

OTHER WIVES---AND A HUSBAND---ANSWER THAT BIG QUESTION ASKED BY "THE WIFE"---READ THEM ON PAGE FOUR

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ACCUSE LAWYER MURRAY OF PERJURY

URGES \$20,000,000 BOND ISSUE TO BRING SETTLERS TO STATE

PROMINENT ATTORNEY WOULD ASK STATE TO SPEND BIG SUMS TO CLEAR OFF LOGGED OFF LANDS AND GIVE THEM TO SETTLERS ON EASY TERMS---WANTS IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE.

Here's a mighty big idea! It's a scheme for the state of Washington to spend twenty millions of dollars to build itself a backbone. It proposes a state bond issue for that amount to clear our wasted logged-off lands and put them in the possession of settlers on a practicable easy-payment plan. Washington today needs this backbone composed of thousands of small farm owners who by the state's aid in beginning, can make a living off the soil. Given this substantial backing, this state, with its shipping, its lumber, its fishing and its other natural industries, would take the rank it is entitled to.

Frederick Bausmann, prominent Seattle attorney, is the father of the idea. He outlined it to the editor of the Times today and asked this paper to pass it along to its readers. The plan is to start action now. To get a bill through the legislature authorizing this bond issue which would have to be ratified by the people at the next general election.

Here's Mr. Bausmann's plan in detail. The Times does not endorse it without reserve, but the Times does believe it to be a great big constructive scheme which if worked out properly and reasonably safeguarded will develop into a great, a growing and a lasting benefit to the state and to the people as a whole:

This state is at a standstill. Is it to remain so? Hear the truth. In its most populous county, King, out of 427,500 acres of unimproved (not timbered) lands, only 2,300 were in the fiscal year 1911-12 converted to "improved." Only about three-quarters of one per cent in a year! Think of it! And "improved" means in most instances, alas, only a little fencing, the pulling of a few stumps, the erection of a shack, or the tilling of a garden.

PIERCE COUNTY In Chehalis county the "improved" increased about one and one-half per cent, in Snohomish less than one per cent, in Pierce about one per cent, in Skagit about one per cent. The average of all west of the mountains is under two per cent! "Dull times in the east have prevented immigration." Nonsense! A million Americans have been transferring themselves to Canada. They would have preferred to come to our mild climate under their own flag. But we had nothing to offer except the arid lands or stump lands. Both require capital, capital and years of patience.

NEED READY SOIL Advertise more outside? Absurd! Why advertise? You lack what merchants call the goods to deliver. The immigrants need a ready soil. You have advertised in vain. Did we not three years ago in the Seattle exposition, an admirably conducted one, advertise to perfection the resources of this state. How much immigration since?

THIS STATE MUST ACT AT ONCE. Immigrants in great numbers will offer themselves with the opening of the Panama canal. They will seldom possess \$100 to the family. They will look at our lands, write home discouraging reports, and move on. Now what is to be done?

STATE SHOULD BORROW Subject to taxation in this state is property assessed at one thousand millions of dollars. The state owes nothing. This state should borrow at once twenty millions, only one-fifth of its appraised wealth. It should be distributed over Eastern and Western Washington in the development of lands for colonization. The state can borrow on twenty-year bonds at not above four per cent. It should then, first, begin the clearing and sale of its public lands, and, second (because its public lands are not always in locality, area, or soil, the best for agriculture or economical clearing) it should purchase logged-off lands from private owners when advantageously situated, clear them and sell to settlers on twenty payments, at a small advance, say five per cent on the cost, with interest at about one-half per cent above the rate on its bonds.

Speaking generally, after providing for the clearing and sale of state lands, a measure which the present legislature should pass, will provide for the purchase of private lands after written reports showing the analysis of the soil and the estimated cost of clearing. The governor of the state should be the official head of this work, and in his own handwriting approve every purchase. The purchased lands should be divided into tracts of 20 or 40 acres, in each of which the state should clear all or such portion as may be wise, leaving the rest in instances to be cleared by the settler, who begins with at least enough cleared by the state to support him. The settler would purchase upon conditions of reasonable residence upon the soil and of forfeiture if he abandons before certain payments have been made (this to prevent speculators) and no assignment will be permitted without the consent of the state, or title to be given until the settler, if a foreigner, has declared his intention to become a citizen.

