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PARAGRAPHS

By Robert Quillan

For the Christmas bride: A nice silver-mounted holster.

Perhaps Europe is after the record for a non-stop fight.

The housing problem wouldn't be so difficult if the people would attend the movies in shifts.

Don't be stupid. How in thunder do you suppose the grocer knows whether the eggs are fresh?

No wonder the bride's mother weeps. It is simply the relaxation from a long and successful campaign.

Europe must remember, however, that the marry-him-or-reform-him idea has been tried and found wanting.



Another good substitute for coal is a ticket to Florida or southern California.

Daughter is unfailingly thoughtful, and she now is selecting the nice things dad is to give her for Christmas.

Wine, women and song! Deceased trinity. The wine is gone, and one can't sing, and the women are in politics.

If there is any agreement between Germany and Russia, it is probably something in the nature of a suicide pact.

It frequently happens that "being somebody in society" is just an endless process of dodging bill collectors.

If Henry Ford really wishes to branch out, he might devote himself to the quantity production of emergency wards.

You may despise a man's opinions concerning other matters, but if he likes you, you know he has some good qualities.



Love is the quality that keeps a wife from day-dreaming about what she could do with John's insurance money.

The sad part is not that anybody should get a divorce, but that anybody should be so unfortunate as to desire it.

Says an agitator: "There are crooks in high places, but the man in the street is upright." Not if a flivverite sees him first.

Education increases your yearning capacity unless you happen to become an educator.

Somehow, isolation doesn't seem quite so splendid when you reflect that a friendly word would place the other fellow on his feet.

Correct this sentence: "Our cook isn't good," said Mrs. Newbark at the party, "and it's all I can do to keep from going into the kitchen to do it myself."

SAP AND SALT

By Bert Moses

"Knowing how" is all there is to anything.

While a smile is contagious, so also is a frown.

A child's greatest joy comes from playing at things that are dangerous.

Business is largely a matter of multiplication tables and adding machines.

Sympathy that takes the form of cash is much harder to find than sympathy of the verbal variety.

While marriage brings out the good side of men and women, it also, sad to admit, brings out the worst.

Hex Heck says: "Truth has but one side, the truth; two: divorce, three."

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

Springfield, Ore., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Kettes arrived home from their honeymoon Monday. They will be at home on B and Second streets.

Completes New Barn. John Seavey has just completed the building of a large barn on his Hop Island ranch. The construction has taken three months to complete being 40x100, and a finely equipped cattle barn.

Arrives from Portland. Mr. and Mrs. George McClure arrived from Portland and will spend the holidays at the home of their mother Mrs. Kate Bidwell at Bidwell's Cafe.

Has Surprise Party. Mrs. L. A. Bosford was given a surprise party at her home Sunday.

Springfield Personals. Fred Hoppe arrived here from Hol-

PREVENTION ON FOREST FIRES

The Portland Telegram asserts editorially that Oregon must increase her fire-fighting funds, a suggestion that will meet with much opposition because of the demand for smaller appropriations in hope of reducing taxation. Everybody will admit the forests of the state must be protected, since their present and future wealth insure prosperity; the income from the lumber industry has no doubt been a principal factor in carrying the Northwest so far through the after-war deflation without serious results, compared to conditions obtaining in other sections of the country.

If we cannot spend more money for fire-protection, we can at least do many other things of a preventive character. Many serious fires result from carelessness of people who ought to have a stronger sense of responsibility, and more regard for the general prosperity of the commonwealth. The annual report of Chief Forester Greeley states that six thousand fires were started on the national forests of the United States during the past year.

One-fourth of these fires were caused by lightning and one-third are directly attributable to the carelessness of campers. Brush burners, lumbermen, incendiaries and railroads are responsible for the bulk of the remaining fires.

Over 375,000 acres of national forest land was burned over, with a total damage of more than \$200,000. The cost to the nation for fighting these fires amounted to \$532,811.

In Oregon and Washington the fire loss has been the most severe in some years. The usual May and June rains failed, and fires set to clean up slash on private lands burned over, with a total damage of more than \$200,000. The cost to the nation for fighting these fires amounted to \$532,811.

Outside of the Pacific Northwest the season has so far been somewhat more favorable than 1921, with the exception of a late period of hot "fire weather" and unusual hazard in California. There have been comparatively few lightning fires, and this has meant absence of the "bunching" of fires, which has so often proved to be more than the protective force could handle.

The total number of man-caused fires rose from 2996 to 4400, and was only 4 per cent less than in 1919, as against 35 per cent less in 1920. The marked increase in fires caused by campers, brush burning, and incendiaries is disturbing. The forest service has made every effort possible with its available funds to reduce the number of these unnecessary man-caused fires through educational and law-enforcement work. There is urgent need for additional preventive work, without which the task of protection is in danger of becoming steadily more difficult and costly.

