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I sketch your world exactly as it goes." —BYRON.

## A Prison Change

Another change is impending at the prison, the third during the administration of Governor Pierce. The tragedy of the convict break and the consequent exposure of the lack of discipline and inefficiency prevailing at the institution, made the change inevitable, just as the scandal over the liberty granted prisoners assured the dismissal of the previous warden.

Failure of the prison regime can be ascribed to politics and the Ku Klux Klan. As long as politics and klan affiliations are the principal requirement for position, just so long will incompetency prevail. Selection of employes upon political, religious and fraternal lines, instead of experience and qualifications could not have other result.

The Klan affiliations of the governor have done much to discredit his administration. His fish and game turmoil, as well as his prison troubles are due directly to the kluxing of these departments. The same scandal would have followed the kluxing of the asylum and other state institutions, as well as highway work, had the efforts to accomplish it been successful.

Governor Pierce will probably profit by his experience, as he has in the fish and game affairs, and ignore the Klan in his prison reorganization, especially as it has disintegrated in Oregon and is no longer a political factor. It has brought him grief enough.

## The Cause

In explaining why public ownership is seldom profitable, Congressman Madden, of Illinois, told the tax conference at Portland this week:

Government agencies are not qualified to operate any business out of which any profits are to be made. Why? More or less politics—mostly more. Patronage to pass out, the demands of influential upbuilding of political prestige at public expense are the things that account for most of our governmental troubles.

This is true and explains the inefficiency existing in political office, as contrasted with private business. It also accounts, in large manner, for the progressive increase in taxes and the failure to secure tax reduction.

"Patronage to pass out, the demands of influential friends to satisfy and the continual upbuilding of political prestige at public expense" is one of the whys and wherefores of taxation and its steady growth as the fields for public expenditure expand.

## The Husband Tamer

By Violet Dare

**THE TRUTH**  
When Andrew returned to the apartment after seeing the Hewitts into a cab he was even angrier than before.

"Well, this is once when you finished my prospects," he told Patricia sullenly. "If only I could have stayed home this morning, or could have persuaded Hewitt to go with me, it would have been all right. I can't see yet why you didn't stay here with Mrs. Hewitt, instead of gallivanting off to the Aquarium with him."

"Just because I was doing my work as you've taught me to do it, Andrew," his wife told him quietly. "Think back over the year that we've been married. Remember what you've said to me more often than anything else—'Be nice to him! You must have said that to me fifty thousand times, it seems to me. I've had to give up all my own interests and amusements and put yours in their place. I've gone out night after night with you and your clients, or just with them, while you did something that was of more interest to you. I've had to make their pleasures mine. I've seen the Follies twelve times—I could not see an understudy for everybody in every musical comedy that's run in this town during the last year! I know all the big dramatic successes by heart, because I've sat through them so often with your prospective clients, or with those who were your clients at last."

"I've gone out with their wives. I've shopped with them. I've hated the thought of a divorce. Why, at Wamsutter's I believe they think I'm a professional shopper. I've gone there so often. I don't have a single moment to myself."

"I don't mind that, thought, as much as I do what you've made of me. You've compelled me to interest myself in other men. You've been as bad as a professional matchmaker. You've urged me to do everything I could, with certain bounds, to be attractive to these men with whom you wanted to do business. Oh, you've rewarded me—with jewels and clothes and furs and a new car! But I didn't want them—you did! They make me more attractive, make me better able to entertain these men and their wives."

"Andrew, do you remember what I told you I wanted more than anything else when you asked what I'd like for Christmas last year? I told you that the only thing in the world I wanted was a baby. And you said we couldn't afford one! You said we'd have to wait a while—that children were a luxury we couldn't have till we could live in the country and give more time and thought to them. But other people, people who have much less than we do, have children and bring them up right here in town."

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"This is outrageous!" Andrew exclaimed. "You're shameless, you're—"

"I'm truthful. Oh, there are many men everywhere who are like you. Men who phone their tired wives; 'I'm bringing Scandalous home to dinner—have something good; it's important that he have a good time.' And no matter how dead tired the wife is, she must rush around and clean the house up a bit and do some extra marketing and dress herself so that she looks her very best, so that her husband will be proud of her. It's part of the husband-and-wife game, of course, and wives are glad to do it. I'd be glad, too, occasionally. But not all the time."

"I want to use myself for something worth while, Andrew. Instead of being exhausted always because I've worn myself out entertaining people who don't care for me, and for whom I don't care, just so that you can feel that you're a success. If you really love me, you'll be willing to stop, and let me be the kind of wife and mother I ought to be. If you're not willing, why, I'm through."

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Monday—A Way Out.

## OPEN FORUM

Contributions to This Column must be plainly written on one side of paper only limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor: Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines. I see in the newspapers articles after articles, cartoons after cartoons, caricatures and picturing Oregon Jones, Murray, Kelly and Willos chiding and cutting and down over the wall that the good man of the house would have watched and not suffered his house to be broken up and Oregon Jones and those two noble guards Savage and Nesmith might have bin living and well today. I have read the challenge of the ex-governor to Governor Pierce and the warden and I see an sign of bravery on the face of the challenge. Why? because the ex-governor knew if they would over take the escaped prisoners that their deadly aim would be centered on the governor and warden and that he the ex-governor would stand a good chance to get back to Salem with out getting hurt and had it been after night I believe it would have been fun to have seen the ex-governor dodging back and forth at every foot of the owl in the tree and it would not have been and sign of bravery for the good man of the house to have rushed in to the turn keys office alone to combat those desperate men without a single weapon and I would give any thing for that cartoonist ability as a cartoonist that drew Mr. Rockefeller's picture for I would cartoon and picture the man's picture that deserted and returned to Salem for help that he might not get hurt to get the good man of the house at Aumsville with his gun between his knees through Stayton and Sublimity. I would probably include ginn inn or Lewis Lechman and I would cartoon him dodging back and forth and peeking around the corner of

