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TIMES FEATURES

Have you been reading "The Confessions of a Wife?" Have you been reading...

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If it's real interesting, entertaining and instructive, it's a Times feature. Get the Times and you'll get the latest and best...

COMMISSIONERS HEDGE AND QUIBBLE AND EVEN LIE TRYING TO COVER THEIR TREACHERY



WE GET A FULL column today. SOMEBODY WOULD be slaughtered if we didn't.

R. E. M'FARLAND says that this column is always full, or looks like it was written by somebody that was full, or something like that.

GOODNESS, what an awful lot of pessimists there are in the world!

AND EVERYBODY knows that Mac is a regular roughneck.

WE REFUSE TO say a thing about the city council today.

PESSIMISM IS prohibited.

BESIDES, they crabbled all our space yesterday, doggone 'em!

OUR OLD PLAYMATE, Congressman Albert Johnson, says he spent his happiest days as a country editor.

SOME PEOPLE THINK Johnson as a congressman is still a very good country editor.

A WOMAN BACK East says her husband put poison in her beer.

GOLLY, SHE must have been mad.

IT'S AGGRAVATING for any lady to have some stiff go and meddle with a nice glass of beer.

GUESS WE HAD better call off the war with Mexico.

WHEN A BUNCH of Oregon militiamen were told they had to invade Mexico, two left town and another applied for leave of absence.

GIRLS, LET US weep together. The feet of our idols were but clay—and frozen clay, at that.

YOU CAN ALWAYS find those guys, in war time, where the bullets are thickest.

UNDER THE ammunition wagon.

NO WONDER HUERTA has no respect for this country.

ONCE UPON A TIME, Billy Asken left his Ford in a dark alley.

ALONG CAME Willis P. Wotton in a big Winton and rammed it. With a sigh of disgust, he stopped his machine and climbed out.

"CONFOUND IT!" he ejaculated. "People grow more careless every day. This is a fine place to leave a baby carriage."

JIMMY O'BRIEN says he never whistled the "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" in his life.

WELL, MAYBE IT WAS stretching it a bit to calling it whistling.

IN THE MORNING PAPER: "Two years ago Jack Rossford and Fred Cook emigrated from Gols, Russia, bringing many friends and neighbors with them. All were Germans."

HARRY H. JOHNSTON could never save the guy that wrote that.

THE BIRD OF PARADISE is now in town.

IT IS GOING to fly the coop, though, after tonight.

YOU KNOW WHAT that "R. S. V. P." they had on that caption this morning means. It stands for "Rock salt, very pure."

THEY SAID IT BECAUSE they thought the suffragets were getting fresh.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS. Clearings \$405,693.92 Balances 25,125.21 Transactions 999,557.46

PENNANT COUPON NO. 101 This coupon clipped from The Times, when presented at The Times office, the "Want Ad" Column, Ninth and Commerce, with 15 cents, will entitle you to a beautiful 25-cent present. Hereafter presents by mail will cost 5c additional to cover postage. Bring or mail to The Tacoma Times, Ninth and Commerce.

Recruits!

HAVE you joined the army of recruits who will be lieutenants for The Times' Santa Claus? Heart-gripping appeals for Christmas cheer are already coming. You can do your share!

The first appeal to the Times' Santa Claus came yesterday, and it was one that rang the hearts of Santa's lieutenants in the Times office with pity and sympathy.

A widow, shabbily dressed, her feet covered with ungainly and broken-down rubbers, and her hands encased in gray cotton gloves that had been patched and re-patched until they were literally one-solid patch-work design, shuffled into the newspaper office.

She pleaded that the Times' Santa remember her daughter. The girl earns \$6 a week in a downtown store. The widowed mother earns an average of \$3 a week at odd work. The couple live in a little room on \$9 per week. The girl's clothing is threadbare. She must face the cold wintry blasts without sufficient clothing upon her back to keep out the chill winter winds. Her shoes are almost worn through. She sits up nights sewing and darning on her worn-out clothing in order to keep up an appearance at her store and save her position. The girl is not in need of toys or dolls—she has no time for them. The real mission of Santa Claus—the underlying spirit of a real Christmas—charity—is what she needs. For the widow and her daughter would go to the poor house if the girl's position ceased and the girl, lacking clothes and deprived of many necessities of life, can hold on no longer.

The mother asked only that Santa Claus remember the girl. She showed soles of her own shoes—worn through to the stockings—and declared that, although forced to wear rubbers to keep out the damp, she was pleading only for her child's sake.

"I can get along, if only the girl doesn't suffer," declared the aged mother, as she gave her daughter's address to the Santa Claus. Any person who wishes to assist this couple—widowed mother and hard-working daughter—will be permitted by communicating with the Times Santa Claus lieutenant.

