

**WHY DIVORCE IS SO COMMON**  
Cleveland Judge Who is Expert Gives Opinion.

Cleveland, O., July 8.—Why are so many married people so unhappy? That inquiry along with others of collateral interest and vitality, was brought to this city and laid before Judge William B. Neff.

Off and on Judge Neff has been hearing divorce cases for sixteen years. Since the first day of January he has listened to nothing but stories of matrimonial disappointment and delinquency.

The twelve county judges, catching step with the swiftly moving temper of the community, took up the great subject of divorce. They acted none too soon. Families by the thousands were going to woe and ruin.

The judges found that 408 divorces were granted during the January term of last year, 520 during the April term and 637 during the term beginning with September. They had known about the situation in an indefinite way. The figures however surprised them.

"Each of us," Judge Neff said, "necessarily had a standard of his own. Some of us were liberal; others were strict. Differences in temperament, feeling and prepossession among the judges led to uncertainty, confusion and dissatisfaction.

"I suppose some of us were known as 'easy' judges and others of us as 'hard' judges in divorce cases. Naturally, attorneys and petitioners wanted to go before the judges who were liberal in their interpretation of the law. There was more or less maneuvering, no doubt, for position on the court's calendar.

**Judge for Undefended Cases**

"In view of this general situation, the judges at a joint conference adopted a set of rules under which all contested cases were to be sent to one room and there heard by one judge. Our purpose was to obtain more uniformity in the interpretation of our divorce laws and a more careful examination of the cases.

Thousands of dissatisfied husbands and wives, rich and poor, native and alien, have appealed to Judge Neff from first to last for relief from the yoke that wears and galls. They would make a procession several miles long if brought together. The judge has set on the bench and listened to their stories, true and false, and thus has qualified himself as an expert in one of the greatest social problems of the time.

"Undoubtedly the most prolific cause for the failure of families and a subsequent appeal to the courts," he said, "is haste. It is considered a romantic marriage—the sentimental marriage is distinguished from what I call the prudential marriage, as it is practiced in Europe, before there can be an engagement.

**When Should Men Marry**

"So believing, so knowing, in fact, I say that children should not be permitted to marry. Marriage is not a right; it is a status conferred by law. No girl under the age of 21 is fit to become a mother. No young man under 23 is fit to be a father. Prohibit persons under these ages from marrying and then encourage prudential marriages, the marriage of France and Germany, stripped of what might be called its aspect of bargaining. Let congeniality of tastes, similarity in education and culture, identity of interest, family relations and family associations weigh decisively. If this were done our divorce courts throughout the land would not be working overtime. Many families, too, break down over the subject of money. Related to this question are those important domestic factors of neighborhoods, housing, clothing and food. Thousands of crafts are wrecked upon these reefs. Move into a street and that street tells you how many servants and automobiles you must keep, how you shall dress, what you shall eat, what you shall drink and what your amusement shall be.

"The emancipation of women is another cause of family failure. Wives won't submit to being kicked and knocked down by their husbands. They will not submit to a thousand and one indignities they would have passed over in tearful silence forty years ago. Another cause for divorce is the weakening of religious sanctions. Whether this proceeds from a broader general intelligence or a greater laxity of morals I shall not undertake to say.

"It is undoubtedly true that fewer persons now are kept from appeal to the courts of divorce out of consideration of piety than at any other time in our history. Club life and night life in the cities and the love of amusement are also to be counted with the causes for divorce among the American people.

"Another cause is the freedom with which questions of sex are treated in fiction, in art, and particularly on the stage. Boys and girls get false notions of life; they become familiar with evil and, marrying, carry their unsound ideas into their homes. I think, too, that the constant intermingling of males and females in school, workshop, office and society lead to entanglements hard to disentangle. The larger opportunities now enjoyed by women for earning money have made them independent of bad husbands, while modern inventions give wives more leisure, and idleness, naturally, means discontent and a longing for things out of reach.