THE BIG IDEA IN BRIEF

- It proposes to give the state a backbone.
- Twenty million bond issue for the clearing of logged-off lands and for the establishment of irrigation projects.
- Put these lands into hands of settlers in tracts of from 20 to 40 acres, having put land in shape to enable thrifty settler to make living.
- Sell these tracts to settlers under certain fair and reasonable terms.
- Use state owned lands then buy other needed lands.
- Tax land which owners refuse to sell at the price offered by the state.

POINCARÉ QUILTS FRENCH CABINET

(By United Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, Jan. 18.—M. Raymond Poincaré, president-elect of France, today tendered his resignation as premier to President Armand Fallières, whom Poincaré will succeed on February 28. His resignation from the prime ministry, Poincaré's friends explained, was made necessary by his victory of yesterday.

BRANDT TO BEGIN ANEW

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—Foulike E. Brandt, Mortimer L. Schiff's valet, pardoned yesterday by Governor Sulzer of New York, is en route today to Minnesota there to begin anew. Brandt is traveling on a ticket which Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota purchased for him.

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 18.—Charged with writing numerous love letters to different women of the city whom he had never seen, William Pracht is being held in the city jail awaiting a hearing in the court. "You fellows think I'm going to steal the flower of your fair city," exclaimed Pracht when arrested.

GIRL, 15, SUES FOR SLANDER

FLORENCE PARSONS, PRETTY MISS OF 15, DECLARES PARENTS OF HER SWEETHEART TOLD VILE STORIES—YOUTH DISAPPEARS.

Florence Parsons, aged 15 years, through her father, Perry W. Parsons, prominent Tacoma restaurant proprietor, has today made sensational charges of slander in a suit for \$50,000 filed against Fremont Campbell, secretary of the Bethel Investment company, R. S. Bennatts, a grocer, 3918 North 35th street, and Mrs. Bennatts.

In accusing Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Bennatts of circulating false, vile statements concerning her, the girl alleges the stories were told for the purpose of preventing her marriage to Robert E. Bennatts, son of the Bennatts. Robert E. Bennatts, according to the young girl's complaint, is missing, he having fled from Tacoma when a warrant for his arrest on a statutory charge was issued by the prosecuting attorney's office. Miss Parsons alleges that Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Bennatts published false stories about her about February 6, 1912, in which they stated that she was familiarly intimate with certain young men of this city. These alleged false stories, Miss Parsons asserts, have damaged her character to the extent of \$50,000.

PROGRESSIVES ARE BACK OF WILSON

LEADING INSURGENTS DECLARE THEY WILL LEAN ALL AID POSSIBLE TO DEMOCRATS TO SECURE PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATION BEFORE CONGRESS.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—Shoulder to shoulder in the fight for progressive legislation will march the democrats and the republican progressives—the former "insurgents." Such was the emphatic declaration today of leading progressives of the house.

That they will vote as democrats to support most of President Wilson's policies and align themselves against the stand-patters" on both sides was asserted. Telegrams offering support have been sent to President-elect Wilson at Trenton, Representative Lafferty of Oregon said today. At informal conferences the republican progressives have agreed upon a definite program.

Election Dropped. The leaders in the project were contemplating an election today to get the required per centage of the voters demanded to comply with the legal requirement, but the coin was largely spent in supporting a lobby at Olympia and the election was called off. In the meantime business men are evincing an interest in the case and it is likely that with the coming of spring Tacocomans will again take up the matter of a ferry across to the island, and at the same time urge the annexation of Vashon island to the county.

Martin on Subject. Secretary T. H. Martin of the Commercial club said today he was confident the ferry matter will not be dropped. "Sooner or later it is going to be put in," said Martin today. "It would have been done last year but it would not pay expenses. Just as soon as the financial end is worked out the ferry will be established."

