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WHEN MARRIAGE FAILS.

Because of the exactness with which statistics are kept in the new court of domestic relations in Chicago an almost unexampled chance to study the causes for domestic discord is afforded.

Young and hasty marriages, 16 per cent; hidden disease, 25 per cent; interference of mothers-in-law, 25 per cent; interference of children in second marriages, 16 per cent; ungovernable tempers, 14 per cent; whiskey and drugs, 15 per cent; miscellaneous 3 per cent.

It is significant that highest in the list stands hidden diseases and interference of mothers-in-law in family matters. A law to compel the producing of a certificate of good health before a marriage license is issued, would have its effect in reducing the first cause, though it must be granted there are various difficulties in the way of enforcement of such a law.

Young and hasty marriages are listed as the cause of 15 per cent of the marital wrecks. This is a cause which hardly can be cured by legislation. Parents, however, can do much to discourage too early marriages and can do it effectively if they have the proper control over their children.

Judge Germl's assertion that women are better "stickers" in time of want and trouble than are men will be admitted by any fair-minded person of either sex. In fact, any unprejudiced observer at a divorce court is forced to the realization that men provide by far the greater causes for divorce.

STILL A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE IN

Oregon voters expressed themselves on the initiative measures in such a way that this state is still a good place to live in. The defeat of Single Tax, the defeat of Gov. West's anti-hanging bill and the overwhelming defeat of Bourne for senator re-establish Oregon as a state.

The results in this state this year meant a great deal to the business and future prosperity of the commonwealth. Right here in Union county the state result on the Single Tax amendment meant a great deal more in a business way than the election of either candidate for president. We have large lumber companies operating and more that will operate, all of which would have ceased business

in this territory had U'Ren's Single Tax carried.

The announcement today that the Masters-Ewaldt Lumber company will begin next spring the building of seven miles of railroad to connect the Ladd Canyon timber with the O.W. R. & N. is a direct result of the defeat of Single Tax, for these people would never have put another dollar into Oregon if that measure had passed.

The large holdings of the Stanges are now safe from the ravages of the hairbrained tax legislation, due to the wisdom of the people and it is not unlikely that before many months they may manufacture lumber. The George Palmer Lumber company—a concern that has produced millions of dollars of business for La Grande and the two counties—will continue to operate and perhaps enlarge their output. The Grande Ronde Lumber company, with its new mill, cannot help but feel secure now and business will continue. This is also true of the Wallowa county mills.

When one stops to think that every enterprise above mentioned and many more in these two counties hung by a thread on election day there is ample cause for rejoicing at the splendid wisdom displayed by the public. The spirit of fairness still prevails in Oregon; the spirit of decency and honesty of the great majority is plain to be seen. Oregon is not a tool for the hybrid reformer whose eye is dreamy and whose business experience never reached into a thousand dollars. She is not the "crazy" state to send Jonathan Bourne back to the senate after the people had said emphatically they did not want him.

In defeating Single Tax and Bourne Mr. Fels has suffered a severe blow to his tax experiment he was "trying on the dog." Carry the news to Fels that U'Ren is a joke in Oregon; that his People's Power League is a misnomer; his alleged popular government plan was only a selfish move to aid himself and his side partner Bourne, but the people have taken the matter in their own hands and henceforth the simpering of the quack, the hypocrisy of the selfish politician will meet just defeat in the good old state of Oregon where the American Eagle screams her loudest; where the flag of our country waves its proudest.

MOUNTAINEER

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returns in from fully three-fourths of the state, the vote indicated early this morning that the lead which Lane has been gradually attaining as returns outside of Multnomah county have been slowly coming in will continue to increase. Late last night his lead over Selling was 1225, and Selling leads Bourne by nearly 10,000. The majority of the outside counties are returning varying pluralities for each candidate, with the odds favoring the Democratic nominee and his friends are now claiming his election certain. Early in the day the race was so close that it was predicted that the official count would have to

be awaited before the result was certain, but last night his lead had increased that his supporters feel reasonably sure of his election.

Late returns show Taft and Wilson running very close, and it may be that the result cannot be ascertained until all the votes are counted.

CARPENTIER'S CAREER.

Marvelous Success of Eighteen-year-old Boxer of France.

Ten years ago boxing was practically an unknown sport in France. Today a lad of eighteen is their middleweight champion. How this remarkable result was brought about was explained recently by Georges Carpentier, whom all France believes is a future champion of the world.

With the head and build of a young Roman gladiator, Carpentier's manner is modest and unassuming.

"When I was quite a baby," he said, "I used to startle my parents by the terrible punches I gave to other children—quite unintentionally. At the age of nine I joined a gymnasium society, presided over by my present manager, M. Descampes. Although we children were strictly forbidden to box I was caught one day having a few rounds with a youngster about twice as big as myself. Although he gave me a reprimand Descampes couldn't help admiring the way I wiped the floor with my adversary, and promised to give me a few lessons. After the third his mind was made up, but my parents had different ideas about my future.

"The time had come for me to begin my apprenticeship as a 'pit boy' at 20 cents a day. If I had done as they wanted I might have been 'on strike' now, like my former mining comrades. Descampes came to the rescue. He offered to pay my parents the amount of wages I would have received if they would let him take me in hand for six months. They agreed, and I don't think they ever regretted it, as they now own a good hotel which I bought for them for \$20,000.