"There may be a note of pessimism in what I have said so far. You must remember, however, that I have been hearing divorce cases irregularly for sixteen years. During the last 300 days I have heard more than 100 cases, in which were exposed every imaginable phase of brutality, drunkenness, infidelity and delinquency and so serious were the situations brought out in the testimony offered in those cases that it was almost enough to destroy one's confidence in human nature.

"Divorces, nevertheless are necessary. In primitive times and in early civilization but a single ground was recognized for the granting of a dissolution of the marriage contract and relation. As the world progressed and a wider field of humanity prevailed, other grounds were added. The

higher the civilization, the more numerous are the grounds for divorce. I think the world affords no exception to this rule.

**Wants a Federal Law.**

"Willful absence of three years—otherwise complete and entire neglect of duty continuing for less than three years should develop into a cause of divorce. The law says that total failure must continue for three years. It follows inexorably that a partial failure should continue for at least an equal length of time. In other respects the Ohio law is a model for the whole country.

"And now there is one phase of the general marriage question about which I think it is my duty to say a word. I approach it, however, with hesitation, but it is so threatening to the physical integrity of our people that I feel obliged to hint at it if I can do no more. It ought to be a criminal offense for anyone having a taint of sex infection to marry. A criminal offense, I said and I wish you would lay stress on the statement. Such a person as I have named has no more right to enter the marriage relation than has a small pox patient to enter a church or hall crowded with people in good health.

"I have seen, right in my court room, the awful results of such marriages. They are too terrible to talk about in print. Nor are marriages of the sort I am discussing simply occasional. There are more of them than the world knows, or possibly would believe. I caution the mothers and fathers of daughters about to be married concerning what is, to my mind, the saddest fact in all our modern life."

**DAIRY PRIZES FIXED.**

**Oregon State Fair Special Purposes Better This Year.**

Salem, Ore., July 11.—Frank Meredith, secretary of the Oregon State Fair, announced to day that the special prize for the dairy exhibits this year would be much more costly and numerous than ever before in the history of the association. The prizes were obtained by A. H. Lea, superintendent of the department, who has written to Mr. Meredith that he expects to add more prizes to the list which has already been forwarded to him. The list is as follows:

Dairy cows—Hazelwood milking machine, donated by Hazelwood Milking Machine Company, Spokane, value \$300.

Dairy butter—Highest score, one United States Cream separator, donated by Vermont Farm Machine Co. Bellows Falls Vt., value \$85; second prize, Gold Coin poultry tonic, donated by Monroe & Crisell, Portland, value \$100; third prize, four-bottle Babcock tester, donated by Monroe & Crisell, Portland, value \$5; fourth prize, 30-pound milk and cream scale, donated by Monroe & Crisell, Portland, value \$4.

Display Dairy products—Solid silver service, donated by Southern Pacific Company, value \$100. Cost of booth not to exceed \$25.

Cheese—First prize \$25 donated by Columbia Supply Company, Portland; DeLavel Dairy Supply Company, Seattle and Monroe & Crisell, Portland; \$10 worth of Marcell's rennet extract and \$10 worth of merchandise if highest scoring cheese is made with Marcell's rennet extract; silver cup donated by J. B. Ford Company, Wyandotte, Mich., value \$25; second prize, \$12.50 donated by DeLavel Dairy Supply Company, Seattle; Columbia Supply Company, Portland, and Monroe & Crisell, Portland; third prize, plated cheese trier, donated by Monroe & Crisell, Portland, value \$13.50.

Display of Cheese—\$25, donated for the best display of Oregon made cheese by Union Meat Company, Townsend Creamery, Hazelwood Co., and Portland Pure Milk and Cream Company.

Highest scoring creamery butter—\$30 donated by Monroe & Crisell, Columbia Supply Company, DeLavel Dairy Supply Company, Union Meat Company, Portland Pure Milk and Cream Company, Hazelwood Creamery, Hazelwood Co., Townsend Creamery Company; silver horn carving set, donated by J. B. Ford, value \$25; \$10 in trade, donated by DeLavel Dairy Supply Co.; silver cup, donated by Worcester Salt Company, valued at \$10; silver cup, donated by Diamond Crystal Salt Company, value \$50. Second prize, \$20, donated by Townsend Creamery Company, Hazelwood Co., Union Meat Company, Portland, Pure Milk & Cream Company; pair solid gold cuff links, donated by Balfour-Guthrie Company, value \$20; silver cup donated by Oregon Agriculturist, value \$15.

