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Waiting on California

J. J. Murphy, assemblyman of the California legislature, need not plead with the Klamath basin to support any move which might result in the early completion of California's section of the Klamath Falls-Weed highway. Mr. Murphy has labored incessantly for the raising of funds to complete California's share in this important interstate highway and any help which can be accorded him from the Oregon side of the line will be gladly given. This highway is beyond question of primary importance not only to the Klamath basin but to the state of Oregon as a whole. It is not merely a connecting road between northern California and Klamath county; it is an interstate highway, a new route to Crater Lake, and a new and faster route to Portland.

Realizing its importance, foreseeing the development it will cause and the tourist travel that would be diverted through Klamath, central Oregon, Klamath's officials and public spirited citizens have pushed this project more than any other state highway in the county. Just recently the contract for the surfacing of the last uncompleted segment in Oregon was let by the Klamath county court.

Oregon has done its share; let us hope that California will not fail.

Realism in Marriage

Comment upon the newest Kansas "companionate marriage" has gone from one side of the nation to the other and back again.

To us, it looks as though a young couple had decided to be married, to be supported by their families for a while longer, to have no children until they finish school and to be happy together ever after—unless divorced. To this remarkable phenomenon the name "companionate marriage" has been fixed, and it has caught the popular imagination as no other advertising slogan we ever heard of.

The ends of marriage are not served, of course, unless there are children. However, this is not the first time people have married with the intention of having none. That phase of it isn't so remarkable as another.

The truly unusual aspect of the matter, it seems, is that these two young people are going into marriage with divorce in their minds as an every-ready outlet if the ship wobbles. Whether or not it is better for young people to take this possibility into account when they marry, remains to be proved. Divorce here is accepted in the marriage agreement as a qualification. Only in this respect do we see the companionate marriage as something new.

This inclusion of the divorce reservation is a touch of realism new to youth, and we are loath to accept it.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

HIGH TIDE IN EARNINGS.
 New York Sun: American income in 1926, according to the bureau of internal revenue, amounted to nearly \$96,000,000,000. This colossal sum represents an increase of 43 per cent over national income for 1921. The average income of persons gainfully employed rose in this period, the bureau tells us, from \$1,627 to \$2,210.

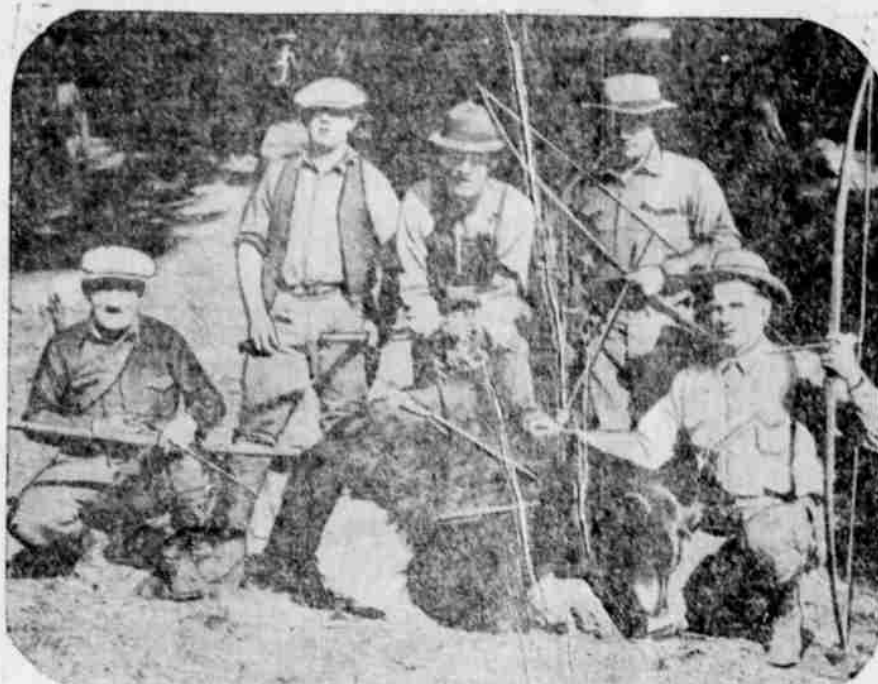
Best of all is the assurance that "this great increase in income is not the result of an increase in the price level, for the average price of consumer goods was actually slightly less in 1926 than in 1921." Our prosperity, in short, is not based on an inflationary boom; the gain to the people is not illusory but real. The added dollars of income have brought greater amounts of goods.

