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WHY DO MODEST WOMEN DRESS IMMODESTLY?

WHAT is the motive which causes women, good women, women who would grieve deeply if accused of immodesty, to bedeck themselves in dress which throws into bold prominence their physical charms—styles of dress which cause average man to gasp and stare and sometimes to make remarks which they wouldn't like other men to make about their sisters, daughters or wives?

What is the explanation of this growing sex appeal? Remembering that no man ever thoroughly understood a woman, we asked these questions of a well-informed elderly woman, a wife and mother of married children. She said:

"No, women, that is, good women, don't wear slit skirts and tight-fitting waists, cut low, to allure men. You men are conceited when you think they do. Women wear those immodest modes because they are the modes. They wear them to please other women and to escape the criticisms which other women pass on the woman whose dress isn't up to the minute in style. As for who makes the styles, you men are responsible. When you want modesty in dress to become fashionable again just bring pressure to bear on the merchants who hire and steer dress designers."

HAD ROOSEVELT BEEN PRESIDENT.

ONE Leon Phillips writes the New York Evening Post asking eight questions as to what would have happened if Roosevelt had been president instead of Wilson, in our dealings with Mexico. The answer is easy. The doughty colonel would have plunged the country into a war that would have cost thousands of lives and millions of treasure. It may be that this will yet happen, but it will be when all peaceable means have been first exhausted, when this country in its greatness has refused to the last minute to use its power, simply because it is big and has that power.

A big man is sometimes forced to put up with things from a smaller one that if the men were equal would be resented with indignant fists.

The United States is in much this condition with Mexico. It is because we are so much bigger and stronger that it is in a sense cowardly for us to attack our weaker neighbor, even though the provocation is strong. President Wilson has shown broad humanity and a fine sense of justice in dealing with the matter, the jingo to the contrary notwithstanding. This country wants peace with our unfortunate neighbor, not war. It wants peace for her, too. Whether this can be reached is for the future to disclose, but whatever happens this country can be justly proud of the fact that she exhibited extreme patience and did all in her power to prevent war between the two countries.

Americans are not being maltreated in Mexico any more than any other people, and the killing of some is a natural result of conditions, the unsettled state, and the inability of the so-called government to control its citizens who are at war with each other, and one-half of whom refuse to recognize the Huerta government as legal.

Roosevelt would have undoubtedly had the two countries fighting long ago—but would that have been for the best? It must not be lost sight of that it is much easier for us to get into Mexico than out, that we do not want the country, and that it would be a calamity if we were forced to take it. Yet if we are forced to occupy the country how will we get out of it? How let go? As for making American citizens of that people it would be an almost impossible task, for they do not take kindly to our ways or our laws, and are non-assimilative. Mexico is a wonderful country, and it is pitiful that its people are not more stable, more capable of self-government, but such as they are, and we cannot change them. War with Mexico would mean thousands of American firebrands left without the presence of some loved one, forever. The deaths of a few is bad enough, and under some circumstances war even at the cost of thousands of lives would be justified, but that condition has not yet arrived. Mr. Roosevelt, had he been president, would not have waited for it to arrive. He would have forced us into a war just because we are the stronger. Would this have been the best thing for the country, or for the country's reputation?

A SUGGESTION FOR DR. BROUGHER.

THE Rev. Dr. Brougier of Portland says he merely glanced at the "X-ray" skirt with one eye. Shakespeare puts in the mouth of Cressida a comment on this one-eyed glance that is pertinent to this occasion and should be a warning to Dr. Brougier not to indulge in it. This somewhat light-minded young female after letting one of her eyes linger on the charms of one Diomed thus soliloquizes:

"Troilus farewell, one eye yet looks on thee,
But with my mind my other eye doth see.
Ah sad our sex, with us this fault I find
The error of the eye directs the mind.
What error leads must err, oh then conclude
Minds swayed by eyes are full of turpitude."

What Therites said as he and Troilus lay hidden and overheard her, is in substance the same thing, but more pithily expressed.

WHY NOT A PUBLIC CENSOR?

THE Sunday Oregonian discusses the matter of public censorship and wisely reaches the conclusion that it is the correct thing. We agree with it heartily. The time seems to have arrived when everybody feels that he or she should boss everybody else's business. Woman's dress calls for, or many of us seem to think it does, all kinds of fixing. The split skirt, the low neck, the hobble and all the latest modes call forth abundant and uncharitable criticism, just as the hoop skirt and the hundreds of other things evolved for the daily wear of the sex female called for criticism before them.

