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DISQUALIFYING MINISTERS.

The right of state is questioned when it interferes with the long established custom of permitting any minister of the gospel to unite people in marriage. It is a step in the wrong direction to do anything that will have a tendency to block matrimony. Marrying people has long been one of the missions of ministers and has brought in small fees that aided the minister in his fight for a livelihood, which is always hard enough. Now for the state to step in and say he must be registered and go.

Not only will this be a hardship on the expense of reeling a lot of red tape seems rather hard. The ministry as a whole but think of the young hearts that beat as one who will have to travel from minister to minister until they find one who has registration papers. Cruelty beyond measure. Why not let the old practice continue? No minister is going to become wealthy off of marriage fees. A good story is told on Dr. J. D. Gillilan, La Grande's pioneer pastor, regarding fees for marriages. It is said he married a bashful couple one evening and when the matter had been properly completed the groom asked, "Now, parson, what do I owe you?" The doctor was thinking of ten dollars, according to his friends, but he wanted to break the news softly and he said, "Well, the law always allows

me a dollar and a half." At once the new benedict thrust his hand in his pocket and drawing forth a four-bit piece said as he placed it in the minister's hand, "Well, parson, you did a good job and I'll just add fifty cents to what the law allows for good measure."

And probably many ministers could tell of similar experiences if they should choose to do so, proving that matrimonial tying is not sufficiently profitable to ministers to justify any civil service examination as to qualifications.

WILL MEN EVER LEARN?

Today Judge Knowles sentenced a man to the penitentiary for issuing checks on a bank when he had no funds in the institution. And this brings up the question, "Will men ever learn that such an act is sure to catch them?"

Eastern Oregon has had more of this crime than any other section of the country. For some it seems to be a desire on the part of men who are broke to job the unsuspecting. On the other hand the many experiences should teach every business man that the cashing of strangers' checks is dangerous and only brings trouble in many instances.

But the mania continues even though scores have been tried and convicted for the crime. There seems to be a new crop every month.

Under the last legislature a statute was passed making it mandatory for circuit judges to sentence such cases to the penitentiary with no limitation which means the offender must serve the minimum sentence as provided by statute and as much longer as the chief executive sees fit.

And now North Powder furnishes a murder. Haines furnished one a few weeks ago. The towns on Powder river seem to be bound to get back to frontier days despite the alleged civilization of the northwest.

What are you doing in the way of getting the new bonnet to attend the horse show at Union? This is to be the best Union has ever held and La Grande will likely turn out a large delegation to enjoy the occasion.

Arcade
THEATRE

"A Visit to Massau, Bohemia" Lubin
A travelogue giving good illustrations of the scenery on the Bohemia islands and the people who live there.

"The Way of the Transgressor" Sell
This picture is a sermon on the results of evil doing and as such should be judged.

"Between Two Fires" Edison
An elaborately worked out film. The scenery is good and some of the pictures about the chateau are of a quality which made them very interesting and together with a strong love story make a splendid picture.

"His Best Girl After All" Lubin
This film gives a warning to men not to leave their wives for the society of other women. It's a Lubin.

Mr. Cowan has a good song. Greenaway drums and effects.

Humor and
Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

BETWEEN keeping out of the poor-house and keeping out of the penitentiary the modern grafter has a serious time.

Sometimes the powder is so thick that it quite obscures the woman behind it.

Lots of women think more of their position in society than they do of their position in the kitchen.

It takes a whole lot of pressure to make one's own words acceptable food.

If we all did only what we want to do there would be curious doings in the world.

A man may be a good liar without being good at anything else.

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The diminutive chains of the habit are seldom heavy enough to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.—Samuel Johnson.

Choose the best life, and habit, by and by, will make you like it best.—Epictetus.

Strive manfully; habit is overcome by habits.—Thomas a Kempis.

Our acts our angels are, or good or ill
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still.

Man is his own star, and that soul that can
Be honest is the only perfect man.

—John Fletcher.

To do so no more is the truest repentance.—Martin Luther.

Think naught a trifle, though it small appear;
Small sands, the mountain, moments make the year.
And trifles life.

—Edward Young.

HOW TO WIN.

Life brings to each his task, and whatever art you select—algebra, painting, architecture, poems, commerce, politics—all are attainable, even to the miraculous triumphs, on the same terms of selecting that for which you are apt. Begin at the beginning, proceed in order step by step. 'Tis as easy to twist iron anchors and braid cannons as to braid straw, if you take all the steps in order. Wherever there is failure there is some giddiness, some superstition about luck, some step omitted which nature never pardons.—Emerson.



ONE OF SELLS PHOTO CLOWNS

RANCHER DIES OF WOUNDS

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struck no one entertained the slightest apprehension of fatality in the matter. Corn will be taken to La Grande this evening for preliminary hearing.

The charge against him is murder, no degree being specified.

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