

SILK DRESS IS OLD PENALTY

Old Leap Year Tradition Revived and Arouses Consternation in Bachelor Ranks

There is more or less consternation today in the ranks of the eligible bachelors on Coos Bay whose names have been connected with the list of eligible leap year prizes as a result of the revival of the old penalty attached for refusal.

The penalty, according to leap year traditions, is that every bachelor who, being heart whole and fancy free, refuses a Leap Year proposal must buy the lady a silk dress. In case of doubt, ample evidence of "love rights" must be furnished. Whether the silk dress will be ample for the maiden probably depends upon who the bachelor is.

Of course, this does not mean that any new silk gowns appearing during Leap Year should be construed as significant of the rejection of a proposal.

Up-to-date, Frank Pugsley, the Kandy Kid, whose charms were set forth in a communication to the Leap Year Editor published in last evening's Times, has proven the most popular of the eligible ones. Within an hour after the Times was distributed, two telephone calls and one personal call, are rumored to have been made to the point.

It was also announced today that North Bend people are beginning to display a greater interest in the possibilities of Leap Year and that a Leap Year ball will be given there in the near future.

The Leap Year ball to be given under the direction of a number of prominent Marshfield ladies at the Eagles' hall a week from next Saturday evening has aroused much interest. Plans for it will be perfected in a day or two and invitations will be issued the first of next week. It will be strictly invitational, the invitations being extended to the ladies who will have to select and bring their partners. All dances will be ladies' choice and a penalty will be imposed on any "coy gentleman" violating the rules. The enforcement of these will be left to "patronesses" who will be well known Marshfield men. Committees for the ball will be announced later.

Additional suggestions for the roll of eligible bachelors will be thankfully received by the Leap Year Editor.

Talk about the Times' want ads getting results they are only secondary in effectiveness to the efforts of the Leap Year Editor. It has been only four days since the inauguration of the leap year campaign and already three hardened and time-seasoned bachelors have served notice that their names should be dropped from the list of eligibles open to "proposals" from maidens fair. First came Archie Johnson and now comes G. L. Dindinger, one of the popular and affable proprietors of the Bazar, who says that his name may be taken out. He refused to give details but said that the reasons were "good and sufficient."

Frank Grannis, the High School coach, has also stated that his name is no longer entitled to a permanent place in the roll of bachelors. Mr. Grannis also was diffident about details but knowing ones say that far off Michigan may be a factor in the chain of events responsible for removal of the educator's name from the list of "selfish singleness."

Further developments will be watched with more than passing interest by the many friends of these preciously prominent members of the "bachelor's brigade."

NEW ONE IS ENTERED

Leap Year Editor:—

Just a line to let you know that you have been overlooking one well known Marshfield man in your list of Leap Year eligibles. He is T. A. Ireland, familiarly known to his many friends as "Cell." He is a little backward and diffident but he sure would be a winner.

Leap Yearite.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

OREGON UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION.

Editor Times:—

Attention is centered just now in the direction of the litigation that is taking place concerning the call of the referendum on a state university appropriation.

The university receives the interest on the fund arising from the sale of university lands, the amount of which I do not know. Aside from this it receives an annual appropriation of \$125,000.

In 1911, the legislature appropriated one sum of \$328,258.92, for alleged administration and commonwealth buildings, land, repairs, improvements, salaries and a lot of other fixings useful and ornamental. At the same time the legislature appropriated still another sum of \$175,000 for a library building, museum and other trinkets.

Then in another paroxysm of liberality it appropriated still another sum of \$26,000 for some more salaries and maintenance of the medical department, all of which is enough to show that our neighbor over the mountain has a long strong pull on the pork barrel.

Then too we must not overlook the colossal appropriations for other special state institutions of learning.

The public school is the school of the people. It is your school and mine. The public school is within our reach. We can afford to send our children there. Perhaps we can afford to send them to a state institution and perhaps we can't. If we are able financially, it may be we are unwilling to transfer the supervision and control of the young folks to people we don't know.

The more money we spend on these special educational institutions, the less money we will have to spend on the common schools. The more money we spend abroad, the less we will have to spend at home. The public is inclined to shovel money into these luxurious institutions by the barrel and into our home schools with a teaspoon. It provides these favored schools with magnificent buildings, surrounds them with elegant grounds, and embellishes them with the finest furnishings and the very best apparatus money can buy. On the other hand the furnishing of many of our home schools, our public schools, consist of an old rickety unpainted shack in a cow yard, heated by some old discarded stove rescued from a junk pile, perched on three uncertain legs and a brick, dreary, unsanitary and unkept.

These special incubators of doctors and lawyers and preachers, we provide with handsome professors, with innumerable prefixes and suffixes to their names, a princely salary and long trains of funkies, while we haggle with the poor girl who teaches our own school over a postage stamp.

