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MY NELLIE.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

When this heart shall cease to beat,
An' I'm dust there—at her feet,
Wonder how the world'll treat
My Nellie?

Will it take her hand and say:
"Though your lover sleeps today,
Still my roses wreathe the way
For Nellie!"

Or, in lost an' lonely years,
Thick with thorns, an' chill with fears,
Will it mock the sighs an' tears
Of Nellie?

Sure, I know not! Who can say?
I can only hope and pray
It will love, as I today
Love Nellie!

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MAY BE MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

IT IS rather unfortunate for our legislative program that congress has chosen this time to consider the matter of giving Oregon another congressman. The matter of carving out the boundaries of a new district is going to be granted time and attention by our legislators that could more profitably be spent on more important matters.

With a dozen or more of the members of the state legislature nursing congressional ambitions, it is pretty certain that each of these potential candidates will try to fashion the new district so that it will work beneficially upon his own aspirations. Thus the eastern Oregon candidate will try to carve out a district eliminating the home county of Nick Sinnott. The Willamette valley candidate will try to shape the districts to his advantage and the southern Oregon, the coast county and the Multnomah county candidates for the proposed new position will be equally zealous in alvancing their own interests.

It may be that the new congressman will be elected by the state at large which would probably be to the liking of Portland would-be congressmen, for it would permit of Portland having two representativess instead of one.

Whatever the decision, it is pretty certain that the question will become center of a good deal of political maneuvering.

As a matter of fact congress may not increase the membership of the house at all, despite the recent census returns. A bill has been introduced providing for new congressmen but there are indications that it will have a rough passage. The national house is already so heavy with numbers that it is an unwieldly body, and there promises to be vigorous opposition to any measure adding more members.

Our legislators should at least wait until Oregon is assured of another congressman before they give the question of a new district much consideration.

PROTECTING OREGON'S FISHERIES

SEPARATE commissions for the handling of game fish and commercial fish in the state of Oregon will, if established by the legislature, tend to work for the betterment of both branches of the family pisces. The consolidation of both game and commercial fisheries under one body, as was in force until recently, was fraught with political considerations, inefficiency and a serious depletion in stocks.

Oregon's fisheries, although one of the state's important sources of revenue, have not been developed to their fullest. Every stream on the Oregon coast yields its share of salmon in the open seasons of the year. It has been only of late years that shad have been taken commercially and packed. The deep sea fisheries off the coast have often been exploited but never with any considerable success nor for any length of time.

The game fish of Oregon, like Oregon scenery, can be made one of the state's biggest assets. In order, however, to make Oregon an anglers' paradise, lakes and streams must be restocked with trout fry at regular intervals. The game fisheries need hatcheries the same as do the commercial fisheries.

A SIMPLE INAUGURAL BETTER

PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING'S decision to forego the pomp and ceremony of a big inaugural may be disappointing to enterprising folk in the national capital who have rooms to rent and meals to furnish but it is good sense. The new president comes into office at a time when display should be discouraged and when simplicity and economy are most acceptable.

The four years of hard work ahead of Mr. Harding do not make a great inaugural display timely. At the end of his first four years, perhaps, an observance would be more in order. The nation is prone to emulate and an example of thrift and simplicity set by its coming president would have a good effect.

Pendleton can throw its chest out again as a good place in which to live. Comparison of vital statistics for 1920 with those of our neighbor shows that La Grande had 113 births and 143 deaths to Pendleton's 229 births and 141 deaths, within the city proper. Even with the deaths at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital included, births here outstripped deaths by a good margin.

Forty days has had many significant connections in the history of the world. May the Oregon legislature make history aplenty in their 40 days at Salem.

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PASTIME TODAY

"The Blue Moon," at the Pastime Theatre, Like the Book—a Winner

Atmosphere—George L. Cox, the big director for "The Blue Moon," knows all about it. You'll think you are out in the woods; you'll smell wild roses, and you'll hear the swish of the waters of the upper Wabash as the pearls fishers lean far over in their boats to spear the pearl mussel, with the chances, they say, of a real find only one in a thousand.

