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Society
(Continued from Page Three.)
The trees in alluring and peculiar-
ly typical of Oregon.

Mrs. Franklin
Has Wednesday Bridge
Mrs. Phil A. Franklin was host-
ess yesterday at her home in Mar-
rion apartments to members of the
Wednesday Bridge club. Four
tables were arranged and high
scores at cards was won by Mrs. L.
S. Sheldon. Guests for the after-
noon were Mrs. D. C. Roberts and
Mrs. C. L. Grutz. Refreshments
were served by the hostess. Mem-
bers will meet again in two weeks
with Mrs. C. D. McCullough at
651 South Church street.

Mrs. Fisher
Hires Mission Society
The Woman's Foreign Mis-
sionary society of the First Methodist
church met yesterday afternoon
with Mrs. E. E. Fisher. Letters
were read from two missionaries
in China, Miss Edna Emmel, who
went from Salem, and Miss Eliza-
beth Carlisle, who went from
Forest Grove. Miss Saffer sang,
accompanied by Miss Genevieve
Pridley. The women will hold a
mission study class each Thurs-
day evening at the church follow-
ing the regular mid week meet-
ing.

Church Night
Held This Week
The regular church night at
the Methodist church will begin
with tonight. This is a custom fol-
lowed by the first church in this
city and has been very successful
during past seasons. Supper is
eaten together and is followed by
a social hour and group meetings.

McCourt Takes Place On Bench For First Time

Justice John McCourt appointed
by Governor Oicott to succeed
Justice Charles A. Johns on the
supreme bench, is scheduled to
make his first appearance as a
member of the court this after-
noon when the court will set on
banc to hear arguments in the
cases of *Hig vs. Kruger* and *Leet
vs. Barr*. These two cases, both
of which were up on appeals from
the decision of the Multnomah
county circuit court, involve the
homestead exemption laws of the
state.

McCourt was sworn in as a
member of the supreme court last
week, taking the oath of office be-
fore Don H. Uphoff, private secre-
tary to Governor Oicott.

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Life is not
What it seems—
It's but a thing
Made out of dreams
And it's the beautiful
dreams of real life
that

D.W. GRIFFITH
portrays in his masterly production of
'DREAM STREET'
A Dramatic Comedy Sup-
ervised by Oscar
of Thomas Burke

Liberty Theatre
STARTING SUNDAY

Philander C. Knox

By the death of Philander C. Knox, the "old guard" of the senate loses one of its ablest members. Before entering public life he had won renown as a brilliant corporation attorney and adviser, and to an extent his career reflected his associations.

In public life, Mr. Knox was known first, for his prosecutions as attorney general of trusts and combinations; second as secretary of state as author of "dollar diplomacy," and lastly for his opposition to the League of Nations and his authorship of the resolution for peace by resolution with Germany.

Appointed attorney general by McKinley in 1901, he retained that office under Roosevelt until 1904, when he resigned to accept appointment as United States senator from Pennsylvania. He served as secretary of state under Taft and later returned to the senate.

As attorney-general Mr. Knox's most notable accomplish-ment was his suit against the Northern Securities Company, forcing the dissolution of the merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways. He also prosecuted cases against the meat packers, and against railroads for illegal combination, rebating and unfair practices. During this period he is credited with having actually carried through the purchase of the Panama canal for \$40,000,000 for Roosevelt.

As secretary of state, Mr. Knox inaugurated the policy of aiding the extension of American trade with foreign countries through government assistance, the policy termed "dollar diplomacy." He also proposed the establishment of an arbitral court at the Hague, the neutralization of the Manchurian railroad and approved the plan for the Central American court for maintaining peace.

As opponent of the League of Nations, Mr. Knox was the author of many of the Lodge reservations and insisted from the beginning that the League be considered separately from the treaty of Versailles. He presented the separate peace resolution bearing his name, under which the present treaties have been drafted.

Like many others, Mr. Knox began public life as a progressive, but ended it as a reactionary—such is the atmosphere of the national capital and such was his own environment. Possessing a charming personality he was a favorite among his associates, though he never attained widespread popularity. His appointments and his elections were in recognition of his ability.

The Excess Profits Tax

Congress still seems determined to repeal the excess profits tax—which is simply a tax on profiteering that makes the profiteer divide with Uncle Sam the money he has filched from the people.

The claim is made by those clamoring for repeal of this tax, that it is really passed on to the people, who are forced to pay it in additional prices; that it is added directly to the cost of production and paid in the long run by the consumer. The interest the profiteer is manifesting in the consumer is remarkable—not to say suspicious.

The excess profits tax does not apply to those making a reasonable profit. Those that it does apply to seek all the profit possible, tax or no tax. There is no indication that repeal of this tax would be followed by any reduction in prices to the public, for that reduction if made, would eliminate the tax.

The claim is made that excess profits tax and high surtaxes drive capital out of industry into investment in non-taxable securities. This is true, but the remedy lies in abolishing tax-exempt securities, and placing a tax on every bond or note issued. There is no reason why capital should receive immunity from taxation. Yet congress takes no action to this end.

Congressman Griffin of New York, presented recently in congress a "primer on taxation" from which the following is taken:

- Q. What is the excess-profits tax? A.—A tax on excess profits.
- Q. What are excess profits? A.—Profits in excess of a reasonable return on capital invested.
- Q. Are excess profits conscionable? A.—The practice of gouging excess (or reasonable) profits out of the people in the stress of war has always been considered as highly reprehensible and as even unpatriotic.
- Q. Was this largely the reason for the imposition of the excess-profits tax? A.—It was.
- Q. Is there any reason for continuing the making of excess profits? A.—None whatever, except inherent greed.
- Q. Would we stop the making of excess profits by repealing the tax? A.—We would not. The same spirit of greed which prompted this exaction in the first place would continue with unabated force.
- Q. Is there any guarantee that if the excess profits are repealed the profiteers would reduce prices to the consumer? A.—None whatever, except their propaganda arguments, which are far from being promises.

