

In Confidence By Flo

Mothers Aren't Always Capable of
Selecting the Ideal Mate for
Their Children.

My son is engaged to marry a young girl who works in his office. He thinks she loves her, but I'm sure he is only infatuated with her pretty face. I think she is frivolous, irresponsible, and foolish—and I know that she cannot possibly make my son happy. They have nothing in common. She is gay and fun loving he is intellectual and serious. Then too, the fact that they are not of the same social status makes me fearful for the outcome of the marriage. Won't you please tell me how to part them before it is too late?

How do you know that the girl of whom you so disapprove will not fill every need of your son's soul. The girl he loves might be all that you think she is—but, you see, a husband or a wife is so absolutely a matter of personal taste that she could still be the most precious thing in the world to him, filling his days with romance and happiness. On the other hand, he might be bored to death with the nice sweet domestic woman you would choose for him.

You admit that your son is "intellectual and serious." Then, certainly, he ought to know the kind of a wife he wants. It is a very serious matter to break off a marriage before attempting it, and all parents might well give more careful consideration to all the facts before attempting it. The fact that a young girl is gay and frivolous and loves good times is not sufficient reason for a mother to disapprove of the marriage. Nor does the fact that they are not of the same social status make a great deal of difference. If there ever was any prejudice against working women the world is getting over it very bravely. Any nice sweet girl who has the independence of spirit that makes her hustle out and earn her own living, instead of forcing a poor old father or her brother or her family to support her, who has the intelligence and grit to hold down a position, is a fit wife for any man from the present down.

It is the most natural thing in the world for parents to really believe that they are in better position to judge what sort of a husband or wife their child should have. They feel that their experience and knowledge of life qualifies them to select the ideal partner. Believing they can bring a calm, cool, uninfluenced judgment to bear on the matter, they are quite apt to forget that the faults they find so intolerable in a boy or girl are not really faults at all. Young and the old do not look at things from the same view point. They haven't the same ideals, nor do they judge things by the same standard. Especially is this true now when the present generation accepts as commonplace many of the things their parents condemn as criminal breaches of manners and morals.

Having children marry out of their class, out of their religion, marry a poor man, or frivolous girl, means nothing at all, for others that have no apparent points of friction fail. This makes it more and more impossible for parents to decide, with any degree of certainty, what sort of wives and husbands will really make their children happy.

As for breaking off the match, the only successful tactics are diplomati-

ones, and the use of them depends upon the personality of the individuals. Sometimes absence does the trick and the engagement can be broken off by separating the couple. Sometimes too much of each other's company will do the good work—a little ridicule is always effective, but the one sure way to make the match is to forbid the boy or girl to see each other and keep nagging them about it.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief of Resume of Happenings
the Week Collected for
Our Readers.

Lumber shipments by water have increased at Newport 400 per cent since 1923.

Six registered Holsteins, valued at over \$1000, were stolen and butchered at Albany.

The district conference of the American Legion auxiliary was held at Roseburg.

The 30th birthday anniversary of the Salem lodge of Elks was celebrated Friday.

The annual conference of the state court of the Catholic Daughters of America was held at Astoria.

Increased premiums for dairy cattle exhibitors have been decided on by the Linn county fair management.

Mrs. George Boedegheimer died at a Salem hospital from burns suffered when she was cooking at her home near Sublimity.

Water is now running in all canals of the Warm Springs irrigation system. Warm weather has made the water needed.

William Macy, aged 26, was killed when he fell under the front trucks of a car of a logging train on which he was riding.

The first annual convention of the southern division of the southern district Epworth league for Oregon held a three-day session at Medford.

The Lane county fair board has authorized the drafting of plans for a proposed building program on the county fair grounds at Eugene.

The Baldwin mill at Anlauf in Lane county, which has been closed down for nearly two years, will resume operations as soon as repairs are completed.

Joe Sylvester of Milligan was killed instantly at Vaughan's camp of the Coos Bay Logging company, about midway between North Bend and Coquille.

A special city election is proposed in a petition now being circulated in Eugene asking that six outlying districts southwest of the city be annexed.

A merger of the Malheur county farm bureau and the Malheur Producers' association was the result of a meeting of the two bodies held recently.

The state engineer has been requested to investigate the condition of the Whited reservoir on Burnt river in Baker county to determine whether it is safe.

Salaries have not been paid for two months by the state board of horticulture and the board has decided to ask for relief from the state's emergency fund.

