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REAPPORTIONMENT

The redistricting fight at Olympia is largely sectional. King county wants a reapportionment for the legislature as it now has one representative for every 16,745 population. North Yakima is even worse, having one representative for every 20,854. Against these the "cow counties" come up with one representative for a mere handful of people, Waukiakum, for instance, having a representative for 3,285 persons.

Pierce county has one for ever 12,081, which is about what she would have should there be reapportionment. Pierce therefore has nothing to gain either way, and stands in an independent position and wields largely the balance of power.

And Pierce county ought to use it. The cow counties have for years been controlling the legislature on the question of taxation. The present method of assessing railway property in this state for taxes is the height of injustice. Klickitat county by the present plan is getting the taxes on the whole waterfront property of the N. P. in Tacoma, and Tacoma gets no advantage from the presence here of the great terminals of the company commensurate with her rights. This county, King and Spokane have all felt the injustice of this sort of taxation and have sought to remedy it, but the cow counties have blocked every move in that direction with what support the railways could get in the cities.

The time now seems ripe for Pierce to strike a blow to remedy this. If there should be reapportionment the big cities would get greater representation and the cow counties would be shorn of their power. This would make it possible for the cities to wipe out the present unjust system of taxing railways.

So it seems to be an opportune time for Pierce county to put it right up to the cow county representatives that unless they change the taxing scheme to do justice to Tacoma that reapportionment shall go through on a basis that will put the little counties out of the game.

Reapportionment will probably have to come anyway, as the constitution requires it, but while it is coming it is a good thing for Pierce county to get her dues along other lines by playing the legislative game at Olympia.

Wonder if Seattle taxpayers won't get tired putting up costs for trying Peter Miller pretty soon.

With Uncle Sam creating a great army station south of American lake and the new electric railway coming from Portland to Tacoma on the Lake City side, things promise to be lively around this prairie beauty spot.

Talk about lobbying at Olympia, wait until the Tacoma city commission goes down next week!

It looks as if the engineers on the power plant job had it built in the last stages about as they pleased without reference to the plans and specifications.

It looks as if capital punishment and the grafting employment agencies will have to go.

Senator Jones now wants to take Alaska coal cases from the department which is heading off the coal grabbers and give the corporation judges of the federal courts power to settle all claims, which certainly would be fine for the coal thieves.

Why does Governor Lister want to bring back those parole jumpers for Washington taxpayers to feed when they are being kept in prison in Utah and Oregon?

The persistent attempt of the state health board to discredit Tacoma's Green river water supply before the world would get more respect in Tacoma if it did not emanate from Seattle men.

The city commission seems to have settled down to the point where they are going to know what Lawson is spending on the light and water plants and what it is going for.

Uncle Sam is paying the expenses of three men to take three prisoners from McNeils island to Atlanta, Georgia, because the local prison is overcrowded, when the money spent for the transfer would build enough space additional at the prison here to keep all three men.

Spokane isn't satisfied with her telephone situation either. Looks as if the only solution to the telephone problem is for Uncle Sam to take it all over and combine it with the postoffice.

NOTHING SERIOUS

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



Requested Recipes

Tomales. Use chicken, veal or beef. Cook until tender, cut in small pieces. Make a sauce as for enchiladas. only thicker. Drain all water from meat and add above sauce. Take corn meal, add water to make thick dough, add salt and spread thick on corn husks. Add a spoonful of the mixture; rap another shuck around and tie more thicknesses of shucks around. As many as wanted can be added. The Mexicans add only one. Clean white cloth may be used. Steam for two hours.

White Nut Cake. 3-4 cup butter, 1-2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup milk, 2 1/2 cups flour, whites 8 eggs, 1/2 teaspoon cream tartar, 3 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup walnut meat cut in pieces.

Chase for a Husband. "He offered me a platonic friendship." "Take it," advised her girl chum, "until something better comes along."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Explained. "Pa, why is a fool and his money soon parted?" "So that a wise guy can live without working, my son."—Detroit Free Press.

The Inborn Trait. Sweet Nell, whose age is two times two. One day upon my knee will soo Love words, hold up her lips to kiss, Next day she is a frigid miss.

Girls must be born men to perplex And tease and tantalize and vex, Because Nell's grown-up sister, May, Doth also treat me that same way. —Judge.

Sartorial Note. "Do you think that women will adopt the trouser-skirt?" "Not likely; they have learned that even hobble-skirts bag at the knees."—Buffalo Express.

