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## WHY NOT A BETTER HOME MARKET

Lane county farmers can raise all the fruit and vegetables necessary to feed all the people living inside the county's boundary yet there are thousands of dollars worth of produce consumed here that is grown elsewhere. We find Yakima, Hood River, Idaho and California fruit and vegetables being sold in the grocery stores in preference to our own. This is a condition that does not make from prosperity either for the farmer or the merchant.

We do not blame the grocer. He depends on the wholesale produce house to supply him every morning and if he didn't he could not supply his customers regularly and with uniform produce. The grocer buys from the farmer when he can or more likely trades for the farmers produce. Yet he cannot depend on the farmer to supply him daily with the quantity and quality that his trade demands and necessarily the grocer must depend on the produce house. Produce houses are usually owned by a large concern having a chain of such houses and buy only at certain points and there only certain produce. They buy in quantity and secure better prices—sufficient to pay the freight to far away points of consumption.

This system that works a hardship on the county should be changed. Either the farmers or the grocers should own cooperatively produce houses of their own in Lane county whereby the produce could be collected and graded and then sold to the grocer for the home trade. Many farmers who have good soil and can raise fine vegetables do not know how to prepare them for market. The grocer has not time to help him out and they both suffer.

Usually when cooperative marketing is referred to it means the selling of farm produce in distant cities. Yet there is an opportunity at home to further farm and merchants' interests by local cooperative marketing.

Salem has financed locally the second large woolen mill built there. Salem has attracted more industries than any other city outside of Portland in Oregon. The chief reason is that Salem people have faith in Salem and are ready to put up their money when new industrial opportunities present themselves.

Napoleon Bonaparte may have been an important personage, but he never rated a box on the front page, so he couldn't have been so famous, after all.

The American man needs more clothes consciousness, says one authority, but it would be too bad for some of them if it came on them quickly.

New York drinkers have been warned by physicians to test their hooch during the holidays, and they probably will with their eyes.

If their dispute over the Army-Navy football game proves nothing else, it shows that both the Army and Navy are ready to fight.

Mothers might find it easier to coax some work out of their daughters now if they would only put a steering wheel somewhere in the kitchen.

The brand of farm relief the country needs is less than one-half of one per cent vocal.

William Edward Hickman, youth charged with the gruesome murder of Marian Parker, drove a stolen green automobile the full length of the Pacific Highway from Los Angeles to Seattle and back again to Portland and over the Columbia Highway to Echo before being captured. He crossed three states eluding the officers yet never left the pavement. If he had been a bootlegger instead of a murderer he likely wouldn't have gotten across one county with a green stolen car. Modern officers are trained to smell booze but a murderer is out of their line. It took an old time policeman from Pendleton to catch this fleeing young criminal.

Going home after dark Christmas eve on the street beside the drug store we picked up a chicken (meaning a feathered fowl). We suppose it had escaped from someone's Christmas dinner. Now if the owner doesn't claim it before New Years day—we well we are liable to have a chicken dinner at our house.

Chicago gangsters are reported to have sought court protection against the activities of police, and some kind judge may yet place a number of them behind the bars where they will be safe.

You'll find most of the Presidential candidates parked under the mistletoe these days, hoping that their party will spy them.

Probably the purpose behind these schools of crime occasionally mentioned in the newspapers is to teach the young idea how to shoot.

After seeing how some of them look, it is easy to understand why children don't believe in Santa Claus.

Some men wouldn't want to wake up and find themselves famous if it meant losing any sleep.

A maximum sentence often means a minimum of words.

## Editorial Comment

### BEN LINDSEY DEHYDRATES HIS "COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE"

A little while ago Judge Lindsey, father of juvenile courts, startled the Christian world with the suggestion that a system of "companionate marriages" might reduce promiscuous immoral relations among modern young men and women and educate them for permanent matrimony. In common with the rest of the world, we assumed that Judge Lindsey meant a free and informal union to be dissolved as informally as it was started. We were mistaken, though. When Judge Lindsey left Denver and came to the Coast, he explained that his idea of a "companionate marriage" was a formal union undertaken with bell, book and candle, with ring, license and liturgy, but apparently with the understanding that it could be dissolved at any time by mutual consent. It was his hope that informal inexpensive divorce without its present stigma would encourage earlier marriages among the youngsters with large demands and no incomes, thereby inducing them to stay put, to quit shifting their evanescent attachments from one person to the other.