Tacomaans are entering heartily into the spirit of the Times' Santa Claus idea. Many persons have asked to be "let behind the scenes" and to be permitted to assist.

Yesterday E. A. Dexter, of the American Automobile company, visited Santa Claus' lieutenants at the Times office and offered to furnish three of the new Stewart trucks to assist Santa Claus in his Christmas Eve distribution of gifts.

The new Stewart trucks are enameled a bright red color. Santa Claus will ride in one of the machines, and if the bulk of the gifts is so great that he cannot personally attend to the distribution of each present to the homes of Tacoma's poor, his lieutenants will assist by going about the city in the other machines.

FOUR DIVORCES IN AN HOUR

Judge C. M. Easterday of the Pierce county court broke the speed records of the divorce mill today by granting four divorces in the space of one hour. And in that time he found opportunity to give a brief curtain lecture in which he warned men not to be hasty in marrying and to "not be led away by a fair form."

Virgil Crider was suing Jeanie Crider. They knew each other two months before the marriage, he said, and she deserted him two months afterwards. Judge Easterday granted the divorce.

Following Crider on the stand was James J. Barton, suing Helen Barton for divorce. They had also been acquainted only two months before the wedding day and Mrs. Barton left home two weeks afterwards.

"I want to tell you men, and others in the court room," said the judge, "that you make a grave mistake by marrying on short acquaintance. Never allow yourself to be led away by a fair form."

Mrs. Alice J. Carpenter was given a divorce from Isaac Carpenter. They married in 1887 and Carpenter deserted his home two years ago. Mrs. Lizzie Oliver secured a divorce from Richard Oliver on grounds of abusive actions and cruelty. She was given \$15 a month alimony and custody of her four children.

STRIKE BREAKERS SHOT

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 5.—Two Cincinnati strikebreakers were shot early today, one perhaps fatally, in a fight which followed an attempt by strike sympathizers to stop a non-union wagon. The wagon was manned by three armed non-unionists. A crowd had been following it trying to persuade the trio to quit work.

Purchasing a glass of beer in the Golden Gate saloon, 1856 Commerce street, this morning, Ed Howard, age 56, an umbrella mender took the drink to a table in the rear of the barroom and began to sip it. A few moments later he was noticed sprawling out on the floor beside his chair, and a brief investigation showed that he was dead. Later examination of the body indicated that death had been caused by heart disease.

Howard was a bachelor and lived with his mother in a room at 1706 1-2 Tacoma avenue. He had lived in Tacoma several years, and was a familiar sight on the streets with his umbrella-mending kit. The remains were taken to the L. M. Gaffney company's

A PERFECT AMERICAN BEAUTY



OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 5.—The real American Beauty has been found, says Jules Pages, world's famous artist. Mrs. Harold Havens is her name. She is rich. "The American woman is a type by herself," said Pages. "Always she is the result of the blending of other races, and thus may have a dash of the beauty of the women of several countries."

POLICEMEN NOW HAVE SOCIAL CLUB

Tacoma's police officers formed a social organization at a meeting yesterday afternoon, with the intention of bringing officers and their families in closer touch with each other. Plans were made for a basket social, with music and entertainment, to be held in the Odd Fellows' temple December 12. Chief of Police Loomis fathered the idea, and was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

HUERTA MAKES TOUCH

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 5.—In sending Finance Minister De La Llama to Europe for a loan, men close to President Huerta today admitted that the dictator was playing practically his last card.

CAN HE SUPPORT TWO?

Can a husband be forced to support two families? That is the question facing Judge Easterday this afternoon. Mrs. Alta Hager was divorced from Abner Hager a year ago. She was given alimony. Recently Hager remarried and ceased paying alimony. Mrs. Hager filed him into court today and demanded that he pay alimony. She declared she was starving. The unusual case is before Judge Easterday for decision this afternoon.

Prepare for Big Meeting

Lorenzo Dow, president of the Tidelat Carline club, is making active preparations today for the monster protest meeting to be held in Moose hall Monday night to discuss the recent high-handed methods of the three commissioners, Woods, Mills and Lawson, in turning over to the Stone-Webster people the rights to build the tidelat car line.

MILLS, WOODS, LAWSON.

Behind closed doors these three betrayers of the people and trucklers to Stone-Webster met in another secret session this morning and ordered Judge Stiles to proceed to draw the franchise for the tidelat street car line.

ACTING MAYOR FREELAND WAS NOT EVEN INVITED TO THIS CONFERENCE.

Trying to cover their treachery, however, the three plotters are seeking to escape from under the load of public condemnation heaped on them by the people by brazen, downright lying. They claim now that they did not know what was in the Stone-Webster agreement, and they are whining that they were tricked by a "joker."