the capitol building to see if the governor and the warden was after him and I would cartoon him as having already fallen through the political trap and lit in our noble governor lap and never more as governor of Ore pass in through those beautiful capitol doors it appears to me that it is high time and high time for those untimely articles and cartoons to be called from the newspapers and stop the political hatred envy and strutting towards two men that is performing duty and saving the people. It is not possible for any two men in Ore to do and should those three recaptured prisoners fall through the states death trap may all who know the worth of prayer pray God that they may fall in our blessed Redeemers lap and live with him in peace and happiness and sing God's praise forever more over on the golden shore.

S. B. MILLS,  
Plax grower and hauler,  
Aumsville, Ore.

To the Editor: Two very enlightening editorials have appeared in your columns under the dates of August 25th and 27th; enlightening in that they show to what extent the editor has kept abreast of modern psychological and criminology research.

The editorial of the 25th is rather amusing when one stops to look at it carefully. You term the writings of your rival editor as 'uplift buck' while you go on in your endeavor to disprove him and merely substantiate his theory. What please did you prove by the five classifications of criminals that you gave except identically the same thing that the Statesman gave in paragraphic form?

Your editorial in Thursday's paper shows a lack of harmony with modern psychology and criminal investigation. Such investigations have been conducted by men who have gone far deeper into their science than has the layman and so are far the better able to give

## Showing at the Grand



ESTELLE TAYLOR AS MIRIAM IN CECIL B. DE MILLE'S 'THE TEN COMMANDMENTS' A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

an accurate verdict as to the causes and cures of crime. The conclusions arrived at by these men are not the work of some mere theorist who for publicity endeavors to force his own pet theories upon the public. On the contrary, such conclusions are the result of years of investigation, scientific investigation, understand, conducted separately and collectively by many men. Men ranking highest in their line whose sole desire is to establish scientifically the cause of crime so that it can be scientifically dealt with.

It is not this sort of twaddle by well-meaning uplifters, that accounts for the crime waves sweeping the country and the tremendous increase in crime in the United States, as you claim. The aftermath of war and unemployment as well as the crime diet the

serve to arouse a greater hatred, among the comrades of those put to death by force, for that force. Did the display of the body of Jones, terrible and gresome as it must have been, accomplish any good? Certainly not.

Modern psychological investigation has made wonderful strides in the field of criminology and established truths which the thinking person of today will not sit back and see disregarded while the vicious punishments of a lower civilization are at into practice.

You prate much about the person who will not accept the theory of evolution which science itself admits can never be proven and yet you will not accept the proven facts of modern psychology. Are you logical? The effects of heredity and environment upon the individual in the making of crime which you deny are among the simplest proven facts of psychology.

MARY HAZZARD BUDROW,  
Salem, Or., Aug. 27, 1926.

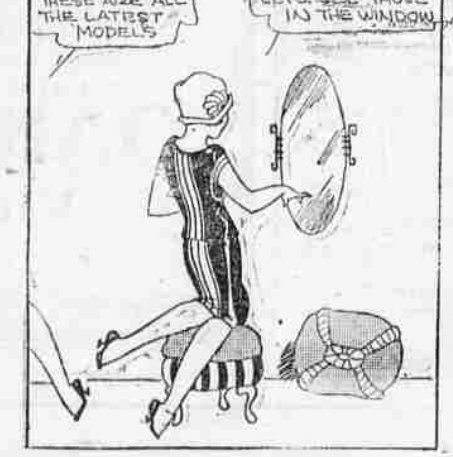
## ILLIHEE GOLFERS GO TO ALBANY TOMORROW

Tomorrow the Illihee Country club team will go to Albany where they are scheduled to meet the representatives there. The locals won the count over the Albany team in a match played on the local course by a score of 39 to 4 and are anxious to duplicate the stunt.

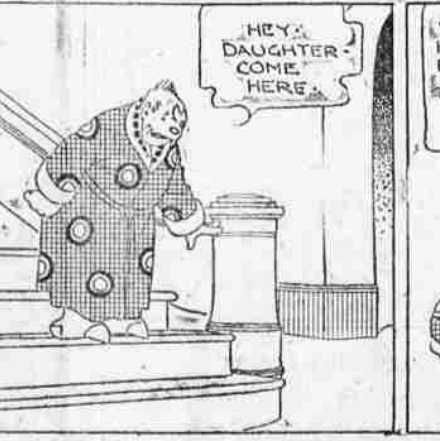
The Albany team has been working hard, however, and are just as certain that they will even the count by taking the locals into camp. The Illihee members have been playing good golf this summer and with added improvement will make it tough on their opponents the rest of the year. A large delegation is expected to attend the meet.

By Chick Young

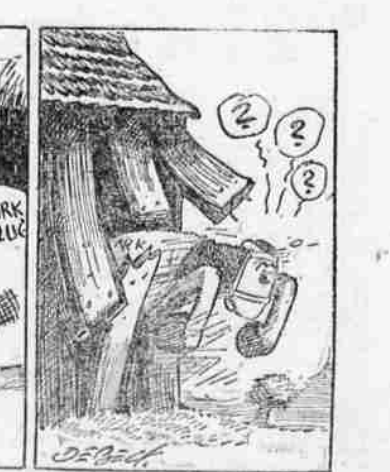
## DUMB DORA



## BRINGING UP FATHER



## BARNEY GOOGLE



## MUTT AND JEFF

