

CANT BUY MARITAL BLISS

Solicity is Not to Be Measured by Money or Bulk Like Commercial Products.

Salem, Ore.—Declaring that "conspicuous bliss is not to be estimated at a price of so much per ton, or yard, or acre," the supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Burnet, has affirmed the lower court of Multnomah county in the case of Lizzie C. Davidson, appellant, against John H. Davidson, respondent.

Mrs. Davidson brought suit to set aside deeds to property in Portland amounting to \$33,000. She alleged that she, as a milliner, and he, as a policeman, started on their wedding journey together, deciding not to keep house, but each to assist in promoting the financial welfare of the family.

The court holds that connubial happiness "cannot be made a subject of barter between the two spouses, and that as far as that is concerned, if she, of her own free will and accord, although with the hope of inducing a different course of conduct toward her on the part of the defendant, freely gave him her property it must stand as the court finds it. We cannot relieve her of the consequences of her own deliberate acts and deeds."

NEW STEEL DEFIES YEGGMEN

German Chemists Discover Alloy That Cannot Be Drilled, Blasted or Cut.

New York.—The day of the scientific safe burglar is about over. A kind of steel that cannot be drilled, exploded or cut by the oxy-hydrogen flame has been discovered by German chemists.

Prof. Carl Duisberg, one of the chief foreign delegates to the International Chemists' congress here, brought news of the discovery. He says it is a question of only a short time before the yeggmen will have to turn to new fields.

Dr. Duisberg brought with him two specimens of steel. One was of the ordinary kind and had been cut in 5 1/2 minutes by the oxy-hydrogen flame and in six minutes by the oxy-acetylene flame.

The second specimen was of the new alloy, which had withstood the heat of both the oxy-hydrogen and oxy-acetylene flames for 1 1/2 hours.

M'GEE HAD HEAVY BRAIN

Organ of Noted Washington Scientist Weighed 46 1/2 Ounces—Above Normal.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The brain of Dr. W. J. McGee, Washington scientist, who died, was weighed by Dr. R. A. Spitzka of Jefferson Medical college, to whom it had been bequeathed. The organ weighed 46 1/2 ounces, which is above the normal weight.

Dr. Spitzka deferred complete examination of the brain until September 20, when he will return from a vacation.

Before he departed he declared that the refusal of the family of Dr. Horace Howard Furness, the Shakespearean scholar, to surrender the latter's brain to him had been a big disappointment to him and to scientists generally.

SINGS GIRL TO FREEDOM

Jury Quickly Acquits Woman When Lawyer Sings Song Which Gave Offense.

Oeding, N. Y.—Stuart Baker, an Oeding lawyer, sang Miss Grace Williams, a Newcaste schoolgirl, free when she was arraigned before Police Judge William J. Chodasay at MIDWOOD, charged with disorderly conduct.

Miss Williams was arraigned on a charge by "Buddy" Bradley, who testified that she passed his house every night singing "Everybody's Doin' It." He also said she danced what he heard was the "Turkey Trot."

Mr. Baker insisted on a jury trial. Six men were called, and after Baker had sang the first verse and chorus of the song they promptly acquitted Miss Williams.

EXPLORERS LOST SUPPLIES

Government Engineers May Have to Abandon Survey of the Bering River Coal Fields.

Cordova, Alaska.—Telephonic advice received from Katalla states that the large load of supplies for the five government engineers sent north to explore the Bering river coal fields has broken loose from the tug and is being driven to sea by a gale. If the supplies are lost the expedition will have to be abandoned for this year.

Some Deteriorated Frescoes Found.—Some deteriorated frescoes by Domenico Ghzoni, the Italian painter of the fifteenth century, have been discovered in an oratory on the highway leading to the Castle Fiorentino. The preservation of the frescoes is possible.

WHALE DYING OUT

Fear the Extinction of Species Through Reckless Waste.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries Issues Report Warning Against the Consequences of Excessive Hunting in Northern Waters.