Jimmy's View. Teacher—Why, Jimmy, Jimmy! Have you forgot your pencils again? What would you think of a soldier going to war without a gun? Jimmy—I'd think he was an officer.—Boston Record.

Painful. Banks—I don't mind the influenza itself so much as the after effects. The after effects are what all me, too. I'm still dodging doctor for \$25.



"Yesterday's mail brought an alligator, an ostrich plume, an anvil, a globe of goldfish and a cuckoo clock to Beelzebub; while a litter of guinea pigs, an individual package of silage, two ducks and a second-hand set of mule harness went out."

LAD OF 12 PUTS NORTH DAKOTA IN THE CORN BELT

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 24.—North Dakota is in the corn belt, say the agricultural experts of the country, and to a 12-year-old boy they give the credit for demonstrating the fact. The boy is Harper Brush of Lisbon, N. D., who won the first prize in a corn growing contest participated in by 500 farmers.

Harper is the son of a large North Dakota land owner. He has already chosen his profession. He will be a farmer, but a farmer who works under modern methods and who uses the latest discoveries of agricultural science.

Still a pupil in the grades, Harper looks forward to a course in a manual training high school, to be followed by study at some agricultural college. After that he will begin his career. Last spring when the North Dakota Better Farming association offered a prize of \$50 in gold to the farmer who could secure the greatest yield of mature corn to an acre, Harper Brush was one of the first to enter his name. The contest was meant for experienced farmers, but the boy was not frightened at the prospect of competing with 500 grown-ups. He went into the work with all his energy.

Harper selected a four-acre plot on his father's Ransom county farm. He also selected a hardy grade of corn seed and planted it as instructed in the booklets sent out by the Better Farming association and the State Agricultural college. Because he had no farm implements and no horses, the boy worked for his father and for neighboring farmers in return for the use of the necessary implements and horses.

The corn on that four-acre plot soon outstripped in growth the other fields in the neighborhood.

As summer changed into fall it was evident that Harper's corn field was the finest in the country. Then came the judges sent out by the Better Farming association, and after the corn had been husked, shelled and weighed it was found to average 71.7 bushels to the acre of hard, mature corn. The nearest competitor in the state fell nearly five bushels short of that.

At the annual state corn show in Fargo this month, Harper Brush will be awarded the first prize of \$50. He has already won a similar prize in his county contest and has been able to dispose of his 287 bushels of corn at one dollar per bushel. The four-acre plot has returned the young farmer nearly \$400 for his summer's work.

It has always been said that North Dakota is no good for raising corn. But as a result of this boy's showing, the corn acreage will be three times as large in 1913 as in 1912.

Some Reason.

Little Girl—I wonder why poor people have so many babies, while rich people have so few. I suppose the reason poor people are poor is because they buy so many.—Newark News.



Harper Brush, who beat the best farmers in the state raising corn.



If you had a little plot In the middle of the woods, And you owned a tiny cot For to hold your worldly goods, And you never saw a face, Never heard a human tone As you wandered round the place By yourself and all alone; If you lived that sort of life Of all fetters you'd be free; Far away from madding strife, Independent you would be, You could always have your way Like a gay untrammelled elf, Free to sa your little say, Pleading on one but yourself.

But—if you prefer to dwell Round about where others do, You will find it just as well To concede a thing or two, Life is largely give and take; Lay your ego on the shelf, Otherwise you merely make Pain and trouble for yourself.

Special Features of Interest To The Times' Women Readers

SOCIETY

Homesteaders' lodge No. 529 will entertain at cards and dancing Tuesday evening, January 23, at Eagles' hall, 13th and E streets.

Ladies' auxiliary, A. O. H., will entertain and serve refreshments at St. Leo's hall, Wednesday, January 23, honoring St. Bridget.

Miss Ida Snodgrass of Vancouver is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. K. Wintler, North 27th street.

St. Patrick's church women will entertain Thursday evening at a card party planned for the benefit of needy parishioners.

Mrs. H. J. Hinds will be hostess Monday afternoon for the Alpha club, at her home, 4334 South M street.

Tacoma Entertain society will hold its 13th musicale next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Women of the Immanuel Presbyterian church will serve supper Monday evening in the church banquet parlors.

The Harmony club will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Kline, 4016 East G street, Wednesday.

W. L. I. club will give a dance and card party Monday evening at St. Leo's hall, South 14th and Yakima avenue.

Mary Ball chapter, D. A. R., is holding its January meeting today at the home of Mrs. J. G. Mason, 3501 North Washington avenue.

