

FOSTER DEFENDS FIRST CHARGES MADE RECENTLY

ASTORIA, Dec. 27.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—I have noticed with interest some of the press reports of a statement attributed to me, concerning the social condition throughout the State, and otherwise. Please allow me to say that the statement I referred to at the luncheon of the Commercial club was given me by a man who at the time was a member of a school board in the City where these conditions are said to have existed. I wrote the statement down as he repeated it and while the percentage may be too high, I am still of the opinion that my informant gave a correct statement of what he heard at that convention. This is corroborated by Superintendent Cooper's reply to Superintendent Kirk's letter. He says that he is not at all surprised by this and, "This tale you bring to me is only slightly varied in form from many others that have come to me." Surely there must be something more than gossip for the one referred to. I do not say that our high schools are as bad as this, but I do say that every father and mother should be more concerned about their children and help to destroy the deadly monster that is undermining more of our homes than most people are aware of. Let us stop and see whether or not warning signals should be erected. The Pacific Coast Rescue & Protective Society for the year of 1919 handled 420 girls and 482 men were involved. The Salvation Army, the House of the Good Shepherd, the Crittenden Home, the State institution for girls and other organizations have handled large numbers of these unfortunate to say nothing of the multitude that have drifted matters up at home rather than suffer the disgrace of publicity.

Immorality must not be confined to the womanhood of our Country, (even the society brands it so) Here are some of the press reports from our sister states: "In San Francisco two girls were taken to the hospital after being brutally befouled by two men"; "Another girl was found bound, ragged, and drugged in a California town. She had been criminally attacked"; "The arm of one woman was broken and her sister thrown down a stairway when attacked by a man in an Oakland rooming house"; "An injured girl was found in the nude lying on a beach near Los Angeles following assault by a man with whom she had gone riding"; "In Colorado two girls were taken for an automobile ride, attacked, severely injured and left on the road, miles from home". These are stories constantly carried in the day's news. The instances all mentioned occurred on the same day. They are happening every day.

Only a few days ago two Portland girls were asked to be driven home by two young men who closed the Sedan door and drove to the country. They were being criminally attacked when I heard the little girls cry and ran to their rescue. The Pacific Coast Rescue & Protective Society were pressing prosecutions in six different courts of Oregon in one week last month. In one court three men were involved in which one man received a 20 year sentence and the other two received seven years each. Some may think this severe punishment but what about the suffering, shame and disease of these twelve and thirteen year old mothers that are left for the public to support?

Are we to keep silent while the lives of young girls (who know not what is before them) are being wrecked and ruined by these beasts of human prey, who continue to break our laws and give vent to their unspoken inclinations? I say Nay! Let the guilty share some of the suffering along with the innocent. The moving pictures may be cited as one of the causes. Many pictures present to the child's mind something it does not understand, and the older tries to impart its knowledge, which always deals with the bright side. Then comes the dance with all its modern jazz, turkey-trots and shimmys, which suggest anything but moral purity. The automobile, with its joy rides and many other modern inventions (enemies of virtue), all tend to destroy the social purity of our young.

Again I say with all earnestness, with no other thought but the protection of our rising generation, "Parents, STOP, LOOK & LISTEN". If there is no sign post at the cross roads, let's put one there. In these days of speed and greed, we must be careful to avoid wrecks in character building as well as in commercialism. During the last two years I have visited nearly every nook and hamlet in Western Oregon, and many times when the unconcerned parents were slumbering the sleep of the just (?) I have gone with the night Marshalls and found conditions which might be unlawful to utter. In most every case the Marshall has felt reluctant to do anything toward moral reform, for the reason that the parents do not believe and even they do, they seem to feel that the officer is too personal, and in many cases, try to create public sentiment against him. This ought not to be, and what we need are parents that will give instructions to their children as soon as the child is old enough to understand. There are many curves and cross roads in the paths of our children, and our responsibility will never cease until we have planted the danger signals and fingerboards pointing to the path of virtue. We may leave them wealth and earthly possessions, but they may be taken away. They may gain a reputation which other people may destroy, but a moral character is a possession that no man can destroy without the will and consent of the possessor.

CHARLES H. FOSTER.

Prize Pupil Who, at 13, Enters Teachers' College



Hunter College is where New York girls go when they decide that they want to teach the world what it ought to know. This is a photograph of Helen Koch, thirteen years of age, the youngest pupil who has ever been permitted to take up studies there. School officials have observed her during her elementary training and declare she is a marvel. She skipped four of the higher grades. Helen excels particularly in mathematics.