Washington.—Danger of the total extinction of the whale through "over-fishing" is dealt with in the thirteenth annual report on fisheries, issued by the board of agriculture and fisheries.

It is unquestionable, says the report, that in the case of a slow-growing and slow-producing animal like the whale, although owing to its wide range, it will probably never be absolutely exterminated, excessive hunting speedily results in a very marked depletion of the stock.

The practical extinction of the Basque and Greenland whale fisheries has abundantly proved this. It must be remembered, too, that this result was brought about by means of the open and hand harpoon—methods which are now obsolete.

The Greenland whale was a comparatively sluggish and timid animal, whose capture by the method referred to presented little difficulty, whereas the porpoises and other species were not only too swift, but too dangerous to be attacked in the same manner as the "right" whale.

With the introduction, however, of the harpoon with explosive shell, discharged from a cannon mounted in the bows of a steamer, the conditions were entirely changed, and the species formerly immune from attack could now be hunted with impunity.

The result of this revolution in the conditions under which the fishing could be prosecuted is seen in the enormous dimensions which the industry has attained at the present day.

It is estimated that in 1911 between 15,000 and 20,000 whales were captured in the southern hemisphere alone (South Georgia, South Shetland, South America, South Africa), to which has to be added the catch in North America, Japan, Faroe, Iceland, Spitzbergen and Greenland, and these figures will probably be greatly exceeded in 1912, as numerous new companies have been formed to exploit Alaskan, Australasian and Sandwich island waters.

This wholesale destruction must inevitably tell its tale within a few years, and, as a matter of fact, in Newfoundland and Iceland fears are already entertained that the fishing is on the decline.

It would not, therefore, be a matter for surprise if, within a few years, it may be found necessary to establish something in the nature of international control, and the precedent of the Bering seal fishery shows how vexed a question whaling may ultimately become.

SEA LION OUTBARKS DOGS

Its Endurance Wears Out All the Quadrupeds in Bench Show in California.

Sausalito, Cal.—One lone sea lion, with a strong pair of lungs and a disposition bordering on acute melancholia, nearly broke up the dog show at the Marion County Kennel club by developing a bark that was such a challenge and inspiration to the four-legged canines that they had to respond.

Starting early in the morning, the big seal, which was exhibited only as a curiosity of the deep, and not because of his vocal possibilities, howled all day, and the dogs, big and little, howled with him. Braced against the raffish in front of their kennels they threw their souls into a chorus that would have intimidated an ordinary seal. But this one was homesick.

When nightfall came he was still at it, in good voice and going 40 howls to the minute, but he was alone in the field. The poodle and the terriers, and even the long-winded hounds, had barked themselves to a whisper.

WAITER SUES FOR SLANDER

Demands \$20,000 From a Wealthy Man, Who, He Claims, Falsely Accused Him of Theft.

New York.—G. J. A. McOrie, a wealthy Scotchman and a relative of the prime minister of England, now in this country on a business trip, has been served with papers in a \$20,000 slander suit, brought by a waiter at his hotel. The waiter alleged that McOrie one day showed him a collection of valuable jewelry and personal articles, and subsequently accused him before the hotel management of stealing a gold cigarette case worth \$1,500. It is alleged that McOrie admitted later that he had merely mislaid it.

"Headache" Pay Stopped.

Washington.—The new provision in the army appropriation bill providing that no officer or enlisted man shall receive pay for absence from duty caused by disease resulting from his own intemperate use of drugs or alcoholic liquors, or other misconduct, is now in effect.

Called Her "Too Fat."

New York.—Because her husband persisted in calling her "too fat" Mrs. Lee Marcussen is suing him for divorce.

RAINS INCREASE IN FRANCE

Paris Papers Make Much of Two Days of Sunshine—Fear for Crops.

Paris.—For two days last week the sun shone in Paris, and the phenomenon was reported in all the newspapers under spread heads, for never before since anyone can remember has there been such a cold, rainy, dark August in France. On not one day this month has the thermometer reached 74, while the average temperature has been a little below that. The lowest previous August average was 73.

