

We Don't Like to "Pester" You, But...

It certainly will be a crime if any of your friends or neighbors who aren't regular readers of The Star don't get their names on our circulation lists by Monday, when we begin publishing a BOOK-SIZE, POPULAR NOVEL EVERY WEEK. Please talk to them for us! Tell them about it!

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TWO ZEPPELINS SHOT DOWN IN RAID ON BRITISH TOWNS

School Board Members All Fall Down on Brain Test Given to Child Pupils

BOY TENOR BESIEGED BY WOMEN

Theo. Karle Johnston Entertains the "I-Knew-Him-When" Club

HE SCORES A TRIUMPH

Our native son, Theo. Karle Johnston, doesn't wear spats or carry a swagger stick. He came back to Seattle in the same clothes he wore when he went away, before he signed to sing with Geraldine Farrar.

But the single women of the "I-Knew-Him-When" club are willing to overlook that. They are plotting to get him. It's leg year.

About 250 hungry hearted school teachers of his, girls who went to the same church, and they who knew those who knew him well, bought good seats Wednesday night for Johnston's appearance with the Philharmonic orchestra at the Metropolitan theatre.

Women Send Him Notes They had the ushers running till their tongues hung out, carrying little billets of greetings and congratulations and innuendoes.

Only Theo and the girls know what was written in them. Several times he was saved by a rising curtain when the women made a bolt back stage during intermissions. They went in twos and threes.

The air was heavily laden with sighs. And no wonder.

Has Wonderful Future Young Johnston is only 22 years old and has a future tucked away that would make a princess yearn to put her feet in his lap.

He is a great big, healthy looking fellow, with a contagious smile.

When he threw back his head and sounded, "I Hear You Calling Me," the single women breathed hard. He pulled 'em half out of their seats.

No one would hold it against the female of the species for feeling fluttery at the thought of carrying Theo's grip.

Call Him on Phone He's going to make a pile of money, and be a lion in the music world.

The telephone started ringing early this morning and he got right calls before he could sit

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MAY TRY TO PASS BILL OVER VETO

Councilman Hanna's public safety committee decided Wednesday to recommend the bill board ordinance to the council for passage over the mayor's veto. Members of the committee are Erickson, Stone, Marble and Bolton. Bolton is against the measure.

COLORADO SALOONS SERVE AS Y. M. C. A.'S

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 17.—Colorado, under prohibition, is more prosperous, less inclined to get locked up in jail, and better off in many other ways, according to dry reports from all sections of the state today, after nearly two months' experience with the dry law.

USE TELEPHONE TO AID TOM MURPHINE

Thursday is Thomas F. Murphine day. All his friends have been urged to use the telephone in order to boost his candidacy for corporation counsel. Friends of his are to call up their acquaintances and urge them to do the same, making a sort of endless chain.

CHARGE DETECTIVE CHIEF HELD WOMAN IN HIS LAP

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 17.—Charges of a clandestine courtship, to say nothing of public kissing, are on file in the divorce action of Mrs. Florence V. Peterson against Detective Captain Peterson, formerly chief of police.

EVERYONE'S WEARING MASK IN NEW YORK: WHY? OH, IT'S THE STYLE!



Countess Wears a Five-Cent Mask So She Can Wear a \$6,000 Gown Her Husband Doesn't Want Her to Wear.

RUSSIA GOES ON WAGON TO STAY

Czar Convinced Prohibition is Best for the Nation.

RESULTS OF ONE YEAR

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 17.—Russia has taken a long breath, raised her solemn right hand, and sworn: "Never again!" A year without vodka has convinced the officials, from the czar down, that prohibition will always be the rule in Russia. Here are some results of the first twelve-month without liquor as reported officially and semi-officially from all over the country:

- Crime (all kinds) has decreased 62 per cent.
- Absenteeism in factories has fallen 60 per cent.
- Suicide rate has dropped enormously.
- Hospitals formerly overcrowded are not filled.
- Efficiency in factories increased 10 to 15 per cent.
- Practically every inhabitant is at work.
- Savings deposits have increased 8 per cent.
- Fire damage has fallen off 38 per cent.
- Wages in some districts raised 500 per cent. (This applies to peasants working as day laborers.)
- People are eating better and costlier food.
- Better clothing is worn by the poorer classes.
- Agricultural implement sales 60 per cent larger.
- Imprisonment decreased 72 per cent.
- Offsetting these remarkable results of Russia's sudden dryness is this startling development: The death rate from drunkenness has increased enormously!

This seeming paradox is explained by this statement that dipsomania has turned from vodka to methylated spirits and other poisonous substitutes.

Fair tonight; increasing cloudiness, turning to rain Friday.

Earl Kitchener Tells British Parliament Germans Lost Two Aircraft During Last Bomb-Dropping Invasion of England.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Germans lost two Zeppelins in the last raid on England, Earl Kitchener declared today in the house of lords.

On the afternoon of Feb. 9 it was reported that two German aeroplanes, "bombed" Bessington and Broadstairs, near London. The British officials reported no damage was done.

DEMAND PLEDGE FROM ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Great Britain must pledge that her liners will not fire upon German submarines before Germany will instruct her undersea commanders not to attack armed merchantmen without warning.

