

COUPLES POORLY MATED SUPPLY DIVORCE COURTS

Judge Graham of San Francisco Declares Unhappy Marriages Are Mostly "Made of Clay."

By Judge Thomas F. Graham, Judge of Superior Court, San Francisco, Calif., April 12, 1922.

In a newspaper Sunday supplement of a few weeks ago there appeared a long list of divorces and their sordid stories. The subject was American husbands who had been married, or rather, been sold to fortune hunters in return for titles. The moral was obvious that kind of marriage was far the best to deal with in this romance.

Main cases of desertion, infidelity and misunderstanding among people in ordinary circumstances are not for the novelist—they are for the philosopher and the lawyer. Something is wrong in the great social body of which the title-seeking heiress is a part. The subject of mated couples is a large one in the public eye.

The number of divorces that fill our courts has aroused deep mistrust for the future among our solid and conservative citizens and particularly among the clergy, who regard the bonds of matrimony as holy and, once accepted, to be unbroken during lifetime.

"CUTLESS MARRIAGES OF CLAY"

There is a saying, sprung from some poet, no doubt, that marriages are made in heaven. All happy marriages are, but after years in a divorce court studying over the effort to break the bonds made daily, an impartial observer is forced to the belief that countless marriages are of clay. There is something wrong here, yet how to deal with it?

Many good people, with the best intentions on earth, will say that the divorce laws should be entirely repealed. They point to statistics of the growth of this evil as evidence of the social dissolution of our country and ask what we are to do.

That divorce has increased at an appalling rate, so far as statistics go, is true. Yet who can say that the percentage of happy marriages was higher a century ago than now? This means that we must accept the fact of the fuller personal liberty granted woman in later years. Time was when woman was a chattel, when a man's right to beat or use his wife as a slave was unquestioned. Now a man may not mistreat a dumb animal without fear of arrest and prosecution.

Thus it appears that with fuller liberty has come complete humanity, the desire of the public to take a hand in private affairs and, in what particularly interests us, to allow women to free herself from her husband's tyranny and abuse. Of course, the husband's rights are of equal standing with a wife's in a divorce action, yet it must be considered that in the old times the husband might cast off his wife with greater ease by far than he can now.

"LOOKER ON WITH DISTASTE"

Write divorcees of comparatively recent origin as compared with the institution of marriage it has always been looked on with distaste by conservative people.

A generation ago a "ragged widow" was more or less overlooked. She was a poor, old, shabby creature, and the term "ragged" implied contempt.

tempt, and a woman would rather undergo any kind of domestic torture, if she was the kind to whom under the world's unkindness, rather than obtain the title. Now to say that Mrs. Jones is not living with her husband does not mean that she is any the less welcome among her social set. But here comes the rub. Society ceases to be shocked if Mrs. Jones and Mr. Jones is waiting for a final decree to marry what the current newspapers phrase terms an affinity. But the unhappy outcome of social convention seems to be acting as a check in this regard.

So, with all the looseness of the present view, the old institution of marriage maintains its hold upon society, the best and greatest guarantee of the world's future.

Peggy Joyce Does Not Deny She Is Engaged to Marry

Paris, April 18.—Peggy Joyce today refused to deny the rumor that she is again engaged to be married.

The beautiful actress denied, however, that the successful actor is Pierre Marillon, the handsome young Franco-American banker, whose engagement to Peggy has already twice been broken off.

"I will not deny that I am engaged again," said Peggy, "but I refuse to tell you any more. At any rate, I will not marry again until I fulfill some stage and movie contracts in New York next fall. After I carry out these contracts I return to France and buy a home."

Peggy's intimates, while doubting the permanency of the present engagement, are not lost in conjectures as to which of the dozen suitors surrounding the famous beauty has succeeded in winning the \$500,000 hand—the diamonds she wears on her fingers being valued at that amount.

Bessie Merrillon, the reports of Peggy's admirers include many of the best-known names in Paris society.

THREE FOURTHS PAY

Under the Bursum bill, which the senate took up for consideration by a close vote, emergency officers who are declared to be under not less than a 30 per cent disability will receive the benefit of three fourths regular pay, and if their disability is rated between 10 and 30 per cent they may apply for the same.

Assassin Slays Kin Of Talaat Pasha

London, April 18.—(L. N. S.)—A brother of Talaat Pasha was assassinated today, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin.