Broke a World's Record in Flight of 500 Miles



By flying the 500 miles between Arcadia, La., and St. Louis in fifteen hours, the Derby winner, shown here, broke the world's record for "yearling pigeon." The bird, held by little "Billie" Schacht of St. Louis, just after the finish of the long flight, has been presented to the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce. Its reward was a gold leg bracelet.

Bum Voyage, Fatty



Not that we wish you seasickness, Mr. Arbuckle, but a man of your proportions is seldom a good sailor. Still, by your Paramount pictures, you've earned your vacation in Europe and we're glad to have this last look at you aboard the mizzen of the Aquitania as she passes out through the Narrows and on to Europe. Au revoir in a month, then, Boscoe!

YEA, BO

We don't see why so many people should wonder at the companionship should wonder at the companionship between Hen Ford and Jack Burroughs. Each has something he can teach the other. Jack can teach Hen nature, and Hen can teach Jack American History.

GREAT EFFORT PUT FORTH BY DRIVE LEADERS

Many of the outlying districts of the county have completed the drive in their sections to raise funds for the European Relief fund and the greater portion of Oregon City has been solicited, all with gratifying results. Those districts that have not yet reported are still working and expect in each case to raise their quota.

Arthur Beattie, conducting the Oregon City campaign, divided the residential section with Mrs. Eva Emery Dye and Mrs. Dr. A. McDonald as captains of teams. The following ladies served on Mrs. Dye's teams: Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. John Snover, Mrs. Hoehler, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Walk, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. G. B. Rahms, Mrs. Loughary, Mrs. Dr. Krasig and Mrs. Arthur Beattie. Mrs. McDonald's team was composed of Mrs. Rintoul, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Bert Morgan, Mrs. Duane Ely, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. O. D. Eby, Mrs. Marie Anderson, and Mrs. S. McDonald. The work was carried on in spite of the rain and the pressing Christmas duties and about \$225 was raised in the residential section of the town.

The outlying districts that have reported since Saturday are: School district No. 50, Douglas, W. R. Woodie, chairman, \$12.50; Dist. No. 92, Yoder, Mrs. Bertha Rittenhour, chairman, \$20.00; Dist. No. 90, Haseldale, Alven Trafion, chairman, \$5.50; Dist. No. 20, Macksburg, Chas. Kraxberger, chairman, \$37.25 (quota \$30); Dist. No. 111, South Highland, Richard Simms, chairman, \$18.86 (quota \$10); Dist. No. 2, Elliott Prairie, Mr. R. R. Graham, chairman, \$20.35; Estacada, H. C. Stephens, chairman, \$149.00.

The Oregon City Woolen Mills and The Hawley Pulp and Paper Co. have each donated \$150.00 toward the drive.

BIDS ASKED FOR BUILDING OF MT. HOOD LOOP ROAD

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—Bids for grading of the Clackamas county section of the Mount Hood Loop highway will be asked by the state highway commission at its February meeting, in case arrangements can be made to finance the project, according to announcement made by the state highway department.

This project extends from the Multnomah county line through Sandy to the forest boundary, a distance of 24.3 miles. Considerable difference of opinion resulted over the location of the route of this highway and it was only recently that the commission decided to build the road by way of Sandy. This route was favored by many Clackamas county residents who appeared before the commission, while the Portland water board and other residents of Multnomah county preferred the Bull Run route. The ultimate decision of the commission in favor of the Sandy route was based on the saving of distance, cost of construction and service to the greater population.

Two miles of the project, covering the section between Sandy and Finwood, is now being improved as a market road by Clackamas county. Multnomah county has agreed to construct its portion of the highway between the Multnomah county line and Gresham, a distance of 5.12 miles, and also has let it be known that it will appropriate \$85,000 for the construction of the Clackamas county section of the project.

In view of the recent favorable decision of the supreme court in the Clackamas county road bond case there will be considerable money to be derived from this bond issue available for the project. It was estimated that the total cost of grading, with permanent concrete bridges, will approximate \$450,000. In addition to this there will be considerable expense in surfacing the road.

During the past two years the forestry department, in co-operation with the state department, has improved that section of the Mount Hood loop from the forest boundary to Government Camp at an aggregate cost of \$223,678.81, which was defrayed by the state and forestry department on a 50-50 basis. The improvement of the section between the Multnomah county line and the forest boundary will provide a more ready access to Portland markets for farmers in that section of Clackamas county, as well as providing an improved highway the entire distance between Portland and Government Camp. It also is expected that this improvement will greatly stimulate tourist travel to Government Camp during the summer months.

