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ONE PHASE OF DIVORCE.

What shall be done with the children of divorced parents?

The fact that this is a tragedy in the life of a child of which the parents are often either woefully ignorant or heedless as to its consequences, is strikingly brought out in the suicide of a 14 year old girl in Chicago.

Rissa Sachs loved both her father and mother. In a suit for divorce begun by the mother, Rissa was obliged to testify against her father,

but she did it reluctantly.

Then came the necessity of choosing between them. The mother's entreaties bore heavily upon her. The father pleaded his loneliness and he threatened to disinherit her unless she went to live with him.

Day after day the child puzzled over the matter. While the elders were absorbed in their own selfish grievances, they did not notice that the child's heart was breaking under the strain.

Finally in her own childish way, the solution became clear. She decided that the only way was for her to kill herself, and then the struggle would be over.

She sacrificed her own life, and gave up both.

And the renunciation is all the more pitiful because no one knew the struggle she went through, and the agony she must have suffered in reaching this conclusion.

It was all done very simply. She went to school as usual, made no outcry at all to any of her playmates. Then she had a last talk with her

mother, and clothed lay down on her bed that night, with the gas turned on, and awaited death—alone.

It is pitiful, isn't it? Because childish griefs are so much deeper than fathers and mothers think.

And this father and mother, by reason of their own selfishness and lack of adaptability to each other's little foibles, have murdered the child who must, after all, have been dear to them.

It ought to be a lesson to other fathers and mothers who think of leaving their children desolate.

THE JOKE IS ON THE ALDICH JOKE.

Rubber prices have been high, but are coming down. The prediction is made that a big drop is likely and that the reduction will be permanent. This opinion is based on the remarkable development in rubber culture within a few years. A great demand for rubber was the result of its use for automobile tires and in numerous electrical devices. The quantity available was believed to be limited, most of the raw material coming from Brazil.

Then began search for other sources of supply. It has been found that there are many sections, chiefly in tropical regions adapted to the production of the rubber tree. The Congo district in Africa has been exploited, while other places are attracting notice. From the Confederate Malay states comes the official statement that the output of cultivated rubber in 1909 was 6,088,000 pounds. This was more than doubled in 1910, and the director of the agricultural department says 1911 has shown proportionate increase and that there is likely to be a hundred per cent gain each year for an indefinite period.

This is the result of greater attention to the industry, and with the widening service to which rubber is put throughout the world there is encouragement for the growers. A constant demand may be expected. Rubber used to be an object of wild speculation. It looks as though it is likely to become a staple article of trade and settle down to regular conditions.

RECIPROCITY SITS UP AGAIN.

Is reciprocity "coming back" in Canada? It was beaten in the total vote of the Dominion by less than 20,000 votes, though local majorities were so well distributed as to give its opponents a strong preponderance in parliament.

New western Canada is stilled high with wheat which can't be sold. The coalition ministry at Ottawa is making a strong case for reciprocity. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is making a good many thought-provoking speeches. The re-

ciprocly law is still on the statute books of the United States.

May not Canada after all come to the conclusion that it would be better to reciprocate with us?

We presume that the postmaster in Maine, who has resigned at the age of 53 got too old to read postal cards.

Champ Clark differs from Amundson in that he does not regard his health as a gastronomic asset.

Why not amend the constitution so as to permit of the recall of umpires' decisions?

If wearing slit skirts becomes popular with the ladies, what will be the incentive to attend burlesque shows?

When their explorer sights on his track for the north pole the Russians should give him a good Sendoff.

Recent developments indicate that New Mexico was ripe for statehood, if not overripe.

On December 17 last it was a year since Amundsen surprised the south pole. How time flies.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National Bank, will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting a board of seven directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected, and such other business will be considered, as may properly be offered at said meeting. F. L. MEYERS, Cashier. 12-11-30t

A Wonderful Tonic That Aids Digestion

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GLEE CLUB

WHICH APPEARS AT THE STEWARD TOMORROW EVENING.



Top row, Alfred Skel, of Portland; Ira Manville of Eugene; Raymond Giles of Portland; Erwin Golfe of Eugene; John Block of Portland; Henry Heidenreich of La Grande; Ira Staggs of Marshfield, and Delbert Stannard of Portland. Middle Row—Leslie Doble of Eugene; Ray Williams of La Grande; Bert Jerard of Pendleton; Harold Grady of La Grande; Homer Maris of Portland; Robert Fariss of Eugene; Frank Lewis of Portland. Bottom Row—Kenneth Frazier of Portland; Vernon Motschenbacher of Klamath Falls, Earl Fortmiller of Albany; Vern Apperson of Portland and Harold Quigley of Portland.

The writcup of the University of peals. Their glees were: "Oh, Oregon Glee Club at Portland in the gon" (Stone), "By the Old Mill Race" Sunday Oregonian, bears out the (Nelson), "The Sword of Ferrara" other accounts of the excellence of Bullard, "A Plainsman's Song", Bliss the songs and stunts of the college and others. The most amusing number was: "Call John", with a finey sung obligato by Del Stannard, who also made a hit with "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

Sung in real, rollicking college style, the songs pleased and the jokes provoked rounds of laughter. That is a resume of the programme presented by the University of Oregon Glee Club in a concert which took place last night before a large audience at the auditorium of the new Lincoln High School. The "boys" are now on their sixteenth annual concert tour, and their Portland friends are glad that the 1912 sample of entertainment is on a par with the previous good features of the series. The audience was enthusiastic in its approval of every number.

Twenty-two members are in the glee club this year. Their names are Alfred Skel, Delbert Stannard, Vernon Yawter, Robert Fariss, Homer Maris, Kenneth Frazier (leader), John Block, Ira Manville, Willard Shaver, Vernon Motschenbacher, Leslie Doble, Francis Lewis, Erwin Rolfe, Harold Grady, Ira Staggs, George Broadbridge, Bert Gerrard, Ray Williams, Raymond Giles, Harold Quigley, Vernon Apperson and Earl Fortmiller.

M. L. Bowman, of this city, solo basso in the choir of the First Congregational church, and one of the leading basses of the Apollo club, is conductor this year, and he has drilled the young men in excellent fashion. They sing with attention to light and shade and ensemble effect, and their heartiness in singing ap-

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Milwaukee working girls are organizing co-operative buying clubs to reduce the cost of living and the movement promises to become popular throughout the entire west.

According to official statistics just published there were among 915,062 employes in Pennsylvania industries last year 1,309 fatal and 49,662 minor accidents, a total of 50,971.

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