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THE CHANGE

In this spring a young man's fancy Will turn not to thoughts of love, To the blooming of the roses, To the cooing turtle dove, But to visions of the trenches, And to thoughts of grimest hate, To the singing of the bullets, And their deadly song of fate.

In this spring the young men marching Turn away from home and maid, With no time to murmur softly What in other springs they said, For their country, in a death grip, Cries upon them for her life, And their forces in stern earnest Gather for the final strife.

Not a spring, this, is of roses, Nor of love and birds and flowers; For most sinister its portents, Dark and bloody are its hours, With no time for tender passions Trampled in its early bloom, And the young man's fancy shudders As life seems one ghastly tomb. —Baltimore American.

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES A western farm paper in discussing Rural Credits Bill, introduced by the joint committee of the two houses of Congress says of the land bonds to be issued under Government auspices: "If the bonds bear much less than four per cent interest they will not be attractive to investors." If they can be floated at four per cent the scheme will be a great success, says the Country Gentleman. A four per cent bond should give the farmer money on mortgage at about five. The building and loan associations of Ohio, which have lent nearly twenty millions to farmers at a rate of only one per cent above what the bonds sell for, are conspicuously successful. A Wisconsin land bank making small loans has sold bonds to the extent of nearly a hundred thousand dollars. It charges farmers seven per cent, and pays five per cent for the money it lends. It has not yet paid any dividends, but expects to do so in the future.

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES

Many Ohio farmers, under corn belt conditions, prefer to pay a trifle more to the building and loan associations on a flexible amortization plan running many years than they would be obliged to pay ordinary investors on short terms. The Wisconsin settlers getting money from the land bank at an average of one or two per cent less than they used to pay and they are pleased. Prior to the organizations of the land bank most of them, being settlers on cut-over timber lands, could get no loans at all.

In criticizing the plan as being of small use unless the bonds are floated at less than four per cent our West-

ern contemporary takes the corn belt attitude. The Corn Belt has not suffered much as compared with other regions from lack of money on land mortgage.

The Ohio experience seems to prove that money on land-bank terms may be very useful and - corn belt conditions, but the Wisconsin plan shows the farmers who need the new system most are those in undeveloped regions and in other localities where values are low and the quality of the land is not very uniform.

These parts of the country are not now able to get money on mortgage at all, in many cases, and in others get it only at very high rates. They do not possess attractive properties. Their lands are not uniform. They are substandard risks. Or course they have to pay superstandard rates. That must be.

The Rural Credits Bill seeks to standardize them and make them safe and therefore attractive. That is a big and necessary work.

FASHION FANCIES

Striped silk sweaters come in jersey, heavy knit and taffeta weaves.

The poke bonnet comes back more poked than ever.

The jackets on silk suits are a trifle longer than cloth jackets, often measuring about 28 inches.

Dimity, nainsook, handkerchief liner, organdie cotton basket cloth and "will o' the wisp" may form your new cotton gown.

White serge dresses have insertions of white chiffon with narrow bands of the serge applied to the chiffon.

Flowers and loops of ribbon trim the newest petticoats.

A lavender nightgown is not uncommon in this day of colored lingerie.

A Paris correspondent in the Woman's Home Companion says: "Full sleeves of mousseline de sole are weighed at wide intervals with large white pearl beads.

Special fashion tendencies observed are:

The hip distension in skirts; the vogue of plain godet skirts; the equal vogue of plaited bell skirts; the sleeveless corsage over the white lace blouse; middie blouses of striped jersey cloth; the Breton peasant blouse; silk blouses straight and seamless at back, with surplice fronts tying at the back; sleeves that are frilled and puffed.

His Crime

Captain—"What's he charged with Casey?"

Officer—"I don't know the regular name for it, captain; but I caught him a flirtn' in the park."

Captain—"Ah, that's impersonation' an officer."—Judge

Canyon City to Hold Election

Canyon City, Or., March 15.—A mayor, five councilmen, recorder and treasurer are to be chosen at the coming annual city election to be held here April 3.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Primaries, May 19, 1916

For Public Service Commissioner I hereby announce my candidacy for Republican nomination to the office of Public Service Commissioner for Eastern Oregon district, asking the support of all Republicans. ED. WRIGHT.

For County Clerk To Republicans of Union county: I hereby ask your support for the nomination to the office of county clerk and pledge you the best that is in me should I be nominated and elected.—"A dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent." CASS M. HUMPHREYS.

For County Clerk I ask the Republicans of Union county to consider my candidacy for county clerk favorably at the coming primaries. I have been deputy county clerk under Mr. Wright for some time and am familiar with the work of the office. KENNETH McCORMICK.

For Sheriff Candidate for Republican nomination for sheriff of Union county. H. C. (HAL) REES, Deputy Sheriff.

For Sheriff Democratic candidate for sheriff of Union county, Ore., subject to primary election, May 19, 1916.—"For the people." LEE WARNICK.

For Sheriff I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff, subject to the primaries to be held on May 19, 1916.—"Competent and faithful service." T. H. WILLIAMSON.

D. H. Procter Republican candidate for county clerk desires the aid of the voters for that office. If nominated and elected will continue to give best services to the county as he has in the past as County Recorder.

