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NOT AT ALL UNUSUAL.

All of the members of the triangle composed of Upton Sinclair, Mrs. Upton Sinclair and Henry Kemp, the poetical affinity, seem to think that their commonplace and vulgar little affair is unusual. The poetical affinity holds forth to this effect: "The present is an unusual situation, and if the persons in it were of the usual sort, there probably would be attacks and imprecations and recriminations. But we are not of that sort."

We cannot see any difference between the Sinclair case and the dozen or more similar cases that are in the Reno divorce courts today. If there is any difference, it is probably in favor of the cases which are mentioned only casually. In spite of the delusions of the poet and affixing the Sinclair-Kemp case is a very usual one. In spite of the talk of soul, intellect and temperament, Mrs. Sinclair ran away with the poet from the same motives that caused the butcher's wife to run away with the baker. All that Mrs. Sinclair has to say might be epitomized in Arriett's letter to 'Arry, "I have gone with a handsome man."

Kemp's statement would show him to be a pitiful sort of creature, part nincompoop, part scoundrel—on the whole, a poor specimen of the home-breaker. He is trying to delude himself into believing that he has done something unusual, whereas he is only a commonplace correspondent, no better and less frank than the baker who ran away with the butcher's wife.

Sinclair would be deserving of some of the sympathy that is due the wronged husband had not been a preacher of the doctrine or the lack of doctrine which his wife and the poetical affinity have put into practice. Moreover, he has the bad taste to discuss his matrimonial troubles with the same frankness with which he held forth in his article on diet, when he discussed at great length on the significance of the rumblings in his intestines. The only thing unusual about Mr. Sinclair in this affair is his desire to rush into print.

The attitude of all the members of the Sinclair-Kemp triangle is somewhat nauseating to the general public. Where the trio expect to be glorified and exalted, they are only earning for themselves the contempt of decent folk. Mr. Sinclair will find out that his case is no more important to the world at large than that of the butcher whose wife ran off with the baker; Mrs. Sinclair will discover that she is just as wickedly foolish as the butcher's wife, and the poetical affinity will be forced to realize that he and the baker who eloped with the butcher's wife have much in common, only the baker may have a few of the elements of decency left in him.

The general public will marvel at the egotism that has led these three foolish people to believe that their vulgar little affair is any more important than any of the nastier divorce cases now on the calendar. It is a very usual story.

SCANDALOUS OREGON CASE.

A scandalous abuse of law and miscarriage of justice is reported in a recent number of the Portland Oregonian. A Mrs. Brannock eloped from her home at Taft, California, with a man named E. H. Lovegrove. The husband, W. Brannock, chased the fugitives to a lumber camp in Oregon, and caused their arrest. When they were arraigned in court, the lawyer for the defense contended that the woman could not be required to testify because her evidence would tend to convict her. The court sustained that plea. Then the court excluded the testimony of Brannock, the husband, on the ground that a husband could not testify against the wife without the consent of both. This left the sole charge of immoral conduct against the eloping couple, whose lawyer contended that under a decision of the Oregon supreme court a couple found living together are presumed to be married unless proof can be brought to the contrary. But the only available proof being that of the husband and wife, and both of their testimonies having been excluded, there was no evidence possible to bring that the elopers were not legally husband and wife. And so the complaint was dismissed.

The Oregonian very properly denounces this sort of legal jugglery, and points out that under its conviction for adultery would be impossible in Oregon. Since no prosecution for adultery is permissible except on complaint of husband or wife, and since under this ruling whichever should make complaint would be forbidden to testify in the case, any prosecution for adultery

would fail. "In other words," says the Oregonian, "there may be an arrest but no prosecution, an indictment, but no trial."

The complaining husband or wife is excluded as a witness in such a case, and, of course, his or her testimony could not be available for the prosecution.

It is a shameful perversion of law and of morals; and we cannot believe that the courts of Oregon will consent to allow law, morality, decency and the sanity of family life to be thus juggled with. The Oregon courts will certainly have to amend that sort of practice, or the law and the courts together will fall into the deepest public contempt. Oregon has a constitution which admits of the recall of judges. We do not think that there could possibly be a better case to exercise that privilege of recall upon than is offered by Judge Tazewell, who made the astonishing rulings that are cited herein.

