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Judge—Now, I don't expect to see you here again, Rufus.
Rufus—Not see me here again, Judge? Why, yo' all ain't a-goin' to resign yo' job, is you, Judge?

BARK TURNS TURTLE; 18 MEN DROWN

"PEPITA" TOO WAS SAVED FROM FIRE

EARLY MORNING FLAMES IN HOTEL HOUSES BURNERS CLAD IN NIGHT CLOTHES AND WOMAN'S PET PARROT CAUSED FIREMEN MUCH ANXIETY.

A fireman, smoke begrimed, staggered through the cloud of smoke that belched from the entrance to the Loyd hotel, 2400 1/2 Pacific avenue, at about 3 o'clock this morning, and, gaining the street, said to the captain: "Everybody's out, Cap. I've been on all the floors."

Hardly were the words uttered when a shrill cry rang out above the clamor of the crowd—

"Pepita! Pepita! She's inside! Save her—save Pepita!" The captain whirled about and caught the wrist of Mrs. F. S. Slange, a guest of the hotel, who, wakened from her sleep, and not waiting to dress, had rushed down the stairs into the street. It was she who had screamed.

For her frightened haste she had forgotten the dear one who meant more to her than all the world beside and who, she now remembered, she had left in the burning building.

"Where is she?" the captain asked.

"There!" cried Mrs. Slange, and pointed to a second story window. The captain rushed into the entrance, only to be driven back, gasping and almost overcome. A ladder was raised to the window, but the fireman who essayed to enter by it got no further than the sill.

"Let me go to her!" Mrs. Slange begged. "I will save her." And though the crowd tried to restrain her, in her frantic grief she had the strength of ten men, and she broke from them, and rushed into the entrance, and for many minutes was not seen.

The fire started, it is believed, from a cigarette butt thrown away by a guest in the bathroom. It got a good start, and for a time it looked as if the building would be destroyed.

Quick work by the firemen got the guests out of the building—all, that is, but Pepita. They—the guests—were dishabille, decidedly. Veteran fire-fighters said they had never seen a greater variety of pajamas and nighties. They escaped by the front entrance, but by the rear way of the alley, and by the fire escapes—all but Pepita, for whom Mrs. Slange was willing to risk her life to save.

A period of suspense followed. Presently Mrs. Slange reappeared, blinded, stumbling, but triumphantly happy.

She carried in her hand a large wire cage. In the cage was Pepita, an excited green parrot.

The damage to the building was about \$300.

Labor Organizers Coming to Tacoma

Union labor is to be built up into a strong and effective organization in Tacoma in the near future according to present plans. Organizers from the American Federation of Labor will be sent here and the various trades will be organized and built up into a harmonious force for better conditions.

UTICA, N. Y., April 7.—Francis M. Jones today sold to Stevens Brothers of Liverpool, N. Y., a bull and a cow for \$16,000. The cow holds the world's record for seven days in butter production.

Let Voters Choose the Saloon Keepers is Suggestion of South Dakota Mayor as the Solution



"MAYOR JIM."

SPEARFISH, S. D., April 7.—Let the people elect their OWN saloonkeepers!

Why not? It's Mayor "Jim" Pike of Spearfish who makes the suggestion and then asks the question.

"Why not?" he repeats, and then adds: "It's the solution of the saloon problem, isn't it? Just decide on how many saloons each district should have and then let the people's ballots select the men who shall run them."

Spearfish was flabbergasted when "Mayor Jim" first sprung this strictly new idea on municipal regulation of saloons. Deadwood Sun Dance and other neighbors of Spearfish also were flabbergasted, but the more they think of it the more inclined they, too, are to ask:

"Why not?" Mayor Jim, who presides over the destinies of Spearfish for a salary of just \$1.00 a year, is no mere theorist, but a hard-headed, resolute old miner of the gold-craze era, and now a prosperous business man. He runs a flour mill.

"Damn a reformer!" says Pike. "I'm no reformer. I'm just cleaning up this saloon business."

"You see, I'm for saloons, but I want better class saloons and fewer of 'em. We can't run a dry town with neighboring towns shipping booze in, and our people going to Deadwood, Lead, Sun Dance and Belle Fourche to load up."

"The new state law says there can be only one saloon to 600 population. That cuts us down from four to two. Every city in the state now faces the same problem."

"I don't play any favorites among these barkeepers. They're all my friends—as long as they run clean places and close at 9 p. m. But two of them have got to go. The aldermen don't feel like kicking any of 'em out. So I guess we'll put it up to the people!"