"My first prize was one of \$50. There are some good boxers among the stable lads employed, but I managed to beat them after a hard struggle. I became a professional boxer.

"I needn't tell you anything about my big matches, as you probably know as much about them as I do. Besides, the looker-on see most of the game, don't they? Have I ever been knocked out? Yes, but it was the English champion that did it. The day I crossed to meet Young Josephs I was sick as a dog. If I had been obliged to box the same day a child could have knocked me out in one round. The next time I cross I'll ask one of our flying men to take me over.

"I had a narrow escape, too, when I was giving exhibition bouts with Jack Johnson. Unintentionally, I think, he caught me a hook on the jaw that staggered me, but I countered with an un dercut that seemed a revelation to him. Of course I know that he could have pulverized me if he had wanted to, but we didn't continue the sparring bouts I was not sorry, as I must have cut a ridiculous figure beside the 'black giant,' but I learned some useful tricks from him.

"I have always learned a good deal while watching other boxers, especially my future adversaries. When you know the style and mentality of a boxer you hold two trump cards. Always try to draw first blood. It helps to demoralize your opponent.

"I get up every day at 8 and go for an hour's walk. At 9:30 a light breakfast, consisting of weak cocoa and toast. From 10 till noon I read or 'loaf about.' At noon a substantial lunch, consisting of underdone meat bread and a little fruit, washing down with copious drafts of light beer. After lunch I walk for a half hour. At 2 my real work begins. I do an hour's gymnastics, principally Swedish, which keep the muscles supple. After that I do a quarter of an hour's skipping and the same amount of punching the ball.

"Then twenty minutes' rest. I finish with three rounds of three minutes each with my sparring partner, then a shower bath and five minutes' massage. So you see my day's work is finished in about two hours.

"I dine at 7, with practically the same bill of fare as at lunch, plus a little cheese. After dinner I pass the time as pleasantly as I can until 10:30, which is my bed time. It's all pretty easy, isn't it? Yes, I smoke one cigarette a day on the sly.

"Up to the present the greatest difficulty I have had has been to keep my weight down. Thank goodness, I can enjoy a good, square meal now, and I am in the heavy brigade. I was five ounces over when I stepped on the scales before my match with Harry Lewis and had to pay \$400 forfeit. That beats old Shylock's pound of flesh, doesn't it?"

PLUNGING GAME WILL NOT DO

Coach Yost Says Quarterback Who Can Mix Plays Is Best.

"A good quarterback who knows how to mix his plays and can open up the game when he needs to will do a lot for the team under the new rules," said Fielding H. Yost, head

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Dedicate San Jose Labor Temple.

San Jose, Calif., Nov. 8.—Representatives of organized labor through out California were present today at the dedication of the new labor temple, which is to serve as headquarters of the labor organizations of San Jose. P. H. McCarthy, president of the state Building Trades Council, was the principal speaker at the exercises.

coach of the University of Michigan football team. "A straight, plunging game will not do, and a heavy team will not have the advantage that so many seem to think. Of course the unrestricted forward pass will help a lot, but a proper mixture of the old style plunging tactics and the newer open game will produce the results. "Four downs will help a lot, but you still have two and a half yards to gain on a down, and under the old rules there were many times that a team couldn't make the yard and two-thirds it needed to make its distance."

Robinson Proud of Two Pitchers.

The veteran coach, Wilbert Robinson, must feel very proud over the two pitchers he has been so instrumental in developing this season, Marquard and Tesereau.

Pharaohs Had the Hookworm.

The hookworm has been preying on man perhaps for thousands of years. A papyrus written 3,400 years ago contains a description of a disease in Egypt which many physicians declare was the hookworm disease. It describes it too accurately to be anything else. In recent times it was observed in Egypt first in 1833, but the first recorded treatment was made in 1887. Whether or not malaria was one of the chief causes of the downfall of Greece and Rome, it is very certain that hookworm disease has played a part in Asiatic history. The anemic condition of millions of people, century after century, has profoundly affected their economic life, their intellectual qualities, their social habits and ideals and their religion. Of that there can be no doubt.—World's Work.

How She Juggled Memory.

Little Marjorie was taking her first lessons in dancing. The teacher noticed that Marjorie always failed to put out her left foot when commanded to do so. The teacher was patient and thought Marjorie would learn in time, but a number of lessons did not seem to make her know when to put out her left foot. Marjorie would put out that foot when the other children were placing their right feet foremost. Finally the teacher asked Marjorie for an explanation.

"Well, you see," said Marjorie, "I've got a hollow place in a tooth on the left side, and I always have to find that hollow place with my tongue to find out which is my left foot."—Indianapolis News.

Silenced.

"What did you mean by starting the story that I was an unbeliever in the Scriptures?" asked the deacon in great wrath.

"Well, deekin," said the man who had originated the report, "you know you told me that all you said about that boss I bought was as true as gospel. An' you know how true it was." "Er—ah," said the deacon.

TAFT MESSAGE OUTLINED.

Taft Will Shift Burden Upon Democratic House and the Senate.

Washington, Nov. 8.—President Taft is outlining his next message to congress. He plans to make a resume of the administration policies. There are only 57 working days in the coming session and he intends to shift to congress the responsibility for the legislative program, believing failure of adoption will give the Republicans an opportunity to blame the Democratic representatives. He spent the day in conference with his cabinet.

Democrats Make Claims.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—Independent computers report Wilson's plurality in the state will be 100.

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