WAR TO HEAD OFF SOCIALISM.

It has been said that Germany "needs" war to solidify the empire and "divert public attention from socialism."

This statement serves to illustrate the opportunist type of mind that fails to reason, look ahead or examine into causes.

The socialism of Germany is a protest that is based on governmental abuse. It is the element of justice in it that gives it whatever power it has to embarrass the government. War would not wipe it out. Nothing but the correction of the wrongs that have burdened the people of Germany will rob socialism of its hold on the masses of Germany.

State socialism presents itself as a definite plan to some, to other it comes as an indefinite dream. To still others it means no more than a chance to strike at what already exists. It matters little that human nature in its present stage of development would assert itself unjustly under any system. The thing that the German hates is the thing he strikes at. Socialism is the weapon at hand and he uses it. War would only increase his unjust burdens and develop his socialism into an even more aggressive type.

Socialism in Germany, says the Los Angeles Express, feeds on the same intellectual food that it feeds on in other countries. In the United States, the socialist works in moderation, within the body citizenship in general, in the hope of peacefully converting the mass of his countrymen to his ideals.

In Germany he embarrasses the government for the reason that the abuses against which he inveighs are imposing intolerable burdens. Socialism there is correspondingly able to command more recruits and is more aggressive and radical in its demands.

In Russia, the socialist has developed a hatred that makes him defy government and abandon all hope of governmental correction of abuses.

A fair opportunity for all would leave small demand for a change of system. War as a cure for socialism would be about as sensible as to prescribe fits as a cure for the measles.

MR. SMITH A TRUE PROGRESSIVE.

The entire coast will be saddened by the news that Sylvester C. Smith, representative in congress from the Eighth California district, is dying; and, although the doctors have said that the statesman's recovery is impossible, we know that tens of thousands of thoughtful persons who appreciate his distinguished service are fervently hoping that in this case medical judgment may have erred and that Mr. Smith may yet be spared to the people for whom he has worked with such unselfish devotion.

Congressman Smith has been a progressive, but ever since he entered the arena of national affairs to represent the complex elements and interests of his vast district he has scorned the practices of the demagogue. Always consistently broad-minded and patriotic, always considerate of the opinions of those who opposed him, always capable of rising above partisan differences once the issue at the polls was decided, he has been in every sense a representative not only of the Eighth district, but also of the entire state. Indeed, his career in congress has shown that he regarded all California as his constituency rather than those counties which alone contributed to his election.

And even before he was sent to Washington Mr. Smith, as editor of the Bakersfield Echo, exerted a powerful influence for political honesty. Should death summon him at this time, when he has just been snatched from the very prime of his physical and mental ability to help solve the vital problems of the day, California will lose one of its most useful public characters and the west one of its biggest men.

A gentleman giving the name of John Doe has written an impassioned letter declaring that all of Upton Sinclair's troubles are due to the fact that he was legally married. It is appropriate that the familiar name of John Doe should be signed to a communication of this sort. Only Mr. John Doe should have told just what he was wanted for. We are left to suppose that it was for the trifling offense of bigamy. He writes as one who has had experience.

A vaudeville agent who knows very little of art or ancient history wants to book this "Mona Lisa" that everybody is talking about, the reason being that the name is in the papers even more frequently than Ethel Barrymore's. Has anybody the heart to tell him the bitter truth that "Mona Lisa" is only a painting and not an actress.

Spain wants the bones of the old Santiago fleet, and as nobody else cares for them it ought to be easy to oblige.

PERSONALS

Comings and Goings of Our Local People and Others

W. W. Charles and wife returned from Millers this morning.

Mrs. John Tregloan and daughter returned to Tonopah this morning from Oakland.

Charlie Blumenthal is back from Manhattan. He says the mining development is wonderful.

Miss Hazel Larcombe of Reno, a teacher in the Tonopah public school, arrived on this morning's train.