Camille Flammarion, the eminent astronomer, says the records at the Observatory of Paris, which was established under Louis XIV, more than 200 years ago, show that there has been a gradual increase in the rainfall since 1688.

This year rainy weather has been general all over France, so that fear is felt for the crops. Already there has been considerable talk in the newspapers of probable suffering next winter. Although these discouraging reports are regarded as too alarming, it is realized by all that, unless the weather changes for the better soon great damage will be done.

LIKE SECOND ENOCH ARDEN

George Wade Returned to Los Angeles to Find His Wife Wed to Another.

Los Angeles.—Like Enoch Arden, Warren Wade returned as one from the Great Beyond, but unlike that fictitious character, Mr. Wade did not go away again when he found his wife had married another man, and as a consequence, Mrs. Susie M. Wade-Ormsby recently asked Presiding Judge Willis to annul her marriage with George M. Ormsby so she could be legally free from Mr. Wade, and legally remarry Mr. Ormsby.

According to her story, related in court, Mr. Wade, shortly after their marriage in Seattle, in 1906, went to Alaska. For many months she heard no word from him, then came advice telling of his having perished in the frozen north.

After a year Mrs. Wade married Mr. Ormsby in Tacoma and removed to Los Angeles. A few months ago Mr. Wade, who is a resident of Bishop, Cal., appeared, and Mrs. Wade-Ormsby immediately filed a petition for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. Ormsby.

LION BEATEN BY FAT MEN

California Sheriff and Companion, Who Hunted for Deer Only, Encounter Bigger Game.

San Francisco.—Lost two guns, five cigars, several pounds of flesh and the "wind" of the two fat men. And all because a mountain lion, described as being the largest and most vicious on record, broke through the brush in Black gulch at the exact spot where Marin County Sheriff Jack Keating and S. K. Herrag were stalking deer.

The guns, cigars, several pounds of flesh and "wind" of the two fat men were all lost in their haste as they scaled a tall sycamore tree. From this vantage point the two treed hunters hallooed and were presently rescued by Robert Pearson, Frank Rinde and Bill Jones—other members of the Victor Gun club—who frightened the lion away.

At the foot of the tree the two recovered guns and "wind"—but the cigars could not be located and it is believed that the lion appropriated them. The flesh, the fat men hope, is lost forever.

MEETS HUNGER, NOT DEATH

Man Expecting End Sends Savings Home to Parents, Then Gets Well.

Chicago.—Firm in the belief that an acute pain from which he suffered would cause his death within 24 hours, Bruno D. Andia, twenty-two years old, hurried to Chicago from Wisconsin and deposited his savings of \$25 in a bank with instructions to have the sum forwarded to his parents in Italy.

Several hours later the pain disappeared and he returned to the bank and demanded the return of his "money."

The mother informed him he was too late, as a draft for the amount had been sent to his parents in accordance with his instructions.

Famished and hungry in a strange city Andia several hours later was obliged to appeal to the police for a meal and lodging.

HIGH HEELS COST \$7,000

Catch in Fire Escape at Telephone Company's Dism, as State Are Built.

Denver, Colo.—The Mountain States Telephone company is constructing at its Denver headquarters a \$7,000 fire escape just because its operators wear high-heeled shoes. In a recent practice drill 150 of the girl operators were required to try their skill at descending a fire escape, and it was found that many of their heels caught in the holes in the iron platforms and steps. In one case the girl would probably prove disastrous. One-half of the girls became dizzy climbing down the escape. To obviate all of these difficulties the company is building a \$7,000 stairway that is bricked in and stands apart from the building.

BRING EASY LIVINGS

Traffic in White Slaves Profitable to Many.

Expert Who Seeks \$1,000,000 and a Uniform Law to Stop Traffic, Makes Some Startling Statements About the Evil.