Tentative organization of the Lane county cow testing association was effected at a meeting of a number of dairymen at the Eugene chamber of commerce.

GUARD UNIT CHANGES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS

Satisfactory progress in the company's work is reported by the officers of the Springfield headquarters unit of the Oregon National Guard, which was organized here a short time ago. Tonight's meeting of the company is the final one to be held in the chamber of commerce rooms, and henceforth meetings will be held in Eggmann's hall, which has been rented for use of the company.

Rooms to be used for office, squad and locker purposes, also equipment and supply quarters and drilling room, are available in the Eggmann building. Through Lieutenant C. A. Swartz, the company commander, the guard post this week expressed its appreciation to the chamber of commerce for donating the use of meeting quarters while the company was being organized.

Drills and meetings are being held each Thursday night, and the work is getting well-organized. Lieutenant Swartz and Second Lieutenant Walter Gossler have received their commissions from headquarters, and three sergeants have been appointed. They are Daniel C. Taylor, staff sergeant, C. F. Scott, acting first sergeant, and Ben Davison. Two more sergeants, four corporals and four first class privates are to be named soon.

Lieutenant Swartz spent the earlier part of this week in Portland, attending an officers school. Commanders of the company in the state were at the meeting.

WORKMEN RECOVER AT S. P. RESERVE CAMP

Recovery of three of the workmen whose illness, following the death of two other men within the space of three days, brought about an investigation by the state health officer at the Southern Pacific construction camp at Reserve last Saturday, indicates that the malady which was sweeping through camp was neither typhus fever nor meningitis. This was reported yesterday following a trip to the camp made by Dr. Eugene Kester, who was one of the physicians who, with Dr. Frederick Strickner, state health officer, conducted the investigation.

Dr. Kester said that three of the five men who had been apparently attacked by the same malady that caused the death of their fellow-workmen late last week, were well enough to be back at work, and that the others were improving. It is likely that the quarantine, which was placed on the camp last Saturday by Dr. S. M. Kerron, county health officer, will be raised either today or tomorrow.

A post-mortem examination was held over the body of one of the victims, a Mexican, last Saturday night by the medical experts and the investigation is now going ahead at Portland. Symptoms at first led the authorities to believe the disease to be meningitis. Instead of typhus cases were immediately isolated and the quarantine clamped on the camp.

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Springfield Losses.

Cottage Grove high school baseball players proved the old adage about the worm turning, when on last Friday they nabbed an 11-10 victory over Springfield, after the locals in an uncompleted game a couple of days before had walked away with 10 runs against two in four innings. The first game didn't count, and as a result the slate shows Cottage Grove's victory only.

Wednesday the Springfield team again played in hard luck, when Eugene defeated it 10 to 2. Cowart was out of the game on account of sickness, forcing Hastings to pitch with a badly cut finger.

Mrs. Johnson Dies.

Mrs. Anna B. Johnson of Jasper died at the Pacific Christian hospital at Eugene on April 27. Mrs. Johnson was born on April 13, 1885, and has been living in this district for several years with her daughter, Mrs. R. F. Moore of Jasper.

The funeral is to be held this afternoon at the Walker chapel, at 2 o'clock, with Rev. W. A. Elkins of Eugene in charge. Burial will be at Mt. Vernon cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Johnson are one son, Charles W. Johnson of Eugene, and three daughters, Mrs. Roy Barckus of Woodburn, Mrs. Moore of Jasper, and Mrs. S. E. Aitkman of Clarinda, Iowa.

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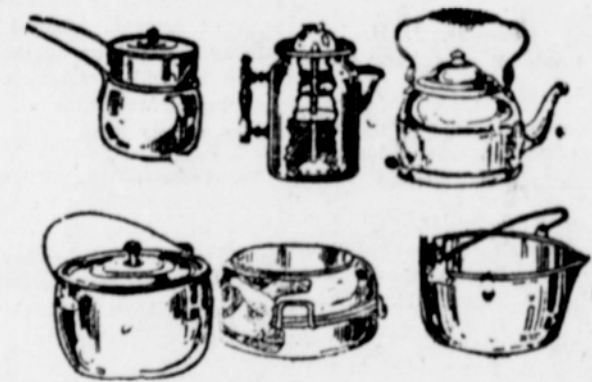
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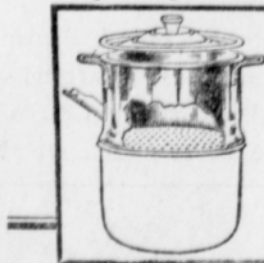
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