

MANY BABIES COMING

Great Interest in Better Babies Contest at the State Fair.

There's twice as much interest shown in the better babies contest this year as there was last year, according to a statement just given out by the State Board of Health.

This year all this will be done and more. After the doctors get through examining the babies for physical defects, they will be turned over to dentists who will carefully examine baby's mouth, teeth and gums, and from these they will go to specialists who will examine baby's eyes, ears, nose and throat.

At no place in the contest will the babies be "shown" or exposed publicly or the mother embarrassed in any way. The entire affair will be like a private interview between the mother, her baby and each of the examining physicians and specialists in turn.

Entries are coming rapidly, and those wishing to enter their babies should do so at once to insure a place, as the number examined must, of course, be limited.

Colored babies will be entered for the colored better babies contest the week following by Maggie L. Capers, 310 E. Davis Street, Raleigh.

HARVESTS ROT IN FIELDS

Plows Left Standing in the Furrows—Country Sacked and Pillaged by War.

Rural France is today a sacked and pillaged country. This year's crop has—broadly speaking—all been lost. Next year's crop cannot be planted.

"I have 40 acres in cut grain lying there rotting," said a crippled man near Dreux. "My son has gone to the war. There are no men left in the country. The government has taken my horses and cattle. This winter we will starve."

It was not far from Dreux that the writer saw an old woman swinging a cradle through the standing grain. Her white hair glistened in the sun. As she recovered from each slow and painful swing she rested a moment and placed a hand upon her aching back.

Ten days before the order came for mobilization this old woman of the cradle was one of the happiest in Normandy. She had five great sons who lived with her upon the farm that had been in her family name since William the Conqueror.

Not one-twentieth of it had been put in stack when the mobilization order stopped the harvest. In every mile of 500, ploughs are standing in the furrow or empty carts in the field. Pathetic little black clumps were scattered through green fields. They marked the rotting grain.

HOTEL FIRES

"Carelessness with matches and the careless smoker are the two chief sources of all hotel fires," said the fire marshal. "The way for proprietors to protect their property is for them to guard in every way against fire. In some hotels rubbish is left lying about. Employees are often permitted to smoke, and other hazards to the lives of the occupants are allowed to exist. It is such carelessness that causes the greater part of all Indiana hotel fires."

WHEN YOU ARE NERVOUS

you have the first symptom of a run-down system, and nervous people too often conceal their aches and pains and suffer in silence, while, if neglected, this condition often becomes more serious trouble.

THE STATE'S BEST FRIEND

The best friend which North Carolina has or ever had, is the Democratic party.

The great progress made by this State has been made with the Democratic party in charge.

This has been so because Democracy stands for good government.

In the party there may be differences as to this matter and that matter, but there is a union of all in the determination that there shall be good government in the state.

Therein lies the strength of the Democratic party.

It is a party which seeks to build up and not to tear down. The growth of this state in affairs material has been because there has been the utmost confidence in the Democratic party, and for good reasons. In the great educational and moral growth of the state there can be seen the work of Democracy.

That again this year Democracy will be returned to power goes without saying. The only question is as to the size of the majority.

TEN DRY STATES

New York World.

Virginia's adoption of the State-wide prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicants brings the number of such commonwealths up to ten.

The others are Maine, Kansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Tennessee and West Virginia.

In Virginia, as elsewhere, the issue was decided by the vote of the country districts, but of the seventeen cities having a population of more than 5,000, only four, Alexandria, Norfolk, Danville and Richmond, voted against the amendment.

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NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS

Wise men are big listeners. Fools are big talkers.

Just what is the difference between the bloodthirst of a king and of a Harry Thaw?

The rulers of Europe are all linked together by marriage, which is proof positive that a family jar is about the worst brand of scrap on record.

The rarest creature on earth is the man who keeps his romance at home.

If the crowned heads of Europe ever get to heaven they will stir up a scrap among the angels.

President of the United States of Europe wouldn't sound so bad, and is quite within the possibilities.

If Turkey gets too promiscuous in this international wallop she will find herself furnishing the spread for some other nation's Thanksgiving dinner.

Make it American gold for American people and hand us our share.

Timbuctoo is yet to be heard from—but we have hopes.

The longer they fight the less we will have to look when our time comes. Whoop it up!

A modern battle line beats even an American football game.

Huerta thinks he should be canonized, in the light of recent events.

No matter who started it, its going. One way too stop the high cost of living is to stop living.

They say everything Rockefeller touches turns to gold. Shake, old boy, both hands!

General Villa is quietly biding his time. But just wait until he lets out a "whoop!"

The person who writes most eloquently of marriages is the one who has never been married.

"Small hot bullets cause little pain, comes the word from the front. Make ours a bird shot."

If the international sporting bout over in Eup. doesn't stop soon some one will get hurt.