Russia has made it extremely easy to get in and out of the state of matrimony, but the Russian experiment, so far as we can learn, has not been a success. Children will make their appearance, you know, and their arrival means that either one or both parents will have to buckle down, keep their noses close to the grindstone and sacrifice their complete freedom of action for the sake of the next generation.

All mating, be it orthodox, companionate or wholly without benefit of clergy, means the assumption of responsibility, self-control, self-denial. In the very nature of the process no means can be devised to dodge this responsibility, to have one's cake and eat it, too, without sacrificing the next generation. And it's doubtful whether the encouragement of irresponsibility is really of benefit to the race.—November SUNSET.

# In Confidence

Readers desiring a personal reply can address Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper.

## RUN—BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

Dear Miss Flo:— Many months ago I read your article in which you advised a girl to give up the married man whom she loved. I too was faced with the same problem—and I tried to follow your advice. I was deeply in love with my employer—so I gave up the lucrative position which I held. I haven't seen or heard from him since, but my love for him has increased rather than abated, and my triumph of will-power and self-respect is bringing me very little consolation. I am utterly miserable. I know that he is making an effort to forget and fulfill the duty he owes to his wife and children—and that he is just as unhappy as I. Divorce is impossible.

And, withal, I cannot believe that such a remedy is ever a cure. Life is so short—so bitter—why aren't we justified in taking our happiness where we find it—forgetting our conventions and inhibitions—and stealing a few moments of love.

One argument which has often been used against women working in offices is that they are always falling in love with their employers and being miserable about it. While I know that such accusation is unjust, I am becoming rather impatient with those women who do seem to justify the argument. They seem to envelop the man with a veil of glamor and romance which he is far from deserving—and manlike, he can't resist the flattery and the first thing you know here is what is commonly called "an affair."

And a most unfortunate affair for everybody concerned. If it is a mere scratch on the heart, such as most affairs with married men are, it might heal in a few months without even leaving a scar.

But no remedy is a universal cure—guaranteed never to fail, and while it is true that time and absence do almost always cure, they are not always effective. For there are men and women who love but once and who are faithful to that love until death. Then the wound goes deeper—and it might take years for even the surface of the wound to heal over, and there might never be a moonlight night on which the old hurt would not throb with dull pain.

Perhaps you are one of those few women capable of feeling a great love. If you are, you have no choice but to go on loving. Time will lessen your grief and dull the edge of your loss, and while you may never be completely happy, you will not always be miserable.

Not nearly as miserable as you will be if you yield to the temptation to steal a few moments of love. You have no more right to steal that which rightfully belongs to another woman than you have to steal anything else you want and haven't got. You cannot justify the philosophy.

What happiness would you find knowing yourself guilty? There are women without moral sense, weak creatures who are the victims of their own desires—and who take the easiest way to their desires and who may possibly be happy and content following such a code. But the kind of a woman who of her free will and accord has had the courage to make a good fight against temptation—would be utterly miserably in such a manner. There are too many centuries of virtue behind her—too many women who have held their honor spotless. You could not abandon yourself to your temptation—for you would die of self-loathing.

All that I said before—in the article to which you refer—holds true—and you must give the time cure a sufficient test. And the moral of the story—for other girls—never work in close association with a married man with whom you think you are falling in love. Run—before it is too late.

McNabb is Nabbed  
Accused of speeding 50 miles an hour on East Main street, N. McNabb was hauled before City Recorder I. M. Peterson Monday by Traffic Officer Herbert Moore. McNabb pleaded guilty to the charges and paid a fine of \$20.

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Although Springfield's infantile paralysis cases are improving, and there have been no new ones develop, the time has not yet arrived for school children and others to throw caution to the winds, it was pointed out this week by W. G. Hughes, chairman of the city school board.

Mr. Hughes drew attention to the fact that a child at Twin Oaks died recently of the disease, which was contracted seemingly without the victim's coming in touch with persons outside the immediate family. This, he said, indicates that paralysis may strike at any place without warning, and it is well to observe great caution until the last vestige of the epidemic has been blotted out.

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