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MOVIE MORALS.

Only a short time ago much publicity was given to the divorce and remarriage of two stars of the moving picture world. Now the validity of that divorce is being attacked. Many people are criticizing the press for giving publicity to all the nasty details and are holding up their hands in holy horror.

And we will agree with them that the vast amount of publicity given to this incident is nauseating, that the actions of these two people is severely to be criticized.

Among some the validity before the great judge on high of any kind of a divorce is greatly doubted. Most people are not as squeamish as this but none will attempt to dispute the statement that the securing of a divorce for the purpose of marrying a person whose charms, feminine or masculine, have brought about the condition make a divorce desirable, is not a good moral example.

Where, as in the case now in mind, the divorce was followed by a marriage planned before the divorce was secured, the moral example is all the more to be condemned.

We do not blame those who hold up their hands in holy horror.

What an example for our movie queens and kings to be setting to our young people who have their own ambitions to imitate them!

But—
How many of those who have found these news stories nauseating are going to refuse to see a play in which these players appear?

How many of these people will be driven from a show house by seeing these names featured?

And just as long as the public does not condemn such acts—just as long as it does not in an unmistakable manner show its disapproval, others will boldly imitate the couple already referred to.

If those who prate about the sanctity of the marital relation, who believe in the home, would insist that the films they witness must be made by actors whose morality is thought to be above reproach, something might be started.

But they will not do so, and we may expect to see the big papers feature other scandals equally as disgusting as the most recent one.

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

You can't get nothing for nothing. If we'd ever been to college, we wouldn't use that kind of English. So we can see that education is a good thing, and the growing generation should have it, but it costs a lot of money, just the same as everything else does nowadays, and some one has got to provide the money—and that someone is us.

If necessary, have your children, who are going to get this education, save enough on luxuries to enable you to pay this tax. This would be a good way to impress upon them what it is costing you to give them this education.

But, however you get the money, cast a vote for the support of your educational institutions, both higher and elementary. And don't forget the blind and the returned soldiers and sailors.

STATE ROAD BOND AMENDMENT IS NOT A TAX.

Don't confuse the state road bond amendment with the county road bond issue. The road bond amendment merely raises the percent to which the state may be bonded. It levies no tax and issues no bonds. It simply enables the state highway commission to issue the bonds already authorized by the legislature and enables it to go ahead with the work now under way. Roads cost more money now than ever before. So does everything else, but the roads

being constructed by the state must be completed despite the high cost. We can't stick in the mud and wait for costs to come down. The money the good roads will bring us will more than pay for the roads. The automobile owners pay the tax anyway and then get their money back by the saving in gasoline and wear and tear. Figuring it that way roads built with the auto license money are paid for by the tire makers, by the automobile manufacturers and the gasoline manufacturers, and they're glad to help the thing along.

Anyway, and no matter how you figure it, voting for the raising of the road bond limitation—the state road bond amendment—can cost you nothing, even if you are a car owner, for you'll pay the same license fees anyway. Make certain when you go to the polls that you don't get this measure confused with the county road bond act.

Walter L. Toole, Jr., of McMinnville, is a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention. Walter L. is a capable man and has won the right to this honor both by his service in our army on foreign soil, as well as by his service to his country in private life. Very few will know those they vote for delegates. Give Walter L. a vote and you will be certain one has been cast right.

Thomas Morris has just died at the age of 126 years. He remained true to his first sweetheart, who died before the wedding, which is a lot more than can be said for some of the men who marry their sweethearts and live with them.

ARMY STORE NOT ADVERTISED.

Star, Ore., May 5.—(To the Editor.)—Why is it that the U. S. army store in Eugene is not advertised? The people in this section don't know there is such a store in Eugene. It looks to me like Eugene merchants and editors are standing in together. When the army store was in Portland I sent money order after money order from my office for goods, but never have sent one to Eugene. I think when the postoffice inspector calls I will, just for fun, ask him the reason. I have advertising lists in my office from several other places in Oregon and had one from Portland when the store was there, but none from Eugene. It looks bad.

J. T. SALLEE, P. M.

(Editorial Note.—The Sentinel did not know there was an army store in Eugene, but we doubt very much if Postmaster Sallee will find any collusion between the Eugene postmaster and the Eugene newspapers. The probability is that the store he refers to is being conducted entirely without cooperation from the postoffice, and quite evidently the store has not taken the newspaper space that any live store finds necessary to advertise its wares. A newspaper can not refuse to sell its space at its advertised rates except when the matter offered is objectionable.)

The school of experience gives no diploma. No one has ever completed the curriculum.