Sunday amusements need fixing up in such a way that that elusive thing,

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public sentiment, will be satisfied. Saloons and the drink habit, or evil, which ever you may think it, the use of tobacco, horse racing, gambling, even on the stock boards, Sunday hunting or fishing, Sunday ball playing, the democratic tariff, President Wilson's Mexican policy or lack of it, eugenics, at least to the extent of saying who may marry, capital punishment, in fact all the affairs of life need fixing by someone, and as 'we the people' cannot agree, a public censor with ability and power to settle all of these things for us would be indeed a boon. It would certainly be appreciated in the newspaper offices if these matters could all be settled by some one authorized to fix them, so that all the daily life of the average citizen could be arranged for him. We would then know what plays to attend, what sermon to hear, what policy to adopt, what ticket to vote, what side to take in all matters, because it being settled for us there would be but one side. By all means let us have a public censor to look after our clothes, morals and everything else that needs attention and fixing for us by someone. At first blush it might be thought difficult to find a person capable of doing all these things, but we know two or three that would tackle the job.

DISCUSSING SEWER BONDS.

THERE seems to be a wide divergence of opinion as to the proposed bond issue, principally along the lines of whether the city or the abutting property should pay for the sewers. Of course, on this as on all other subjects people disagree, some holding that as the city has already built and paid for part of the sewers it would now be unjust to make the balance of the city pay for its own sewer system. Against this, those advocating charging the cost to the abutting property point out that the sewers built by the city were built and paid for before the larger part, at least of the city now supplied with sewers which are subject to the vote at the coming election, and for which the bonds are to be issued, was brought into the city limits; and that the proposal to make the abutting property pay for these sewers works no hardship on them. In the meanwhile on all sides the questions of the regularity of the election, and the legality of the registration are discussed.

The open Forum columns of the Journal are open for any who wish to give their opinions on the subject, but all such are requested to state their ideas as concisely as possible, and at the same time give them in full.

THE ROUND-UP.

There is much activity at the Multnomah county fair grounds at Gresham, and arrangements are completed for a fine series of races. The fair holds five days, beginning September 16.

Bartard Nuner, a laborer, was instantly killed Sunday at Silverton, when he fell from a flat car in front of the engine.

J. I. Boak, head consul, of Denver, Colorado, was the guest of honor at the Labor day celebration of the Woodmen of the World at Council Crest, Portland, Monday.

Portland is having a mining excitement, due to the report that someone had found gold in the sand at Mount Tabor. Hundreds of prospectors are investigating the find.

There were full 8000 in the Labor day parade at Portland.

About 1500 have registered in Lane county this year, one-half of whom are women. Lane's usual registration is about 5,000.

Fully a hundred rural carriers met in convention at Oregon City, Monday.

A dispatch from Eugene says the grading of the Willamette Pacific road, from that city to the coast, will be completed to Acme, four miles from the Pacific, within thirty days, and that it is now probable trains will be running from Eugene to tidewater by Christmas.

W. W. Wright, commonly known in Independence as "Horse Radish Billy," got a judgment of \$45 for unlawful imprisonment for serving 30 days for an attempted assault on an officer. He asked \$1000 damages from H. H. Holman, justice of the peace, and Sheriff Grant.

A remarkable hatch of chickens was brought off recently at the Parcels Poultry Farm, owned by Miss Ella McMunn of Quincy. Of the 13 hatched five have an extra toe on each foot. Otherwise they are normal. The variety was Salmon Favarollies, a new breed.

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Professor Donald E. Boyers, a graduate of the mechanical engineering course in the University of Illinois, has been appointed instructor in experimental engineering in the Oregon Agricultural college.

A splendid subterranean channel of pure water has been discovered in Barron valley, west of Vale. Winans brothers of Portland sank test wells on their homesteads recently and discovered an inexhaustible supply at a depth of 140 feet. The water rose in the well to within 60 feet of the surface and it has been impossible to reduce the volume by pumping.

Members of the Oregon commission for the Panama-Pacific Exposition will hold a conference at the Portland Commercial club at 2 o'clock Friday, with architects and representatives of various civic and commercial organizations, to consider plans for the erection of the Oregon building at the exposition in San Francisco.

That there should be two highways from Portland to the sea instead of only one was the decision of delegate to the annual meeting of the Columbia Highway association, which opened a two days' session at Gresham Sunday.

MUNICIPAL SPOONERY OPENS NEAR DENVER

Official Chaperone, Adviser and First Aid to Cupid Provided in Scheme of Things.

Denver, Sept. 2.—The first "Municipal Spoonery" in the country is open for business today.

That is the name the youth of the city have already given to the Neighborhood House established by the city park board in connection with the municipal playgrounds at Elyria, a Denver suburb. Hereafter, under municipal regulations, young lovers may bill and coo to their hearts' content.

The official "spoonstress" will be Mrs. J. M. Risley, matron of the Neighborhood House. She will act as official chaperone, official adviser and first aid to Cupid for the young women who frequent the house. A mere man, who has not yet been selected, will be on hand later to advise the youthful swains.

