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LET WOMEN PROPOSE.

Shyness is not essentially a feminine quality, but simply the result of teaching. Women at the present time seem to be getting a better education than men and therefore should be able to select a helpmate more intelligently than a man can do. Certainly a girl should propose to a man if he is her ideal. Economic independence will give her this liberty. With the coming of suffrage she will act for herself, not only politically, but socially. Diffidence and shyness of girls in love-making are subterfuges—part of the present social teachings. When women are taught or learn to act naturally their present false modesty will fall away and they will do the proposing, as they ought. Among the Zuni Indians it is the boy who is so called modest, diffident and shy. This is plain, for there he leaves his own home when married, just as the girl does here, the wife being then the property owner. She controls the house and lands and directs the business affairs of the family. And he it is known that the Zuni women are extremely modest and virtuous, and they would afford in this respect a very good example for the American women.—George Willis Cooke, Lecturer, Boston School of Social Science.

A STRANGE LEGEND.

Origin of a Curious Custom Observed by Bulgarian Builders.

Nine master masons who were engaged in building a citadel in the time of the Voloid Neagoe found on returning to their work each morning that the portion of the wall which they had completed the day before had fallen to pieces during the night and was lying in a heap of ruins in the ditch. Manol of Curtea, the head mason, informed his comrades one morning that a voice from heaven had warned him in his sleep the night before that their labors would continue to come to naught unless they all swore on that very morning to immure in the structure the first woman, be it wife, mother, daughter or sister, who should arrive with the morning meal of one or either of them. They all took the oath, and the last man had hardly been sworn when Manol's own wife appeared, carrying her husband's breakfast. The oath was kept, and the woman, known in the legend as "Flora of the Fields," was murdered and her blood and flesh incorporated with the wall of masonry.

A curious practice of the Bulgarian masons (the above scene is laid in Bulgaria), which survives to this day, testifies to the vitality of the legend. To insure the solidity of the house they build they measure with a reed the shadow of the first person who passes after the digging of the foundation has been completed. When the foundation is commenced this reed is buried under the first rock, usually the corner-stone.

The Crop Failed.

The sharp wittedness of the Russian gypsies is illustrated by a story told in the Journal of the Gypsy Lore Society. A gypsy induced a farmer to join him in sowing money, promising a large crop of rubles. Having first sown a comparatively small amount, they got back each morning their capital with some addition, much to the delight of the farmer. Then they sowed a big sum and got back—nothing. The farmer began to blame the gypsy for advising him to sow money. The gypsy answered, "Well, it's nobody's fault that there was a sharp frost early this morning."

The Ruling Passion.

Mrs. J. L. Story in her reminiscences tells of a lady relative who had all her life been afraid of damp sheets. When she was dying Mrs. Story entered the room, to find the fireplace barricaded with a large assortment of bed linen. She was having her winding sheet warmed.

"I never have lain in damp bed-clothes while I was alive," said the old lady in a feeble whisper, "and I'm not going to do it when I'm dead."

A Philanthropist.

"Pa," said little Willie, looking up from his paper, "what is a philanthropist?" "A philanthropist, my son," replied his wise pa, "is usually a man who spends his time getting other people to spend their money for charity."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Place For Footprints.

"I shall leave footprints on the sands of time," said the idealist. "What for?" asked the prudently practical person. "Nobody will want to go round looking for footprints. What we want to do for posterity is to help build some good roads."—Washington Star.

RECKLESS SPORT.

Rock Rolling Feats of Mark Twain In His Boyhood Days.

A BAD SCARE ENDED THE FUN

The Final Prank on Holliday's Hill Was In a Fair Way of Ending In a Tragedy When the Danger Was, by a Bit of Good Luck, Narrowly Averted.

Writing on "Mark Twain" in Harper's Magazine, Albert Bigelow Paine recounts some of the scrapes of the youthful Sam Clemens. Sam was a recognized ringleader among his playmates, and one of the pranks they played nearly had a fatal termination.

"One of their Sunday pastimes was to climb Holliday's hill and roll down big stones to frighten the people who were driving to church. Holliday's hill above the road was steep. A stone, once started, would go plunging and leaping down and bound across the road with the deadly swiftness of a twelve inch shell. The boys would get a stone poised, then wait until they saw a team approaching and, calculating the distance, would give it a start. Dropping down behind the bushes, they would watch the dramatic effect upon the churchgoers as the great missile shot across the road a few yards before them.

"This was Homeric sport, but they carried it too far. Stones that had a habit of getting loose so numerous on Sundays and so rarely on other days invited suspicion, and the paterfamilias—river patrol, a kind of police of those days—were put on the watch. So the boys found other diversions until the paterfamilias did not watch any more. Then they planned a grand coup that should eclipse anything before attempted in the stone rolling line.

"A rock about the size of an omnibus was lying up there in a good position to go downhill, once started. They decided it would be a glorious thing to see that great boulder go smashing down a hundred yards or so in front of some unsuspecting and peaceful minded churchgoer. Quarrymen were getting out rock not far away and left their picks and shovels over Sundays. The boys borrowed these and went to work to undermine the big stone. It was a heavier job than they had counted on, but they worked faithfully Sunday after Sunday. If their parents had wanted them to work like that they would have thought they were being killed.