Just how national income for 1927 will compare with that for last year remains to be seen. It might be less; industrial activity has been on a slightly smaller scale. On the other hand, the farmers have done considerably better this year than last and retail trade has been very active. Dividend disbursements and interest payments have broken all records. And the industrial recession that began last spring—and which doubtless was accentuated by suspension of Ford's production—now probably is drawing to a close. Many of our leading economists are looking forward to another liberal increase in national income next year. Our prosperity has all the appearances of resting on a solid foundation.

A SMART ALECK TRICK.
 Omaha World-Herald: The Smart Alecks who thought up the prank of annoying former Congressman Volstead by razzing him over the telephone about prohibition doubtless got a big kick

out of the result. No doubt they indulged in a lot of raucous laughter over the synthetic cocktails with mutual back-slapping and noisy telling over and over how they hat Volstead wishes he never had heard of prohibition. It is more than likely, however, that the victim of this "bam joke" is more convinced than ever that he did just right in assisting to put into operation the experiment in federal prohibition. Mr. Volstead is one of a large number of persons who earnestly believed, first, that America would be the better if all intoxicating beverages could be banished from her soil, and second, that such banishment could be accomplished by a federal law. Whether he was wise or not in holding this opinion there is no reason to doubt that he was honest. Whatever criticism his opinions or his public record may merit, he is still entitled in the right to be unmolested in the seclusion of his own home.

Throwing rotten eggs at a speaker was never yet a convincing answer to his argument. Neither does annoying Volstead nor putting out "Prossy" Johnson's eye demonstrate the error of prohibition. A wise old father left an estate valued at several million dollars and provided in his will that his son, a Yale graduate, must show himself capable of handling the fortune by the time he is 35. The son has gone to work as a stoker in a big industrial plant owned by the estate in Philadelphia. He will learn the business from the ashpit up. He is 26 now, and by the time he is 35 may acquire habits that will save him from becoming a profligate, which happens to so many young men with over-many millions.—Oregon Journal.



ARMED ONLY WITH BOWS AND ARROWS, these five hunters of Modesto, Calif., called up into the hills and bagged a husky bear. All of them shared in the glory, too, for it took a number of steel-tipped shafts to bring down the quarry.

SCHOOLS JOIN IN SPONSORING FINE EXHIBIT

Masterpieces of many of the world's most noted artists will be on display at the Art Exhibit to be held at the Fremont auditorium from December fifth to December ninth.

The Riverside, Pelican City, Central and Fremont schools are working together on the exhibit. The proceeds will be divided among the several schools and the money used for the purchase of pictures and other incidentals. A splendid program has been arranged for Tuesday evening and a cordial invitation to the public is extended. Adults will be charged 25 cents and children 10 cents.

At The Orpheus

Today and tonight "Uneasy Payments" will play for the last times at the Orpheus theatre, and those that have not already seen this sweet little comedy romance should take this last opportunity.

Alberta Vaughn, who has the starring role in the picture, plays the part of a little country girl who wins a Christian contest and leaves immediately for New York, where she is confident that fame and fortune await her.

Willie (observing leopard at zoo)—"Mother, is that the dotted lion the insurance man was telling you about when he handed you the fountain pen?"

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*The complete text of Mr. Pierson's address will be furnished upon request.

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