The story is of a lad reared on a river house-boat, who knows no other name but that of "Pearlhunter," and who finds the great Blue Moon Pearl. The valuable jewel seems at first to bring him only misfortune, and exciting events crowd one upon another. Following his selling of the pearl, the theft and for all the mysterious crimes of a certain masked rider is fixed upon him. But for the heroic "Pearlhunter," played by Pell Trenton, these form only the obstacles spurring him on to superhuman effort to escape the trap laid for him, and he forces the villian—played by Harry Northrup as "The-Man-inthe-Fancy-Vest"—to a confession that clears his name from all guilt, and wins for him a father and the girl of his heart, known to him as "Wild Rose"—played by Elinor Field.

Despite its strong dramatic and mystery element this story of river life about the Wabash flats of Indiana is simple, natural, convincing and sweet, with a real plot that holds the audience spellbound. It has all the elements of an attractive love story, as well, which will insure its popularity with all ages.

ARCADE TODAY

In "The North Wind's Malice," which comes to the Arcade theater for 3 days, commencing Thursday, Rex Beach has written a stirring drama of the frozen north around a novel set of characters, that afford unusual acting opportunities. He also employs an allegorical figure called "The Spirit of Malice," which is very effective.

The two outstanding figures among the men are played by Joe King and Tom Santschi. Both are in love with Lois Folsom, played by Jane Thomas. When the story opens, Lois is the wife of Roger Folsom (Tom Santschi). A series of incidents create bitterness and misunderstanding and makes Roger madly jealous of Henry Carter (Joe King). In the progress of the story, through a terrific Alaskan blizzard, Lois and her husband become separated.

The minor love interest of the story is sympathetically portrayed by Edna Murphy as Dorothy Guth, and Walter Abell as Tom Folsom, the young brother of Roger, and a gambling ne'er-do-well. The Guth family plays an important part. There is Abe Guth, played by William H. Strauss, and Rachel, played by Vera Gordon, a Russian actress, who has done some remarkable work for the screen and on the legitimate stage. The part of the part villian in "The North Wind's Malice," is taken by Henry West. He has sold a fake gold mine to get young Folsom in his power. The "Spirit of Malice" is protrayed by Dorothy Wheeler.

It is a stirring photoplay from fire to last.

20 SPECIALISTS TO GO TO EUROPE AS A UNIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—A unit of 20 American specialists—sanitarians, dentists and pharmacists—is to sail for Europe from New York Sunday, to serve for one year in the famine and disease ridden countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The starving children of these areas and the sick adults and children are being succored through the national collection of $33,000,000 by the European relief council.

The unit will work under the direction of Doctor Harry Plotz, medical advisor of the Jewish joint distribution committee and one of the eight organizations which make up the council.

The first and most important task of the delegation will be to furnish medical supplies, drugs, surgical instruments, liniments, bandages, rubber gloves, etc., to local doctors and hospitals. Because of lack of these essentials the local agencies are now almost helpless in fighting against disease which follows in the wake of undernourishment.

DUELLING IN MEXICO IS MOST HARMLESS SPORT

MEXICO, Jan. 13.—(A. P.)—Duelling as practiced in Mexico is the most harmless of outdoor sports. Although scarcely a week passes but some person whose pride has been hurt challenges the offender to "pistols at twenty paces in the Bosque of Chapultepec." Few reach beyond the stage of talk and none ever ventures close to realityt.

A deputy from one Mexican state rises in the chamber and bitterly assails a member from another state for his attitude on certain public measures. The other replies with equal vituperation. Before the day is done the chances are a challenge will be carried to one or the other by two seconds who later deshcribe their efforts in a verbose report to all the newspapers.

Once in a while the challenge will be accepted and then there is a scramble on all sides to see to it that the "government intervenes" at the proper moment. Whether there is official "intervention" is conjecture but the announcement is always the same—that "high authorities frowned upon the contemplated struggle to death and forbade it." Pride is always satisfied by such announcement and the incident is forgotten.

Bank May Reopen

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 12 (A. P.) Notice has been posted by examiner's who closed the First State and Savings Bank stating that the bank is solvent but withdrawals resulted in depleted reserves making closing necessary tl protect depositors and the hope is expressed for reorganization within 60 days