

W. C. T. U. Notes

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet next Tuesday afternoon, March 7, at the home of Mrs. K. O. Sveen, 605 Fourth Ave. E., from three to five o'clock.

Subject: Race Improvement.
Leader: Miss Todd.

Program

The Work of the Children's Bureau.....Mrs. H. A. Lamb
Backward School Children and the Remedy.....Miss Palmer
Early Training of Children.....Discussion
Social Purity.....Miss Todd
All women interested in these topics are cordially invited to be present at this meeting. The W. C. T. U. works along progressive lines and welcomes all who will lend a willing ear or a helping hand in the cause of God and home and native land. No lines are drawn on religion, politics or social position. Come.

Appropos Maby Week

3,000,000 babies are killed yearly in the United States before they reach one year of age, through poverty, ignorance and neglect. This is a national calamity, the fault of both the individual member of society and of the community.

The standard of American family life must be raised so that better conditions of work and pay will permit parents to safe guard infants within the household. This must come largely through legislation.

Education of both parents and children is fundamental. Ignorance of laws of health is a curse. Parents often lose children in infancy through lack of proper care of mother and child before and after birth. Too often parents shirk instructing their children in personal hygiene and in the laws of life.

The study of social and political question as they effect the home is an absolute necessity. Conditions which farse men, women and children to work for a bare existence, too long hours, and at a sacrifice of health and happiness must be faced and improved. Everybody's business is nobody's business until people are started into action. Congress and the newspapers are fanning the flames of popular indignation over the loss of American life abroad and on the southern border, and are ready to start war to save our homes, when war means death of the finest physical specimens, of our race as the soldiers are, and death of many more than 300,000 babies yearly through harder living conditions of parents. War prices of the necessities of life

mean death prices to those who now can barely eke out an existence. Even without war, why do not Congress and the newspapers agitate saving the American babies? When the united mass of voters have studied the question of the preservation of the American home, lawmakers will listen to the cry of the dying babies instead of listening to the squawk of the millionaires punctured pockerbook.

DO YOU KNOW

There is no Federal institution in the continental United States for the reception and care of lepers?

Plague is a disease of rodents? Malaria is spread by a special mosquito?

House screening is a good disease preventive? Fingers, flies and food spread typhoid fever? Pellagra may be prevented or cured by proper diet?

The United States Public Health Service believes that the common towel spreads trachoma, a disease of the eyes? Children from sanitary homes advance more rapidly in school than those from dirty premises?

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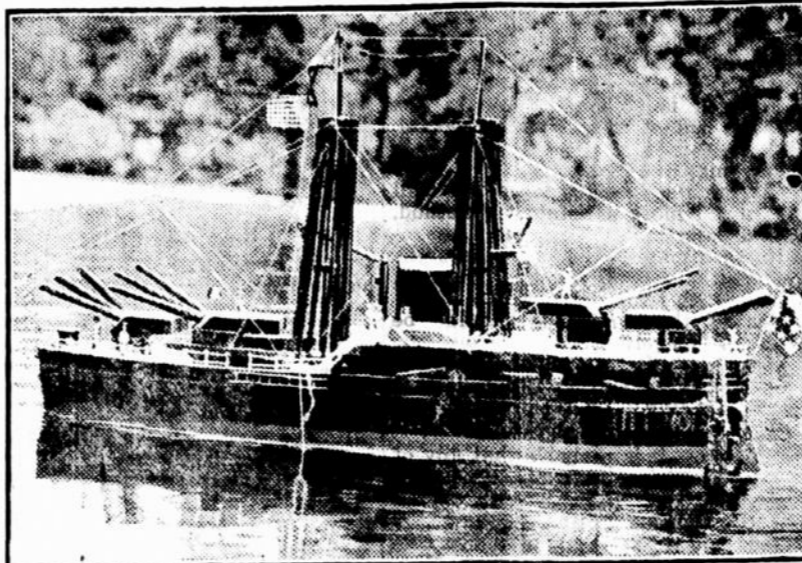
YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT DEPARTMENT

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A SCHOOLBOY WHO BUILT A BATTLESHIP