BILLIE BURKE COMES TO DEFENSE OF THE CORSET

BY BILLIE BURKE. "Oh! Oh, my! I never had any idea that men thought so much about the way women dressed until I began to get these letters on 'what kind of a girl I'd like to marry.' One man says: 'I understand from what you have said about clothes 'be-speak-ing the ban that many innocent persons are annually 'stung.' Clothes are very necessary and desirable things, of course, but as an indicator of the persons wearing them, they are unreliable. They are often like the scenery of the stage; used to put up a big front concealing the bare walls within.

"Poor clothes often cover cleanliness and wholesomeness, while expensive ones often cover filthy bodies and the vilest diseases the human flesh is heir to; neither do they indicate the purse of the wearer."

I am printing this from a man who also says he will "never marry a girl who thinks a lot of clothes," just to show how some people read into my articles things that are not there. I have never advocated extravagant dressing, but one CAN judge much of a woman from her clothes. It is not necessary to dress richly to dress becomingly and in good taste.

On the other hand, a girl



with very cheap materials can make herself look very charming if she takes plenty of time to keep her clothes in good repair and of immaculate neatness. Another chap seems to feel that he is deceived because women wear corsets, and says: "Deceptive women expect men to admire their corset-made forms." As women dress nowadays, it would be impossible for them to be comfortable without a corset or some kind of a wide belt to keep their skirts from cutting the flesh at the waist.

In olden times, even when woman's clothes hung from the shoulders, women after they had matured wore a cincture or belt below the bust. This has been put to modern use in the straight front lace corset which is not only approved but recommended by our best physicians. It is the ambition of every girl, nowadays, to look as though she were uncorseted. The nearer she can approach the normal nature lines, the more fashionable she is.

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Letters To Cynthia Grey

Is It Proper? Is It Right? Dear Miss Grey: You give such good advice to others we want you to help us too.

1. We are two girls of 16 and 17 and would like to know if it is proper to let nice young men take us to dances, parties and theaters?

2. Is it right to let them kiss us good night, as they have always treated us with the greatest respect?

3. Is a man 28 years old too old to go with a girl of 17?

4. Miss Grey, this man has always treated me the very best and I love him very dearly and he loves me and asked me to marry him and I refused him, did I do wrong?

Is it proper for one boy to take two girls in the evening?

4. How should we comb our hair? Dear Miss Grey, please answer us soon and don't think we are silly as we are in earnest.

TWO OF A KIND. A.—1. Once in a great while it is all right, providing you have your parents' consent and do not stay late, and come straight home.

2. Most emphatically NO. 3. It all depends on the circumstances. As a rule a girl of 17 is too young to go with anyone. 4. No, I cannot say you did wrong. It is much better to wait until you are old enough to know whether you really "love him very dearly."

6. Some sensible way that becomes you.

Dear Miss Grey: Your letters are so very sound and right that I come to you for your opinion.

Three years ago I met a girl of 24 with such endearing qualities that we became engaged. She is the only child. The last few months we quarreled through jealousy on my part, and of which she was innocent of the cause. Later I apologized humbly, but she replied that while she loves me sincerely she will not accept me until her parents change their opinion of me. I backed off the boards then, as I think she should have given me the preference. Do you not agree with me, Miss Grey?

MR. RIGHT OR WRONG? A.—No, I do not think she should have given you the preference; but should have relied on her own good judgment. While I do not think she should be influenced by her people in this matter, at the same time I cannot blame her for looking before she leaps. Jealousy is a very bad falling and can utterly ruin an otherwise happy home. If I were you I would correct this fault and prove to the young lady you have done so.

"Should I Go Again?" Dear Miss Grey: Will you please advise me, as I don't know what to do.

I am 16 and one day a girl friend asked me to go to the skating rink with her. Miss Grey, this girl has not a very

good name in our home town, but I went with her. While there, several boys winked at me, and after the rink one of them asked to take me home. I refused; but he took me to the car. Later he dropped me a card and asked me to come again. Should I go, and should I still go with my chum? Please answer as soon as possible, as she has asked me to go again. BELL.

A.—To pick up chance acquaintances among the boys is a very bad habit to fall into and invariably leads you to harm. Do not go again unless your mother or an older friend accompanies you.

Speak nicely to your chum and tell her if she does not do better you will have to give her up.

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