"GO WASH THE DISHES" SAYS COLLEGE HEAD

"With your arm around your mother after you have eaten your Christmas dinner, boys, tell her to go into the parlor and rest and you'll wash up the dishes," said President W. J. Kerr in extending Christmas wishes to the G. A. C. students just before the holiday vacation. "Eat your Christmas dinner at home if you can possibly do so, and show appreciation of the sacrifice your family is making to give you the advantage of college education. There never was just such a dinner as mother prepared for you, and there never will be another like it. Characterize your Christmas visit by service to your parents and your community."

Berlin Children Making Public Appeal For Food.



Berlin children marched recently through the streets of Berlin bearing gawsonic placards showing what will be their fate unless food, especially grain is secured at once. Most of the placards bore the inscription "Kinder in Not" (children in need).



THE Office Cat —By Junius

LOVE'S LABOR LOST
She stood beneath
The mistletoe,
But her fond hope
Was blighted;
Because the poor
Girl didn't know
The fellow was
Near-sighted.

BROWSINGS
A real diplomat is a fellow who can persuade his wife to buy him a pipe and a jar of his favorite tobacco when she is determined to get him a pair of embroidered house slippers or something equally unessential.

Do you remember your emotions when you were a little kid and got a tin flute and red mosquito bar with three pieces of hard sugar candy from the Sunday school Christmas tree?

Not that we wish to recall bitter memories.
One of life's worst paradoxes. The young lady who can't sing, but does. A contemporary tells about the woman who asked another if she had seen "The Inside Cup." She replied she hadn't—but she never used to have an aunt who told fortunes by coffee grounds.

We don't know whether to feel flattered or offended when somebody slips us a quib with the remark, "Here's a good one for your column." and then find, upon examination that it's one we run two or three weeks back.

Well, anyhow, the reformers are rapidly making the world unsafe for cranks.

DISILLUSIONMENT
Backward, turn backward,
Oh time in thy flight
And make me a kid again
Just for one night;
For Christmas ain't near
As much fun as it was
When I fell for the bunk
About Old Santa Claus.

OUR OWN DICTIONARY
PIECE D' RESISTANCE—Boarding house breakfast.
CRISIS—A fat lady with an armload of Christmas packages, trying to get through a revolving door.

FOURFLUSHER—The man who carries a Bible under his arm on Sunday and spends his time during the sermon figuring out a way to put one over on his brethren the next day.
WHISKEY — (sobs) — The stuff which once enabled saloonkeepers to wear diamonds as big as walnuts while their customers were patched trousers.

CHIEF TASK
"What is your boy doing at college, old man?"
The Chicago jockey who returned from a shopping tour to find her portable bungalow missing probably will agree that, after all, woman's place is in the home.

These days when one reads about the "thinly-clad" one never knows whether the writer refers to athletes or what.

MISS JOHNSTONE, QUEEN, PROCLAIMED BEAUTIFUL LADY

Justine Johnstone who has often been proclaimed "The most beautiful woman in America" has just been acclaimed by Paul Helleu, the famous French etcher, as "the most beautiful woman he has ever seen."



Boxing matches, fireworks and athletic games marked the celebration of Founder's Day at Eton Eng. Henry V., founder of the college. Photo shows Prince Nicholas of Roumania (at left) sparring with his instructor in the gymnasium during the celebration.



Wanda Hawley is spending her time at the Reelart studio climbing back and forth from fire-escape to fire-escape connecting two apartments which are the locale of "All Night Long," the Philip Bartheoloe farce she is doing as her latest Reelart picture. The production is said to offer a remarkable display of up-to-date and altogether fascinating lingerie.

Listed among the circus celebrities who gave technical advice during the making of "The Little Clown," Avery Hopwood's "Big Top" story for Mary Miles Minter, were Bert Leo, Alice and "Mike" Brahn. Bert Leo was an especial "find" for the Reelart, as Mr. Leo is one of the most famous clowns in America, having played over eighteen years with the Ringling, Hagenback-Wallace and Al G. Barnes circuses. He is the originator of the famous "Mother Goose" act and he brought with him the famous Mike, a trained goose who had been seen in every portion of the globe. Mike is seen in the picture, prominently in support of Miss Minter. Also with Mr. Leo was his famous dog, Queen, which he uses to burlesque the well known horse-posing acts.

Alice and "Mike" Brahn are internationally renowned circus riders who have been recently with the Hagenback-Wallace Circus. They brought with them, their horse, one of the best "principal act" equines in the business. (Principal act) meaning a horse trained to allow acrobats on its back.

Elmer Harris, now Supervising director, West Coast Reelart studios, opines that with the coming of cold weather, a few of our male picture stars can heat their homes with a few old friends.

Lost in the woods around Big Bear Lake, California! Fires to guide the faltering footsteps—all in accordance with the technique of the best dime novels.