RALPH MICHEL of 5449 South Dearborn street, Chicago, aged fourteen, has built a model of the battleship Illinois. The model is four feet long and nine inches wide; displacement, fifteen pounds. It carries a doll crew. It took Ralph two weeks, or fifty continuous hours, to construct this battleship. It has a water tight zinc hull and a full complement of guns, consisting of twelve miniature fourteen-inch guns in the first battery and



MODEL OF BATTLESHIP BUILT BY RALPH MICHEL.

eight six-inch guns in the secondary battery. It has derricks and lifeboats, steering device and a wireless outfit. Besides this battleship, Ralph has constructed two sailboats, one canoe, one model motor plane, one billiard table, with cues, and many useful household articles. Ralph is a modest boy and a good student in school, not having been absent or tardy during the past year. He says he knows that he has more fun than the other boys who think doing nothing worth while is playing.

What Kind of a Father Are You?

By JUDGE WILLIS BROWN.

Is there anything more important in this world to you than that boy of yours?

The world is full of helpless, dependent and wavering boys. These all have fathers.

What kind of a boy are you the father of?

School instruction today does not necessarily mean efficiency. Education is proved only by application of learning to do things.

Business men claim that only one in ten boys who apply for positions possess knowledge of how to do concrete things.

Less than 5 per cent of the boys in the public schools do anything worth while outside of the schoolroom.

Are you one of the 95 per cent of fathers of boys who do nothing?

Better stop right now, father, and call your son and ask him:

Son, what have you ever done?

If you are not anxious to have your son enlisted in the business game of achievement and to be recognized officially as a worth while young citizen you are not a father, but an excuse.

There are three kinds of fathers—cowards, strangers and chums.

The "cowards" are afraid ever to make any test of their boys' real worth to the world. These say, "Mind your mother, son, and study your lessons."

The "strangers" meet sons occasionally at the table and about the house, boss a little, sometimes get angry and slug a little, but never really live and see visions with the boy.

The "chum" father remembers he was a boy and puts his kid in every and all games that will make him manly and ahead of the other boys, if possible. Team work—father and son. I am a chum father. Are you?

What kind of a father are you if you do not talk this Achievement movement over with your boy and get him in this game of life?

My proudest moment was when the governor of the state, before a whole legislature assembled, delivered to my sixteen-year-old son a certificate of achievement bearing the seal of the state, thus signifying that my boy had accomplished four things worth while and was of importance to the state over the boys who were waiting and marking time and doing nothing really worth while.

Are you a chum father?

Total Taxes For All Counties Of State

Bismarck, N. D., March 25.—The state tax commission has compiled the total taxes for all purposes in the 52 counties of the state for the year, 1915, and find that they reach the enormous total of \$15,860,131.57. This amount is exclusive of special assessments for all purposes which would increase the total to about \$16,200,000. The average rate for the entire state was 42.31 mills; the assessor valuation after corrections and deductions was \$314,799,854.

According to the tax commission there are several significant things about the total assessed valuation and the total tax burden for all purposes, state and local, for 1915. They point out that the \$50 personal property exemption this year amounts to \$10,138,746. This means that 206,937 persons claimed an exemption of \$50. As it is the intent of the law that this exemption should apply only to natural persons, it seems that advantage is being taken of the law and many exemptions are being made by different members of the same family.

The total increase in the net assessed valuation after all exemptions and corrections have been made by the county auditors is \$67,803,391 over 1914, or 21.89 per cent.

The increase in the total tax burden, exclusive of special assessments, over 1914 was \$1,872,656, or 13.48 per cent. It is significant, as the tax commission points out, that this is the largest increase in the total tax burden in any single year since statehood. The 1914 increase over 1912 was \$1,098,723; that of 1913 over 1912 was \$896,452; that the increase of 1912 over that of 1911 was \$625,468. Nothing could more impressively point out the fact that our total tax burden is increasing very rapidly from year to year. At this rate of increase it will take approximately eight years to for the tax burden to double. It goes without saying that the wealth of the state will not double in that length of time.

While the total assessed valuation has increased about 22 per cent, the rate of levy has decreased but 7.09 per cent, showing conclusively that when the total assessed valuation is increased the tax rate does not decrease in a corresponding ratio and the result is an increased tax burden.