Some of the belles we read about don't seem to be giving much of a moral tone to society.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

Cut out this slip, enclose 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache, and sluggish bowels. Sold everywhere. m7

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Stephen Chester Banta, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Andrew Brund has been, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Lane County, appointed administrator of the estate of Stephen Chester Banta, deceased, and that all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are notified to present the same, duly verified as the law requires, to said administrator, in the City of Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, within six months from this the 30th day of April, 1920.

Dated this 30th day of April, 1920.

ANDREW BRUND,

Administrator of the estate of Stephen Chester Banta, deceased.

H. J. Shinn, Atty. for estate. a30-m28

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

No one deserves applause for doing his duty.

A man without brains sometimes has some awful headaches.

Don't get to feeling forsaken. Your sins will find you out.

Adam is the only man to become famous for falling down.

A woman loves a man sometimes just because no one else will.

Sermons don't seem so bad when you read them in the paper.

We have heard of instances of weather reports that came true.

Don't worry about trouble. It has never missed an appointment yet.

Be a little shy of the girl who fools her mother to keep her appointment with you.

The woman who can manage a husband can usually manage pretty well without one.

Often the only difference between eccentricity and cussedness is whether we wish to express it politely or forcibly.

The person who is honest enough to refuse praise that he knows he doesn't deserve hasn't registered with Diogenes yet.

A preacher is in a bad position when he has to get his salary from those his sermons must criticize if his work is to have results.

If a man writes the same kind of love letters after marriage that he did before, it is an infallible sign that he married happily.

Overlook the mistakes of others as readily as you do your own and you will find this old world a pretty pleasant place after all.

A woman who before marriage had faith in man that would move mountains may find it handy afterwards to use to keep the household going.

If you want to get married, don't worry as to whether or not you can support two—there won't be but one and she will manage it some way.

It's peculiar that we can't get advice from those from whom we would appreciate it and always get it from those from whom we don't want it.

Some men will work just as hard trying not to lose over half their salaries in a poker game as their wives will to make the other half pay the bills.

The wife is truly suspicious when she can't receive a letter from her husband with a flower in it without wondering how much he paid by the dozen.

If a man showed as much celerity about getting home from work as he does asperity about getting to work, his wife would be happy to pardon the latter.

School ma'ams should never let their pupils court them. It is not fair to teach them something during school hours and then make fools of 'em afterwards.

To a man who talks in his sleep it must be aggravating to have a bed partner who snores so loud that it prevents him from hearing what he is talking about.

Don't it beat all that when you meet someone's eye unexpectedly and feel compelled to say something, some nonsensical thing comes into your mouth and "busts" right out!

A happy home robs a man of the ambition to rise to places of honor and glory in the nation that can be attained only by the sacrifice, and breaking, of tender home ties.

Every Oregon Boy and Every Oregon Girl

Is a Possible College Student

Oregon sends a bigger percentage of its children to college than any other state without exception.

That Is One of the State's Proudest Records

No state can have too much education. Education is the safeguard of freedom and of right, and higher education is the capstone of the public school system. But higher education in Oregon is in great danger. The State University and the Agricultural College have twice as many students as they have income to train.

Protect These Schools and Their Great Work

by voting on May 21 for the Higher Educational relief measure. Higher Education pays the state in dollars and cents, in improved living, in scientific progress, in farm, orchard, garden, and stock ranch development, and in the better quality of its public and high school teaching.

(Paid advertisement inserted by Colin Dymont in behalf of the Joint Alumni Relief Committee for Higher Education in Oregon, 514 Pittock Block, Portland)

WORK OF PLANT INVENTOR

His Skill Produces Variations That Nature Would Require Thousands of Years to Accomplish.

With a watch glass and a fine camel's-hair brush the plant inventor performs miracles. He causes more changes in six generations than Nature, unaided, would produce in 100,000 years. Two plants may be growing in his garden, native of countries separated by continents. Their structures, habits, hereditary tendencies and identities have been preserved through thousands of years. The plant inventor takes the pollen from one, transfers it to his watch glass, carries it to the other, and from the glass transforms it to the bloom. The resultant seed is sown. The new plants may resemble one plant or the other, or they may be like neither, or they may be the veriest monstrosities. There are thousands of disappointments for one success in the work.

Luther Burbank chose one seedling out of 85,000 when he invented the primroseberry. The rest were remorselessly destroyed. The new primroseberry is a cross between the raspberry and the blackberry, but has a fruit much larger and finer than either. Mr. Burbank has produced 300,000 varieties of plums, 60,000 peaches and nectarines, 500 almonds, 5,000 walnuts, 8,000 apples, 2,000 grapes, 2,000 pears and thousands of different kinds of berries, flowers and vegetables in equal profusion.

WEALTH IN BAMBOO GROVES

Their Cultivation in the Southern States is Expected Soon to Be a Recognized Procedure.