Washington, D. C.—"From 15,000 to 20,000 girls between the ages of 12 and 25 years, a majority of whom are native-born Americans, are the victims each year of the white slave traffic in the United States. About 50,000 men and women make an 'easy' living every year selling, buying and living on the earnings of these girls."

Stanley W. Finch, for 20 years an attorney and official in the department of justice, made this startling statement. When Mr. Finch made the statement above quoted he qualified it by saying that it was a conservative estimate.

"White slave traffic is some form or other has existed for 6,000 years," said Mr. Finch. "In Europe it has been carried on with fluctuating success for 1,000 years; in the United States, with varying but ever growing success, for 100 years."

Desire for fortune and "easy" living on the part of the dealers, and the susceptibility of young girls to fraud and deceit, are the causes, directly, for the starting growth of the traffic in the United States, Mr. Finch said.

"One million dollars will suppress the traffic, and for \$25,000 a year it can be kept suppressed," said Mr. Finch.

Mr. Finch began his real campaign for suppression of white slavery last May, and the system he has perfected has been installed in Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. It will be worked in all the states of the Union by May 1 next if the money holds out.

The system provides for at least one local officer of the department of justice in every city in the United States. The work of these officers is to keep track of the houses of every questionable house, know who are the patrons of the houses, and take cognizance of all the suspicious and new characters who come into their districts.

"White slave traffic is being rapidly suppressed," declared Mr. Finch, "and once it is suppressed, it will cost only a comparatively small amount to keep it down. What is \$200,000 or \$300,000 a year if you know your homes are protected from these monsters?"

Efforts are being made to have uniform "slave" laws enacted in all the states, and with this law more criminals will be apprehended.

DIED BY PEACH-ROOT POISON

Death of New York Sculptor Traced to Ingredient in Chinese Medicine.

Seattle.—Pollen extracted from the roots of peach trees, said to have been one of the ingredients of medicine prescribed by a Chinese herb doctor, is believed by Coroner J. C. Snyder to have caused the death of Louis Potter, a New York sculptor, who died here. An analysis of the medicine is being made and the police are instituting a search of the Pacific coast cities for the Chinese doctor, who has been missing since Potter's death.

Friends here say Potter had long been deeply interested in Oriental mysticism, but some of those questioned had heard anything from the sculptor of the treatment he was undergoing at the hands of the Chinese doctor.

Coroner Snyder described the woman who was with Potter at the hotel before he died as "apparently highly intellectual," about thirty-eight years old, medium height and slender build.

GIVES UP FUN FOR CLOTHES

Former Moroccan Sultan Change to Native Garb and Mosaic Slippers.

Paris.—Mehdi Haddi, who lately abdicated as sultan of Morocco, became a purchaser of France, drawing \$60,000 a year and came to see this country, has finished at Vicky the car his gaudy limousine upon him, upon a week at Versailles and left for his native home.

France breathes a sigh of relief, for Mehdi has been attracting too much attention with his wares, indiscretions and shenanigans. He greatly wished to see the glories of Paris, but the authorities said it would only be permissible if he clothed himself like a European. He bought some "wore clothes" and tried to wear them, but felt so uncomfortable in them he took them off, preferring to forgo the delights of Paris.

The former sultan has left behind him a train of gold. He was the most generous giver of tips of any of the royal personages who have recently visited France.

Shog to Be Unmarried.—Los Angeles.—Dr. C. H. Henshaw, professor of languages at the University of California, says that American shog will be the universal language of the future.

Arrested for Stealing.—Reno, Nev.—Because they giggled during service, Rev. Mr. Curtis of this place had two daughters of L. G. Waters arrested and put in jail charged with disturbing public worship.

HER PURSE SAFE IN CORSET

Woman Saves Her Money Because Her Tickle-ness Starts Too Much Row for Robbers.

Kansas City, Mo.—Being ticklish saved Mrs. Francis Justine from losing her purse to robbers and a meeting that might have been terrifying turned into an amusing affair. She, was on her way home when two armed men commanded her to walk back with them to the shadow of a warehouse.

