. C. Bateham Talks on a Timely Subject which Should Be Acted Upon.

I wish to call the attention of our fruit growers to not only the necessity but the advantage of growing and saving fine specimens of exhibit fruit, for it pays in more ways than one and it scarcely ever fails to repay financially. For over 20 years I have been an annual exhibitor at fairs and exhibitions, and it has been my experience that the exhibitor very seldom fails to get well repaid in premiums as well as receiving a good price for his premium fruit and besides all this, the fair, as well as the community, realizes a valuable asset in the way of notoriety and advertising.

I took 45 prizes one year on my own products and it is needless to say was well paid for my trouble. Growers here at our district fair in Grants Pass two years ago made good money out of their exhibits through premium money. Do not say you have nothing good enough for exhibition. There are scores of growers who have fruit which if put on exhibition in good shape at the fair this fall will bring the owner more money than it would in any other way. Send for premium lists and enter for everything on the list you grow. I have recently returned from Ashland where I assisted in the remodeling of the premium list of the Southern Oregon District Fair, and can assure you that it will be much easier to take premiums there, this year, than it was at Medford last year. I have assured them of a good exhibit from here. A first-class exhibit should also be sent to the National Apple Show at Spokane, where we took so many prizes last year. The revision of the premium list of the apple show makes it a great improvement over last year. With careful picking and packing and proper routing and arrangement of dates the same fruit could be exhibited at the state fair and at Portland. Think of it, gentlemen, no exhibit from Josephine county at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition with all our magnificent and varied resources and, what is worse, the only county in the state without an exhibit. But the last days of the fair will be the best and we have just time to redeem our reputation. Let us get together a good showing of our best fruit and mail it up there and show the world that Josephine county is not dead but only late.

H. C. BATEHAM.

Four Crops of Alfalfa.

Alfalfa is a crop in which this part of Oregon is deeply interested and those who propose to grow this forage will have a desire to read everything which relates to its cultivation. We find in the Pacific Homestead a letter which shows what can be done in the state of Washington, which we copy:

"Dayton, Wash.—Hon. W. A. Jackson will this year demonstrate at his ranch on the Tulaheon that it is possible by irrigation to grow four crops of alfalfa a year on land in this valley. Two crops of hay, yielding three tons to the acre, at each cutting, have already been harvested. The first crop was cut in June and the second in July. Mr. Jackson expects to get six tons from each acre in the next two cuttings, making a total of twelve tons.

"At the market quotation of \$10 a ton, Mr. Jackson's 100-acre alfalfa field will yield him \$12,000. If, as predicted, owing to a general shortage of hay in the Northwest, the price of alfalfa advances to \$18, the gross receipts from the crop will reach \$21,600.

"Without irrigation it is impossible to raise four crops in a season here, but a number of alfalfa growers of the Touchet valley will harvest three crops. Alfalfa growing in its infancy in the valley, but the industry is developing rapidly."

The season is longer in this country and, with proper cultivation, Josephine county can do even better than Mr. Jackson did. J. F. Burke, of Grants Pass, tells us that he cut from a small piece of ground at his home in this city, last year, five full crops and he thinks there can be no reason why anyone in this county, on good soil, well irrigated, cannot do as well. The crop needs and must have attention, so as to lose no time and keep it growing.

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CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS OF BIG AUTO DRIVER

Ladies and Child Thrown from Carriage by Badly Frightened Horse.

On Friday last an accident occurred on the Merlin road about four miles north of Grants Pass. Mrs. Ray Scovill, who lives on Louse creek, was on her way to town in a one-horse buggy. She had her infant with her and was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Chastain. At the point mentioned she noticed a rapidly approaching automobile. She gave a signal to the driver of the machine to hold up, as her horse was becoming frightened. No attention being paid, she again signaled, but on came the car, the driver refusing to stop as the law directs. Mrs. Scovill's horse became unmanageable and turned over the buggy, throwing the occupants to the ground. The horse broke loose and dashed away. Mr. Montgomery, who lives near the scene of the accident, came to the rescue of the party and rescued Mrs. Scoville from under the broken buggy and took the party to his home. Mrs. Scoville was injured considerably, but the balance of those in the vehicle were not hurt. The occupants of the touring car kept right on and paid no attention to the two women and child, evidently not caring whether they were killed or not. Unfortunately neither Mr. Montgomery or the ladies distinguished the number of the car, but they were satisfied that it did not belong at Grants Pass, being probably a touring car from California on the way to the Seattle fair. There is too much of this reckless running of autos and it should be stopped. Even some of our own home machines are run too carelessly, especially in passing carriages containing women and children. They forget that the law provides that persons on foot or in carriages have the right of way and that auto drivers must stop on signal of any citizen with a team. If the number of the big touring car which frightened Mrs. Scoville's horse had been taken the offenders could have been arrested in any town in this state through which they might be passing, and made to pay not only damages but a big fine as well.

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