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SOME good people in the state are very much worried because a considerable number of people are having their matrimonial contracts signed up in Vancouver. That may lose Oregon a few dollars and may cause inconvenience but at the same time it is causing a good many careless people to do some serious thinking. And that is the motive of the law. The purpose was not so much to give the doctors a chance to take in a few extra dollars, as it was to make people think of the importance of the relationship which they are about to contract. And the apparent defect which allows them to go out of the state to sign up can be corrected by making it worth about twenty-five dollars to leave the state for the purpose of evading the law. The next legislature can attend to that. Anyway the area effected in this way is limited to a small strip along the line. People twenty-five miles back in the state will not seek to evade the law unless they have very serious doubt about their ability to comply with the standards which it has raised: If they do they offer an evidence of their unfitness for marital relations and should be punished by legal and forcible separation. In this law Oregon seeks to raise its standard in manhood and womanhood. Perhaps the legislature made a mistake in not requiring as much from the woman as from the men. The assumption that men are the only ones who carry disease or who are unfit for marriage is decidedly wrong. And there are some idiots among the women, too. The assumption of the law that men are less virtuous than men may be true, but there are exceptions, and if the law is for the protection of the children, there should be no chance for the exceptions or for an unequal fitness for the duties implied in marriage.

THERE is a very notable need in amendment of our equity laws. On every hand we see evidence of a need in changing the law relative to debtors. In the first place the law is too lenient with all classes of debtors, large and small. The small debtor who contracts to pay for a purchase can now buy of every merchant in town and avoid payment with practical safety so long as he wishes to put forth the claim that he has no money. If he has property, he is exempted if his valuation is below a certain amount. If he works for wages, only that portion of the wages above a certain amount may be attached. If he has a home it is exempt. Nor if there is any justice in one man's business being ruined to the advantage of another who chooses to prey upon the public by contracting debts which he refuses to pay we are not able to see it. The man who occupies the place of creditor is a benefactor of which the present law takes no recognition. If his business is ruined and his family is brought to the verge of poverty by practically pilferings of bad debtors, it is treated, under the present law, as if that were to be expected. This should be remedied. And it might be remedied if the law forced creditors to work and share their earnings with their creditors until their liabilities were paid. This might be done under court orders with the

usual penalty of no food on refusal to perform reasonable work.

Change in Fortunes.

He was a regular sport and an undoubted gent. He entered the cafe with an air, he seated himself at a table with a flourish. The chiefest of the waiters noted him and flew to his elbow.

"Give me the bill of fare," sighed the guest.

"Yes, sir," breathed the waiter. "By the way, waiter, your face is strangely familiar."

"Possibly, sir. Last year I was a guest here, not a servant. But—if you will pardon me for my presumption—I seem to know your face too."

"Probably. Last year I was a waiter here."

Isn't it pathetic, this renewing of old friendships? — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Old English Pence.

Halfpence and farthings were not coined in England before the time of Edward I, and until they were the penny, which was then made of silver, was issued deeply indented with a cross in order that it might be broken into two pieces for halfpennies or into four things, or farthings. The silver penny was the first coin of the Anglo-Saxons struck in England. In 1672 an authorized coinage of copper pennies, halfpennies and farthings was established. Silver farthings ceased to be coined under Edward VI. and silver halfpennies under the commonwealth.

RAILWAY LANDS ARE TARGET

Government Alleges Conspiracy to Gain Oil Properties.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Federal officials here announced that within six weeks the entire holdings of the Southern Pacific Railroad company in the oil sections of California would be attacked by the government. The railroad's holdings in the state are worth millions, comprising much of the richest of the oil lands.

The next step in the hearing involving the Elk Hill lands, which the government is now seeking to reclaim, will be a probe of the company's books in San Francisco. The hearing has been adjourned until June 1.

Through a copy of a lease, the government claimed to have proved the existence of a gigantic conspiracy, formed, it was said, by Southern Pacific officials in 1904, to secure valuable oil lands.

She Could Spend.