Prosecuting Attorney To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce myself as candidate on Republican ticket for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Union County, Oregon. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to enforce the laws without fear or favor and to prosecute the guilty as well as protect the innocent, ever mindful of the rights of the tax payers of this county. Your support is respectfully solicited. RODNEY J. KITCHEN.

Aitchison Will Not Be In Race Salem, Or., March 13.—Clyde B. Aitchison, chairman of the public service commission, will not be a candidate to succeed himself at the coming primary election, according to information emanating from apparently authentic sources. According to these reports he has been offered a lucrative position with the Interstate Commerce commission, but whether he contemplates accepting it or entering into some field of business is not known. He is a resident of Portland, and was appointed a member of the commission when it was created in 1907. He was re-elected in 1908 and 1912. Under a law passed by the last legislature, changing the public service commissioner districts, he and Commissioner Campbell were both made residents of the western district, and had Aitchison become a candidate, the two would have been pitted against each other. Campbell has announced his candidacy, and he has opposition in Frederick G. Buchtel, head of the state weights and measures department under State Treasurer Kay. Former State Senator Dan Kellaher, John McGuire and First Assistant State Engineer Percy Cupper are considering becoming candidates, but have not filed their declarations. The first two are of Portland and the last of this city.

Intended Suicide Presented at Revival

A man who was on his way to the river to end his life when the evangelist met him, was used as his subject last evening by "Three Fingered Jack" Godwin, the ex-gambler, who is conducting a series of revival services in Centenary Methodist church. The man was introduced to the church of people. He wore his old clothes because he sent home his best suit that his brothers might wear his clothes after he had committed suicide. A collection last evening led to the purchase of new clothes today, relates a Portland paper.

"I'm only a beginner at this work, but I have never seen such quick response as the people at the Centenary church have given me," said the evangelist today. "There were seven conversions last night, and there was one man at the altar before we had sung the invitational hymn. Beginning tonight I'll tell of my own conversion and then some stories of my life. I am here to save sinners, not to talk to a church filled with Christians. I use a little gambler's phraseology once in a while and if people don't like that they can bring cotton and put in their ears until I'm through talking. Our meetings are entirely undenominational."

One of Mr. Godwin's valued possessions is a little Bible given him when he was converted in Spokane in 1898. It is nearly worn out and is was suggested that he carry it in a leather case similar to a playing card case. "That would never do for me," he

If you are looking for ideas--- For some way to beautify your home--- If you want Curtains and Draperies that are new stylish and really do beautify--- Just see the display this week on the ledge, middle Aisle, of some very striking and tasteful Curtain and Drapery Materials.

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Middy Blouses! Middy Blouses! a Big Shipment Just Received of These Popular COLLEGE STYLE MIDDIES a Dozen New Styles Never Shown Before \$1.25, \$1.50



Now--- in our exclusive women's ready-to-wear-section, there is a veritable prairie-land of New Spring Suits, New Spring Coats, New Spring Dresses, and New Spring Skirts, ready for those women who desire first choice and desire exceptional values. New Suits\$15.00 New Coats\$10.00 Up New Dresses\$10.00 Up New Skirts\$ 4.00 Up

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exclaimed, "I'd start to deal off the bottom right away."

Company and released on the Paramount Program.

In this superb feature, the Famous Players have created another motion picture masterpiece. This producing company, which first introduced the policy of presenting famous stars and plays on the screen, and which since its inauguration, more than three years ago, has continuously represented the highest feature standard possible to achieve, has again indicated through the medium of this sterling production its unremitting efforts for the elevation and refinement of screen drama.

A number of very human touches are skillfully contained in this feature and delicately suggested by the boundless art of Mary Pickford. When, as the cast-away, after years of hardship and suffering, of loneliness and destitution, she crosses the path of her father.

Lebanon, Ore., March 15.—George W. Soule, a veteran of the Civil War, held today with services at Locombed on Monday afternoon after a lingering illness. The funeral was held today with services at Locombed and burial was in the Masonic cemetery in this place. He is survived by the widow, three sons and one daughter. He was a prominent citizen in the Locombed district, where he had lived for a number of years.

Civil War Veteran Passes Away.

PRINT PAPER ADVANCES

Owing to heavy advance in the price of print paper The Observer finds it necessary to ask those in arrears to please arrange to settle their subscription accounts or we will be forced to discontinue their papers, much as we would regret to do such a thing. The price of white paper is forcing us to this.

GREEN-EYED MONSTER.

With Mantell, Hinges on Curse of Jealousy.

Deals with a man who covets the wife of his own brother, who removes every obstacle to her hand and then falls a victim to his own self.

Jealousy serves as the basis of the William Fox production, "Green-Eyed Monster," starring Robert B. Mantell, foremost of tragic actors, with Genevieve Hamper. The scenario for the production was written by Nixola Daniels author of "Destruction," and other Fox dramas, and it may be said that none other than a woman could have given so comprehensive an expose of the soul-wracking tortures of one cursed with jealousy. At Sherry Theatre today.

MARY PICKFORD, UNRIVALLED SCREEN STAR, IN WONDERFUL CHARACTERIZATION AS "THE FOUNDLING."

"Little Mary" Pickford, whose great unequalled ability in creating lifelike portrayals on the screen has made her the foremost motion picture star in the world, returns to The Arcade Friday for a two day visit in an elaborate five-part production of "The Foundling," produced by the Famous Players Film