

ST. JOHNS REVIEW

An Ingenious Explanation

I am not much of a man to play cards. It seems to me pretty much of a waste of time. If I have any leisure time I would rather talk to people or read a good book. The other day I saw a very dignified old gentleman playing a game of solitaire. We fell into a talk and the subject of cards came up. He told me that the origin of cards was lost in the mists of antiquity, and then he told me something about his deck of cards that was new to me. Shuffling the cards through, he threw down an ace and said: "Back in the old days when blue laws were in force and when a man was arrested and put into jail for kissing his wife on Sunday, it was considered almost as bad to own a deck of cards as to indulge in horsing around or in throwing stones at your grandmother. One day a sailor was arrested for playing solitaire on the Sabbath. He demanded a trial and when asked what he had to say for himself, he said, 'It is true that I use these cards for playing on week days, but on the Sabbath they are my Bible. I was reading them when I was arrested.' Before committing him for sacrilege, contempt of court and various other things, the judge asked him to explain what he meant. He said, as he laid down the ace, just as I have, 'When I see the ace, it reminds me that there is but one God. The deuce brings to my mind the Father and Son, while the trey is a reminder of Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. The spot makes me think of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the four evangelists. When I come to the five-spot I am reminded of the five wise virgins, and the six-spot brings to my mind the six days in which God made the heavens and the earth and all in them. Here is the seven-spot, which represents the seventh day, the Holy Sabbath, on which God rested from his labors. When I lay down the eight-spot, I think of the eight righteous people saved from the flood, Noah, with his wife and their three sons and their wives. The nine-spot tells me of the nine lepers who were healed. The big casino reminds me of the Ten Commandments, which I try to make the rule of life. When I lay down the king, I think of

the King of Heaven, who rules over all, while the queen brings to my mind the Queen of Sheba, who came to see Solomon, the son of David. The jack makes me think of the fallen angel who rebelled and was cast headlong into outer darkness. When I see the four suits—the heart, diamond, club and spade—I am reminded of the four weeks in the month. The 13 tricks in a deck of cards stand for the 13 weeks in each quarter of the year, while the 12 picture cards represent the 12 months of the year. There are 52 cards in the deck, which stand for the 52 weeks in the year; so you see, judge, the deck of cards is my Bible and my calendar, and when I was arrested I was engaged in profound deliberation and study.' Whether the judge excused the prisoner or not I do not know, but if he did not he should have.—Fred Lockley in Oregon Journal.

Taxpayers are reminded that income tax returns for the year 1921 must reach the office of Clyde G. Huntley, Collector of Internal Revenue, not later than midnight March 15 in order to escape severe penalties. This does not mean that it will be sufficient for the taxpayer to mail his return on March 15. The return must be mailed at a time that will insure its delivery in the office of the collector at Portland not later than midnight March 15. Furthermore, the receiving stamp on the envelope will be accepted by the collector as the actual time of delivery. Taxpayers are especially urged to bear in mind this fact: It is not sufficient that their returns be mailed on March 15. Returns must be mailed so as to reach the collector's office in Portland not later than midnight March 15, which is the final date for filing returns.

Saturday evening nearly 200 novices tread the hot sands on the sterile shores of the Red Sea at the Mystic Shrine ceremonial at the auditorium. Hugh McCredie, proprietor of the Multnomah Theatre, was among the favored adopted sons of the Prophet Mohammed.

A Big Entertainment

Next Monday evening, March 6th, at 8:15 sharp at Moose hall, St. Johns, the curtain will raise and the local Lodge will present to the people of St. Johns their third burlesque and vaudeville show, called "Ikke, the Pawn Broker." It will be two hours of fun and amusement for young and old. The entire cast has practiced every night for the past week. There will be seats arranged for about 400 people. At our last show we had only about 300 chairs and some had to stand up, but we hope all will find seats this time.

The cast includes the following: Ikke, the pawn broker, Frank Gasser; McCarthy, Ikke's wife, Tommy Eger; Spooner, Ikke's all around man, Elden Halberg; Lucy, Ikke's daughter, Beatrice Sather; Cockeyed Mulligan, McCarthy's brother, Lloyd Bacon; Mrs. Paddock, a rich young widow, Bessie Caldwell; Maggie, whose folks are in hard luck, Mrs. H. Ketelem. Included in the play will be 4 specialties, played by the following: "The End of My Financial Career," a farce, by Georgia Seifert; a comedy special by The Whitney Brothers; Song by Miss Marie Hyden; Song by Frances Jones of Portland; Duet by two young ladies, Elmer Cloninger, Jack Mitchell and J. A. Halberg have been appointed as property men and scene shifters. Brother Seeley has been appointed official speechmaker and referee. The wonderful success of our last show has prompted us to have a show here in St. Johns at least once a month, and the entire membership as well as the cast

are working hard to make these shows a decided success. The show will last from 8:15 to 10 o'clock, then we will auction off pies which all ladies will bring, if they wish to. Then we will have lunch and wind up the evening in dancing. The price of admission will be 10 cents; ladies who have pies free. Every one in St. Johns invited to be there.—Reported.