ALICIA HAMMERSLEY
A Woman Who Wouldn't Remarry
By IDA H. McGLONE GIBSON
The Noted Writer

An Amazing Proposal
I stopped short without speak-
ing as Roland Early came toward
me visibly embarrassed.
"Alix, I felt I must see you.
My affairs have come to such a
turning point that I sail for mad
unless I have something firm to
grasp while I am being tossed
gulfed by unhappiness and sus-
pense."
While I knew that Roland Early
was emotional, tonight he seem-
ed to be in such a state of ex-
citement that I could not but be
alarmed.
"I do not understand," I said

Bringing Up Father—By George McManus.



Tabloid Sermons
For Busy People by
Parson Abiel Haile

"For truth is fallen in the dust and equity cannot enter."—Is. 59-14
During the wicked reign of Manasseh gold was god; Baal was the deity and decent people were persecuted. The courts were corrupt and justice was bought and sold. Isaiah, who spoke and wrote to the point, tells the story of conditions 2600 years ago and also we have ample information as to what happened to government and its gangsters. The condition simply was the natural sequence of the way people let things drift. The book of the great prophet-historian reveals just how easily the rulers and crooked lawyers got away with it: it was simply because they were no worse than the majority of the people, who were so busy with the pursuit of gold and luxury, that they had stifled the individual conscience and gave the men higher up every chance to do as they pleased. Punishment came in another captivity; the people had learned nothing. With trouble and the seizure of their pelf and mansions by stronger robbers, there came the usual penitence, largely from the teeth out and reforms were set up, in order to begin all over again and prepare for an enlarged captivity. Greed and heathenism. The papers from all over continent would intimate that were an Isalah with us today, all he would need would be a copy of the first Isalah's book, endorse it, and pass it out. There is only one way to overcome the possibility of such general conditions as told in our text. Murder will not achieve it; impeachment will not get far; slander or libel will not do it. When truth is given control in the home, we will rear honest boys and girls and that frowzy, frumpy chestnut about human nature will receive quietus. When equities are observed at home we will raise a generation scornng greed, recognizing duties as well as rights and establishing justice. Dr. Holmes was basically right in saying character remodeling must begin four generations back. The end desired must be built for, in the children and youth of today.

as calmly as I could.
"Then you will let me explain."
he answered, motioning me to a seat.
Although it was very late I
decided that then and there I
would bring my relations with
a Roland Early to a conclusion.
With this thought I seated myself
and he followed my example.

"You do not seem to realize,"
Alix, he began, "that my wife's
days are numbered. Yesterday
she made her physicians tell her
the truth, which is that she has
probably no more than a month
to live. Today she has been mak-
ing her arrangements to leave
this world. I never knew what
a wonderful woman she was. Alix
I am ashamed to say that I have
never appreciated her. Further
I know now that she is the one
woman of all those who have
played any part in my life who
has really loved me. And now
she is going away!"

"I am a weak man, Alix, but I
never realized it until today when
that woman, lying on a bed of
pain and facing eternity, stopped
for a moment on the brink to
talk with me. As she bared her
very heart I knew that she had
been much wiser than I and in
all her sorrows she had been
much more content because of her
true and tender love for me."
"She had poured out her great
storehouse of affection upon me,
alone, while I had thought that
I could love two and perhaps more
women."

"I have not been bad; I have
only been weak—a man thor-
oughly imbued with the notion
that no one woman can be every-
thing to him, and so I have
squandered my emotions along
the way."
"My wife did not say these
things to me, Alix. She is too
sweet, too kind. Out of the good-
ness of her great soul she spoke
with a generosity far beyond my
merits."

"I would not have thought of
coming here tonight, my dear,
had she not sent me and I stayed
because it is a question of life
and death. I must take back to
her an answer."
My heart stood still. Was it
possible that the almost crazed
affection of a dying woman and
the sensuous emotionalism of a
self-sufficient egoist were going
to make me appear ridiculous in
my own eyes. I knew what was
coming.

Ever since Mrs. Early had be-
come imbued with the notion that
her husband was in love with
me—that I was the great passion
of his life—she had probably
been deciding to make one big
last sacrifice and now that she
knew she had only a short time
to live she had sent Roland Early
to me. My thoughts were inter-
rupted by Roland Early's tense
low voice. He had evidently
waited for me to break the silence
—he had always been helped out
of delicate situations before by
the woman in the case—and he
seemed surprised that I kept
silent.
"Do you not want to know why
she sent me to you?"
"If it is Mrs. Early's dying
wish that you should tell me
something, I cannot refuse to

Dry Washington a Real Oasis For Thirsty Ones

Washington, Oct. 13.—Prohibition in the national capital is a theory rather than a fact.
While liquor is not sold openly in hotels and restau-
rants, there is still plenty to be had at a price and of a quality. The bootlegging fraternity thrives in the shadow of the capitol. Dozens of these gentry have established well organized channels of receiving and disposing of liquor.
Police Court Judge Mattingly is authority for the statement that arrests for drunkenness in the national capital have increased 50 per cent since the district went dry.

did not want you; that I would of another man."
not marry you if you were the Roland Early looked at me
last man on this earth." long and steadily, then bowing
his head, he walked rapidly
away.
"But she did not believe you,"
he interrupted. "She judged you
by herself, for she knew that she
would never acknowledge that
she loved any man who was mar-
ried to another."
"Mrs. Early does not know
modern women any better than
you. If I had loved you I would
have told her so. I not only will
not marry you but if God is good
to me soon, I shall be the wife
After months of undecided ac-

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