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SHOULD WOMEN WANT TO BE JURORS?

The districts attorneys of Oregon have been discussing with some perplexity the reluctance of women to serve on juries. They would like to have women more extensively represented in Oregon jury boxes, but they find there is a marked tendency for women to exercise their right of declining to serve. This, the district attorneys say, "has caused considerable difficulty."

It is not, however, hard to understand. When a woman serves on a jury she has to sit through a trial and be harangued by men without having a chance to talk back. Lawyers tell her what she should do, their opinions along this line often seriously conflicting, and the judge tells her what to do. All she gets in exchange for the prized perquisite of the last word is a chance to cast ballots in the jury room. There, of course, she can talk to the other jurors, but in the end it comes down to voting with slips of paper.

Again, women have a greater sense of humor than they are generally given credit for. Items of court procedure that may not strike men as funny are terribly amusing to the intelligent woman, but if she is in a jury box she can not laugh when she feels like it.

One wants always to remember that women have a great many things to do more important than hearing lawsuits. Most men can be spared from their work to put in a little time hearing and tasting the evidence, but when you take women away from their work, somebody suffers. Under the law woman is now equal to man, but outside of the law she continues his superior.—Spokesman Review.

WASTING TIME ON CLOTHES.

The average man who lives to old age spend two years of precious life in putting on and taking off his clothes, while women waste ten years, declared a lecturer in London the other day, according to the London Chronicle. Asserting that clothes are a cause of unredeemable waste, the speaker said people were always glad to escape from the restraints of civilization out or indulging in field sports.

It is not stated what method the lecturer proposed for saving the time now wasted in dressing and undressing, but the matter is worthy of some consideration.

Considerations of sanitation would not permit us to sleep in our raiment, or to be sewed in our clothes for the winter, like some of the "little immigrants who come to this country. The law will not let us return to the fig leaves, however desirable that might be from the viewpoint of expense.

Nothing can be done about it, apparently, although there is plenty of work for an investigating committee if it will seek to find out why a woman spends five times as much time as a man in putting off and putting on her clothes.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH.

The good roads and the automobiles and the spirit of the times which have accomplished the passing of the little red school house have also started the decline of the little white country church. Investigation in one state diclosed 637 abandoned rural churches in the 50 counties surveyed. The members were motoring into the larger churches in the big towns for Sunday services and other church life.

There are as good reasons for fine centralized churches as for fine centralized schools, but the centralized church has a big job ahead if it is to serve the needs of the farm communities as fully and faithfully as did the little old meeting house at the cross roads.

Of course the larger institutions can and will be just as useful, but the thoughtful will give a sigh for the little country church. Within its walls were fostered a simple but effective religious life which is still one of the cornerstones upholding the nation, and as a center for heart-warming social and neighborly intercourse it outshone many a costly and more pretentious edifice.

FINDING FAULT.

What a dreary, profitless thing it is to have to listen to some one recount the shortcomings of others And how often are we called upon to endure it.

But why do we listen?

Time spent in this manner is not only wasted, but it is positively injurious. Stores of this kind poison our minds, destroying not only confidence in others but in ourselves. No man can do his best work with his mind filled with bad thoughts of others.

There are times when it doesn't pay to be polite. Nothing is to be gained by being polite to the man who comes with a harmful story of another. Tell him to get out, and stay out.

You can justify yourself in this by the knowledge that if he will talk to you about others he will talk to others about you.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

The new year is more than a month old now, but it is never too late to make good resolutions. One of the leading business houses of the country, in a circular letter to its customers on the first of January suggested the following:

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To talk of health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To look on the sunny side of everything and try to make your opinion come true.

To think only of the best, to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and to press on to greater things in the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To live in the faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the faith that is in you.

This is a fine code, and we would all be better off and happier if we would live by it. There can be no better time for making these resolutions than now, but the important thing is to keep the resolutions after we make them.

SHIPS DESTROYED BY GLASS.

The production of fire by means of a lens or reflecting mirror is due to the fact that the rays of the sun are concentrated upon a comparatively small area, producing a degree of heat limited only by the size of the glass and the perfection of its reflecting surface.

The most famous burning glass in history is the one used by Archimedes to destroy the Roman ships that were beseiging Syracuse. But a Mr. Parker, of London, perfected a glass far more powerful than that used by the ancient scientist.

He constructed a lens of flint-glass, three feet in diameter and with double convex sides, each of which was an arc of a circle with a radius of eighteen feet. This glass increased the heat of the rays of the sun 105,026 times, or, taking an average temperature of seventy degrees, was able to produce a heat equivalent to 73,938 over the entire surface of the focus. An application of a second lens increased this heat to 166,362 degrees.