Herman Zadig, the veteran stock broker of San Francisco, is in Tonopah inspecting the North Star and Rescue Eula.

Mrs. E. L. Knox, who has been quite ill for the past month, departed this morning for Byron Springs, Cal.

Judge Heywood, who officiated at the coroner's inquest yesterday over the remains of Gabriel Kovacevich, returned to Manhattan today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mosley, of the Famous Shoe store were passengers for Colusa, Cal., this morning. Mr. Mosley will accept a position with E. C. Peart in that city.

Schmidt, the tailor, one of the feathered birds that help swell the Eagle parade in San Francisco, arrived on this morning's train. He reports a gay time while absent.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy King are comfortably domiciled in one of the neat cottages of the Tonopah Mining company. They will be at home to their friends on September 15.

John G. Kirchen and Ed Haug arrived last evening from the coast, making the trip overland by automobile. Mrs. Kirchen arrived yesterday morning by train.

Miss M. Harley, accompanied by her mother, of Virginia City, are the guests of Mrs. Thomas Griffin at her residence on Florence avenue. Miss Harley is teacher of the Columbia school.

Postmaster Johnson of Manhattan came in last night and returned home today. He says Manhattan will soon be in the second class list of postoffices, so rapidly is the Pine Tree camp growing.

Miss Edna Sullivan, teacher in the Tonopah school, accompanied by her sister, Miss Myra, arrived from Minneapolis, Minn., this morning, where they have been visiting relatives for the past two months.

NEW MANAGEMENT.

The Palace hotel bar has changed hands and tonight passes under the management of John McCaffery and Frank Rosenthal, two well-known young men of this city. A nice spread is on the program for this evening and the new proprietors extend a cordial invitation to all to call and make merry.

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REDUCING FORCES IN THE BIG RAILROAD SHOPS AT SPARKS

The Southern Pacific officials, following out the policy of the company to reduce the expenses of operating the road, last night laid off a number of men. A member of the Machinists' union of Sparks stated that seventy-five shopmen had been laid off in Sparks and an officer of the company at Sparks declares that only thirty-eight were laid off.

At any rate the Sparks shops are now running short-handed and further than this the men who are working only put in five days per week and eight hours a day instead of nine as formerly.

A labor union man of Sparks this morning stated that the shopmen of Sparks voted to strike by a large vote some time ago, and that like shopmen in all parts of the country along the Harriman system, they feel that the company must recognize the federation of unions or a strike will follow. As an example of the feeling in the Sparks shops, this union man stated that when the question of a strike was voted on the machinists voted to strike unless the company would recognize the federation and out of a membership of 55 it is said that 54 voted to strike unless the demands were granted.

It is further stated by this union man that in Sacramento the shopmen, have been with the company for years and many are soon to be pensioned and for this reason some hesitated to vote for a strike, but despite this the Sacramento unions were in line with the others on the Harriman system and when the final vote was taken the men were in favor of striking unless the demands were granted.

An official of the company in Sparks stated that the laying off of the men in the Sparks shop last night had nothing to do with the pending labor troubles, but was simply a result of the company's retrenchment plan on account of the falling off of business.—Reno Gazette.

NEVADA THEATER TO OPEN SEASON ON NEXT SUNDAY

The Nevada theater is to open the season tomorrow (Sunday) night with Mr. Herbert L. Flint, the famous hypnotist who is booked to appear at that place for one solid week. Manager Haas is to be congratulated on the part of showing such good judgment in selecting and being able to present this excellent and wonderfully famous hypnotist to the people of Tonopah.

Flint has the reputation of having the funniest show on earth and, although that is saying a great deal, his manager, Mr. Hayter, who is in the city, will prove to the people of Tonopah that Flint will create more laughter and fun than they have ever seen in any other show. He will during his engagement here next week take a number of volunteers from the audience and give part of them a balloon ascension. They will capture a balloon, get into the basket and sail away. They meet all sorts of adventures and finally an eagle tears a hole in the balloon and compels the aeronauts to descend. The whole scene is the most vivid and life-like delineation possible, and it never fails to win storms of applause.

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