This is Germany's counter proposal in answer to America's objection to the Teuton decree proposing such unwarranted attacks. It became known after a 20-minute informal conference between Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing.

LINER IS AFIRE; REACHES PORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Reports that the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamer, Panama Maru, freight-laden and with a few passengers, San Francisco for Yokohama and other Oriental ports, was afire, were followed today by further advice saying she had docked safely at Yokohama on Feb. 15.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fire early Thursday consumed a dwelling house formerly occupied by school teachers at Seaburst, near Lake Burien. The occupants had left the house Sunday night.

Obviously This Bus Was Not Raised to Be Jitney

William Biel and Ben Alma, of Everett, have brought suit in superior court here to recover \$1,000, the purchase price of an auto, from R. B. Tolson.

PLANNING SUICIDE?

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.—"If it is necessary to commit suicide, please drown or hang yourself."

GET YOUR FRIENDS IN ON THIS SNAP

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Begin with us Monday on this new feature. Read the first of our books, "The Rose Garden Husband," by Margaret Widdemer, BEGINNING MONDAY AND ENDING SATURDAY, IN THIS NEWSPAPER.

PARENTS TUG AT CHILD IN COURT WHEN DIVORCE SUIT IS DISMISSED BY JUDGE

"You give me that boy!" shrieked Mrs. Alameda Hill, of 1116 Fifth ave. N. "He's mine and you can't have him!" William M. Hill, her husband, looked down at her and, clasping their 5-year-old son tighter in his arms, kissed the little fellow.

MAYOR DAVIS' WIFE BAKES OWN BREAD

CLEVELAND, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Davis, wife of Cleveland's mayor, bakes her own bread.

FIVE MEETINGS FOR AUSTIN GRIFFITHS

Austin E. Griffiths, candidate for mayor, will address five meetings Thursday evening. He will speak at Thorne's hall, Green Lake, the Labor temple, Interlake school, North End Progressive club and the Zion Baptist church.

ACCUSED INNOCENT

RENO, Nev., Feb. 17.—No bill was returned today by the Mineral county grand jury at Hawthorne against Dr. Frank McKinley Indian agency superintendent, and E. R. Ballou, agency farmer. They were accused of killing Frank Weber at Schurz last December.

PARENTS PROTEST QUESTIONS; GILL ALSO IS 'STUMPED'

You have heard a lot about "the city with the best public schools in the United States"—Seattle.

But wouldn't it give you a jolt to learn that, according to an official mind test used in the public schools on 12-year-old children, most of the officials who govern this remarkable municipality are "feeble-minded"?

Not to say that some of them have proved themselves practically "imbeciles"?

According to the much-discussed Binet test, the ranks of the mentally unsound have been augmented by the following distinguished company:

- Mayor Gill.
- Councilman Hesketh.
- Councilman Fitzgerald.
- County Clerk Sickels.
- Sheriff Hodge.
- Secretary Jones, of the school board.

AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION!

The Binet test, the invention of two French psychologists, has been under criticism in other cities for some time. Under its provisions hundreds of public school pupils here have been declared to be mentally below par.

Parental Curiosity Leads to an Inquiry Parents of some of these children finally began to ask themselves, "What is this test under which our little ones have been branded as feeble minded?"

This started The Star in its inquiry. The Star learned that when a pupil's work begins to fall below classroom par, he is put thru a mental efficiency test. If he fails to pass, he is placed in a class segregated from the rest of the students. He is then known as a "deficient."

A totally deficient child is sent to a school for feeble-minded at Medical Lake.

Here are two sentences which children, under the Binet test, are expected to repeat after hearing them once:

"I saw in the street a pretty little dog. He had curly brown hair, short legs and a long tail."

A normal child of 12 is supposed to be able to repeat the sentences exactly.

Not one of a score of grownup Seattleites, officials and private citizens, could do it.

When Mayor Gill was asked to repeat the sentence, he declared he would not attempt to.

"I'll bet any man in Seattle \$100 that I can start in at the top floor of the Alaska building and ask every man on every floor the same thing, and there won't be 10 per cent of them that'll do it correctly. I don't believe 1 per cent could."

Councilman "Fall Down" on Test Councilman Hesketh gave the answer this way, after the sentences had been repeated thrice to him:

"I saw in the street a pretty little dog. He had brown curly hair, short legs and a long tail."

Here's the way Councilman Fitzgerald got it:

"I saw in the street a pretty little dog. He had curly hair, short legs and long hair."

Sheriff Hodge, after the first reading, repeated, "I saw on the street a pretty little dog. He had brown curly hair and a cunning little tail."

When told that the dog had a "long" tail, the sheriff leaped out of his chair and declared the two sentences were misleading.

"Whoever heard of a little dog with a long tail?" he shouted. "I got the sense of the thing as it should be. A"

This Pretty Miss Has Forsaken a Drawing Room for Fame in Movies



Fade out, "Society life," cut in, "Seeks Movie career." That's what Miss Nan Carter is doing. In private life she is Miss Nan B. Slogunier and prominent in society, but now she has forsaken the drawing room for dramatic roles in filmland.