"This is a democratic government, isn't it? And a saloonkeeper is a sort of public official—he has a public license. So why shouldn't the people choose him?"

BIG REDUCTION IN TARIFF UP TO CONGRESS

Free list: Bicycles, knives, razors, scissors, swine, wheat, bran, bread, eggs, many meats, saddlery, leas, pencils, india rubber, leather goods, granite, sandstone, limestone, typewriters, sewing machines, cash registers, posts, laths, pickets, shingles, timber, hewn, sided or squared round lumber for masts and spars.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—(By United Press.)—Marked by the most radical and sweeping reductions with the full approval of President Wilson, the administration tariff bill was introduced in the house today. In introducing the measure the framers said the time had arrived when American manufacturers must meet in "honest competition, and must develop their business along the best and most economical lines."

The bill places raw wool on the free list, cuts the sugar tariff, and provides for free sugar within the next three years. It cuts cotton pieces, puts steel rails on the free list, slashes all iron and steel duties and either places on the free list or reduces to a minimum all duties on the necessities of life.

Schedule K was riddled. The duty on yarn was reduced to 20 per cent; blankets to 25 per cent; flannels, 25 to 35 per cent, dress goods from nearly 100 per cent to 25 per cent.

JUDGE DISLIKES DIVORCE CASES WOULD KEEP FAITH IN HUMAN NATURE SUGGESTS REFORMS FOR DIVORCE EVIL

Marriage Too Easy, Divorce Is Too Easy

By Fred L. Boat.

There is too much hilarious and speculative matrimony in this country. Too many couples rush into matrimony because they know it will be easy to rush out if they don't like it. It is easy.

The law of Washington says no woman under 45 and no man of any age who is an habitual criminal, or insane, or suffering from a venereal disease, or pulmonary tuberculosis in an advanced stage, shall be permitted to marry.

When you go to the auditor's office in Tacoma to get a marriage license, you take with you a friend who signs a certificate swearing he knows the contracting parties to be of age, and not criminal, insane, venereal or tubercular.

"And the auditor's office has no option in the matter—it must issue the license."

"In very many instances the witnesses lie," said Auditor Wadsworth today. "But if the certificate is signed, we must issue the license."

In some states a physician's certificate of health is required. But Judge Moore, divorce judge of Los Angeles, said in the course of a divorce trial the other: "Anybody who is willing to pay for it, can get a doctor's certificate."

Judge Clifford of Pierce county dislikes divorce cases, and will not try them if he can get out of it. Recently he was transferred to the criminal division of the superior court, where he is relieved of a duty that has become distasteful to him.

I asked him why today. "I want to keep my faith in human nature," he replied. "I asked the judge what reforms were needed to diminish the divorce evil."

"We need first," he said, "to make marriage less easy. The law says that persons entering matrimony must be healthy of mind and body, but we take no steps to insure that they are healthy of mind and body."

"We need a law forbidding the issuance of a marriage license in a county other than in which one or both of the parties reside. A time should elapse between the application for the license and the issuance—say 10 days."

"After making marriage difficult, we should make divorce equally so. No person should be allowed to sue for divorce until one year after marriage. It won't hurt a couple, even though unhappily mated, to live apart awhile. They may become reconciled."

"I know of many instances where couples ask for divorce six weeks or two months after marriage. Most divorce suits are uncontested. We need more real proof in these cases. Cruelty on investigation may turn out to be anything. Sarcasm may be cruelty, but it is not a good ground for divorce. Assault may mean anything. It may mean an impatient handpush."

"On the other hand, I do not agree with many lawyers and judges with reference to 'incompatibility of temperament' which is not a ground for divorce in this state. I can imagine no more urgent reason why husband and wife should be given a legal separation than that they are absolutely incompatible. But it should be proven."

"The chief reason why I dislike divorce cases is that the custody of children are involved. I grant a divorce to the wife of a Tacoma dentist more than a year ago, and he has not paid a cent of alimony."



take the consequences of her folly. A modern proverb has it that "The law is the interpretation of the law by the last judge." The last judge tried the case of a woman who, having been granted a divorce, sued her ex-mother-in-law for \$100,000 for alienation of her ex-husband's affections. The ex-husband admitted he was a fool and lived on his mother's bounty. The ex-wife was compelled to admit that she was capable of earning her own living. The case was dismissed. She got neither damages nor alimony.

ECHO OF TITANIC WRECK WIDOWS TO VISIT SCENE

NEW YORK, April 7.—Mrs. Jacques Futrelle, Mrs. Henry B. Harris and Mrs. George Thorne—all widowed by the Titanic disaster—will pay a wonderful tribute to the memories of their husbands on the anniversary of the sinking of the huge liner.