One thinks more readily of an American farm with a wood lot than of one with a bamboo grove, but bamboo groves may yet become common in the southern states, if the idea of "instruct the farmer" in the desirability of planting them makes reasonable progress. It will be a new idea to the farmer, and he will have to think it over. Meantime the country has one important bamboo grove flourishing in the state of Georgia, where it stands in the custody of the United States department of agriculture, to serve as an object lesson. The young bamboo shoots provide an early spring vegetable, said to have a flavor much like that of sweet corn, and the stalks have a wide range of uses which should make a bamboo grove profitable. It is worth the farmer's consideration, for example, that millions of small canes are yearly imported from Japan, and fishing rods made out of them, for which the United States pays annually about \$5,000,000.

Hard to Account for Figures.

Statistics have recently been published in Germany which are so striking that the Medical Record's Geneva (Switzerland) correspondent says they "need confirmation." It is stated that for every 1,000 boys born in the later years of the war, 1,096 girls have been born. Before the war the ratio was 1,000 boys to 1,024 girls. "Nothing," writes the correspondent, "is known with certainty as to the conditions that determine sex in the human species, but there is quite a large amount of evidence in support of the generalization that during wars and famines, when the conditions are generally adverse, especially with regard to nutrition, the proportion of male relative to female births increases. If there is any foundation for this generalization, then we must conclude either that the figures are wrong or that Germany was rightly well nourished during the war, or else that some entirely aberrant influence was at work."

Koran Brought Up to Date.

It is not surprising that most of the Arab population should be illiterate since the language used in writing and printing is literary Arabic, the very same in which the Koran was composed 12 centuries ago. It has been preserved intact, while the spoken tongue has gradually changed, as spoken tongues will. Literary Arabic today is about as much like the ancient language as Latin is like French. Ninety per cent of the people do not understand the language in which the books are written.

An interesting experiment has been begun by Rev. Percy Smith, a missionary in North Africa, who is translating the Bible and the hymns of the church into the ordinary speech of the people, instead of in literary Arabic.—Christian Herald.

New Power Is Wanted.

In the field of research in connection with automobile underwater torpedoes, there needs to be developed a new source of power, said Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of ordinance, at a recent meeting of the American Chemical society. The present source is compressed air and the new source must be of greater potential per unit volume and weight and be nearly as safe to handle and store on board ship. Oxygen has been proposed but is too dangerous to handle.

Quite English, This.

"Hout!" cried the umpire as the wicket keeper made a catch.

"Look 'ere," protested the batsman, "it wasn't off my bat, it was off my 'ead."

"Oh!" said the umpire. "My mistake. I 'eard the ball 'it wood and I supposed it was off the bat."—Boston Evening Transcript.

ELECTION, MAY 21

STATE ROADS

Vote 302 X Yes

For 4% State Road Bond Limit

BALLOT TITLE IS AS FOLLOWS:

302 X Yes

303 No

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly.

LIMITATION OF FOUR PER CENT STATE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PERMANENT ROADS.—(Section 7, Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to permit creation of debt and limitation including previous debts and liability for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to an amount of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the State of Oregon, instead of two per cent as now provided by law.)

NO PROPERTY TAX—NO DIRECT TAX

NO INCREASE IN AUTO LICENSE FEES

NO INCREASE OF GASOLINE TAX

Keep these three facts in mind. The present auto license fees and gasoline tax will pay both the principal and interest on all the bonds under this amendment, and will yield an annual surplus besides for other state highway work. No additional taxation of any kind.

FEDERAL FUNDS MUST BE MATCHED

Oregon must have sufficient Highway Funds to match Federal apportionments or Oregon cannot get the benefit of Federal money for Oregon Roads. Increasing this constitutional limit is a necessity. Unless limit is increased, either state roads cannot be completed for many, many years, or must be finished by direct property taxation. This measure averts direct property tax for state highways and makes early completion possible. Let's get the roads built now.

Income from Present Sources Sufficient to Pay Principal and Interest.

The fact that revenues from auto license fees and gasoline tax, without increase of present rates, will be ample to pay both principal and interest on these bonds, is clearly set forth by official figures in the State Pamphlet, mailed to every registered voter. Refer to State Pamphlet for verification. Examine the table carefully. It proves that no property tax is required and that present rates for auto license fees and gas tax will redeem principal and interest and yield surplus besides.

For Interest Tables, Pamphlets or further information, write to OREGON ROADS AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

W. L. THOMPSON, President, 245 1/2 S. Portland

C. C. CHAPMAN, Chairman Executive Committee, R. 1, Astoria

Campaign Headquarters, 311 Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon

VOTE 302 X YES—For 4% State Road Bond Limit