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WHY NOT TAG OREGON BACHELORS?

A GREAT many states have given consideration to bills taxing bachelors and many convincing arguments have been presented why men who escape matrimony should pay a penalty, but why not tag them as a more painless and effective method of extermination? If the bachelors were tagged the widows could easily find them and Cupid would do the rest. The bachelor is naturally timid, but under the encouraging influences of a merry widow he can easily be led to the altar, for there is no more helpless craft afloat than a lovesick swain who has passed the age of discretion, and the little imp that plays ping-pong with human hearts has no more capable ally than a woman who loves at second sight, for experience makes Cupid subtle and bold.

The women have tag days to promote most every other public enterprise, and why not a tag day for bachelors? We have in Oregon approximately 50,000 bachelors and an equal number of widows. Why not get them together and solve two vexatious problems with one marriage license?

NATION FACING MEAT FAMINE.

ECONOMIC experts of the Federal Government are giving the high cost of living problem thoughtful consideration and are investigating the high prices of meat. The Department of Agriculture has just completed a census of the meat-producing animals of the United States and finds that there has been a decrease of 4,183,000 head and an increase of \$176,539,000 in value during the past year. On January 1, 1914, the herd numbered 144,507,000 compared with 148,690,000 head a year ago.

The bulk of the nation's decreased meat supply is in the swine herd. Compared with last year the number of hogs in the United States has diminished 2,185,000 head; cattle 175,000 head and sheep 1,763,000 head. The major portion of the increased value is credited to the beef animals. The value of all cattle, excluding milch cows, when compared with last year, shows an increase of \$166,688,000; swine have gained \$9,842,000 in value, while sheep have depreciated \$1,476,000.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

Among the blessings and enjoyments of this life there are few that can be compared in value to the possession of a faithful friend—a friend who will defend you when you are assailed by the tongues of slander and calumny, who will not forsake you even when you have fallen into disgrace, who will counsel you in your doubts and perplexities, who will open his purse and aid you without expecting any return of his favors, who will rejoice at your prosperity and grieve at your adversity, who will bear half your burden, who will add to your joys, and diminish your sorrows by sharing them both.—Gibbons.

THE MASTER BUILDER.

A master builder he, who with his hands Lays brick on brick and stone on stone, and stands And views his work with conscious pride, that he Has had the power to build for worlds to see, Something enduring that will cheer men's sight For years to come and when eternal night Has closed its shades about him, there will still Remain a monument to his, a workman's skill.

A master builder he, who with his brain Adds truth to truth and fact to fact, a chain So powerful that he thus wrests and holds Secrets that Nature reluctantly unfolds, Through science forcing them to ease the way Of future generations. Thus when day Has closed to him forever, there will still Remain a monument to his inven-

tor's skill. A master builder he, who humbly lives, And dally of himself so freely gives, That deed by deed and step by step he molds A link invisible though strong that holds The chain of human destinies intact: And yet no monument does he exact. But though he comes and goes, unknown, forgot, Can mankind say, because they see it not, He has not builded just as well as they Who o'er the world have held a potent sway? —Selected.

OUR DAILY CONUNDRUM.

Who was the first that bore arms? Answer tomorrow.

Answer to yesterday's: "Why is there never such a thing as one whole day?" Because every day begins by breaking.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.

Can you still remember the old-fashioned woman who used to suggest a mustard poultice for whatever ailed you?

If a Coos Bay woman had her way a ten-room house would contain 100 closets.

We are all so narrow minded that while we insist on sending missionaries to the poor, benighted Hindu, we get mad when a Hindu missionary hits this country.

Listen to two Coos Bay girls chatter and nine times out of ten it is: "He sez" and "I sez." And listen to two young fellows and seven times out of ten it is: "She sez" and "I sez."

The self made man can't understand why anyone should prefer a family tree to a business plant.

Some women are dead easy; but, then, there was Lot's wife, who was

turned into a pillar of salt. She died hard.

That there is plenty of room at the top may be due to the fact that so many of us are too lazy to climb.

Many a man who boasts of his blue blood has a streak of yellow.

A prude is a girl who hates to think of dying because she doesn't like the idea of going to heaven without a chaperon.

Universal peace is merely a matter of waiting for the other fellow to begin the fight.

Many a girl is a gem in spite of the fact that she refuses to be cut.

It's hard to make a reformer believe that to the pure all things are pure.

Failure is often the result of a firm belief that all things come to those who wait for something to turn up.

Many a man is so constituted that he makes friends with everyone except himself.

Many a woman gets married simply because it is absolutely necessary for her to have an audience.

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JOHN W. CATCHING, Administrator of the Estate of George W. Catching, Deceased. First publication, December 3, 1914. Last publication, January 7, 1915.

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