

FLIES TO ESCAPE WIVES OF GIRLS

Wealthy Bachelor Has His Life Made Miserable by Pretty Girls Who Would Call Him Their "Hubby."

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 3.—"There's no fool like an old one," and I am the victim of my own folly. I'm sick and tired of it all and I want to quit, but they won't let me. I never want to see another woman as long as I live; they're pestering the life out of me. What I want now is peace, not a wife."

William B. Niedermeyer, a wealthy widower, 59 years of age, with offices at 528 Rookery building, Spokane, who publicly announced ten days ago that he would share his fortune of \$250,000 with a woman under 35 years of age, if she came up to his ideal as a life partner, made this confession before fleeing the city to escape a throng of women responding to his proposal.

"Before I placed that little advertisement in a California paper, saying that if the right party answered—well, the wedding bells might ring—I could not find a woman to take the place at my lonely fireside," Niedermeyer said, "but now they're trooping in from all sides. I never realized there were so many women in the world. Most of them get right down to brass tacks, too."

"I have received letters from every state, territory and province on this continent, except Texas, and every moment of my time has been taken up in answering letters and telephone calls and receiving applicants, mostly young women, who seemed to be under the impression this is a free-for-all. Such is not the case, however, and I am going to be gone until quiet is restored."

With this Niedermeyer pulled down the roll top of his big desk, hiding several hundred unopened letters from curious eyes; drew the blinds, disconnected the telephone instruments, and, after slipping a generous tip into the colored hall boy's hand, he hiked for the tall timber along the St. Joe river in Northern Idaho, where he hopes to get the kinks out of his tangled nerves.

CLAIMS HE NEVER WORKED; NEVER WILL

Asked Man to Buy Him a Drink and When the Man Couldn't See It, He Smashed Him.

John Kelly, who claims that he never has worked and never will, is in the city jail, serving out a \$20 fine imposed upon him by Recorder Teifer. Kelly asked Ed Hoel to buy a drink, and the latter couldn't see why he should, and Kelly, in order to help his vision, swatted him one in the face, closing one eye and leaving the other to look for reasons why the drink should be purchased. Instead, Hoel looked for a policeman and had Kelly haled before the city magistrate. Twenty dollars was the fine imposed, and no money being forthcoming, the prisoner was given the option of working on the streets. Then it was that he made the foregoing declaration, and the city must board him for the next ten days.

MRS. JACOBS DIES AFTER WEEK OF SUFFERING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Nicholas Jacobs died at the Crocker Street Hospital early today from injuries sustained Thanksgiving night when an automobile containing 11 members of the Jacobs' family was struck by a streetcar at Latin station and Jacobs and four of his children were instantly killed. Her two-months-old baby, who was badly injured, is still in a serious condition at the hospital.

NO FOOTBALL FOR WHITMAN NEXT YEAR

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 3.—The faculty of Whitman college has posted notice to the effect that unless the football rule is modified to such an extent as to eliminate mass plays that football will be abolished at the institution. Injuries to light Whitman men in the Thanksgiving game with the brawny Washington state college team is said to have been responsible for the notice being posted.

BIG BUILDING YEAR IN SIGHT

Everything Indicates That Next Year Will Shatter All Building Records in City of Medford.

Next year will see all building records eclipsed in Medford, if the preparations for new buildings are any indication of what may be expected later.

Outside of the buildings for which ground has already been broken, a number are in prospect and will be erected during the coming year. The buildings at the corner of Main and Riverside avenue have been vacated by the tenants and the old structures are being removed in order to clear the ground for the construction of a modern building on the site. The plans have not as yet been fully perfected for this building, but it is safe to say that it will be up to date in every respect and in keeping with the spirit of progress of the city.

Medford Lodge, No. 83, I. O. O. F., has purchased 50x80 feet on Sixth street, near Holly, adjoining the garage being constructed for the Valley Auto company by Anderson & Green, and will put up a building of at least two stories, and perhaps four, for commercial and lodge purposes. It is the intention of the order to build a home for the lodge on this property that will compare favorably with any lodge home in the state.

Lodge No. 1168, B. P. O. E., are negotiating for property on Sixth street, opposite the above-mentioned tract, with a view to building an Elks' temple thereon. This will be another structure worthy of the growing city of Medford.