Tacoma has not been asked to take any part in the political movement on the island to get a separate county, but has been in sympathy with it and was perfectly willing the people should have their own county if they desired, although citizens here would be glad to have the islands as a part of Pierce county. The islanders would prefer to be connected to Pierce rather than King county and if the separate county movement falls they may yet take up a project to annex to Pierce county.

CHICAGO SUICIDE

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 18.—A well dressed man, believed to be Joseph Toney of San Francisco, shot himself in the right temple this morning while standing in the Illinois Central station. He was taken to a hospital in a dying condition. He was about 30 years old. In his pockets were found letters bearing the name given and the address number 53 Third street, San Francisco, and a ticket from New York to Portland, Ore. He carried travelers' checks amounting to \$50.

FRENCH ACTRESS COMING TO COAST "LOVE SCHOOL"



Mlle. Regin Badet, French Pantomimist who is coming to the Pacific coast to establish her "Life for Eternal Love" school.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—Mlle. Regina Badet today resigned her lofty and well-paid position as leading comedienne of the Comedie Francaise, the leading theater of all France, and told the reporters that she will sail for America early in February.

"I am going to California to establish my school for young people," she said. "It will be a school where there will be no books and no charts of the world's face. There will be no figuring and no chemistry. I shall have pupils of poor people and rich people. And they shall learn to sing and to dance and to be happy—and to love."

Mlle. Badet confessed that her idea is not entirely original, she has been devotedly attending classes in Eugenics at the Cercle Polytechnique and declares that her school will be modeled along the lines now generally accepted as perfect—by enthusiasts of the eugenic school who hold for marriage on scientific principles. The actress is 26 years old and unmarried. She is very beautiful and has played leading parts in the pantomimes for three or four years. Her monthly salary at the Comedie Francaise was \$1,400, the directors said today.

WOMAN WHO KILLED HER HUSBAND TO WED AGAIN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Albert B. Ford, who ended an unhappy married life by shooting and killing the husband she declared was the notorious "Bob" Ford of the Jesse James gang, admitted today that she will become the bride of Dr. W. Tinsley of Kansas City.

Mrs. Ford killed her husband April 11, 1911. Her trial, which created much interest in California, resulted in acquittal.

Greeks Win Naval Battle

(BULLETIN) ATHENS, Jan. 18.—The Greek fleet attacked the Turkish squadron outside the Dardanelles today and a sharp engagement, which is believed to have resulted in heavy losses for the Turks, followed. The Turkish squadron withdrew in the face of the heavy Greek attack and returned to the Dardanelles in great disorder. The casualties on the Turkish flagship are believed to have been heavy.

Garment Strikers Win a Point

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—One division of the great garment workers' strike was settled amicably today when the manufacturers and employers committees of the waist and dressmaking trade came to an agreement under which 25,000 workers will return to the shops Monday. The strikers were granted their demands for general increase in wages on a sliding scale, better hours and fire protection.

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DID YESTERDAY.

- Bills introduced for five state highways, for changes in primary election and registration laws, for women's industrial school and for preventing discrimination in the sale of commodities.
- Senator Collins favors appropriation of from \$300,000 to \$350,000 for Panama-Pacific exposition.
- Bills introduced for increasing legislators' salaries to \$10 a day.
- To hire experts to redraft bills.
- To provide for a tour by the legislators of the state institutions.
- To prevent police officials from making false arrests.
- Providing for a bond issue of \$20,000,000 for state highways.
- Amending the local option law.
- Heating street cars.
- The direct election of United States senators.
- Providing for an armory at Everett.
- Both houses adjourned until Monday.

