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THE MASCULINE JUDGE AND THE FEMININE SKIRT.

The proper length of a girl's skirt is the question which has aroused the whole neighborhood in Vinland, Kansas, where the school board dismissed two girls from school because the said board thought that the skirts worn by the girls were such as to interfere with the orderly conduct of the schools.

Skirts should be three inches below the knees, was the ukase of the school board, although no authority was delegated to anyone to have jurisdiction over the knees which were to be concealed three inches above the edge of the skirts. Possibly the members of the school board themselves had in mind attending to this little detail, but at any rate the case and the skirts did not stop there and the parents of the girls have gone to the district court to compel the school board to permit their daughters to expose their knees while attempting to fill their heads with wise and useful knowledge.

The case has aroused so much interest that serious-minded women have written the judge pointing out the errors of short skirts from a sanitary standpoint, although it is not indicated that skirts three inches below the knees would be as likely to attach dirt from the streets as to attract the admiration of those of the masculine persuasion.

One woman wrote that morals and short skirts have no connection. The skirts, in particular, seem to have little connection with morals, or with much of anything else. They have a high place of their own upon which they travel and they securely disclaim acquaintance with anything on the lower levels.

We presume that what the erudite judge, or anyone else of the male persuasion, may say will have little effect upon the length that the fair feminine wears her skirts, besides he of the masculine sex, the much-flouted stronger sex, should be above being affected harmfully by the length, or lack of length, of the feminine skirt. Let him keep his morals above such things and they will then be high enough to ward away moral turpitude.

As long as there seems to be need of some set rule as to the length of the feminine skirt, we suggest this easy plan: Let woman be permitted to wear her clothes one inch from the ground for every year of her admitted

age. We're willing to bet this would prove a more satisfactory arrangement than any judicial order which may be laid down at Vinland, Kansas. The manufacturers of silk stockings have some interest in the controversy, but we are quite certain that our suggestion will meet their approval.

THE GOLDEN LINING.

It would not be possible for those fortunate residents of the famous, fertile, fruitful Willamette, who have become accustomed to sniffing the sultry, lubricious spring ozone freighted with perfume of fruit blossoms, not to comment upon the very slightly disagreeable and slightly moist weather which prevailed until within the past week.

New arrivals who had been told of blossoming fruit trees in early March smiled incredulously when assured emphatically that this was an unusual, a very unusual, spring; and even some who had been here for years made unkind remarks.

But it is an ill wind that blows nobody good and it is a melancholy truth that most of us think twice of the present to once for the future. When this fall the fruit trees are laden with the purple prunes that grow nowhere else like they do here; when the Royal Anne, the queen of cherries, hangs in beautiful clusters; when the DeAnjous and the Bartletts glisten in the sunlight; when the rosy-cheeked apples tempt one to imbibe the teeth therein, we will have forgotten about the recent disagreeable weather and probably will not think that it was the late spring and the weather just cool enough to hold the buds back which made possible such a wealth of luscious fruit.

Winter, gay old roue, flirted long in the lap of flapper Spring, but this fall we will realize that the rainclouds of the early part of the year had a golden lining.

NO BOND MONEY ON COAST FORK.

The Sentinel was in error, in discussing the proposed road bond recall last week, in stating that \$30,000 had been appropriated to bridges on the Coast fork. The money appropriated from the bond issue for a bridge over the Coast fork was for a bridge in another part of the county. None of the \$70,000 apportioned in the bonds for use on the Coast fork road has yet been used. The only bond money spent in this section has been on the Loraine road.

In case the bond issue is recalled, none of that apportioned to the Coast fork and Row river roads will be used, unless its expenditure is arranged for before the election at which the bonds are recalled. The proposed recall of the bond issue has been postponed until the November election and the county court will go ahead using the bond money just as though no bond recall were proposed.

Greasy Carbonek was greatly surprised that Will G. Beys, manager for the moving picture industry, cancelled 10,000 contracts in which the fat boy was to appear. Greasy Carbonek probably was surprised that he hadn't been asked to pose as an archangel in a mural decoration for some cathedral. The very fact of his surprise is proof that he hasn't the least conception of what common decency is.