All this actually happened to Babe Daniels while on location in "Ducks and Drakes," her latest production for Reelart. She strayed away from camp and was lost nearly ten hours. "And I couldn't get a bit of sympathy," mourns the Reelart star. "Everybody who hears the story looks wise and says, 'Ah ha, another press agent yarn!'"

There's hardly "First night" in New York at which Justine Johnstone is not seen. The beautiful Reelart star is very fond of the theatre and she makes it her sole recreation. Miss Johnstone curiously believes that one can learn as much from a poor play as from a good one—that is learn what not to do.

Constance Binney is heading the "call of the country" now that she is on a brief vacation. She is spending most of her time hiking, horse-back riding, eating and sleeping out in the great outdoors so as to be in perfect trim when she starts work on her next picture. She has just completed her newest Reelart picture, "Something Different."

INVESTORS HERE LOSE IN BOND HOUSE FAILURE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—John L. Etheridge, ex-president of Morris Bros., bond dealers, whose houses at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma did not open today, was arrested here late Monday by local police at the request of Portland authorities.

Etheridge was taken from a train here. It was said he was on his way to take a boat for England. He was held pending the arrival of a Portland officer to take him back to that city.

The police said Etheridge had \$10,000 in currency on his person and about \$75,000 in bonds. J. F. Kalker, superintendent of police here notified Portland of the arrests tonight. Etheridge and his wife were both held.

With the closing of its doors, the Morris Bros., bonding house caused a sensation in Portland, and over the entire Northwest Monday evening.

It is said that the firm will have a deficit of \$1,000,000.

Etheridge, it is alleged, has misappropriated funds which caused the downfall of the premier bond house, and last Monday evening a warrant for his arrest was issued from the district attorney's office at Portland. Not only Portland and vicinity has been affected by the failure of the firm, but several local investors have been caught in the net. It is reported that two men in Oregon City had placed \$1000 each in the hands of Morris Bros., for the purpose of buying bonds which had not arrived at the offices there, and today some men hold a receipt only for the money.

Many possibilities and rumors have arisen over the firm's failure, and with John L. Etheridge's prison record unfurled before the eyes of the world, and as manager of the company, all eyes are turned and the spot is being rested upon the fugitive, flamboyantly speaking. Thousands Monday morning clamored at the steel doors of the company for admittance, but they were met by iron-faced officers, who stood guard over the closed doorway.

Morris Bros., bond house was thought to be one of the soundest organizations on the Pacific coast, and when the news that Etheridge, the manager and president of the firm, had absconded, and when the report was verified, the entire state sat up and took notice.

On December 23, Etheridge came to Oregon City and had his place, which is situated on the Clackamas river near here, transferred. A deed to the property was transferred to Henrietta A. Morris, wife of one of the Morris' of the firm, and the transaction was executed in the presence of M. R. Klepper and Mae A. Grainger, and was acknowledged by Nora Moser.

TAFT ACCUSES HENRY FORD OF VICIOUS CHARGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The alleged protocols of the "wise men of Zion," printed in Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent, have their only counterpart in literature in the fanciful "Tales of Baron Munchausen," former President William Howard Taft declared tonight in an address on anti-Semitism before the Anti-Demofamation league, founded by B'nai B'rith.

"One of the chief causes of suffering and evil in the world today is race hatred, and any man who stimulates that hatred has much to answer for," Mr. Taft said. "When he does this by the circulation of unfounded and unjust charges and the arousing of mean and groundless fears, his fault is more to be condemned.

"How much of the article is due to Mr. Ford's initiative one cannot say. But of course he is responsible for the effect."

TEACHER LOOSES HIS LICENSE FOR BEING ABSENT

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 23.—The teachers' certificate of Donald G. Galey, manual training instructor in the Albany high school, has been revoked because he failed to attend the teachers' institute held here recently. A report that he had failed to comply with the law and attend the institute was made by Mrs. Ida Maxwell Cummings, county school superintendent, and the latter has revoked the certificate.

VERY FEW ATTEND MEET AT LIBRARY

The Community meeting held at the library building Wednesday evening was what might be called a "Fiasco" as far as attendance was concerned. It is reported that about five attended, and the speaker of the evening, H. W. Arbury, representing the Community Service, will leave for California soon. The object of the meeting was to interest this community in recreation methods, and the company represented by Mr. Arbury was prepared to furnish ideas and suggestions for the movement for a stated sum.

Agnes Commercial Club Incorporates

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—The commercial club at Agnes, Curry county, has filed articles of incorporation with the state. The incorporators are F. W. Mondell, Joseph Hajtonstall, Frank Vernon and Jack Murray.

