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REALISM IN MARRIAGE

Comment upon the newest Kansas "companionate marriage" has gone from one side of the nation to the other and back again. To us, it looks as though a young couple had decided to be married, to be supported by their families for a while longer, to have no children until they finished school and to be happy together ever after—unless divorced. To this remarkable phenomenon the name "companionate marriage" has been fixed, and it has caught the popular imagination as no other advertising slogan we ever heard of. The ends of marriage are not served, of course, unless there are children. However, this is not the first time people have married with the intention of having none. That phase of it isn't so remarkable as another. The truly unusual aspect of the matter, seems, is that these two young people are going into marriage with divorce in their minds as an ever-ready outlet if the ship wobbles. Whether or not it is better for young people to take this possibility into account when they marry, remains to be proved. Divorce here is accepted in the marriage agreement as a qualification. Only in this respect do we see the companionate marriage as something new. This conclusion of the divorce reservation is a touch of realism new to youth, and we are loath to accept it, except it.

WHEN YOU'RE WINNING

Alumni of Ohio State who now are demanding the scalp of Coach Wilce are strange, comments an editorial writer. But, are they so strange after all? Isn't it true that you have to win to keep your job? Last year Wilce put out a good team on the gridiron and the team won, the only conference defeat being a battle lost to Michigan by one point. Wilce was proclaimed by alumni as a super-coach. This year, with the material not so good, Wilce fashioned a team that finished sixth in the conference, losing three games and winning two. Tad Jones, the Yale veteran, has been a victim of similar experiences. For the last several years, critics have been after Jones, saying he coached football like he played it—in a departed century. So, sometime ago Jones announced that he would retire. This year, expected to be his last, Jones coached a team that played like a Yale team is supposed to play, and knocked off Princeton and Harvard with a fine flourish. Now there is a great hue and cry that Jones remain, and that his critics were certainly all wrong. Which only goes to prove that it's always fair weather until rain begins to fall.

The president of a large eastern university was called upon the other day to speak at a football banquet. The season was over and it had not been what coaches would call a "complete success." The school had lost more than half its games. The players had fought hard, but met superior teams in nearly all the games. The president said: "Our team has not been made up of iron men, just human beings. Even if it was possible to repeat last year's record, glorious as it was, heaven forbid! We would be swamped by boys who want athletics and not education. The defeats have been good for us. Defeats are life. Not a man on earth always succeeds." Those are wise words. It is easy to lose life's real perspectives when your team is unbeaten, when it has rolled up scores superior to every other team in its district, when it has found most of its games easy, when its record outshines the records of each other. A "bad reason," too, brings out finer qualities in the team and its supporters than a walkaway ever can bring. Losses bring a closer loyalty, rather than the disposition to boast, and defeats bring the knowledge that fighting qualities must be improved. There must be these defeats in school and in life to balance careers. To be beaten when doing our level best is hard to take, but the setback betrays weaknesses that easy victories never would reveal.

The highest court has decided that Ruth Snyder and Henry Gray must die for the murder of Mrs. Gray's husband in his New York home. It is no time for hysterics about that. There are many who will feel it gruesome and cruel to put a woman to death, but while the law is what it is, Mrs. Snyder is getting only justice. To show mercy to a woman who murders, basing that mercy only on the fact that she is a woman, would be a discrimination we have come too far forward to allow. There will be plenty of stories about this doomed pair from now until they die. We only hope that those who write them do not sob too greatly for two people have deliberately planned a murder and carried it out upon their victim as he slept. Their punishment is great, but let us not forget their dead.

Somebody has said that the old-fashioned bee has vanished. But don't take that as final until you've asked at the corner of Main and Rose.

Don't worry over the Christmas card list. The chance is that you won't overlook the same one you did last year.

"Third Wife Charges Man Is Bigamist," says a new paper headline. A kind of companionate bigamist, maybe.

For the 1928 presidential campaign is suggested, for of charge, the slogan: "Keep Coy With Coolidge."

Probably the judge who praised a recent verdict was only jury pampering.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

By BERT G. BATES

GOD EVENING FOLKS

Never mind, kids, Santa Claus is over age and they can't keep him out. Gosh we hope his reindeer don't catch the hoof'n mouth disease.

Since they're keepin' ever'one at home who're under 21, we were quite surprised to see some of the sweet young damsels who've been maintainin' their age as 16 beard-in the main stem today.

Rumors travel a darn sight faster'n infantile paralysis and only today we heard that the vicious Noces-Revs was suppressin' the news, etc., which is not only a danged lie but a damned one!

Some peepul would a darn sight rather believe things vuss than they actually are. Pussonally we'd a hull lot rather believe things gettin' better than sheddin' crocodile tears and lamentin' that putty soon we'll all be consigned to perdition. Fer gawsh sakes—CHEER UP!

As far as we could see there was no difference along the main drag today. Yestiddy some of the calamity howlers were predictin' the shut wouldn't shine but the Xmas necktie purchasers seem to be goin' along as per usual.

The most terrible thing that has happened is the advent of the reformed Lizzie. Gosh wottinell! we we coluists do fer gags and flivver puns now?

LAFE SEZ—

"A switch engine was seen in the yards yestiddy."

BEACH SAYS HE NEVER MET MAN ACCUSING HIM

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was given the first chance to defend himself, although yesterday, when the state rested, it had been expected that counsel for the other defendant, Mrs. Margaret Lillendahl, would open the defense.

Beach and the widow are jointly charged with the murder of the woman's aged husband on September 15.

Edison Hedges, counsel for Beach in his opening address to the jury, tried to show that the Beach and Lillendahl families were extremely friendly and that the friendship lasted until the end of Dr. Lillendahl's life.

Hedges told of both Beach and Dr. Lillendahl having chickens that were diseased.