Ground has been broken for a rooming house, modern in all its features, at the junction of Apple and Fifth streets and Riverside avenue. The house will contain 20 rooms or more.

MANY TREES ARE BEING PLANTED IN VALLEY

A conservative estimate of the acreage which will be planted in the Rogue River valley this season to fruit totals something over 15,000 acres of land.

Judging from the sales already made and the orders coming in and prospective, there will be nearly 1,000,000 trees planted in the valley this season.

These tree orders are nearly all for fruit-growing trees, the proportion of ornamental shrubs and shade trees being relatively small. From five to seven years from now this 15,000 acres of orchard will be added to those coming into bearing each year, and the prediction made that one day the Rogue River valley, from Ashland to Grants Pass, would be a solid orchard, will come near being fulfilled.

MUCH PROPERTY LOST IN WASHINGTON STORM

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 3.—Whatcom and Skagit counties are today emerging from the worst flood in the history of the country. Millions of dollars worth of property has been lost, at least one life has been forfeited and there is not a town on the Nooksack and Skagit rivers but has been inundated by the waters. The losses can be estimated only roughly, but the following figures are conservative: Whatcom county, \$223,500; Skagit county, \$380,800; damage to railroad property, \$900,000.

COAL LAND CASES IS RESUMED IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 3.—The Cunningham coal land hearing, which was heard in Seattle, has been resumed here today in the federal court building. The morning session was devoted to hearing the testimony of entrymen living in Spokane, including A. B. Campbell, John A. Finch and Arthur D. Jones. The testimony is being taken by Special Commissioner W. J. McGee, but the case is being heard before Commissioner Fred T. Denett of the general land office.

NORWEGIAN POET IS ILL UNTO HIS DEATH

PARIS, Dec. 3.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the great Norwegian poet, dramatist and novelist, who has been dangerously ill for two weeks, is suffering from arterial sclerosis and the doctors declare today that his vitality is miraculous. For ten days he has been kept alive by stimulants and artificial breathing, and the physicians are hopeful he may recover in spite of the terrible odds against him. He will be 77 years old if he lives until next Monday.

LAST FOOTBALL GAME SATURDAY

Local Boys Will Meet Grants Pass in Final Game of Season —Good One Promised.

Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the official's whistle blows will begin the final battle between the Grants Pass and Medford high school teams. This will be the last game of the season, and upon the result of it depends the championship of Southern Oregon. Both teams have played several hard games this season and neither are leaving a stone unturned that would in any way detract from the chance of them being in the best condition for this game.

The Grants Pass team will be equal to the occasion, as they have a good group of players that are fast and active and have showed rapid improvement since the early season games, which is due to the fact that they have had the careful attention of two good coaches. One of the strongest points of the Grants Pass team is their ability to handle end runs, for the interference which these lads put up would credit to a college team, and have proven that they are almost sure to make yardage at line-plunging. But, while they are strong in these and other points, the Medford team has proven itself strong along several lines.

The local boys have shown great ability in the handling of the forward pass this season, and in a few instances have made good gains on it. They have not failed in any game so far this season to make good gains on the exchange of punts, for when their great fullback steps back a few yards and places his toe into the ball it is destined to overcome the force of gravity and travel down the field as if on wings.

They have three men, any of which is almost sure of a goal from a drop kick if within reasonable distance, and one that sends the ball from placement between the uprights from almost any part of the field.

Their strongest points are in defensive work and line plunging. The latter is where they are sure of yardage, for when the able linemen open the opponent's line the massive back hurls through the gap like a cyclone. Without a doubt this will be a game between two of the best-drilled teams that has ever appeared in this section of the country, and for the first time in the history of Medford will its citizens have a chance to see a good game of real football.