Germany says the French use dum-dum bullets. The French say they don't. "Another one"—take your choice.

A treaty of peace in a good thing and highly desirable, but a long range gun has a heap bigger effect upon the other fellow.

"What kind of a girl makes the best wife?" Inquires a demure, dainty and dimpling young damsel. That's easy. One with sense.

The Germans say the allies are cruel and bloodthirsty, and the allies say the Germans are not human, and each call the other very naughty names, and we are just sick of trying to make head or tail out of the whole dinged business. We'd rather chop wood.

If the kings and emperors would just consent to do the fighting themselves and leave their armies out of it, the world would join hands and yell "Go to it!"

Crowns of autumn hats are high and pert looking," is the word from fashion headquarters. No mention is made of the wearers.

A scientist says women can talk more than men with less fatigue because their throats are smaller and they tax their lungs and vocal cords less. Is this a solution of the world's greatest mystery?

German scientists think this pinnacle of military science has been reached. That's consoling. Now we can slide down again.

"Made in American" sounds good, and is good. Push it along.

War has had its effect. Women's dresses this fall are to be distinctly military. There will be military hats, military collars, military vests, military jackets, military sleeves, military belts, military trimmings, military buttons, military lines and military skirts. Of course nothing less than the regalia if a general will do for Ashboro.

The king of the Belgians received a slight scratch on one of his hands and the distressing intelligence was promptly cabled to the four winds. And if we sneezed it wouldn't even be phoned to the next town. Which confirms us in the sad belief that the world takes slight heed of real greatness.

Secretary Bryan hopes to have thirty treaties of peace ratified by Christ-mas, "thus assuring the peace of the United States with all the world," as he expresses it. Good enough—if they stick. But treaties of peace are easily torn asunder, as witness the little unpleasantness of our neighbors across the pond.

ENGAGEMENT OF MISS WILSON RUMORED

From Washington comes the rumor that Miss Margaret Wilson, the only unmarried daughter of President Wilson, will be married this fall to James McReynolds, formerly attorney general and recently appointed justice of the supreme court.

It is stated that the wedding was to have taken place early in October, but was postponed on account of Mrs. Wilson's death.

Miss Wilson is the oldest daughter of the President, being 26 years of age, and Mr. McReynolds, who is a bachelor, is 45 years of age.

HELP FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

In the investigation of the cause of suspicious fires the Insurance Department is severely handicapped because people who are able to throw some light on the conditions existing before and after the fire absolutely refuse to furnish the information, basing this refusal on the ground that they are not interested and do not care to get mixed up in the case.

The firebug is one of the most dangerous of criminals; nevertheless, unless he is caught red-handed in the act, or confesses to his crime, it is almost impossible to secure a conviction. The sympathy of the public, to a greater or less extent, is with the man accused, as the people go on the theory that, as the loss comes out of the insurance companies, nobody is damaged, forgetting the fact that the insurance companies base their premiums upon losses, and that every crooked fire loss is, in the last analysis, paid by the honest insurer.

Why Good Times Must Come

Here are some of the reasons why good times should soon come to the United States.

Because we are at peace, while all the other great powers are at war. Those countries must have the products of our farms, factories and mines. We shall gain much of the commerce they are losing.

Because we shall soon have sounder system of money and banking than ever before; a system which guards against sudden panics.

Because we have vast quantities of wheat and other cereals for sale, while the world's crops are short this year.

Because the many millions of dollars which Americans have been accumulating every year to spend in Europe will now be spent at home.

Roosevelt Opposes Fusion

Col. Roosevelt, in a long letter which he made public, declares himself opposed to fusion or union with the Republican party in any state.

"I am very sorry to say," says Col. Roosevelt, "that I do not think anything whatever can be done through the Republican party as now organized; in any event as far as I am concerned."

"In all the big states the Republican party is more reactionary, more under the control of the bosses, than it was two years ago."

Under these circumstances, says the Colonel, a victory this fall by means of fusion with the Republican party would be worse than useless from the Progressive point of view.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrim's pride, From every mountain side Let freedom ring.

My native country thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills, My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright, With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

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VIRGINIA BLACK FRUIT CAKE

3 pounds Sultana raisins, 1 pound citron, 1 pound candied pineapple, One-half wineglass cognac, 1 1/2 pounds of butter, 2 pounds loaf sugar (crushed), 3 pounds dark seeded raisins, 1 pound candied cherries, 1 wineglass rosewater, 9 eggs, 1/2 teaspoonful cloves, 2 pounds flour.

1 teaspoonful each of allspice, cinnamon, trace and nutmeg. To the creamed butter and sugar add the beaten eggs separately. Flour well the chopped fruit, mix in all the other ingredients and bake in a very slow oven for six hours.