The three, accompanied by as many other women similarly bereft as find it possible to go, will sail from Boston for Europe early on the morning of April 13, and, according to the plans now under way, will be on the scene of the disaster about a quarter past 2 on the morning of April 15, the time and date of the calamity.

Baskets of flowers, wreaths and arms full of cut blossoms will be tossed out into the night and upon the water where the most fearful chapter in the lives of these women was written. A short memorial service, conducted by the liner's chaplain, will be held just prior to the flower rites, and as the liner leaves the fated spot behind the women will sing the memorable Titanic dirge, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

For Tacoma and vicinity: Showers tonight or Tuesday.

For Washington: Showers west tonight or Tuesday; fair east portion tonight and Tuesday.

DELAY CASE

As Judge Stiles is busy in another case, Judge Card did not hear the firemen's eight-hour case this morning, postponing it until a later date.

FOUR ON BOARD RESCUED FROM WATERY GRAVE

PROMINENT PORTLAND CITIZENS TAKEN OFF GERMAN BARK MIAMI ON COLUMBIA RIVER BAR AFTER ENDURING SEVERAL HOURS OF EXTREME HARDSHIP.

BRIGHTON, Ore., April 7.—(By United Press.)—Eighteen men were drowned here when the German bark Miami, which went ashore February 13 and turned turtle Saturday night after being pulled into deep water with the aid of donkey engines. Twenty-two were aboard when she capsized. Four men were taken off alive today. They are:

Capt. Fisher, of the Fisher Engineering company, Portland. Capt. Westhal, of Germany, master of the Miami. Two sailors, names unknown.

Two bodies were found lashed to the vessel. The other sixteen were washed off when the boat went over. No bodies were washed ashore.

Among those drowned are Capt. Crow, Portland; Russell Blackman, Portland; O. S. Estes, Brighton; Jack Fitzpatrick, Nehalem; Charles Stopp, North Plains, Oregon.

The remaining members are German laborers. The live-saving crew after working all day to reach them refused to go out after dark and would not let volunteers try it as they declared it was certain death.

The Miami went ashore February 13 and hung on the beach until Saturday night. At midnight Saturday with high tide running she was pulled off and started out into deep water but immediately turned turtle, imprisoning 22 men.

The life-saving crew got near enough just before dark to hear a voice say: "We are all here," but was unable to get close enough to get hold of the ship. Efforts to throw a line from shore with the cannon were unavailing.

TOMORROW IS "BOY" DAY; LISTEN

If you are under 18 and over 14 you are in it.

That is, the big picnic and hike of the "Count on me" committee tomorrow. Every boy in the county is invited. Be at the inter-urban depot with 15 cents and a bag full of grub at 9 o'clock. There will be a tramp from Parker street to the picnic grounds on the prairie, then a big dinner, and a day of sport with supper and a campfire at night.

STEAMER IS NOW SAFE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Although badly crippled from heavy seas, the steamship Speedwell, which Saturday night sent out wireless calls for assistance, passed Point Reyes today and is expected to arrive here safely. She is bound from Coos bay to San Francisco.

Chicago Men Will Fight the Loan Sharks

CHICAGO, April 7.—The Chicago loan sharks are to be crushed through the simple device of making their business unprofitable. The heads of sixty of the city's industrial houses employing more than a hundred thousand men, have banded themselves into a body to lend money to people who otherwise would be compelled to seek aid of loan sharks, but at such rates as will not work a hardship on the borrower.

This salary-loan organization, which lacks only the authority of the Illinois legislature to commence work, has grown out of seven years of investigation by industrial concerns of Chicago. A fund of \$50,000 has been subscribed by the promoters.

He stole \$2 worth of cop- per. So it alleges in the com- plaint filed today against J. J. Ryan, charging him with a larceny on March 22. The plaintiffs are I. Moses and R. Sowers of the Milwaukee Junk company.

Lillian Russell Tires of Telling How to Live Long

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CAPTAIN KING TO BE RETIRED ON A PENSION

Captain King, one of the oldest police officers in the Northwest, who has served Tacoma for about 25 years, will be retired on a pension.

Captain King has been unwell for some time. He was off for several weeks on leave of absence, and since returning to duty he has not been well. Last night he collapsed at his desk and it was feared he was going to die in his chair from heart failure.

At the police pension board meeting today it was discussed and D. O. Smith was appointed to see King and see if he does not want to be retired.

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