SAFE-CRACKERS AT WORK IN CALIFORNIA CAPITAL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 3.—Experienced cracksmen some time last night blew open the safe of the Golden Star laundry in the residence district and made good their escape with \$200 in silver, leaving no clue. Nitroglycerine and a sledge were used. The robbery was not discovered until this morning, when the proprietor opened the place.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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| W. H. Milton to W. S. Greene, 40 5-8 acres in section 9, township 36, 4 west | \$ 3,100 |
| W. Angle to W. B. Jackson, lot 6, block 2, Willeke addition to Medford | 10 |
| J. W. Cox, to G. Miller, land on Central avenue, Medford | 10 |
| B. E. King to H. G. Mathes, lots 33 and 34, block Q, Railroad addition to Ashland | 2,000 |
| L. J. Larson to P. Lambert, 80 acres, section 32, township 35, 2 west | 500 |
| J. M. Conley to Gold Ray Realty Co., lots 17 and 18, block 27, Tolo | 400 |
| Addie N. Skeeters-Griffith to Wilded Freel, land in section 24, township 37, 2 west | 400 |
| F. H. Cook to C. Burgess, blocks 1 and 2, Roanoke Addition to Medford | 10 |
| T. J. McAndrews to W. F. Quisenberry, lots 11 and 12, block 1, Bryant's addition to Medford | 1 |

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ELK MEMORIAL FULLY ARRANGED

Impressive Services Are to Be Held Sunday Afternoon in Opera House—All Are Invited.

Following a brief session of Medford Lodge, No. 1168, B. P. O. Elks, Thursday evening, final arrangements were perfected for the memorial services to be held in the Medford opera house at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

As these services will be public, the people of Medford will have their first opportunity to see this organization in a serious mood. While the Elks all believe in having a good time and that the man with a smile on his face all of the time is one of the best men to meet and know, they can be serious and thoughtful, and the services Sunday afternoon will undoubtedly be impressively rendered.

It is on this, their memorial day, that the entire membership of the order is gathered, the roll called of those who have fallen in life's struggle and those absent ones remembered in song and eulogy.

The local herd, since its organization, has indeed been fortunate, and its chain of membership remains intact. But very few lodges throughout the United States have been so fortunate. In memory of these and in tribute to them, these services will be held.

A splendidly arranged program will be rendered. The services will begin promptly at 2 o'clock. All visiting Elks and all members of the order will meet at the lodge rooms promptly at 1 o'clock p. m. The general public is invited to share these services with the membership, and from the inquiries that the committee are receiving concerning the seating capacity of the opera house, it is understood that the invitation will be accepted.

GAMBLER TURNED DOWN BY COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The supreme court today denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by Attorney Carroll Cook in behalf of Charles Brown, who is under arrest charged with violating the Walker-Otis anti-gambling law. Brown was arrested at the Emeryville race track upon a warrant sworn to by George Helms, a detective employed by District Attorney Donahue. Helms claimed to have laid a bet of \$2 with Brown on a horse named Rose Cherry.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council of Medford, Oregon, on December 7, 1909, for license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one gallon, at lots 14, 15 and 16, block 21, in Medford, Oregon, for a period of six months.

YOUNG & HALL, Dated November 21st.

NOTICE

On account of the increased cost of feed, we, the undersigned dairymen of Medford, find it necessary to raise the price of milk to ten cents a quart, retail, and 25 cents a gallon, wholesale, on and after December 1, 1909.

WARNER & SNIDER, J. C. CALHOUN, J. M. SCHMIDT, H. H. CALHOUN, J. V. KEEZER.

ENGINEERS HAVE THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN MOUNTAINS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 3.—Thrilling were the experiences of a party of Northern Pacific railway engineers and surveyors, under H. B. Payne of Spokane, just returned from the unsettled territory in Central Idaho. Payne and the crews worked in the mountains nearly eight months, and it is understood a feasible route has been found to tap several of the rich mineral and timber belts. On one of the trips, lasting 54 days, the men did not see a human being outside of their own party. A score of horses were lost and some of the men had narrow escapes from death. Much big game was encountered in the hills and several fine deer fell before the engineers' rifles. Payne made maps of the country and these, with other drawings, he will submit to the engineering department at St. Paul early this month. The line contemplated by the railway company will open a big territory in Idaho and aid materially in the development of the country in miles around.

Circuit Court.

Corn Turner vs. Howard Turner—Divorce; decree granted. John Harrington vs. W. E. Phipps et al.—Set for trial December 15. Emma Flohr vs. Charles Flohr—Divorce; decree.

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