

CRITTENTON HOME.

"I like for the girls to look upon me as a mother and feel that this is their home," said Mrs. Conner, matron of the Crittenton home for fallen women and destitute girls. Mrs. Conner is a sweet-faced, motherly woman, whose every word and action shows that she is in sympathy with the work which she is so ably superintending. How many girls are there in the house now, asked the visitor to whom Mrs. Conner had addressed the previous remark. "Twenty-six," was the answer, "but I would not have you think that they are all fallen women. Some are destitute, homeless and friendless, and in some cases in poor health. Here they have a home as long as they wish it and, for the most part, they seem to feel at home." How many babies are there in the house now? was asked. "Ten babies and one expected in a few days now. We teach the girls to love their babies, in fact, the great mother love is borned with the baby, but we try to impress it upon them that the babies are their's regardless of the preceding circumstances and their's it is to love and care for them. We do not put a premium upon crime, but we do strive to teach the mothers to love their babies, and our rule is that each woman who enters the home must remain for six months, by the expiration of that time we hope to have instilled in her mind the firm belief that she yet has a chance in the world to make herself a useful woman." Do the girls confide in you to any great extent? asked the visitor. "Some do and some do not," replied Mrs. Conner. "There are no questions asked. All confidences are voluntary. If a girl comes to us and says her name is Mary, she is known as Mary, and no one questions her. All she has to do is to comply with the rules of the house and she is at home protected from the world as long as she cares to remain. The work of the home, of course, is done by the inmates and each one takes her part just as she would be expected to do in her own mother's house. The girls have woven 50 odd yards of rag carpet which we will use when we do our spring cleaning. We use every precaution with the mothers during their critical period and after confinement they are not permitted to do any work for eighteen days, and then very light tasks only. We want to be sure that there will be no physical ailments due to improper care during confinement to hinder them as they go forth with their new charges to fight the battle of life." Mrs. Conner upon request gave some of the rules by which those in the home are governed. No girl is permitted to leave the grounds without permission, all telephoning must be done by permission, letters sent or received must be inspected, all visitors must be seen by the matron first, no member of the home is permitted to go to the city without an escort from the home, and the motto of the home is, Do Right. "These rules are for the protection of the girls and also to sustain the good name which the home has in the neighborhood, city and state." Mrs. Conner never tires of telling of her work among the girls. "I am much in sympathy with the work," she said, "else I would not be here. No questions are asked the girls, but we have our little quiet hours all to ourselves and many a one pours into

THE SEATTLE REPUBLICAN

my ears her life's secret. There are instances where I have been able to help restore a girl to her home from which she had been driven. Only last week two mothers with their little babies left us. They bade me good-bye and wept as if they were leaving their mothers."

"No," replied the matron in reply to a query, "money is not necessary. If a girl can pay \$20 or \$25 to help cover the expenses of her confinement we are glad, but those who have not a cent fare just the same as those who may be wealthy." After being shown through the home from nursery, where the tots, big and little, played in the sunshine, to the dining room, where Mrs. Conner said there was always room for one more, the visitor departed. As she sat in the car she remembered that Mrs. Conner expressed such an earnest wish that she was able to paper and paint some of the most needy rooms in the home while doing the regular spring cleaning, and the wish for means to help the institution was upmost in the visitor's mind while the car sped Seattlewards.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Work has actively been begun on the four new **sky scrapers** of this city, and it is hoped by those having charge of the work to have them completed in less than a year from the time they were started. It took just one year to complete the Alaska Building, which is a fourteen-story one, but that kind of work was the first undertaken in this city, and therefore it is not believed it will take quite so long to complete the structures now under erection as that one.

The office of Brady & Gay has been moved from the old Roxwell block to the twelfth floor of the Alaska Building, where they are pleased to meet their old friends and customers, as well as any new ones who might want their legal services.

Mrs. Jack Stringer, as a special United States deputy marshal, went to Juneau, Alaska, last Wednesday in charge of a woman prisoner. Mrs. Stringer is the first woman deputy marshal of the Northwest.

Attention, Attorneys! Attention! You would do well to send your legal notices for publication to The Seattle Republican. Phone Main 305, Independent 1,306. Office, 214 Columbia, with Aeme Pub. Co.

What Alpheus Byers lacks of being a shabby little human fee would rest on the point of a cambric needle, but every attorney at the bar and every court attache of the King county superior court knows this, hence it's not much news.

The schools of the city will have their spring vacation beginning at the close of schools today. The vacation will last for one week. During the week the teachers of both the county and the city will hold a union institute, at which an interesting programme for teachers will be rendered each day.

During the month of March there were in Seattle 171 births and 99 deaths. Seventy males were borned and 58 males died; 101 females were borned and 41 females died.

The population of Seattle is estimated at 150,000, that makes the death rate 66 per cent. There were 23 cases of measles, 18 cases of scarlet fever and 16 cases of diphtheria. There were two deaths caused by the last named malady.

Twelve deaths resulted from external violence. There was one homicide and four cases of self-destruction.

The Westerner is a new monthly magazine that has just been issued by Edgar L. Hampton, formerly editor and proprietor of the Mail and Herald. The magazine is well edited and for the first number well patronized by the business world. Nine thousand copies of the initial number were printed and circulated.

The Seattle Republican

Wants
500
New
Subscribers

By the
First Day of May



Start the Ball to Rolling by
Sending in Your Name

The Seattle Republican
Seattle, Wash.