Talaat Pasha, former grand vizier of Turkey, was himself slain by an assassin—Armenian student—in Berlin a year ago.

WALLA WALLANS PLAN VISIT

Pasco, Wash., April 18.—Walla Walla business men will invade Pasco Wednesday for a get-acquainted visit. The Whitman college baseball team will meet local tossers and the Walla Walla high school band and Whitman quartet will furnish music.

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RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS' BILL CAUSES DEBATE

Washington, April 18.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Bursum's bill for retirement of disabled emergency officers of the World War on the same terms with officers of the regular army provoked lively debate in the senate, its opponents declaring that legislation is wrong in principle which gives retired officers' pay to an officer, but leaves the private to the ordinary amounts of the compensation acts.

Senator Lenroot, who vigorously fought the bill, asserted that not one private soldier to whom he has talked has favored this preferred treatment for officers. He said that no comparison can be properly made with retirement pay of regular army officers, because the regular army man is asked to adopt military life as a profession and after having served the country in the army until it is too late for him to do anything else. It is right that he should be provided with something to live on in his old age.

PORTLAND TRIPS CHARGED

Chehalis, Wash., April 18.—Suit for divorce was filed by David L. Pickering against Julia B. Pickering. He charges frequent trips by his wife with a man to Portland and asks custody of two small children.

compensation as is allowed regular officers who have incurred physical disability, but do not receive retired pay.

Colonels of the emergency army rated at 30 per cent disability or over will, under the Bursum bill, receive \$2009 a year. Lieutenant colonels \$1802, majors \$2250, captains \$1800, first lieutenants \$1600 and second lieutenants \$1275, which is in each case three fourths regular army pay. The recipients in addition will become entitled to purchase supplies at the army commissaries at cost and to receive treatment at regular army hospitals.

PAY FOR LIEUTENANTS

It was pointed out that the compensation for second lieutenants is only \$75 a year more than they are now entitled to receive under the disability provisions of existing law, at \$108 a month. It was said during the debate that there are 6300 disabled reserve officers, but only 1900 disabled to the extent required to bring them under the Bursum bill. The estimated cost ranges between \$1,800,000 and \$3,000,000.

The bill, it was stated, would benefit only 13 colonels and 18 lieutenant colonels, the ones who would receive the peak payments of \$3090 and \$2822, respectively. It was further pointed out that a precedent has been established in the navy by granting disabled reserve officers the same pay as officers of the regular navy.

Senator Lenroot declared that no justification can be found for paying a retired colonel \$3090 on a disability rated at 30 per cent, which may not prevent his carrying on a profitable business, and at the same time limiting a totally disabled private to \$1268, or \$277 if disabled only to the same extent as the officer.

NEW TAX MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE PLANNED

Salem, April 18.—Abolishment of the 12 mills tax for support of the state institutions of higher education and compulsory assessment of all property—real and personal—upon its full value will be put up to the voters of Oregon at the November election in one measure, to be initiated by the State Tax Reduction League and the State Grange. This was definitely decided at the meeting of the committees from the league and Grange here Monday.

This measure is in addition to two other measures to be initiated by the league, one requiring a two thirds affirmative vote to authorize bond issues and the other limiting measures referred by the legislature to constitutional amendments.

A provision in the compulsory assessment measure will provide for the equalization of the property after its

assessment at full value upon a profit basis, that is, business property, which contemplates a profit of 8 per cent or more per year, will be carried on the rolls at the full value, while farm property, which, according to past experience, realizes only 3 per cent of the investment, would be carried on the tax rolls at one third of its real value.

Abolishment of the 12 mills tax for the state schools would still leave the seven tenths of a mill tax of 1915 for the support of these institutions, which, it is argued, under the greatly increased assessment of the state, would yield sufficient revenue to run the schools.

A committee from the Grange is in session here today, working out the details of an income tax bill which will go before the voters at the November election as a fringe measure, with the endorsement of the tax reduction league.

O'Leary's Partner Acquitted by Jury

Seattle, April 18.—(U. P.)—A jury of six in justice of the peace court yesterday afternoon acquitted William Bethel of assault in the third degree. Bethel, accompanied by Johnny O'Leary, local boxer, was alleged to have attacked Frank Leslie on March 10, provoking a

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