A rural editor when asked to parse the word "kiss" proceeded thus: Kiss is a conjunction because it connects. It is a verb both active and passive, because it signifies to act and be acted upon. It is a preposition because it shows that the person kissed is no relation. It is an interjection (at least it sounds like one), and it is a pronoun because she always stands for a kiss. It is a noun because it is a name for osculatory action; both common and proper; second person, necessarily; plural because there is always more than one; masculine and feminine gender, mixed; frequently the case being governed by circumstances and according to rule 1: "If he smite you on one cheek turn the other for another smite." It should always begin with a capital letter, be of ten repeated, continued as long as possible and ended with a period. Kiss may be conjugated, but declined—never.—Ex.

Mrs. F. N. Cole of Clatskanie is visiting her daughters, Miss Grace and Miss Clara, efficient employees of the Peninsula National Bank. Miss Grace is still quite indisposed, but an early and complete recovery is hoped for by her many friends.

The new officers took over the responsibilities at the Community Sunday School last Sunday. It is the purpose of the school to provide something of interest to all ages, from the little tot to the adult age. At the morning worship service the pastor's theme was "The Church Service," with particular emphasis on the necessity of a prayerful, emphatic attitude on the part of the worshipper. James Vrooman led the helpful discussion of good books and reading was indulged in. It was interesting to note the close relation of the Bible to all of the best literature. The evening service was in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society. Reports were given by our delegates who attended the State Convention at Salem—Mabel Reed, Ruth Gordon and James Vrooman. These reports were decidedly interesting. After the reports the newly elected C. E. officers were installed into their offices. The service was closed by the convention song by Ruth Gordon, "Have Thine Own Way Lord. Harry Fassett will sing at the morning service next Sunday. The Christian Endeavor meeting will be at 6:30. These Endeavorers are real live folks. The evening service will be a character portrayal by the pastor, Neighbors. The threads of the story are woven around the lives of Peter and Dorcas. It will not only be interesting—it will be helpful.—Reported.

The regular meeting of the George School Parent Teachers' Association was held at the school on Tuesday afternoon with the following program given by the pupils of the school: Song by the second grade pupils of Mrs. Tully; readings by Ralph Taylor and Harold Wires; piano solo by Elizabeth Ogden and a song by the seventh grade chorus, pupils of Miss Berg, under the direction of Mrs. Simmons. Much credit is due Mrs. Simmons for her training of this chorus of which the George school and the Parent Teacher Association is very proud. The banner awarded the room which has most mothers present was again awarded to Miss Berg's room. But once during the term has another room had the banner and that was during the illness of the teacher, which no doubt accounted for the loss. Sewing of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades was on display, showing wonderful progress on the part of the pupils. A social hour followed the program. The next regular meeting will be on March 21st, when election of officers will be held.—Reported.

Attention members Loyal Order of Moose! Brother Jesse Kimmell died at his home, 5227 70th street Tuesday evening, Feb. 28, at 6 P. M. Brother Kimmell was a charter member of James John L. O. O. M. No. 1509, which was organized Feb. 9th, 1914. A widow and seven children will mourn his passing away. All brother Moose, their families and friends are invited to attend the funeral to be held at F. S. Dunning's undertaking parlors, 414 E. Alder, corner Sixth St. The Moose Lodge will have charge of the services, which will take place at 2 P. M. Friday, March 3.—Geo. H. Sperling, Sec.

A. J. Twombly has purchased the residence of Mr. Strong at 408 Tioga street. James Catto has purchased a residence at 115 West Mohawk street and will remodel same. W. J. Worrell has bought the Chas. Foss residence at 1018 E. Mohawk street. All three deals were engineered by A. W. Davis.

Forty or more members of Doric Lodge journeyed to Ridgefield, Wash., Feb. 20th and put on the M. M. degree. They report a most enjoyable time.

St. Johns Christian Church

Bible School 9:45 A. M.
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