The Wells-Fargo Nevada National Bank of San Francisco issues the following optimistic review of Pacific coast business and industrial conditions:

The year is closing under conditions which make for business improvement and greater industrial activity. The volume of trade is larger and, while the gains have not been sensational, there has been a better undertone in various sections, with increases over one year ago. Coal production has been speeded up and, while a partial famine still exists in many sections, the distribution has been excellent and sufficient to satisfy the more pressing needs of most communities. As a consequence of the rise in commodity prices, the greater volume of business handled and the increased purchasing power of the people, there has been a broader demand for credit of late. The Federal Reserve System and the banks generally are, however, in an especially strong condition.

There was a further increase in commodity prices last month, the December 1 average being the highest reported at any time in twenty-two months. This represented an advance of 16 per cent from the low point of July, 1921, but, compared with the high point of May 1, 1920, there was a decline of 29½ per cent. Compared with pre-war days, the present average shows an advance of about 53 per cent. In other words, this means that it takes \$1.53 to purchase what \$1.00 bought before the war; but this advance is shared very unequally by the various commodities. The purchasing power of the country has been increasing materially of late, owing to re-employment of many thousand men previously idle or engaged in part-time work. An actual labor shortage now exists in various industries.

There is going to be a lively row in the coming session of the legislature over the \$4 a day clerkships, which call for little more exertion than is required to sign the payroll regularly. The flapper brigade has declared that no married woman is entitled to a snap like that and that they must go to make room for bobbed hair and short skirts, a much more appropriate type for an Oregon legislative session which is seven laps ahead of any other state in the Union for law-making freaks and frills. The only compromise that seems at all likely to be reached will be to employ all applicants, married and unmarried alike,—and if that is done no precedent will be shattered.

The Portland Telegram thinks the University campus is lacking in trees. Maybe so, but those who have actually seen the grounds think differently; Mr. E. H. Harriman, for example, was especially interested in the many varieties of trees and shrubs when he visited the campus several years ago, and the showing is much better now.

The Oregon Agricultural College, in conjunction with the federal government, is conducting a school for writers at Salem. However, this new paternalistic frill does not have to do with those who are waiting around the capital for a job under the new administration.

The supreme court has declared Portland's recent \$3,000,000 school bond issue legal. Of course, bonds voted for any purpose by anybody and under any circumstances are legal in Oregon.

More hard luck for the motorists. Standard Oil is erecting the tallest and finest office building ever put up in San Francisco.

The Irish Free State has just executed seven more "rebels." In the old days when England hanged one or two they immediately became martyrs—but it's different now.

Albany, N. Y.—Marriages can be sent broadcast by radio without interfering with their legality but the mated couple must be in the room with the minister, Attorney General Newton ruled.

EUGENE COLLECTION AGENCY
No collection, no fee. No entry fee or dues. Legal department.

MOOSE DANCE
Moose dance Thursday night, Dreamland Hall, Public invited.

The Wall Flower

by Marion Rubincam

UNCOMFORTABLE MOMENTS

Chapter II

It did not add to the feeling of comfort to suspect that Gladys was standing behind the parlor door, listening to their conversation. Most of the "rest" that Gladys ruled would have considered this great fun.

Gladys, therefore, had no sense of dishonor when she stood on the other side of the almost closed door and overheard the talk going on within. She would have considered it unfair, even dishonest, to listen to secrets being told behind a closed door. But in this case nothing was being said that she could not have heard had she been in the room, so she felt it quite all right to listen.

She had a sense of honor, but it did not draw fine distinctions.

She heard a great deal of talk about the weather. This was boring.

She mentioned a mysterious house thief who had made off with some silver and jewelry in a temporarily closed home in the town. This started Morton talking about the probable punishment of the fan when caught, and ways of proving crime.

"There was a case once of a hotel thief," he began. "A man saw him enter the room at the moment of the robbery, but he only saw him in the mirror—there was a long mirror at the end of the hotel corridor, which was set across a corner so it reflected down the main corridor and the part where it turned and followed the other side of the building."

"Yes?" Dora breathed, encouragingly, beginning to feel at ease.

"When the case came up, no one had actually seen him, and there was no evidence but that of the mirror. So the point was this—was the reflection of the man sufficient evidence? The actual flesh and blood man was not seen. The defending lawyer argued that the reflection was not the man but a collection of light rays, as all mirror reflections are."

"Then they began arguing physics, and metaphysics, and got in a lot of experts."

The suppressed giggle occurred here, which so upset Dora.

"And, it became a complicated law case."

"How did it come out?"

"Oh, they held that seeing the man in the mirror was as good as actually seeing him himself, and convicted him. But it was a nice point, and a new one. There was another case—"

Morton was off again. He leaned forward in his chair knees crossed, his left arm thrown across his knees, his right

arm resting on his arm, his chin in his right hand. In this queer, awkward position, which made him into a collection of awkward angles, he felt perfectly comfortable.

His pale gray eyes opened wider as he warmed up to his subject. His huge red nose hid the wart and a few hundred of the freckles on his face. His big mouth had a humorous smile.

