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The Press is informed that Portland has a "Big Sisterhood," an unique society, which invites the interest and co-operation of mothers and daughters and other members of families throughout the state. This society is quite informal, and its organization comprises many of the leading and well known women of Portland. Its aim is to give friendly aid and counsel to girls who are alone in Portland or who for any reason are in need of a "Big Sister." The work of the society is not offered as a charity, but is just the friendliness of one woman for another, or a "Big Sister" for a "Little Sister." So many girls going to the city from the country and the small towns have fallen into misfortune through want of a friend, or in some cases have been utterly lost to their home people, that these Portland women have associated themselves to extend the friendly hand to girls and women who need any kind of help whatever. If girls, or the parents of girls, who are going to Portland, will write to the Big Sisterhood, care of the People's Institute, arrangements will be made to give them such attention as they may wish on reaching the city and their welfare will be looked after by big sisters who will take pleasure in knowing them and helping them. So many sad things happen every day to girls who go to Portland from small towns and the country that the importance of this acquaintance with the "Big Sisters" is urged upon mothers and daughters throughout the state.

The shifting and changing scenes of a town or community are emphasized and brought more forcibly to the attention of the editor than to anyone else. As we pass from day to day and from week to week the changes are not so apparent to the casual observer, but are made prominent to one connected with newspaper work. Marriages, deaths, births, arrivals and departures, business transfers, the good and bad fortunes of neighbors pass in panoramic review. It surely is a shifting, changing scene and the newspaper man realizes how rapidly towns and communities change, for the reason that it is his work to chronicle the changes as they occur. During the last few weeks a number of deaths have occurred, and to those to whom the realization of the shifting scene, but their vision is in a way circumscribed to their own sorrow. The newspaper prints one story of death only to write another, and another, until it knows that men come and men go and their presence is as shifting as the sands of the sea.—Ex.

In order to obtain the widest possible benefit from the legislation recently passed to attract settlers to this state, the State Immigration Commission is inviting suggestions as to the best method of enticing new citizens from abroad. By resolution, this effort is to be directed to securing desirable immigrants from the agricultural districts of Northern Europe. The Commission plans to hold a series of conferences to which representatives of German and Scandinavian colonies in Oregon, clergymen, editors, commercial club officials, etc., will be invited and a general scheme to be followed, will be outlined. Later conferences will take up Swedish, Finnish and Danish immigration.

The war being waged against white slavery is a commendable one and should result in much good. The discussion it is causing will make a lot of "holier than thou" people sit up and take notice and there will be much blinking of shocked eyes. Some reform movements are merely a covering up of evil, but this one promises to be an uncovering that may be nasty, but necessary and beneficial. The investigation of the wages paid the girls employed in the catalogue houses of Chicago has shown these places of business up in a very unpleasant light. They are to business generally, what the guerilla is to warfare.

An agricultural club has been formed at Burns, the first organization of the kind in that part of Oregon. The club will discuss agricultural subjects, encourage modern farming methods and afford an opportunity for the exchange of ideas among farmers as well as among the students of the agricultural department of the Harney county high school. One of its objects is to secure for Harney county the benefit of farm demonstration work provided for by the last session of the legislature.

A California jury acquitted a man because he had beautiful eyes. It should be explained that it was a suffragette jury.

In most newspaper offices nowadays it requires an extra waste basket to take care of the free puff literature which tells of the glories of the coming Panama exposition at San Francisco. Many a fire is started with it; makes splendid kindling.

Now is the time to start war on the fly. Swat 'em as fast as they appear, for one may beget billions during the summer. They are carriers of disease. No means should be neglected to get rid of them in the early season.

By going to a different church every Sunday, President Wilson sets another precedent and shows that he is a cautious man. He is not going to take any chances on the future.

The "pareis" glide is the name of the latest dance. They are getting to name these things properly, anyway.