"We want money, that's all," they said. "So throw up your hands."

She obeyed and informed them that her purse was tucked in the top of her corset under her arm. One of the men tore open her waist and thrust in a hand. It came out in a hurry to clap over the woman's mouth, as she screamed "Don't!"

"I didn't mean to cry out that way," she laughed, as the hand dropped and gave her a chance to speak, "but I'm awfully ticklish and I just can't stand it."

The continued efforts of the men to find the purse, while Mrs. Justine's protecting arm wouldn't stay up, threw her into fits of laughter, which so disturbed the robbers that, as she sank to the pavement they ran. The policeman who came up as she rose and brushed her dress found her very gleeful over her experience.

BIRDS IN CHURCH SERVICE

Novel Idea of a Pastor Adds Greatly to Harmonies of the Choir and Congregation.

Venice, N. Y.—Canaries, caroling an unusual accompaniment to the organ and choir, were used in the Venice Union church the other night as an aid to righteousness. The pastor, the Rev. Penwick L. Holmes, decided to surprise his flock with the unique plan.

The congregation accordingly filed into a church brightened by the melody of a dozen pretty yellow birds, imported from Germany, their cages swinging at advantageous points high above the heads of the worshippers.

The canaries interrupted the Rev. Holmes' sermon very little. But when the choir and the congregation arose to sing hymns, the feathered songsters burst forth into musical cadences which greatly enhanced the human praises of the Creator.

The Rev. Mr. Holmes does not know that canaries were ever used before at church services, but he thinks them a great help to stoneworship. They will be used every Sunday hereafter.

INDIANS TRY A NEW CURE

Strange Shaker Cuff Taken Up by Them Against Medicine, Tobacco and Profanity.

Huson, Wash.—"Timothy George," an Indian rancher living near here, is an enthusiastic exponent of a religious sect called "Shakers." The order was founded in Olympia some seventeen years ago, and now several Indian tribes throughout the northwest have become Shakers. One redeeming feature of the order is that a member does not swear, drink, smoke or use profane language. The Shakerian Indians boast of over 500 members belonging to the order, while the Kikhtians in this county include 80 members.

When asked what composed the virtues of the Shaker cure, Timothy George replied, with much waving of the arms:

"We all good Indians. Help one another. When one sick we all shake his hands. Shake all the time until he gets well. No medicine. We also shake hands with each other when some one sick. That makes him well. We take care of family when some one sick. All good Indians."

YOUTH EATEN BY A SHARK

Former Bellingham High School Boy Falls Victim to Tiger of the Sea.

Bellingham.—Charles Brown, nineteen years old, formerly a student in the Bellingham high school, was devoured by a shark at Salinas Cruz, Mexico, a few weeks ago. The news was brought here by Oliver Brown, a cousin.

The two young men were bathing on the beach when a large shark appeared and seized Charles by one of his legs. The boy had managed to kick himself free and had started to wade ashore when the monster renewed the attack, this time hauling the victim below the surface.

Oliver Brown called for help, and natives armed with knives waded into the water, but neither the shark nor the young man were ever seen again.

GOAT SKIPPER SINKS BOAT

Goats Pulver, Goes Adrift, Punches Hole in Side and Is Drowned.

Chester, Pa.—Thomas Willis left his skiff along the banks of Chester, and a goat belonging to Amos Bell jumped into the craft. The animal chewed the painter in twain and the skiff swung around in the swift current and was some distance from the starting point in Shop creek woods when Willis returned.

When the goat saw the shore line receding he grew excited. He ran from stern to prow and back again several times, until one of his hoofs punctured the craft beneath the waterline.

The skiff quickly filled with water and sank, and the goat was drowned.

FINDS LOST COLONY

Steffanson Tells Story of Discovery of Norsemen.

Explorer Sees Kin of Scandinavians Who Were Last Heard of in 1412—Also Finds Strange Bear in Arctic.