Gladys came in finally, bringing Jesse with her. Morton unfolded himself and stood up as she entered—the only boy in her set who ever showed this courtesy when a woman entered the room. Gladys never even saw this.

All evening of this sort were more or less the same. Gladys sat down at the piano and played and sang. Jesse joined in with her. At the end of every song, he exclaimed with great admiration:

"Some voice, baby!"

"To which, feeling it necessary to join in, Morton added:

"Oh yes, very beautiful."

In response, Gladys rolled her large eyes in appreciation at Jesse, and completely ignored Morton.

Morton apparently was not in the least upset over this obvious neglect. He sat quietly while they were singing, and when they had stopped, talked with Dora. Only once did Gladys pay any attention to him.

That was when Jesse happened to mention Ted. "I thought I saw him coming here," he remarked. "Can't be sure, it looked like him."

"Maybe you only saw his reflection!" Gladys answered, and opened her generous red mouth to laugh largely at her joke. Jesse grinned a little, then, joined in her laugh. He thought it an excellent bit of wit.

Dora almost writhed, not that she resented this rudeness to herself. She never resented rudeness, being rather used to it. She simply felt frightfully sorry for Morton. But he was sitting passively staring at the carpet, and if he recognized the allusion and knew that his talk had been overheard, he gave no sign.

Dora was certain that he would never come again after such a miserable evening.

But three days later she received a plain little note, asking "the pleasure of escorting you to the High School Alumni Dance on the 14th."

Her first written invitation from a man!

She answered it, and slipped it between the pages of her diary, to keep forever and to read again and again, as though it were a love letter.

Tomorrow—Sulkiness.

IN YE OLDEN TIMES

From the Eugene Daily Guard, December 21, 1902.

Last night was the longest night, and today the shortest day of the year. From now on we will have more light.

Drs. R. L. and C. B. Willoughby, dentists, have moved from their temporary quarters in the Warren block, to their new apartments in the McClung block on eighth and Willamette.

The black team driven by William Woods for J. A. Quimby, the drayman, took a notion to warm up this morning and were standing in front of the Oregon saloon. The team came near dashing into the big plate glass window of Cockerline and Wetherbee's store, but just wheeled past the corner. The dray was pretty badly wrecked.

132 Communities In State Have Papers

Newspapers are published in 132 communities in Oregon, according to a newspaper directory prepared by the Oregon School of Journalism. There are 28 daily papers in the state, six of which are morning papers. Portland has three evening and two morning papers. Eight cities outside of Portland have two daily newspapers each. Eight have two weekly newspapers each.

No fewer than 7 weekly newspapers have women for their editors. Two of these are full-circulation papers. The "Creek Ranger," conducted by Grace Porter is a one-woman paper, for Miss Porter does all the work herself, editorial, business and mechanical. Another one of these papers, the "Maupin Times," conducted by Mrs. Jessamine E. Morrison, is an all-woman paper, with no man employed in any capacity about the place.

The number of one man shops in the state is decreasing, with fewer than a dozen proprietors now doing their own mechanical work in addition to the editing and business managing. Nearly fifty owners, however, or one fourth of the entire number are combining the position of foreman of the composing room with their newspapering and advertising duties.

Forty changes of owners out of 187 daily and weekly publications in the state are listed, since the last compilation of a newspaper directory.

Oregon has between 200 and 225 publications, if the publications of less frequent issuance are included with the daily and weekly publications.

Wilson Friends to Observe Birthday

New York, Dec. 21.—December 28 will be observed throughout the United States as Woodrow Wilson Day by friends of Mr. Wilson and contributors to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Mr. Wilson will be 66 years old that day.

Public meetings, dinners and luncheons have been planned in every state in the Union by state and local committees of the Foundation.

Up until election this year the foundation had raised about \$700,000 toward its million dollar endowment. This day after election work was started to obtain the final \$300,000. One hundred thousand dollars of that sum has been contributed. The Foundation hopes to raise the balance this year.

The Foundation will complete its incorporation this year and the permanent board of trustees will take charge soon after the first of the year.

Co-ed Spends 24 Hours In Jail For Speeding

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Miss Martha Blatter, University of California student from Solano, Calif., completed 24 hours in jail today for speeding. She was fined \$15 with the alternative of serving the jail sentence.

"If I pay the fine my allowance is such that I will not be able to finish my Christmas shopping," she told the court and elected to go to jail.

Paterson, N. J.—A pig's eye will be grafted into the head of a Paterson boy by Dr. Edward Morgan, who hopes this to restore sight.

Players At Pasadena Game Wear Numbers

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 21.—(United Press)—In an effort to make the annual Tournament of Roses football game more interesting to watch, the Tournament committee will ask Coaches Bezelak and Henderson of Penn State and U. S. C., respectively, to use a new numbering system that has proven highly successful in the east this year.

The scheme includes the marking of ends and backs by big circles around the numbers on the players' jerseys. This marking makes it easy for the fans to know who is carrying the ball.

Can You Beat It!

By Maurice Ketten

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