"The doctor gave Beach, some remedy," he said, "that he claimed would cure the chickens in three days. The medicine was administered and the chickens began to die. Beach told the doctor this and they had a few loud words about the efficacy of the cure."

This was the nearest thing to a quarrel the two ever had. There was some coldness for a time, but the friendship soon was resumed.

"The so-called Peggy Anderson notes that passed between Beach and Mrs. Lillendahl will be shown with the friendly and harmless letters that have nothing to do with any illicit intimacy. We will bring out that Beach never in his life saw Samuel Park until he took the stand yesterday."

Hedges said it will be shown that Beach could not have been at the scene of the crime and said witnesses would testify that he was in his own home at the time.

The attorney took only 15 minutes for his address.

Charles Phillips, attorney for Mrs. Lillendahl, then opened for his client.

He pictured the Lillendahl home as a completely happy one and shrugged away the quarrel between Beach and Dr. Lillendahl as of no import.

He said that two negroes were seen in the lane when the killing took place by a woman who will take the stand. Mrs. Lillendahl says negroes killed her husband.

"When you hear the witnesses we will produce you cannot believe the prosecution story," he said.

He then asserted that the blood found on Mrs. Lillendahl's garments after the killing came from a nose bleed her little son had had the day before.

He closed after talking 10 minutes.

Gift Suggestions

By BERT G. BATES



SHIRTS

Right now, in the beginning of the holiday and social season, men need shirts which give distinction.

At Harth's you will find shirts of the finest quality, all of them tailored in our discriminating way for the man who expresses care and individuality regarding his dress.

Harth's TOGGERY

Get an Aladdin Lamp at McKean, Darby & Baldwin's.

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Today

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A Priest, Boston banker, head of Sudbury town committee, says the real Uncle Sam has come to life in President Coolidge, who is "thin, sharp featured, grim, deliberate, cool, firm, patient, sagacious, tolerant, kind, Christian."

Mr. Coolidge is all those things and some others, but he agrees with George Washington that the people don't want any president for life, not even if the Angel Gabriel came down and offered to take the job.

A monument to Theodore Roosevelt will be erected above the Culbertson Cut overlooking the Panama Canal. Roosevelt deserves the honor; the monument should be a fine one.

All his interesting talk, advising women to have children, children, etc., will be forgotten. But the fact that he put through the Panama Canal will NOT be forgotten. In that he rendered his country great service.

President Coolidge, a man of few words, regrets that his message to Congress could not be shorter. Madame De Seville wrote to her daughter, "If I had had more time I should have written you a shorter letter." Considering the field covered the president's message will be found shorter than most men could have made it. His "I do not choose" proves ability to say much in a few words.

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THE TINYMITES

STORY BY MAE COCHRAN—PICTURES BY KNOCK



READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE

their watermelon home was through. (A mystery Toy Tot appears in the next story.) (Copyright, 1927, NEA Service, Inc.)

When ever an individual or an organization gets a boost in the paper they are crowding out legitimate news and cheating the subscriber out of just that much of the material for which he pays.

These so-called boosts do not (as is the case with paid advertising) help to make a cheap paper for the subscriber. They are of little interest and of no value to anyone except those directly affected. They are the only part of a newspaper which does not do its share toward either financing the publication or repaying the reader for his subscription price.

That is why the editor is glad to accept paid advertising or news matter which will interest or inform his readers, but he dreads to see the appearance of propaganda or booster articles. He likes to please folks, but he feels he is betraying both his readers and his institution when he uses up space for things of little or no interest or value to the readers and which add nothing to the support of the publication.—Ashland Tidings.

The Heart of Home

There is something beautiful and impressive in the ceremony by which a Portland home was dedicated Sunday consecrated to the high purpose of a Christian home. With prayer and formal words of dedication, the heart fire was laid and lighted, the symbol of that warm and welcoming spirit which is the very heart of friendliness and hospitality.

It is said to be the first time such a service has been held in Portland, but the idea in it is one of the oldest in the world. In many primitive religions, the lighting of the first fire on the hearth is dignified by rites to invoke the protection of the gods, or by charms to ward off the approach of evil spirits. The Romans made the hearth the center of home life, and guarded its fires zealously as the Vestal virgins guarded the sacred flame which epitomized the state.

Charles Dudley Warner in his charming "Backlog Studies" raises the question whether it is humanly possible to bring up a family properly around a mere hole in a floor or a set of pipes coiled in a corner. He pleads for the leaping flame and the gleaming heart of the back log, where children may look deep to see the pugnacity of the future, and old men may dream over the crumbling palaces of the past.

The open fire and the spacious, comfortable house with its beauties and refinements are pleasant backgrounds for a home, but either or no, they are not the home necessary to it.

It is by love that a true home is built, and everything else is empty and meaningless without it; and that is why Thanksgiving day will be more beautifully observed in some poor homes, over a meager feast, than in many stately mansions supplied with every luxury.—Portland Telegram.

Our "Agricultural" College

If anyone doubts the need of farm relief, let him consider the serious state of agriculture in Oregon. Even the name is without honor in its own institution and the Oregon State Agricultural college, grown to university estate with many courses added to its curriculum, becomes the Oregon State College. The "agricultural" is assigned to that oblivion inhabited by poor relations and the home town folk who "knew him when."

In fact, it appears that agriculture will soon be what the college teaches everything else but. In 1920 there were 955 students in that department, and last year the number had dwindled to 315. At that rate, the farms of Oregon can not look for much expert aid from their college-trained sons.

Meantime other departments of the Corvallis college expand, the students taking full year courses on the campus numbering more than 3500.

There isn't, of course, such a lot of importance in a mere name, but since we are trying nowadays to preserve names for the sake of their historic values, it may be in order to remark that the school in question is in fact a "land-grant."

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