They say they never agreed to reduce the 5 per cent on freight receipts and 2 per cent on passenger and power of one per cent, except for such time until the city should take over the tidelat line. AND JUDGE STILES WAS ORDERED TO SO FRAME THE FRANCHISE THIS MORNING.

Judge Shackelford announces he is perfectly willing to treat with the "council" again on the matter, which means he will agree to this change, to try to save the traitor commissioners from the wrath of an outraged people.

THE FRANCHISE, MILLS SAID THIS MORNING AFTER THEY HAD COME OUT OF THEIR

WILL NOT SAY CRAIG WAS "PEEPER"

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 5.—Arnold Moore, another of the state's main witnesses at the trial of Dr. Craig, accused of murdering Dr. Helen Knabe, proved a disappointment today on the witness stand. He told of having seen a man looking into Dr. Knabe's windows at night but refused to say that the man was Dr. Craig.

TURNED IT IN

There was much conjecture today over Fire Chief George McAlevy's flat refusal to give an accounting to the firemen's pension board for money derived from the concert last summer of the Portland firemen's band, given in Tacoma. Although Chief McAlevy flatly declared that he could not be forced to make an accounting, it was learned later that he had turned \$155.50 into the treasury October 4.

2 FIREMEN DIE

AKRON, O., Dec. 5.—Two firemen were instantly killed and three were seriously hurt when two pieces of fire apparatus collided while responding to a false alarm this morning in the plant of the International Harvester company.

WILSON BETTER. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The president was reported improved today. He was not well enough, however, to preside over the regular meeting of the cabinet and it was abandoned.

WIVES ONLY CHATTEL, SAYS THIS PHYSICIAN



UNIQUE PHILOSOPHY OF DR. J. F. DAVIS, WHICH LED TO SRD DIVORCE. I believe in harems. Women belong to men by right of capture. Women are only intended for the kitchen or harem. A woman cannot be trusted to either buy her clothes or food for the table. All men who marry are fools. A man is never popular if seen with his wife. Wives are only incidents. Dr. Davis cited the case of the doctor's two former wives, both of whom obtained divorces. The physician did not appear when the case came up and judgment was entered by default.

From One of Our Readers

Tacoma Wash., Dec. 5, 1913. Editor Tacoma Times. Dear Sir: I get a copy of your paper every evening on the street and I appreciate the way you have been helping us to get a good car line to the tidelats. We are not yet defeated and if the Stone-Webster people should put one over on us we have done the best we could, and the Times has sure stood right with us in the fight. Yours for success, M. MORRISON, Member Tidelat Car Line Club.

Here is what the trio says is a "joker":

"If the city will agree to reduce the passenger, freight and power gross earnings taxes on the T. R. & P. Co. to one per cent, and provide that the gross earnings taxes shall remain on the books until such time as the company is receiving a fair rate of return on the value of its property, such value and such fair rate of return to be determined by the public service commission of the state of Washington or its successors."

Then the company agrees to build the line. This was dictated in the presence of the commissioners by Judge Shackelford. It was written out by the stenographer and a copy given to each commissioner to read and each read it. It is clear, plain English and nothing veiled or indefinite about it stopping the per cent grant if the city should take over the tidelat line. Lorenzo Dow called the attention of the commissioners specifically to the fact that this would continue forever. Judge Shackelford discussed it back and forth and insisted that he wanted it all left to the public service commission.

The fact is, the tricky trio having aroused the public by their secret deal with Stone-Webster which they ratified in open council now are hunting for some dodge to still further trick the citizens by letting on they were deceived.

There was no deception. The deal had been framed in the dark and they carried it through.

And they now order the franchise written to make it binding. The story of the "joker" is the crassest of horseplay. Stone-Webster would be glad to build that line without a dollar from the city to escape municipal ownership but the Mills, Woods and Lawson combine went into a secret deal and framed it up to give them what belongs to the people. It is apparent to the citizens they intend to give Stone-Webster just as much as they can.

This attitude this morning by which they want to limit the reduction of percentage tax until the city takes the tidelat line might prove no difference at all from the original. The city certainly would not take over the tidelat line alone and if it took the whole system, of course there would be nothing coming from Stone-Webster earnings.

The "joker" cry is a fraud as big as the original to betray the people and to stab municipal ownership in the back.

STOLE PIES

William Ray Ghess, age 21, and Walter W. Craft, age 13, were captured at 1 o'clock today on Pacific avenue after they had stolen a quantity of pies and pies from a Japanese restaurant at 1548 Pacific avenue.

SENT TO ASYLUM

Picked up on the street last night in a drunken condition, Harry Morrison, member of Portland's Tidelat Car Line Club, was taken to the Washington Hotel.