The following is the valuation and the total tax levied for all purposes by counties:

County	Valuation 1915.	Tax Levied 1915
Adams	\$ 3,644,015	\$ 122,302.26
Barnes	13,518,095	527,227.11
Benson	7,559,001	356,145.54
Billings	2,958,221	75,747.91
Bottineau	10,472,604	451,858.01
Bowman	3,698,920	187,761.14
Burke	5,179,617	257,567.85
Burleigh	9,157,185	438,886.19
Cass	26,209,603	1,176,863.03
Cavalier	9,797,240	381,988.29
Dickey	7,822,685	275,050.83
Divide	4,728,172	238,112.00
Dunn	4,140,301	135,713.00
Eddy	4,136,228	194,502.00
Emmons	5,764,689	189,929.87
Foster	4,557,936	209,541.08
G. Valley	3,550,262	183,074.03
G. Forks	17,385,160	816,958.25
Griggs	6,235,944	181,458.84
Hettinger	4,103,236	194,478.30
Kidder	4,928,579	179,252.49
LaMoure	8,149,168	333,027.01
Logan	3,837,093	119,067.93
McHenry	9,464,968	413,675.08
McIntosh	4,368,474	101,375.76
McKenzie	4,130,682	186,263.72
McLean	7,167,606	297,460.22
Mercer	3,427,385	151,193.69
Morton	14,042,711	576,364.68
Mountrail	5,450,015	282,720.75
Nelson	7,802,726	254,967.49
Oliver	2,225,044	69,649.46
Pembina	8,386,668	328,420.00
Pierce	5,087,476	204,086.84
Ramsey	9,795,950	415,677.52
Ransom	6,141,516	288,847.64
Renville	4,363,936	214,978.72
Richland	14,500,083	522,243.52
Rolette	4,478,943	217,431.77
Sargent	6,552,162	219,360.35
Sheridan	3,828,359	135,698.38
Sioux	908,192	30,572.53
Slope	3,052,956	137,731.53
Stark	5,390,945	301,868.88
Steele	5,645,266	189,690.84
Stutsman	15,426,645	526,546.63
Towner	6,948,906	278,547.46
Trail	8,464,581	307,545.94
Walsh	11,706,036	381,759.16
Ward	12,739,779	801,033.30
Wells	8,077,662	309,162.34
Williams	8,378,750	487,244.41
Total	\$374,799,854	\$15,860,131.57

Peculiar

"Do you think your father would consent to our marriage?"
"He might. Father's so essentric."

First Book Of Heroic Deeds At Front Is Out

Paris, March 21.—The first published collection of heroic words and actions of the war on the Franco-Belgian front has appeared in a volume of 300 pages edited by Paul Souchon. There are remarks of soldiers leaving for the front, in battle and in the trenches, anecdotes of generals and other officers, and talk of the wounded, and the words of dying heroes.

Well toward the beginning is the reply of a soldier marching through Paris to a news vendor who offered him the latest extra, saying: "Here, my brave boy, is the latest news."

"News?" replied the soldier. "It is we who are going to make the news."

Four young artillery men of the contingent of 1913 passed along the avenue Trudaine in Paris on the way to the station. A pretty woman on the arm of her husband stopped on the sidewalk and cried: "Poor boys! Good luck to you!" while a tear rolled down her cheek. One of the artillerymen saluted, then took off his cap, twirled it in the air and cried: "Come now my dear lady, just a little smile please."

Two sergeant-majors chosen from a number of volunteers left the French trenches near the Vesle for an abandoned farm where, climbing to the garret, they were able to discover the situation of German batteries that were causing considerable losses to the French troops.

The French three-inchers soon forced the Germans to change their position to the very spot where these two sergeant-majors were in observation. The French gunners ceased firing until this message came over the telephone: "The guns are in position. Go ahead—you may fire, fire, aim at us, commandant hesitated to give the order, but the German battery must be silenced, and finally the three-inchers struck up again destroying the battery and annihilating the farm with the two sergeant-majors.

Souchon tells a similar story of a lieutenant posted in a tower a few trenches, from where he telephoned to the French artillery the positions of the enemy. During a half hour he continued sending indications and then finished with the words: "I hear the steps of Germans who are coming up the stairs. Believe nothing that is said to you over the wire. I have my revolver, and shall never be taken alive." Nothing has ever been since heard of the officer.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

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