A despondent man recently hanged himself with his necktie. There was one man who could tie his necktie without a looking glass.

The man who deserts the family he has helped to create is so small by nature that a mosquito couldn't find a landing place.

Someone claims there are fraternal societies in hades. There must be a lot of warm members.

It is mostly always cheaper to prevent loss than to suffer it—so we learn after it is all over.

A man wants his Sunday dinner on time even if he be late to every other meal during the week.

When a young man falls onto his narrow bones in front of her, the young woman should take a tumble.



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Whenever a couple, of which the husband is about half the size of the wife, appear in public, the men folks can't resist making remarks about who is the boss in the household.

Paragaphers make fun of the kind of people who talk, but if folks didn't talk where would the news come from?

A father who is his boy's hero has only himself to blame if he is superseded by the characters in dime novels.

Work is healthy—that's the reason a lot of people are sickly.

The nimble man seldom makes a mark.

SOUTH LANE CANDIDATE GETS FAVORABLE MENTION BY POLITICAL AUTHORITY

The following comment in a recent issue of Oregon Voter, recognized authority upon political and tax problems in Oregon, may be of interest to Lane county voters, especially to those in south Lane:

"But Son Looks Like Dad."

Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, is the fortunate possessor of a keen sense of humor, a dry and entertaining wit, and a wife and family of which a U. S. president could be proud. Also, he is editor and part owner of The Cottage Grove Sentinel, which his genius has made one of the leading weeklies of Oregon. To people who have attended the last few sessions of the legislature, he is a familiar figure, as he has served as reading clerk in the house, his clear, resonant voice ringing over all the hubbub, sometimes for hours at a time without losing any of its music or without the necessity of irrigation.

Bede is a candidate for representative in Lane county this year, and as sectional issues have been submerged there so far as this campaign is concerned, he has an excellent chance for election. Four years ago he tried for it, and got a big vote in spite of the fact that he came from Cottage Grove, which had just been trying to divide Lane county so it could be a county seat. The bitterness of the county seat fight was forgotten by hundreds who voted for Bede anyhow, but other hundreds couldn't forget it, so he didn't win out that time. This time the prospects are dandy.

Desiring to refresh our memory as to a few personal details about Bede, we wrote him, and, contrary to our usual practice, we publish his reply exactly as we received it, as it is an example of his original style and humorous viewpoint.

"Tabloid biographical sketch of Elbert Bede, as requested."

"Kindly overlook any deficiencies, as I have had no experience in writing autobiographies, except for myself."

"BEDE."

"Neighbors who were somewhat unexpectedly awakened early on the morning of June 28, 1881, say that I was for the first time vociferously demonstrating that judicious advertising pays. Did nothing up to the age of 7 to indicate a future newspaper career or suggest that I might be sworn in as a member of the Oregon legislature in January, 1923. Began at that time preparations for the present moment by taking position as printer's devil and have been raising more or less hell where most needed ever since."

"After a somewhat peripatetic newspaper career in younger life, became editor and publisher of Courier, Sandstone, Minn., at 18 years. Tried to set world afire, but didn't succeed. Better luck as editor and publisher of Shen at Warren, Minn., and Review at North Branch, Minn., and as associate editor of Bede's Budget, Duluth, Minn. Arrived in Cottage Grove in September, 1911. Elected president of Oregon Editorial Association two years later, serving one year, and again elected same position at Bond convention last summer. Secretary for several years of Willamette Valley Editorial Association, now the Oregon conference, and president Lane County Publishers' Association ever since its organization. Represented Oregon Editorial Association at two sessions of legislature and have served as reading clerk of house for two regular and two special sessions of Oregon legislature."

"Cottage Grove is only city claimed as residence for period of three years at one time during entire life, and ten years here doesn't seem as long as three years elsewhere."

"Grammar school graduate. Married. One wife, two daughters and one son. Daughters are good looking but son resembles father."

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