We spend thousands of dollars providing these special institutions with apparatus for teaching the mechanical arts and trades, cookery and the like, for the benefit of the few, and fall dead at the suggestion of the outlay of fifteen dollars for the same purposes at home.

Nobody begrudges these institutions reasonable appropriations, but there must be a limit somewhere, else the public school, the boast and the pride of this republic, must go out of business.

These other institutions are octopus that are gradually depriving the common school of any vitality at all. As stated, the last legislature specially appropriated over half a million for this one institution, alone. In view of past experience, what will these appropriations be like in the future? In my view, if the people are not given a chance by the referendum to lop off a portion of these unwarranted appropriations, it will be a public calamity. We are willing to spend large sums for educational purposes, but the public school, your school and mine, should receive our first and greatest consideration. And it is high time we were shielding them from organized selfishness and greed.

There is reason in all things and the sooner we return to that point in these matters, the better it will be for you and me.

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SHIPPING NEWS ALONG COAST

Gossip From Many Points Concerning Vessels and Masters Well Known on Coos Bay.

The steam schooner Wasp, Capt. Knudsen, which limped into San Francisco Christmas night waterlogged and minus most of her deck load of lumber, will be laid up for some time undergoing repairs. The vessel was badly strained and is in need of caulking, in addition to other repairs.

Lumber Charters Active

Coastwise lumber rates are remaining firm at advanced prices and the chartering during the past ten days has been active. As a usual thing at this season of the year, the lumber chartering for the coast trade is quiet and rates low. The off-shore market has also been showing signs of renewed activity and several new charters have been announced. The highest rate paid for the trip from Gray's Harbor to San Pedro was received by the schooners Robt. R. Hind and William Olson. Both received \$5 for the voyage. The charter of the schooners Balboa and Forester and of the barkentine Benicia are among the most recent fixed at the prevailing high rate.

Schooner Nearly Ashore

Christmas night was by no means a pleasant one for Capt. Dent and the crew of the fore and after Bertie Minor which was towed into San Francisco at midnight by the tug Sea Queen after a close call from drifting ashore at Baker's Beach. Four days out from Coquille river with 280,000 feet of lumber from the Robert Dollar company, the Bertie Minor lost the wind as she was coming up. The vessel was quickly carried inshore by the strong current and had reached a dangerous position before her anchor held. Two men were sent ashore in a small boat to telephone for assistance, and the Redstacker was dispatched to get the schooner out of harm's way.

Want Pilotage Ruling

Attorney General Webb of California asked the supreme court to give an early decision in the case involving the conflict of jurisdiction between state and federal governments as to the pilotage on steam vessels entering the Golden Gate.

It was pointed out that the decision would not only affect vessels now engaged in traffic between Atlantic and Pacific ports but would also affect many vessels "confidently expected" to use the Panama Canal. The case would not be decided, unless advanced, until after the completion of the canal, it was said.

New Dodge Service

The E. J. Dodge Steamship company announces a new service between San Francisco and Portland in which four steamers will operate in the passenger and freight traffic. The steamers of the Dodge fleet are the Northland, Coaster, Fairhaven and St. Helens. Their carrying capacity will aggregate 5,000 tons. The Northland and Fairhaven have passenger accommodations. Heretofore the Dodge company has had but one steamer, the Northland, running regularly to the Columbia river from San Francisco. The St. Helens, which belongs to the company, was in the Alaska trade this season. The other two steamers the concern will have on the route are now under charter.

Capt. Higgins Under Arrest

An indictment charging Capt. J. B. Higgins of the steamer Coaster with disturbing the submarine cable between Fort Stevens and Fort Columbia, dated June, 1907, was resurrected at Portland and Capt. Higgins was arrested. Leslie Scott, the new United States Marshal, chanced to discover it when clearing old papers and had it served. Higgins gave \$500 bonds.

Capt. Hamilton on the San Gabriel

The steamer San Gabriel, which arrived at San Pedro last Wednesday, had a narrow escape while crossing out over the bar at Umpqua river. The steering gear broke. Capt. John Hamilton, former port pilot, at San Pedro, who is now mate on the steamer, was on the bridge and got the steamer safely out of danger.

STRAW-HAT PRICES MOUNT

Revolution in China Curtails Importation of Braid.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Next summer's straw hat will cost more than this year's, and the price will be still higher in 1913, owing to the shortage in the importations of straw braid, most of which comes from the province of Shan-Tung, China. Word has reached the New York importers that millions of dollars' worth of this straw has been seized and burned by the rebels.

This means, it is said, that next year the importation of straw from China will be particularly nil, and there will be nothing to manufacture the straw hat of 1913 from except papier-mache.

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