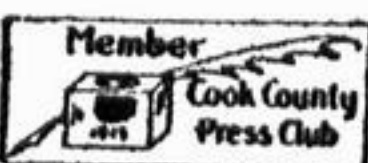


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GOVERNMENT IN EARNEST ABOUT BABIES

The government has made studies of mothers and babies in both city and country. In 8 rural areas, representing 6 states, information was secured about the confinement care of the mothers of 2,978 babies. It was found that only five cases received prenatal care approaching the minimum standard of "adequate" care outlined by the Child Welfare Conference, held in Washington, D. C., in May, 1919; and in 80 per cent of the cases the mothers reported having had no prenatal care whatever.

Of more than 22,000 city babies studied by the government, and representing every type of home in seven cities, more than three-fifths were born into families where the father's earnings were below the amount that was at that time the minimum for providing the bare necessities of existence. Only one in ten was in a family where the father's earnings reached a fair minimum for comfort.

Mothers and babies are the same in the country and in the city. They need the same care.

The government, through the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner bill, would help the farm woman and the city woman, whether the difficulty be ignorance, isolation, ill-health, or low income, by educating her in maternal and infant hygiene, by sending out public health nurses, by providing a health center, and by going 50-50 with the states in the cost for this care.

ILLINOIS SCHOOL SITUATION SURVEY

The most complete survey of the Illinois school situation has just been finished by the State Teachers Association, to whom each city and county superintendent of schools has written a statement of the condition of public education in his district; and it is startling to observe that two-thirds of the officials report that the limit of taxation has been reached without securing adequate results of the schools. Two-thirds of the reports declare that the present plan of the state has proper expansion to meet increase in population and in cost, and proper payment of teachers is impossible un-

doing away with the amazing discrepancies in taxation burdens.

The survey shows that many districts with a school tax rate of but .02, .24, .36 and 45 cents on the hundred dollars of assessed valuation are directly alongside districts which make a levy of from \$2.00 up to as high as \$5.00. The sections with the low rates are those rich in resources and a rule have a school which the heavily taxed districts are and poor, unimproved, undeveloped communities, where inefficient, spindly schools are kept going only by the most arduous efforts of the officials.

Hundreds of districts are found to be behind in their payment of teachers' salaries and from the superintendents in such territory comes a complaint that unless provision is made for better pay they cannot hold even the sub-standard teachers that will be left by next year. Ninety per cent of the superintendents make the demand that the people of the state awaken to the menace in the increasing shortage of teachers. "The financial straits of school teachers are increasing," they say. "The trained and skilled teachers are leaving in larger numbers each month and new recruits are few and far between. Something must be done before the time if public education is to be the force in Americanization that it must be.

Although the reports show that the

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stockton of Morocco, Ind., Friday, February 20th, a son, Mrs. Stockton was formerly Miss Gladys Braselton and is well known here. The little chap made his appearance on his first anniversary of his parent's marriage.

The regular business meeting and social of the Philathea Class of the Congregational church will be held at the home of Mrs. M. W. Mills, 103 Madlaugh ave., Friday night, March 5th. Mrs. Thos. J. Owens assisting. All members urged to be present. Visitors are cordially invited.

The Tahigwa Camp Fire Girls under the guardianship of Mrs. B. E. Balezynski gave a very delightful luncheon, February 22nd at the home of one of the members, Miss Kathryn Davis, on North Main st., having as their guests, their mothers. The table was prettily decorated in colors appropriate to the occasion and the appetizing menu was cooked and served by the girls. Members of the camp are: Dorothy Towsley, Vance Gerner, Vivian Hamblin, Elma Kelly, Margaret Hitchcock, Verne Deach, Fannie Ravliet, Marie Nielsen and Lilian Schlander.

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JAS. MCCLINTOCK GETS SUPERVISOR OR APPOINTMENT

States Attorney Acknowledges Township Board Has Right to Fill Vacancy.

At the meeting of the township board last week Friday afternoon the vacancy in the office of supervisor caused by the death of George Boger was filled by the appointment of Jas. McClintock of Hinsdale, for the unexpired term. The next election for supervisor occurs in April, 1921.

That settles the controversy between the township board and the States Attorney. The board sought to appoint Mr. Boger's successor immediately after his death, and H. C. Kammeyer agreed to accept the ap-

pointment. Then the states attorney when consulted contended that the county board would have to take that action, as the unexpired term was over one year, and after digging into court decisions decided to "pass the buck" along to the Attorney General. Evidently his opinion sustained the original contention of the township board, as Mr. Hadley authorized them to go ahead with the appointment. In the meanwhile Mr. Kammeyer decided not to take the office, owing to lack of time from his business.

Town Clerk John Hall immediately got in touch with James McClintock, who is in the south and who for 12 years was supervisor from this township and for several terms chairman of the county board, and secured an acceptance of the tendered office. Mr. McClintock will be welcomed in his return to the county board very warmly, as he made a splendid record there.

