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FIRING THE JONESES.

The whale had its Jonah and Eugene has its Joneses. One seems to be as bad for the internal system as the other.

The whale spewed up its Jonah and went happily on its way. It seems that Eugene would spew up its Joneses and imagine that it would have a better internal feeling if it could.

The Sentinel believes that our lively and growing suburb to the north has the right idea. Not that we have any feeling against the Joneses, one of whom is superintendent of schools and the other clerk of the school board. So far as we are able to judge, both are capable men. The trouble may be that each is too capable. Either one, with the other eliminated, might do splendidly, but it appears from this distance that the two are about four too many for Eugene's school system.

At least three of the directors, one of them a recent resident of Cottage Grove, are of this opinion and made plans a few days ago to clean up by dumping the two overboard. And they displayed excellent judgment by proposing to employ a superintendent who got his early training handling the Cottage Grove schools.

But now new difficulties have arisen, the law seems not to be made to fit the purposes of the trio of directors and those who would have made the two school men walk the plank may have to back water.

And the Eugene Guard, having endorsed the proposed action of the directors, and having told how such action would clarify the situation, may find that it has only made a worse muddle.

Eugene would hardly be Eugene if it didn't have a school mess of some kind, so we may have to thank the Joneses for keeping that city in condition to be easily recognized by her fond neighbors.

There are just as many witeases now as there were in the olden days, and just as many of us men fall under their spell, but we lead them to the altar instead of to the stake, often with results much the same.



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WHO SHALL READ NEWS PAPERS?

There probably is no question whatever that the cruel murder of the Flint, Michigan, girl in a manner is imitation of that used by Hickman of California was the direct result of newspaper publicity of the Hickman murder. It is not reasonable to believe that two men would think of such a diabolical method of ending the life of an innocent little child.

Undoubtedly many bank robberies are the result of newspaper publicity. A human being is a great imitator and there are few who do not some time or other put themselves in the place of the hero of a story or of a movie thriller.

Unquestionably taking life on the part of adolescent children has been increased by movies in which guns played an important part. Youngsters would imitate the two-gun-men, and a little life is sacrificed.

On the other hand the newspapers day by day, week by week and year by year record the futility of believing that the law is easy to beat, record the certainty of punishment for such as Hickman, the Michigan imitator, the De-Autremonts and others.

Newspapers are no better than the humans that control them, but newspaper owners must be above the average in morals, for few crimes are committed by them and few of them are found in penitentiaries. No one follows the news closer than they, and no one should be more affected by it.

Possibly we shall have to have a commission to decide what persons shall be permitted to read the newspapers, for many are harmed, while those of the mentality of editors and newspaper workers seem rather to be benefited.

WASTED ENERGY.

Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf of New York is wasting his time telling the flapper that she is inviting tuberculosis as well as sweethearts by the film with which she protects herself against heat and cold alike.

It is reasonable to believe, as the doctor says, that undernourishment in order to develop a tooth-pick figure is not conducive to health, but what does the flapper care about health?

High-heeled shoes are likely to cause the flapper's liver and gizzard to change places, but the flapper doesn't want to be natural.

The doctor also thinks that cigarettes and drinking are dangerous for the girl who already has weakened her physical endurance by disregard of health rules and by refusing to give her stomach anything to digest. The girls may think so too when they get to be 40 or 50, but why bother them about that now, they're having enough trouble now trying not to get their clothes on thicker than their rouse.

The doctor is a major in the medical reserve corps of the United States army. He may have to call out a battalion when the flappers start telling him what they think of him for trying to tell them what they ought to do, what they ought to wear and what they ought to eat.

The Mount Scott cashier who plugged two bandits who were seeking an easier way of getting money than by working for it, has greatly discouraged our rising young highwaymen. The two will no longer set an example for those who would go through life without calloused hands.

The girl graduate who feels qualified to run the earth may a few years later find herself pretty busy keeping from being run too much by one man.

Heaven most likely is not the place a lot of folks say it is, but a lot of those who think they know will never be able to say, "I told you so."

Someone has suggested that we buy Mexico. We are willing to let those hunt trouble who wish to but we refuse to buy any for our own use.

A new continent is said to be slowly rising off the coast of California. Probably Los Angeles trying to raise hell again.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN.