Each week during the winter the Elyria Taxpayers Improvement association will give a dance for the benefit of the young men of the neighborhood and to further the good cause. Each week the Neighborhood Mothers' club will transform the neighborhood house into a Cupid's bower for the edification of the young girls.

This is the principal business of the new neighborhood—to provide a respectable place where the young folks may gather in the evenings and be under proper chaperonage. But it is not the only business. During the winter, night classes in sewing, domestic science and manual training will be established.

The work being done here is more or less of an experiment and as such is being closely watched. If the plan succeeds it is expected that a similar Neighborhood House will be established by the park board in other sections of the city.

Some men want to hold office just to keep their hand in.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

EDITOR OF DALLAS OBSERVER IS DEAD

Well Known in Salem, Where He Served During Last Session of Legislature as Calendar Clerk.

IN CHARGE OF OBSERVER DURING PAST TWO YEARS

Largely Instrumental in Securing Permanent Establishment of Polk Co. Fair at Dallas.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Dallas, Ore., Sept. 2.—Engene Foster, editor of the Polk County Observer, died at his home here yesterday after an illness of nearly a month with typhoid fever.

It is probable that the Knights of Pythias will have charge of the funeral, as Mr. Foster was a member of the order and held the office of grand chancellor in the state of Washington.

Mr. Foster came to Dallas in 1911, from Alcegon, Wash., where he was connected with the Aberdeen World.

With W. H. Totten he purchased the Polk County Observer from J. C. Hayler, one of the pioneer newspapermen of this state, and immediately enlarged the plant and made the publication a semi-weekly newspaper. He was unanimously elected president of the Dallas Commercial club before he had resided here seven months.

In the 1913 session of the state legislature Mr. Foster was chosen calendar clerk for the senate and served in that capacity throughout the session. He was a Republican, and during the campaign of last fall many columns in the Observer were devoted to that party.

By an editorial campaign Mr. Foster was largely instrumental in securing the permanent establishment of the Polk county fair in Dallas.

Mr. Foster was an Elk, Moose, Mason and Knight of Pythias. He is survived by a widow.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES HEARD BY ASSOCIATION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE] Montreal, Canada, Sept. 2.—Reports of standing and special committees and discussion of them occupied today's morning and afternoon sessions of the American Bar Association, which is holding its annual convention here.

The reports of standing committees included those on jurisprudence and laws reform; judicial administration and remedial procedure; legal education and admissions to the bar; commercial law international law; grievances; law reporting and digesting; patent, trademark and copyright law; insurance law; taxation; uniform state laws; publicity; membership; obituaries. The special committees reporting were those on uniform judicial procedure; to suggest remedies and formulate proposed laws to prevent delay and unnecessary cost in litigation; to oppose judicial recall; compensation for industrial accidents and their prevention; to present congress bills relating to courts of admiralty; government liens on real estate; compensation to federal judiciary; drafting of legislation, and comparative law bureau.

The big feature of this evening's session will be an address by former President Taft on "The Tenure of Judges."

The cities of Uum and Frankfort, in Germany are trying a novel plan for housing their teachers. They are selling to their teachers good municipal land at a low price and accepting a mortgage on it at low interest. In Frankfort this mortgage may amount to 90 per cent of the value, so that the applicant has to provide but 10 per cent from his own funds. The tax and mortgage payments together, it is said, do not amount to any more than reasonable rent, and with his regular "house money," which is allowed him besides his salary, the teacher is soon the owner of his own home.

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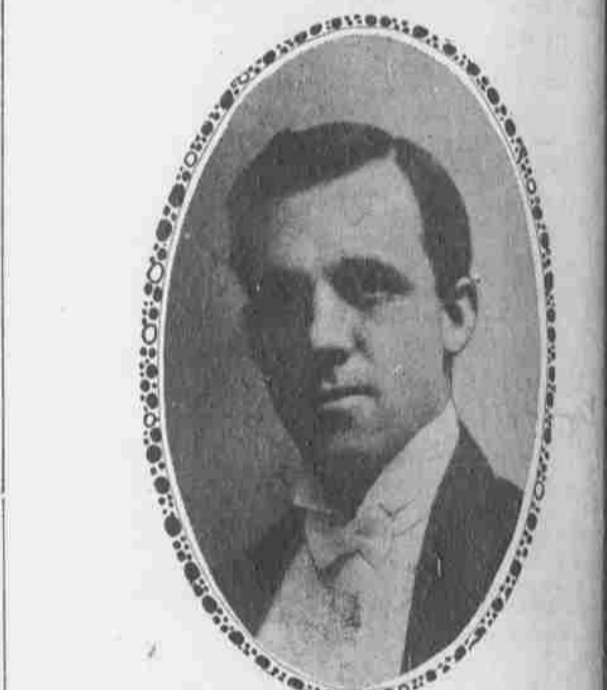
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