HE TOLD WORKERS OF FARMERS' STAND



"Farmers will never go on strike" was a statement which brought delegates to the National Farmer-Labor Cooperative Congress to their feet in Chicago. It was George Hampton of Washington, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, talking, and his talk had much to do with the steps taken towards uniform action by all cooperative agencies in the U. S.



They're All Interested

Ever see the family around the table when the Downers Grove Reporter comes in the mail? One thing you will notice — They're all interested. There is something each issue for Father, Mother, Sister and Brother and as a consequence the paper is read from cover to cover.

AFTER LOCAL TRADE?

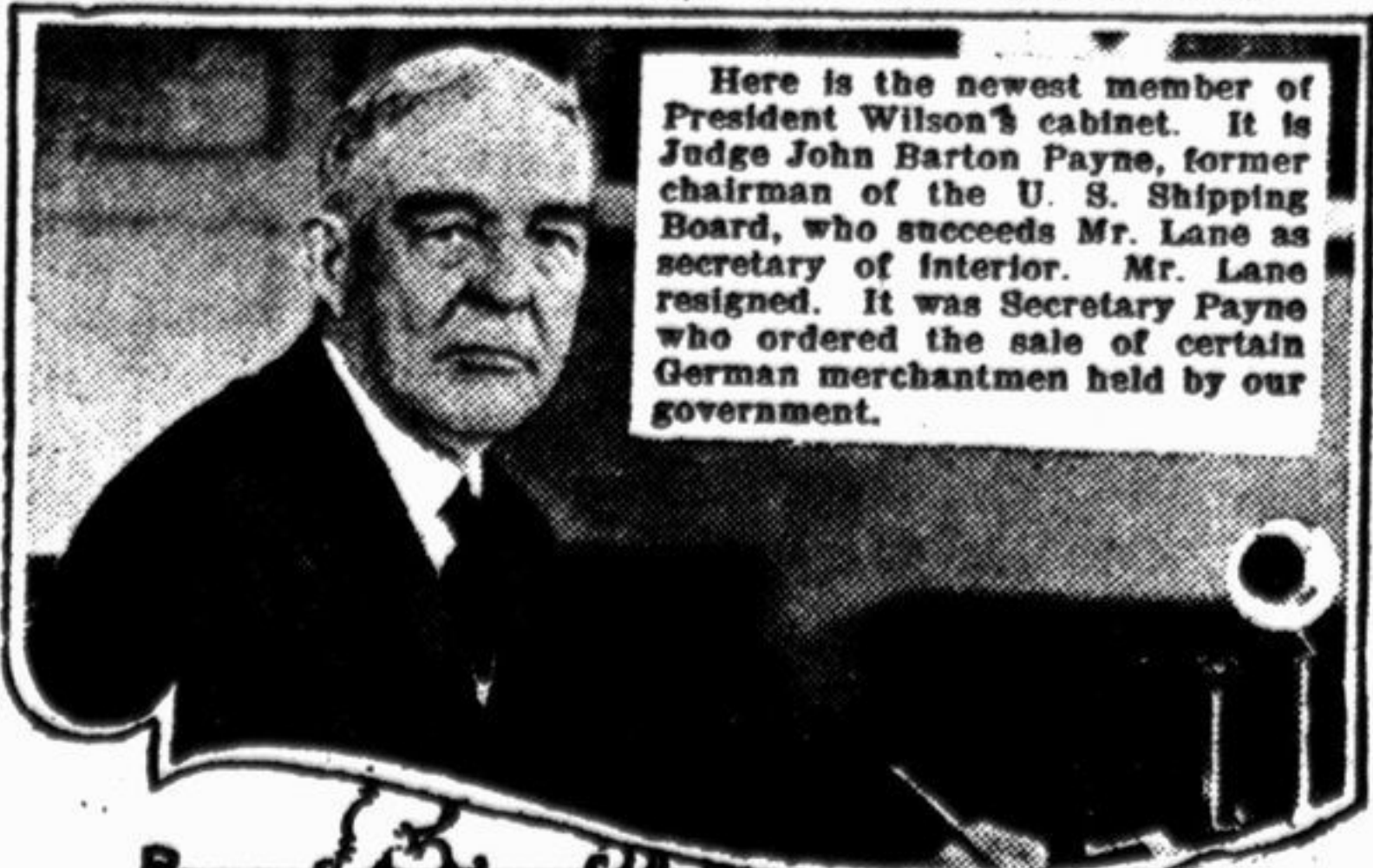
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OUR NEW SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR



Here is the newest member of President Wilson's cabinet. It is Judge John Barton Payne, former chairman of the U. S. Shipping Board, who succeeds Mr. Lane as secretary of interior. Mr. Lane resigned. It was Secretary Payne who ordered the sale of certain German merchantmen held by our government.

BRIGHT STRAWS OF SPRING AGAIN SMALL



Dame Fashion says she has no set or regular rules—still she has. And it's the small hat—the first showing in either spring or fall models which bears out this statement. These two pleasing spring hats, the upper of straw braid, the lower bright-hued straw and with the ever-bright buds of spring as trimming, are newest models in the metropolitan shops. Satin and taffeta are used quite generally with the straw braid, the tailored models in particular leaning to the combination as that shown in the upper picture.