UNDER '3D DEGREE' NEGRO CONFESSES; DOW TO PROSECUTE

Prosecuting Attorney Dow and Deputy Askren are today preparing an information against Attorney J. Matthew Murray, accusing him of introducing alleged perjured testimony in the case of Tom Gooden, a negro chauffeur, freed early this week, from a charge of attempted murder. During a severe "third degree" examination which consumed more than three hours this morning, Tom Gooden and an alleged ex-convict, E. J. Gordon, broke completely down and admitted to Captain of Detectives Fitzgerald and Deputy Prosecutor Askren that their testimony had been a fabrication invented for the sole purpose of freeing Gooden.

In their joint confession, it is said, they implicated Attorney Murray by asserting that he paid a price for Gordon's testimony. The entire invention they attributed to Murray, it is alleged. Both Gordon and Gooden are being held on charges of perjury. Information will be filed direct in superior court against them today.

Accused of Shooting. Gooden was accused of attempting to kill A. Rachtner, proprietor of a Jewish cafe in Opera alley, on Christmas morning. In his defense he named two characters whom he now admits were fictitious. They were Al Forehead and his wife, Mrs. Alice Forehead. Both husband and wife, according to Gooden's and Gordon's testimony, figured most prominently in the alleged shooting affair, Gooden declaring on the stand that it was Forehead who fired the shots Christmas morning instead of himself.

Negro's Defense. Gooden went so far as to introduce a coat showing where one of the bullets had torn his sleeve. He explained that Rachtner was mistaken in believing he was the man under fire, and that it was Gooden himself at whom Forehead was shooting. Mrs. Forehead, Gooden said, had engaged him to drive her to a road house in his automobile.

Gordon, it is said, admitted under examination today that he had perjured himself for money. It is he who implicated Attorney Murray in the case. Gordon, according to records in the police department, is an ex-convict, who served a two-year term for burglary in the New Westminster prison recently.

Attorney Murray himself was but a short time ago under indictment for grand larceny. There were a number of separate charges, all of which were quashed by Judge Chapman through a technicality.

FIERCE FLOODS IN EAST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 18.—Houses floating down the Ohio river; Enterprise, Ind., with a population of 200, abandoned and probably swept away; Madisonville, Webster and Tompkins, all on the Kentucky side, abandoned, and urgent calls for relief from a dozen neighboring towns, make up the flood situation here today.

That the crest was reached was indicated by the river stage, stationary now 24 hours at 46.5 feet. The danger will not be over for several days, however, as the effect of almost a week's steady rain will keep the water high for some time. Fatalities were certainly caused by last night's high wind, said experienced river men today.

TAKES RAP AT THE LABOR BUREAUS

"I am going to try to put every private employment bureau in town out of business," said Commissioner A. U. Mills before the pre-legislative institute in the Y. M. C. A. this morning, and the audience cheered the statement. Mills told how the private bureau is a graft largely, and hits both the employer and the laborer disastrously.

Mills said it was absolutely wrong that anyone should take money for furnishing employment to another. "When the laborer needs a job is when he is least able to pay to get one," said Caleb R. Jenkins. He thought the legislature should act and society should take steps that every man should be given an opportunity for employment and then every man should be compelled to be employed.

Both Mills and Mayor Seymour protested against the state substituting a state for the municipal free employment bureau. The institute took up legislation for more appropriations for the state health board, Dr. E. W. James leading. James said 824 died with pulmonary tuberculosis in Washington last year. Prof. Seliger, U. P. S., figured the loss to the state from this disease alone was \$12,000,000 a year. He declared the state could save \$15,000,000 a year by building up the health work and stopping preventable diseases.

DEVPONPORT, England, Jan. 18.—Queen Mary's dislike for Americans is given as the reason why the naval training ship Cumberland, with Prince Albert aboard, will not touch at New York, or any other American port on the cruise to the West Indies. The Cumberland sailed today with the second son of King George among the cadets on board.

WELL, THIS IS REAL SAD

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Blames Ball Player For Lost Love



BLOSSOM SEELEY.

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Joseph Cahen, known on the stage as Joseph Kane, was granted a divorce from Blossom Seeley today. "Rube" Marquard, pitcher of the New York National league club, was named as the wife's "affinity." The case was undefended.