COTTAGE GROVE, Jan. 20.—(To the Editor.)—In reference to a recent news story in your columns on a sermon by Pastor Edwin O. Colbeck of the Baptist church on "The Unpardonable Sin," I wish to disagree with the preacher. The unpardonable sin is not against Christ but against the holy ghost, and according to scripture, "all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven but the blasphemy against the holy ghost shall not be forgiven," from Matt. XII: 31-32; Mark III: 28; Luke XII: 10; Heb. VI: 4; Heb. X: 26-29; first John V: 16. J. A. BURGESS.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. John A. Linn entertained Friday afternoon for members of the women's bible class of the Methodist church, honoring Mr. Linn's mother, Mrs. W. A. Linn, who is visiting here from Kennewick, Wash. Those present were Mesdames Hendricks, Porter, Lamson, Hart, Leonard, Ruots, Fleake, Hogate, Lewis, Morgan, Longfellow, Allen, Wells and Chambers. A pleasant afternoon was spent with needlework and conversation. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. C. A. Stevens and Mrs. Verne Hazen will entertain tonight with a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Stevens, honoring their husbands on their birthday anniversaries. Those who have been invited are Mrs. Fanny Lebow of Creswell, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamblin, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Garroute, Mr. and Mrs. George Hohl and Orville Hazen.

Pastor and Mrs. J. L. Beatty entertained with a dinner party Thursday evening at Hotel Bartell. Covers were laid for Pastor and Mrs. Duncan P. Cameron and two daughters, Pastor and Mrs. Clive Taylor and daughter Kathleen, Van Beatty and the host and hostess. The banquet room was attractively decorated. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor entertained with several vocal numbers and Mr. Cameron gave a reading.

Mrs. R. A. Trask, Mrs. T. H. Moody and Mrs. E. R. Morford entertained Thursday afternoon for the Constellation club. Mrs. Jennie Nichols of San Francisco, who is visiting Mrs. O. L. Nichols, was an additional guest. The afternoon was spent with needlework. Baskets of pussy willows were room decorations. Delicious refreshments were served.

Lundy Woodson entertained Wednesday night with a surprise party, honoring Miss Nell Bushell on her birthday anniversary. Four tables of bridge were formed and John Hewitt held high score. Refreshments were served and a feature of these was a mammoth layer birthday cake.

The ladies' aid society of the Methodist church will be entertained Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Umphrey, with Mrs. George Fullerton, Mrs. Clyde Leonard, Mrs. Earl Cone and Mrs. Umphrey as hostesses.

Mrs. I. S. Power will be program leader for the meeting of the Research club Tuesday afternoon in the library. The subject for discussion will be, "Employment of Women."

A number of members of a dinner club here were entertained Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Titus of Eugene.

The Presbyterian Missionary society will meet at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. V. McGee. An executive committee will be held at 2 o'clock.

The Merry-makers club will give an impersonation ball Wednesday evening, February 1, in I. O. O. F. hall. Members will come dressed as noted characters.

The Social Twelve club will be entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Herbert Eakin, with Mrs. D. T. Awhrey as hostess.

The W. W. F. J. club of the Baptist church will meet at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. O. Butler.

The Bona Tempo club will hold its postponed meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders.

The Latham Community club will hold its regular meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Fry.

Mrs. A. A. Richmond will entertain Thursday afternoon with a 1 o'clock luncheon for the Utopia club.

Mrs. John T. Fineran will entertain Tuesday with a 1 o'clock luncheon for the Tuesday Bridge club.

The O. L. H. club will be entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Miller.

Tact.

I went to a party with Janet. And met with an awful mishap. For I awkwardly emptied a cupful of chocolate into her lap. But Janet was cool—though it wasn't—

For none is so tactful as she, And, smiling with perfect composure,

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Wealthy Americans Fall for Rosary Trick

Million Dollars Year Is Harvest From Gullible Who Fear Ridicule.

Editor's Note.—Although the confidence game known as the "rosary trick" has been used on too confiding or too confident American tourists in Europe for 40 years, the first arrest of any of the crooks in France has only recently been made. There are reasons for this, the principal one being that the victims are dissuaded from police action through fear of ridicule. John O'Brien, of the Paris bureau of the United Press, has made an investigation of these crooks and their methods.

By JOHN O'BRIEN
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
PARIS.—(UP)—So obvious that one would think even a 15-year-old boy wouldn't fall for it, the "rosary trick" is netting for the hundred or more crooks practicing it in France at least \$1,000,000 a year. It seems incredible that business men, shrewd lawyers—in one case a district attorney of an American state—clergymen, and seasoned travelers knowingly hand over to a chance acquaintance pocketbooks with anything from \$1000 to \$25,000 and wait for him to bring back the money, but the facts are there in official records.