**Obituary.**

Donald Bell was born on the island of Tyne, Scotland 1832. There he spent his boyhood until he was 18 years old, then with his family migrated to Ontario, Canada. A sad event took place during the voyage from Scotland to Canada. The father, Hugh Bell, died and was buried at sea.

Without further mishap the family landed in Canada ten souls all told—Mrs. Hugh Bell, Malcolm, Charles, Allan, and Jessie, these were half brothers and sister to the following: Donald, Katherine, Danson, Flora and John.

Those were the hard days of log-rolling, burning and breaking in the great virgin forests of Ontario, and surely no class of men were more qualified for the laborious task of felling the forest and draining the marsh than the stalwart sons of Scotland. The family have all passed to their reward save Katherine, who still lives in Canada, and John who has lived here since 1890.

The deceased had always made his home with John, and when the latter moved from Canada to Oregon, Donald followed soon after, coming here in company with the McIntyre family. He was of a retiring nature, being a deaf mute from his early years. He was learning to talk as other children, when at two years of age he was seized with a malignant fever which left him afflicted for the remainder of his life. He died April 10, at the ripe age of 81, an old man greatly beloved and well respected. A large number of people attended the funeral, which was conducted by A. Mackenzie McDermott, at the home of John Bell. The interment took place at Athena, April 12, 1913. A. M. M.

"Delicatessen Wives."  
"Why is it that a twelve dollar a week clerk usually buys a thirty cent luncheon?" asked a prosperous man who was regaling himself at a downtown luncheon on a glass of milk and a piece of pie.  
"Because he has a delicatessen wife," was the reply of his observant companion.  
The men who were standing up to ten and fifteen cent lunches in that busy eating place were obviously more prosperous than the men having thirty and thirty-five cent meals at the tables.  
"Those bookkeepers and clerks have to get substantial meals at noon to keep fit for their work," the man went on to explain. "I employ six of them—one at \$14 and five at \$12 a week. I've inquired about their home arrangements. They all live the same way—coffee and cereal for breakfast, delicatessen stuff for what they call dinner, seldom anything cooked in their homes—their wives don't know how. So they have to eat substantial food at noon. A plague on these delicatessen wives!"—New York Mail.

"Now," asked a music teacher, "what is the note above F?" "F sharp."  
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**A Good Pair.**  
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"What don't you name him 'Panama'?" she suggested. "I see them two names go together quite often, mamma!"—New York World.

**Just a Spill.**  
"Beg pardon, sir," said the awkward waiter "but was that last meal on you?"  
"Not all of it, garcon," replied the guest as he meekly rubbed his much splattered trousers; "only the soup."—Pittsburgh Press.

**He Awful Threat.**  
Mother: Why did you not scream when Hans kissed you? Daughter: He threatened me. Mother—How? Daughter: He said if I did he'd never kiss me again. Meggendorfer Blatter.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**  
In the County Court for Umatilla County, State of Oregon.  
In the Matter of the Estate of John H. Hiteman, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Umatilla county, Oregon, has appointed Henry Dell, of Athena, Oregon, administrator of the estate of John H. Hiteman, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified and with proper vouchers to the said administrator, at the office of Homer I. Watts, attorney, at his office, Athena, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.  
Date of first publication April 4, 1913.  
Henry Dell, Administrator.

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**SUMMONS.**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
Alma Bowen, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
James Bowen, Defendant.  
To James Bowen, the above-named defendant:  
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you will take notice, that if you fail to appear and answer or plead within said time, the above-named plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for the relief prayed for in her complaint filed herein, to-wit: For a decree of divorce forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and for the restoration to plaintiff her maiden name, Alma Foster, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem equitable and meet in the premises.  
This summons is published by order of the Honorable Gilbert W. Phelps, Judge of the above entitled Court, duly and regularly made and entered on the 24th day of March, 1913, the date of the first publication being on the 28th day of March, 1913.  
S. A. Newberry,  
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