Seattle.—Vilhjalmar Stefansson, after passing more than four years in arctic exploration, returned to Seattle by steamer from Nome, Alaska, and told of his discovery of what he believes to be the descendants of the Scandinavian colonists of Greenland who were last heard of in 1412. When trade with Greenland was resumed in the seventeenth century trace of the colonists had disappeared.

With his companion, Dr. R. M. Anderson of Forest City, Iowa, Stefansson made a valuable zoological and ethnological collection, which is on the steam whaler Belvedere with Dr. Anderson and will arrive in San Francisco the first week in November on the way to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Stefansson and Anderson went to the arctic in 1908 by way of Winnipeg, Edmonton and down the Mackenzie river to its mouth. They were bound for Coronation Gulf, a region which is marked uninhabited on Canadian maps and which they had been warned to avoid.

Of the so-called white Eskimos he found at Coronation Gulf, Stefansson said:

"They were taller than the Greenland Eskimos, but not so tall as the Alaska Eskimos. They spoke Eskimo, though I thought I detected some Norse words. I visited thirteen groups of these people, who number probably 2,000, and saw 1,000 of them. Ten of these groups or tribes had never come into contact with whites and had not even a tradition of them.

"Between the country of the blond Eskimos and the Mackenzie is a barren strip 300 miles wide, which is never crossed by Eskimos. The Eskimo west of the strip have no knowledge of Eskimos to the east. Those to the east know there are western Eskimos, but believe them savage cannibals.

"Musk ox, polar bear and seals are abundant, and the blond Eskimos live well. Many of them have eyes as blue as my own. A great many of the men have sandy or red beards. They have no tradition of their ancestry."

Stefansson passed the first winter at the mouth of Colville river, Alaska; the second at Cape Parry, the third on Coronation Gulf and Victoria Land, and the fourth at Cape Parry.

In his collection are the skins, skulls and leg bones of nineteen barren ground grizzly bears. Only one barren ground grizzly is in any museum.

INTERESTING RELIC IS FOUND

Oxen Yoke Bearing Date of 1850 Picked Up Near the Ancient Emigrant Trail.

Placerville, Cal.—Campers near the summit of the Sierra Nevada discovered a relic of "the days of old, the days of gold, the days of '49." It is a yoke for oxen and was lying near the long-ago abandoned emigrant trail.

Over this trail came thousands of persons from the eastern states and foreign shores. Along the almost obliterated trail are still to be seen remnants of prairie schooners, here and there a rough heaved tombstone, each in itself a chapter in the life of some pioneer.

The yoke has stamped on it a date, "1850," and several initials which the elements have made indelible. The yoke was made of oak and has withstood the rains and snows of sixty-two winters remarkably well.

It will be placed in the Native Sons' Home at Coloma as a part of the collection of "days of '49" curios.

FIRE FROM SILKEN THREADS

Their Friction Causes a Bad Explosion at Chester, Pa., Injuring Two.

Chester, Pa.—By an odd accident of 300 gallons of gasoline two sons were injured and the city and drying establishment of J. P. Focaccio, at Eighth street and most avenue, was destroyed by fire. The injured are Focaccio, the proprietor, and Carson Miles, an employee, the latter being seriously burned on the head, face and back. He was taken to the Chester hospital.

Two alarms were sent in, and the entire fire department worked for an hour in saving the property.

Friction between silken threads in a cleaning machine is believed to have ignited the gasoline. The loss is about \$2,000.

LOOT CACHED IN BEDROOM

Confessed Robber of Wealthy Homes Tells Police Where to Find Hidden Hoard.

Larchmont, N. Y.—A cache of loot taken from the homes of wealthy residents here and in Marmaronek was found in a furnished room on Third avenue, New York city, following the confession at Larchmont of a man calling himself Paul Roeman. He was caught by Chief of Detectives O'Neill of Larchmont, who found that Roeman's shoes fitted tracks left near a number of houses that have been robbed lately. The stuff in Roeman's room was worth \$4,000.