How is it done? Here is a typical example and one is enough because the setting is always the same. A young Philadelphia business man came to Paris with his wife and started out to see the sights. In the Champs-Elysees after visiting the tomb of the unknown soldier under the Arc de Triomphe, they were greeted by a soft-spoken gentleman whom they had met a few weeks previously in London, calling himself Francis Arthur Barclay. Renewal of acquaintance was made over a cup of tea in one of the hotels of the Parisian Fifth avenue.

Strolling in the late afternoon down the famous thoroughfare they noticed a tall, distinguished looking man drop a rosary. Barclay picked it up and handed it to the stranger who thanked him and then hearing a few words which the Philadelphia addressed to his wife, said with delight lighting up his face and in a soft accent redolent of Kerry or Tipperary:

"Why, I'm really glad to meet people who talk my own language. Let me introduce myself. I am Patrick O'Hare, of Sydney, Australia. You know, I wouldn't have lost that rosary for a million. I just got it the other day from the holy father himself with his special blessing. It is indeed a treasure for a devout Catholic like myself. I cannot thank you enough."

He was about to say farewell when Barclay interrupted.

"I, too, am a devout Catholic," he announced, "and am more than pleased to be of service to one of my faith."

Everybody was introduced and the four returned to the tea-room. There more confidences were exchanged and the confidence game began. It appeared that Mr. O'Hare had come to Europe from his distant home town of Sydney at the express request of the pope, who had entrusted to him the task of distributing \$300,000 to deserving charities throughout the world.

"Here is the money in good Bank of England notes," he said, producing a fat wallet, "and here is a clipping from a London newspaper telling about it."

Barclay showed intense interest in the recital and the Philadelphia business man and his wife also were keenly interested when the Australian went on to say that he liked his new friends and had a proposition to make. He would confide—confide, entrust, confidence—were words that slipped off his glib tongue every other minute—yes, he would entrust to them the task of acting as his agents in distributing the money.

"But," he proceeded, "I am an Australian and I don't know much about Europe or America and I believe we should begin by showing we have confidence in each other. Just to show you I'll let you Mr. Barclay, take this wallet and walk around the block with it, your American friend accompanying you while I await your return."

That was done and then Barclay handed over his roll to O'Hare and the American, who walked around the block, exchanging some more confidences, and came back. Now came the turn of the Philadelphia. He exhibited American Express company travelers checks amounting to \$5,000. But the man from Australia said he didn't know what they were. He wanted to see cash, French or English or American bills. The Philadelphia went to the express company and asked for currency. He told enough of the story to the cashier for that veteran official to be suspicious.

As the American left the office with the \$5,000 in French notes, he was followed by two plain clothes men.

The detectives grabbed O'Hare and Barclay as the former stretched out his hand to take the money. O'Hare was identified as a notorious crook named William Ray and Barclay as his constant pal. Both are in jail.

DIVIDE.

(Special to the Sentinel.)

Jan. 21.—Mrs. Hazel Perini spent Wednesday at Woodard's camp visiting Mrs. A. M. Perini and Mrs. Howard Tracy. Mrs. A. Perini, who had been visiting her son, Johnnie and Nona, spent the afternoon there also.

Mrs. F. M. Chapman and Nellie and Lynn made a trip to Eugene Friday.

Mrs. W. E. Burkett attended a Free Methodist conference at Roseburg Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Foster and Mrs. George Allen called Friday to see Mrs. Billy Wilkins, who is very ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rohle.

August Olson, who is staying with his daughter, Mrs. Nels Mattson, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Maximo Perini entertained Sunday with a 5 o'clock dinner in celebration of Mr. Perini's birthday anniversary. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Amerigo Mostachetti, Miss Mary Mostachetti and Mrs. A. Perini. A pleasant evening was spent playing cards.

Mrs. Amerigo Mostachetti and Mrs. Hazel Perini went to Curtin Tuesday. Mrs. Mostachetti spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Eichler, and Mrs. Perini with her sister, Mrs. J. A. DeSaunay.

Mrs. Mary Dalliguardia and Mrs. Bonnie Perini went to Eugene Saturday.

A family reunion was held Saturday at the Dominigo Perini home. Those present were Mrs. Joe Galdabina, Mrs. Mary Henderson, Mrs. Jack Haney, Mrs. Louie Wirth, Mrs. Ben Perini, Mrs. Willie Perini, Mrs. M. Perini and Pauline, Mrs. Josephine Galdabina, Ben and Willie Perini, Mrs. C. E. Burkett, Mrs. Angelo Perini and several grandchildren.

Miss Miller was entertained Thursday evening by the C. E. Burkett family.

Mrs. Mabel Russell, who broke a leg recently, is slowly improving but still is unable to stand on her foot.

Eugene Burkett is spending the week end with his cousin, Carl Sylvester, at Lebanon.



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