Butter makers' scoring contest—Solid gold Elgin watch, donated by Pacific Homestead, value \$35. Second prize, \$20, donated by Townsend Creamery Company, Hazelwood Co., Union Meat Company, Portland Pure Milk and Cream Company.

Tallest butter maker attending fair, \$5; shortest butter maker \$5; heaviest butter maker, \$5; lightest butter maker, \$5.

Butter maker with largest family, \$10; second prize, \$5, all donated by Townsend Creamery Company, Portland, Pure Milk & Cream Company, Union Meat Company, Hazelwood Creamery Company.

**Notice for Publication.**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Portland, Oregon, July 13, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that Wesley B. Sutton, of Tillamook, Oregon, who on May 10, 1909, made Homestead Entry, No. 01778, for S. 1/4 S.E. 1/4, N.E. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 and S.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4, Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the County Clerk of Tillamook County, Oregon, at Tillamook City, Oregon, on the 24th day of August, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: Wesley Rush, George T. Kiehm, Leonard Rush and John Little all of Tillamook Oregon.

H. F. Higley, Register.

**CHEESE PRICES ARE ON DOWNWARD TREND.**

**Cut in Local Market Is About Half Cent Under Last Week's Mark.**

(Telegram.)

Cheese prices have dropped a half cent in the local market, despite announcements to the contrary, and at the same time the selling price of the Tillamook product, delivered in Portland, is a half a cent lower than it was the first of last week. Today quotations run as follows: Tillamook twins and triplets, 17 cents wholesale in single cases, 16 1/2 cents in lots of three cases or more; Young America's, 17 1/2 cents. Factory selling price, twins and triplets, delivered in Portland, 15 1/2 cents.

This morning 200 cases of Tillamook twins and triplets purchased last week by Swift & Co., were received by them and the price paid was 15 1/2 cents delivered here. Reports have been in circulation for some time that higher prices were being secured for this product in California, and the Portland market was being allowed to go begging insofar as the Oregon product was concerned. Attempts made to buy at Tillamook under 16 cents, were unsuccessful, dealers claimed, and no change was apparent until a few days ago, when Carl Haberlach, selling agent for 19 Tillamook factories, announced a reduction of a half cent. This has now become effective.

R. A. Lee, manager of the Portland house of Swift & Co., stated this morning that he is in receipt of a letter from a source which cannot be disputed, saying that the Seattle market is loaded with cheese and the market there is weak. The letter states that Washington cheese is selling at 1 to 1 1/2 cents under Oregon, and that the belief is general that the Oregon product would be eliminated from the Seattle market entirely owing to the increased market of Washington cheese, which is of equal quality, but which is bringing a lower price. For the last two weeks according to the letter, Tillamook interests have been trying to move cheese in Seattle without success.

That prices have been too high here is the belief of Mr. Lee and several other dealers and they are of the opinion that Tillamook cannot get along without the Portland market, despite efforts to do so. In California conditions are about the same as in Seattle and a market must be found for the Oregon product. For this reason, so dealers say, prices have been lowered.

This morning a wire was received by two Portland houses from Seattle offering as much cheese as they could handle at 15 cents laid down here. The result was that with a scarcity of home-made cheese on the market, the Seattle offer was accepted and two cars will arrive here by Wednesday.

"There is no denying the fact that there is a market here for Tillamook cheese," said Mr. Lee, "but dealers will not stand to be held up and will not buy when prices are so high. Let them come down to a reasonable basis and stocks will not accumulate to any extent. I believe, with conditions in California and Washington as they are reported to me by unquestionable authority, prices will drop here still lower. Tillamook needs the Portland market so long as we can reasonably do so. But we will not pay inflated prices."

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**Notice.**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME—GREETINGS.

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State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners.

By Floyd Bilyeu, B. E. Duncan, Geo. H. Kelly, and M. J. Kinney, Commissioners.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, June 9, 1914.

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