"Finally one Sunday while they were digging it suddenly got loose and started down. They were not quite ready for it. Nobody was coming but an old colored man in a cart, so it was going to be wasted. It was not quite wasted, however. They had planned for a thrilling result, and there was thrill enough while it lasted. In the first place, the stone nearly caught Will Bowen when it started. John Briggs had just that moment quit digging and handed Will the pick. Will was about to step into the excavation when Sam Clemens, who was already there, leaped out with a yell:

"Look out, boys, she's coming!" "She came. The huge stone kept to the ground at first, then, gathering a wild momentum, it went bounding into the air. About halfway down the hill it struck a tree several inches thick and cut it clean off. This turned its course a little, and the negro in the cart, who heard the noise, saw it come crashing in his direction and made a wild effort to whip up his horse. It was also headed toward a cooper shop across the road.

"The boys watched it with growing interest. It made longer leaps with every bound, and whenever it struck the fragments and dust would fly. They were certain it would demolish the negro and destroy the cooper shop. The shop was empty, it being Sunday, but the rest of the catastrophe would have close investigation and results. It was making mighty leaps now, and the negro had managed to get directly in its path. They stood holding their breath, their mouths open.

"Then suddenly—they could hardly believe their eyes—the boulder struck a projection a distance above the road and, with a mighty bound, sailed clear over the negro and his mule and landed in the soft dirt beyond, only a fragment striking the shop, damaging but not wrecking it. Half buried in the ground, that boulder lay there for nearly forty years. Then it was blasted for milling purposes. It was the last rock the boys ever rolled down. They began to suspect that the sport was not altogether safe.

"Limelight and the center of the stage was a passion of Sam Clemens' boyhood, a love of the spectacular that never wholly died. It seems almost a pity that in those old faroff, barefoot days he could not have looked down the years to a time when, with the world at his feet, venerable Oxford should clothe him in a scarlet gown."

Notice Of Special Election.

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held at the usual polling places in the City of Bandon, namely: At the City Hall, in said City, for the voters residing in Range 15 West; and at the Fire Engine Hall in said City, for those voters residing in Range 14 West, of the territory hereinafter described, for the purpose of voting upon the question of the changing of the boundaries of the City of Bandon by annexing thereto the territory described as follows: Lots 2, 3, and 4, and East 1-2 of the South-East 1-4 of Section 19, together with Lots 1 and 2, and the East 1-2 of the North-East 1-4, and the South West 1-4 of the North-East 1-4 and the South-East 1-4 of Section 30, also the North 1-2 of Section 31, all in Township 28 South, Range 14 West of the Willamette Meridian; and the North 1-2 of Section 36, and all that portion of Lots 5, 6 and 7, in Section 25 lying outside of the Plat of West Bandon Addition, together with Lots 1 and 2, in Section 25, and the South 1-2 of Section 24 in Township 28 South, Range 15 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon, the outer boundary of which is as follows: Beginning at the 1-4 Section corner on the Eastern boundary of Section 31, Township 28 South, of the Willamette Meridian in Oregon, and running thence West on the subdivision lines to the ship channel of the Pacific Ocean, thence in a Northerly course along said ship channel of the Pacific Ocean to a point due West of the 1-4 Section line running East and West through the center of Section 24 in Township 28 South, Range 15 West of the Willamette Meridian in Oregon, thence East following on the center line of Section 24 in Township 28 South, Range 15 West of the Willamette Meridian, and the center line of Section 19 in Township 28 South, Range 14 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Oregon, to the 1-4 Section corner on the eastern boundary of said Section 19, thence south on the Section line between Sections 19 and 20 and Sections 30 and 31 Township 28 South, Range 14 West of the Willamette Meridian to the place of beginning.

All qualified voters, residing within the above described territory and also all residing within the present boundaries of the City of Bandon, are hereby invited to vote in their respective precincts for or against the annexation of the above described territory, by placing upon their ballot the words, "FOR ANNEXATION," or the words "AGAINST ANNEXATION." Said special election will be held on the 3rd day of May, 1912, and the polling places will be open for voting from 9 o'clock a. m. till 6 o'clock, p. m. of said day. The following are the Judges of election in the voting place in the City Hall: R. C. McKinnis, R. E. Buck and J. H. Jones, and the following are the clerks of election in said voting place, George Manceit and Claude Woodruff; and the following are the Judges of said election in the voting place in the Fire Hall on First and Homer streets: E. B. Henry, S. Mundy and W. H. Logan, and the following are the Clerks of said election to be held in said voting place, Nels Rasmussen and Gus Barre.

Dated at Bandon, Oregon, this 2nd day of April, 1912. By order of the Common Council, E. B. KAUSRUD, Recorder.

This notice is published the first time on the day of April 2, 1912 and April 9, 16, 23, and the last time on April 30, 1912.

Unfair. "I s'pose it's all right," said Mr. Newrich, "but it doesn't seem fair." "What doesn't seem fair?" "For Matilda to scold because I want to eat dinner in my shirt sleeves. I don't make any fuss about her party dresses, an' they haven't any sleeves at all."

Both Exempt. "Do your daughters help their mother with the housework?" "We wouldn't think of expecting it. Maribel is temperamental, and Zaza is intense."—Pittsburgh Post.

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