U. S. PROTESTS TO TURKEY

Secretary Bryan has notified the Turkish government that the United States cannot agree to the action of Turkey in taking away from American citizens in that country the "extra-territorial rights" which they have enjoyed.

Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy have sent similar notices to the Sultan's government.

Secretary Bryan takes the ground that as the rights of Americans are guaranteed by treaty, they cannot be set aside by Turkey alone.

President Wilson was displeased by the stories published in some newspapers, to the effect that American battleships were needed in Turkey. He issued a denial.

If Germany ever does invade the United States, there'll be some compensation for living in the Middle West which even Boston can appreciate.—Lowell Courier-Citizen.

TRAINING BOYS FOR REAL LIFE

By Frank Parker Stockbridge, in the October Number of Popular Mechanics Magazine.

A group of log buildings on the edge of the woods, built by the boys themselves, houses the school whose motto is: "To teach boys how to live." Here, on the shores of a beautiful little lake in Northern Indiana, a hundred and fifty city boys are gaining the sort of education that can be had only through intimate personal contact with nature and raw materials and the primitive processes of the handicrafts—the education that the farm boys absorb without realizing it, but for which the city school offers no substitute.

Life at the school is almost primitive in its simplicity and freedom from irksome restraints. Not only have the boys actually constructed the buildings, many of them quite large but the care and maintenance of the school premises are entirely in their hands. Many of the older boys live in pairs in little cabins built by themselves along a path by the lake—with a kennel for a pet dog at the back of most of the cabins. The "housekeeping" of these cabins as well as of the dormitory where the smaller boys live, the schoolrooms, offices, shops, and laboratories, is entirely in the hands of the pupils. Except for a fireman or two in the power house and the Chinese cooks in the kitchen, there are no paid servants at the school.

Winter and summer the boys, both in work and play, spend more time out of doors than under roof. There is the farm work of a 200-acre farm to be attended to, for one thing, besides the plowing and care of the grounds and walks, road building, and the construction of new school buildings of logs and concrete—beginning with the felling of the trees in the 500-acre woodland across the lake. In all their labors the boys work in squads, each group under the direction on one boy who is held responsible for results and discipline. In this way qualities of leadership are developed, which is one of the principal aims of the school, since most of the pupils are the sons of business men, and many of them will be called upon later in life to assume the management and direction of large affairs.

Besides the large activities of the farm, there are shops for working in metals and in wood, the products of which are utilized in the school or sold outside. All the furniture for the buildings is designed and made by the boys carpenters; much of the art metal work is sold by one of the Chicago stores at good prices.

Academic instruction goes hand in hand with the practical work of farm gardens, and shops. Many of the boys have individual gardens, and the laying out of these, calculating the amount of seed required for the different vegetables and flowers, and the working of other details, provide applications for instruction in surveying, drawing and mathematics. The purely classroom courses are similar to those of other preparatory schools, but the shop and farm work the close contact at all times with nature's processes and products, and the free outdoor life give these boys in addition a valuable store of experience and energy.

A WORTHY INSTITUTION

It is a pleasure to the many friends of Elon College in this town to know that this college had one of the largest enrollments at its opening last week that it has ever had.

This college is fast growing in the esteem of the public throughout this section, and is taking its place and being recognized as one of the best co-educational institutions in the South.

We have watched the growth of this college with much interest and we have noted the character of its work, the kind of students attending, and we have been impressed with the culture and refinement of its student body; the high standard maintained in its teaching force, and we have known that the college must grow and prosper. We have known that its merits would be recognized and appreciated.

Under the directorship of Dr. Harper the college has grown rapidly since his election. He is one of the most practical school men we have ever known. An untiring worker, a believer in printer's ink, a hard student, a deep thinker, he is just the man to be at the head of a thoroughly deserving institution of this kind, and we predict that before many years pass this will be one of the most heavily endowed, best patronized colleges in this whole section of the South.

We are further delighted to know that the attendance from this county is increasing each year. Without regard to denomination, we can fully recommend this college to the people of our county as a place where their sons and daughters will receive the best that can be given in education.—Burlington News.

THE CAUSE OF FIRES

Edward F. Croker, formerly chief of the New York fire department, and at present engaged in other lines of fire prevention, declares that if the New York Fire Department had full authority to make inspections of all sorts of buildings, to enforce a standard set of fire regulations and to make arrests when its orders against fire perils were disobeyed, the annual fire loss of New York City would be cut down 40 per cent by that single department alone. In fifteen years the records show that approximately \$2,000,000,000 and 20,000 lives have been sacrificed to fire in the United States. The figures are steadily growing. The fire loss in fifteen years would run the United States government two years. The fire tax is \$271. In Germany it is 49 cents. Fire departments cannot stop the loss of lives and money, but prevention in advance—adequate laws and rigid inspection—can and will reduce it.