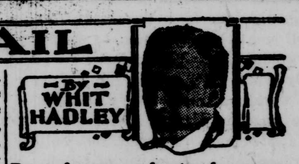


YOU NEED NOT FAIL



This week's story is that of a hunter who started life without a single chance and who rose to the highest paid executive in the United States in his chosen line. Back in 1881, in the little township of Hornitos, in Mariposa County, California, was born a boy whom his parents named Jay Bruce. Hornitos boasted 142 inhabitants, all farmers and all poor. Two months a year a traveling teacher visited the village and gave instruction, but Jay's family were too poor to be able to spare him even for that short period, and what education he gained was at his mother's knee and by the light of a log fire.

Most of his boyhood was spent in the vicinity of the Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Big Trees. When he was nineteen he became a pump hand in the Yosemite mines, lived in a company shack, and saved every dollar he earned. Nine years later he started a sawmill business, operating two mills which he designed and built himself. An accident resulted in blood poisoning, his business failed, and he was wiped out. He was married and had three small children, but no home or job.

Thereafter he tried his hand at eleven kinds of work and failed each time. Mrs. Bruce, with starvation facing the family, urged him to turn lion hunter. The California Fish and Game Commission was offering twenty dollars for each mountain lion killed. So Bruce became a hunter by necessity. Borrowed books informed him of the habits of lions and their retreats and before that winter had passed he had shot 31 of them and been paid $1,100. The following spring he was appointed official State mountain lion hunter at a salary of $3,000 a year.

Since then his salary has been trebled and because his expenses are few his bank account has mounted in the past eight years to six figures and he is a recognized authority on lions.

Standardized Layettes Assure Modern Baby Correct Wardrobe; Health Agency Gives Patterns



STANDARDIZED layettes assure the baby of 1924 that he will be as well, and as comfortably dressed on the day he makes his advent into the world, as he will at 21, when tailors and haberdashers cater to his sartorial needs. Health authorities agree that the modern infant's wardrobe is an important feature of the plans made for his arrival. Consequently, it is no surprise to learn that many visiting nurses include a full course of sewing instructions in their program of prenatal service.

Among other health agencies, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is carrying on an intensive campaign of education for the expectant mother. Visiting nurses in 4,038 cities and towns in this country and Canada are giving prenatal and post-natal care. The company's nursing service handled over 100,000 maternity cases last year.

French Canada was foremost among the territories having a large percentage of maternal cases last year, 60 per cent. of the nursing visits being of that kind. Nurses, working directly for the company, or under arrangements with local nursing associations, expect to develop the prenatal work on even broader lines during the coming year than has been possible in the past.

One of the objects of this work is to assist mothers during the trying prenatal period, not only by looking after their physical needs, but by advice and encouragement regarding preparations for the new baby. The making of layettes is an example of this feature of the service. Patterns for baby clothes may be had on request.

This help is especially appreciated by foreign-born mothers in crowded industrial centers. Modern welfare programs carried out by public health nurses, are gradually eliminating the dread with which mothers formerly viewed the advent of a new baby.

The Metropolitan nursing service was maintained during 1923 at a cost of $1,789,151. The company has 1,403 nursing centers, 379 being in the New England States.

During the coming year, in cooperation with other health organizations, and with the full approval of the medical fraternity, the Metropolitan will increase its efforts to reduce the maternal death rate in this country. In the past the average has been 20,000 deaths a year. Visiting nurses will see the expectant mother once a month from the time a case is reported until confinement. Following the birth of a child, both mother and baby will be cared for daily for eight days. If complications develop, the nurse is privileged to extend the period.

ORPHANS COURT

On petition of the National Union Bank of Maryland, by its attorney, W. Brewster Deen, the court authorized the withdrawal of certain claims filed by it against the estate of P. W. Sullivan, deceased.

On petition of Charles H. Kinder, by his attorney, W. Brewster Deen, the court authorized the withdrawal of certain claims filed by him against the estate of P. W. Sullivan, deceased.

Carrie S. Hubbard and William I. Hubbard, executors of Carey H. Hubbard, deceased, filed first and final account of administration and distribution.

Glencoe K. Kelley, administrator of Tilghman E. Kelley, deceased, filed inventory and appraisement of personal property; approved, and an order to sell was granted.

Mary Melvin, guardian to Malcolm Melvin, minor, filed an appraisement of the rental value of the interest of said minor in certain real estate.

The last will and testament of Parrott S. Wilson, deceased, was filed by Belle M. Wilson, custodian, duly proved and admitted to probate, and renunciation having been filed by the executrix named in the will, letters of administration c. t. a., were granted to T. Clayton Horsey on said deceased estate. Bond filed and approved. Notice to creditors ordered to be published and L. Irving Jones and James W. Thawley were named as appraisers.

James O. Wright, administrator of William J. Wright, deceased, filed an account of sales of deceased's personal property.

Oliver W. Handy, administrator of Mary C. Handy, deceased, filed account of sales, interest account, first and final account of administration and distribution.

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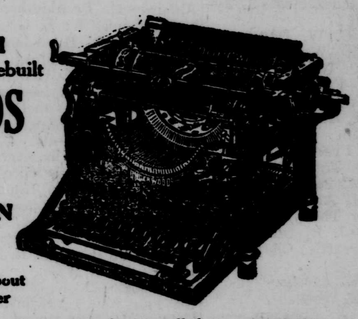
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