He—I am a millionaire. Haven't I money enough for both of us? She—Yes, if you are moderate in your tastes. —New York Sun.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters for week ending June 21, 1913.

Butler, Mrs. Minnie; Card, Charlotte; Carter, Lawson; Hammer, Mr. and Mrs.; Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.; Hagenbuch, Walter; Houghton, Mrs. E. M. (2); Hint, C. M.; Jones, Mrs. Wm.; Kerr, James; Lewell, J. B.; Petrie, Miss M. Josephine; Reynolds, Dr. C. L.; Smith, W. S.; Trullinger, E. C.; Tunders, Mr. Burl; Box 292 A. R. L.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Jones of Clackama is cutting 500 cords of second growth wood on his upper place.

Mesdames M. J. Spring, G. W. Spring and N. Faler are spending a few days at Cannon Beach.

The new store being erected by Mr. Herman on 4th Avenue and Mt. Scott is nearly completed.

Mrs. Janie Melton, who was stricken with typhoid fever about ten months ago, is rapidly improving.

Miss Ethel Jeffery, who is stenographer for M. Seller & Co., is enjoying her vacation traveling in the east.

Mrs. Ogle of Seventh Avenue underwent an operation at her home last week.

Miss Welhelmina Harvey of 2nd Avenue is visiting her brother at Seaside where she will spend the summer.

Mr. Atchinson and family of 3rd Ave., have moved to their farm in north eastern Washington.

Mr. Hammer of Tenth Avenue underwent an operation Tuesday at his home. At the present writing he is resting comfortably.

Miss Louise Connor, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Wallace of Ninth Avenue, left Monday morning for Monmouth to attend the normal school.

The semi annual June sale given by the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church realized them the sum of twenty-eight dollars.

The Lents Sunday Schools are going to turn out big in the Fourth of July parade. Special cars will take the children to the parade starting point, and after the morning program at the Multnomah field the cars again will take them home or to the city park p. m. picnic. The Young People's Alliance will go in a body to Jennings Lodge, where games and boating will be enjoyed. The Friends young people will go to Oswego in a body for the day.

Mr. Robertson of Upper Clackamas has let a contract to a Greek Company to cut 5000 cords of wood. This wood lies in the contemplated over flow of the new dam across the Clackamas. This dam is to be 90 feet high. It is being built by the Clackamas Irrigation & Power Co., for the Southern Pacific R. R. The latter is to construct three feeders between Portland and Frisco for the generating of electricity for the entire route.

Mrs. M. B. Hogue has been re-elected, with an increase of salary, at the Wichita school. They will employ four teachers next term.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of California, who returned up here and visited for two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, have returned to their home taking Mrs. Arnold and children with them.

Miss Fay Foster is taking a two weeks' vacation from her work as telephone operator, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Needham at Albany.

Mrs. A. H. Dodge, of Riverside, Wash., who has been visiting Mrs. Orval Smith for the past ten days, returned to her home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moyer, of Falls City, are here on a pleasure and business trip combined. Mr. Moyer is serving on the grand jury and Mrs. Moyer is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bryant, and her sister, Mrs. M. B. Hogue.

The newly elected officers of the Y. P. A. of the Evangelical Church are: Lowell Bradford, president, Eva Bischoff, vice president, Mark Conklin, rec. Secy; N. G. Hedin corresponding Secy; Roy Ward, treasurer, Flora Gaiguch organist. The new executive committee will meet this week to discuss plans for the year. The budget system for pledges was adopted. Strangers and visitors are especially welcome to their Sunday night meetings.

Walter Prink, son of H. A. Prink of Clackamas Park, died today, the result of a kick from a playmate. The injury is said to have developed into spinal meningitis.

Lents Sheet Metal Works have moved from their former location to the Cottage across the street, where "Cap" will be pleased to see his customers and friends.

EMMA VIVIAN ESTATE
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of Emma Vivian, deceased, by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Multnomah County, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at 314 Spalding Building, Portland, Oregon, with proper vouchers and duly verified, within six months from the date hereof.
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