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LET HER BOSS.

A PHILADELPHIA judge by the name of Gorman is responsible for the following advice which was given to a man who failed to live peacefully with his spouse:

"If you want to be happy never talk back to your wife when she starts to argue with you; she'll be the boss around the house, and there's no use combatting her. It used to be that the men thought they were the bosses. All this fuss over the suffragette problem is nonsense. No change will be brought about by giving women the vote, because they are already in full control of the situation. When your wife insists on quarreling, just let her talk. Don't, under any circumstances, try to answer. Just let her on you don't hear her, or, if that's impossible, pick up your hat and take a walk around the block. Husbands might as well acknowledge that the women are the bosses and accept the situation as it is."

This view of the subject is probably not new in respect to individual deduction, but it is unusual as regards general judiciary theory and counsel. It sounds easy as an abstract proposition, but is likely to prove more difficult when it comes to practice. It has been suggested that here is a solution for the divorce problem, and it is probably as near that as any generalized mode of conduct could be expected to become.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

THE QUIET OBSERVER SAYS

Some Coos Bay men spend more for gasoline than their fathers did for groceries.

WHO CAN ANSWER THIS?

A new brain puzzle, a belated successor to "How Old is Ann?" has been introduced by C. W. Houston of Los Angeles, Cal. It is this:

"An article cost \$1 wholesale. For what will it have to be sold to allow a profit of 19 per cent after deducting 22 per cent for the cost of selling?" Mr. Houston says the answer is neither \$1.32, \$1.34 nor \$1.43, the three common answers.

Shameless Samuel says, "Virtue is its own reward, but no artist has ever pictured Virtue as uncomfortable fat and overfed."

AMONG THE SICK

C. B. Landers of this city injured his leg yesterday while braking on the train and was unable to return to work today. He will be employed in the Breakwater office for a few days.

NORTH BEND NEWS.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society will meet Thursday at 2 p. m. with Mrs. N. C. McLeod. George Black is planning to soon move to the old town of North Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Smith of South Coos River were Marshfield shoppers Monday.

Mayor and Mrs. L. J. Simpson and guests, Miss Isabel Stearns and Miss Burroughs, are spending a few days at Ten Mile.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murr of Coos River were North Bend visitors Monday.

Earl Michaels has moved his variety store into the A. W. Myers store building.

Mrs. Hollister is reported quite ill at the home of A. H. Imhoff.

Mrs. Wm. Neilson of Meade avenue will leave shortly for Portland, where she goes as a delegate to the Methodist convention.

Mrs. Henry Pulver of Myrtle Point is taking treatment at the Mercy hospital.

Mrs. W. F. Piner of Coos River visited friends here Monday.

H. P. McCulloch is ill at the Mercy hospital.

Miss Florence Jennings of Portland is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cavanaugh of Eastside.

W. Sweet has moved his family to the old town.

Miss Ethyl Van Zile of North Bend is expecting her school chum, Miss Bernice Stein, of Long Beach, Cal., on the Redondo Saturday.

The Episcopal Altar Guild will meet Thursday with Miss Gertrude Mandigo, instead of Wednesday.

EXPLAINS NEW HOMESTEAD LAW

Congressman Hawley Tells of His Efforts to Help Oregon Settlers.

One of the matters which was explained by Congressman W. C. Hawley at the meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday night was the bill regarding homesteaders, which he caused to have passed in Congress. Mr. Hawley went into detail regarding his bill for the reason that many are interested in this locality, where a large number of homesteaders are endeavoring to prove up on claims.

Mr. Hawley explains the matter in a way that anyone who has ever had to do with homesteading will understand. One of the officials with whom the settler must deal is the special agent. He is over the homestead and must determine whether or not the settler is complying with the law in regard to building a house, cultivating the land or making it his real home. It is up to this special agent to make his report as to what he finds. Under the old arrangements the agent had a right to make what was known as a secret report. If it was adverse the homesteader was again called upon to make further proof, but he was not given the privilege of knowing the nature of the specific charge in which he was found to be wanting. This secret report together with the proof made by the homesteader goes to the legal clerk, who decided upon the question as to whether or not the homesteader is entitled to a patent. The injustice of this method is what Congressman Hawley succeeded in removing by the passage of the bill. To use his words:

Lack of Knowledge.

"The judgment of a competent special agent is all right. That is, if the agent is a man who understands that a homesteader is called upon to show out of logs the shacks with which he builds his cabin and that he must remove scores of stumps before he has a small plot of land which he can cultivate. There are many young men of the east who in education will qualify and be appointed special agents and will be put in the field, say in a timbered district, like the Pacific Coast. These young men, fine fellows, all of them, and meaning well, have perhaps lived in New York or Philadelphia and have been used to 20-story buildings. If they see a man living in a shack twenty feet square, entirely devoid of any artistic architecture, but which cost the homesteader weeks of hard labor, courage and ingenuity to construct, he thinks the homesteader has not built a residence fitting to comply with the law. He may make a secret report to this effect, the homesteader not knowing whereon are his alleged shortcomings must make proof again, and the whole matter is laid before the legal clerk, equally ignorant of real conditions, who writes the papers which decides whether or not the homesteader shall have his land. The result is that the man who is holding down the homestead does not have a chance to defend the charge which is made against him. Gives Settler Chance.

Another Bill Ready.

"I have prepared another bill which I hope to put through the next Congress. It simply provides that a homesteader who is decided against by the land office may appeal his case to the courts. The purpose is to give the man who is trying to hold down a homestead some chance of appeal from the sometimes over-technical decision of the land officials to the honest sense of a judge and jury."

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FRIENDS RESCUE R. P. SMITH

Old Man Is Released from the County Jail and Brought to Marshfield.

Like a king at ransom R. P. Smith marched out of the county jail yesterday at Coquille and was brought back to Marshfield in an automobile. R. P. was to be tried yesterday for his sanity. The examination made by the physician proved that the old man was not crazy and that it would be impossible to prove him insane. The grand jury had returned an indictment against him charging assault with a deadly weapon because of Smith having shot William Eganhoff at Empire. When the insanity was found to be not a success Smith was put in jail on the indictment.

In the meantime many Marshfield business men who had known Smith for many years, on learning that he was to be tried yesterday, took an automobile and went to Coquille. After Smith was put in jail his friends gave bond in the sum of \$250 and Smith was released.

The old man was very proud of the fact that his friends came to the rescue and he assumed all the dignity that he could pull together when the jail doors were thrown open to let him pass out.

Oregon and you need them right here to populate Coos county.

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