KEEP YOUR MONEY IN A BANK.

A North Carolina woman took her savings form a bank and hid the money in her home. Wicked neighbors found it out, and that night she was attacked and robbed and beaten almost to death.

Banks fail sometimes, it is true, due to various causes. But the failures are few, and the depositors seldom lose their money. Stockholders in a bank are liable for twice their holdings and this safeguard with others, is ample protection for thoes who place their money on deposit.

When money is stolen it is gone forever, as a rule. When a bank fails the stockholders as a rule get their money, sooner or later.

It is dangerous to keep money on one's person or in one's house. The only safe and sane rule is to keep money in a bank.

THE REALLY GOOD TIMES.

Should we not be thankful for hard times? They are making the nation sober up! Nothing except depression could solve the intricate problems which Americans have been relating during the past decade. An eastern preacher says this, and in many ways he is right.

Boom times make people wasteful, careless, indifferent to the future, negligent of their fellow men's problems and welfare.

Then Providence sends us hard times and brings us back to normal—to sanity.

In hard times, we learn to solve the unsolvable problems. We also learn that man has no problems except those he creates himself.

Life in this world now is just one conference after another.

THE BIBLE—ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

What prophet foretold the result of the 10 trides of Israel?—I. Kings 1, 20.

How many times did God appear to Solomon?—I. Kings 9, 2.

Why did God deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage?—Deuteronomy 7, 8.

What two wicked persons possessed a prophetic spirit? — Numbers 23; John 11, 49-51.

By whose advice were the women of Moab and Midian instigated to turn the Israelites to idolatry? — Numbers 31, 15.

Who partook of the meal prepared by an angel and was sustained 40 days and nights in the mountains?—I Kings 19, 7-8.

How many Canaanite kings did the children of Israel destroy on the taking of the promised land?—Joshua 12, 1-24.

Who slew the 300 Philistines with a spear?—II. Samuel 23, 15.

Who was chief among the mighty men of David?—II Samuel 23, 5.

What three persons are mentioned as being mighty in strength and each slew a lion?—Judges 14, 5-6; I Samuel 17, 34-35; II Samuel 23, 20.

WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1922.

Maximum temperature 47 degrees on the 8th, minimum 10 degrees on the 18th; mean maximum temperature 38.1 degrees; mean minimum 26.2 degrees; monthly mean temperature 32.1, which is 4.1 degrees below normal. Precipitation (rain and melted snow) 4.19 inches, which is **3.30 inches below** the average; the greatest daily rainfall 0.68 inches on **the 2nd. Snow** 15.1 inches. Prevailing winds NE. There were 7 clear, 11 partly cloudy and 13 cloudy days, while measurable precipitation fell on 17 days. This has been the coldest January since 1916 and the coldest month since December, 1919. The cold spell has now with very short intermissions, lasted fully seven weeks, the longest since 1889-1890, which lasted 6 weeks. Winter grain has not suffered yet but the cold weather has made extra heavy feeding of stock necessary and unless this cold weather breaks up soon there will be a shortage of hay.

JOS. HACKENBERG, Obs.

NERO AT ZERO.

Old Nero played
As Rome lent heat—
He never was a hero!
We wonder what
He would have done
With mercury at zero!

Fourteen prisoners held in jail near Barcelona, Spain, were captured by the police Friday just as they were about to escape through a tunnel they had bored under the prison walls. They were transferred to the jail at the next town.

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WNY DOES A BARBER POLE HAVE STRIPES

In the old days the barber used to be the surgeon, or blood-letter, as well as the shaver and cutter of hair, for surgery in those times was confined almost entirely to the removal of blood by means of a cut in the arm or leg.

The round brass ball at the top of his pole or sign was orictually the brass basin which he used for laving his customers who desired to be shaved and the pole itself was the staff which persons held while the blood letting was being done. The ribbons (now painted stripes) represented the bandages used during the operation—the white one being the bandage as it was first applied and the red one that which was taken on off the wound after the patient was through. As time went on, the functions of the barber were gradually taken over by the medical profession, but his pole remains as a symbol of his former glory.—Ex.

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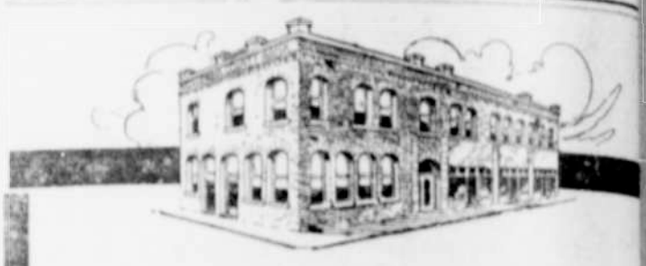

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