

Every girl can be a Venus. If you don't believe it, read a woman's article, on page 2.

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WEATHER Tacoma—Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, probably showers. Washington—Same, cooler in northeast portion.

Wealthy, Husky, Irate Business Man ABDUCTS TACOMA BRIDE

SHOULD STATE HAVE SENT THIS MAN BACK TO OREGON PRISON?

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—E. J. Clark, 24, has been a model citizen of Spokane for four years. Now he is back in the Oregon penitentiary to pay for a four-year-old crime.

HE IS 24 years old. He has a wife of 23, and a three-year-old baby girl.

HIS WIFE SAYS SHE COMMITTED THE CRIME AND THAT HE TOOK THE BLAME TO SHIELD HER!

For four years Clarke, who has lived here under the name of Melvin Rinehart, has been a good citizen. He has worked faithfully as an engineer in a hotel. He has gone home at night.

He has been a loving husband, providing for his wife as well as his income would allow. He has been as fine a father as a baby could wish to have.

But now the law has found him. And the law is clamoring for revenge.

Let us see if the law is entitled to the revenge it seeks. Listen to the young couple's story and then judge for yourself.

Five years ago they were married.

She, with her sunny hair and blue eyes, was pretty. And he loved her.

He with his clean-cut face, his husky figure, and his frank, clear eyes, was a fine specimen of man. And she loved him.

Sheriff Trails Them North

They went to New Mexico. They were in that state when the first whisperings of motherhood came to her. A longing to be with her own mother when the baby came crept over her.

She told her husband. Their funds were short. But loving her as he did, he readily assented. So they started north. They hadn't counted on the expense. Their little pile melted away.

When they reached LaGrande, Oregon, they were brought face to face with grim realities. THEY WERE PENNILESS.

The young girl became desperate. She felt there must be no time lost if she reached her mother's home before the baby came.

After all, she was just a girl—a girl who never before had been thrust on the mercies of the world.

This girl erred. She deliberately STOLE.

She filled out bad checks. She went to the LaGrande stores. She made small purchases. And proffered the checks. They were accepted. She returned to her husband with enough money to take them to Seattle.

He questioned her, but she evaded him. They started north, and then she told him. They arrived at Seattle, with an Oregon sheriff close behind them.

Swims Columbia to This Side

Without hesitation young Clark did the manly thing. He gave himself up. And a few days later, the heart-broken and remorseful young wife became a mother.

Clark was sent to the penitentiary at Salem on a one-to-five-year sentence. He stayed there four months. He grew bitter and resentful with the injustice of it all. He made a key—and got himself out. He raced through the prison yard. A guard saw him and fired. The shot went wild.

He plunged into the Columbia and swam the Washington side.

For days he eluded a big posse of guards and sheriffs and farmers and made his way north again.

He came to Spokane, and here his wife joined him. Here he saw his baby for the first time. He changed his name to that of Melvin Rinehart. He found work. And here he has been since—a good citizen.

That's the story. Now, what do you think?

Both of them for four years have been law-abiding citizens here.

The man is not to blame for the crime his wife committed. And the wife—she was only a girl.

Should Washington have given him up to Oregon?

Fire! Cow's Tied to Sumner's Bell Rope

SUMNER, Aug. 7.—Citizens who recently backed an unsuccessful fight for better fire protection today are chucking a little at the expense of their neighbors who blocked the improvement.

The reason is a fire that occurred Saturday in a residence across from the cannery.

When the blaze was discovered, somebody tried to turn in an alarm.

The bell rope was found to be missing, because the marshal had taken it to stake out his cow, and a ladder had to be utilized to reach the bell.

Then the Ford delivery truck, carrying a hose reel, made its dash to the scene. Two firemen ran behind.

When it got there nobody had a key with which to open the hydrant. A wrench or some other substitute finally turned the trick.

Water available, the further discovery was made that the nozzle had been forgotten.

However, in the meantime somebody had remembered to put out the fire by other means.

EIGHTH ST. PAVING PROJECT IS KILLED

With nearly 70 per cent of the property owners objecting to the expense of the improvement, a resolution ordering the paving of 8th street, from Fife to Pine, was killed by the council.

Joshua Peirce, representing eastern owners of property, was one of the most vigorous opponents of the improvement.

FIVE GIRLS HERE ARE THEIR PLANS

Let Prudence tell about 'em in her own words: "Connie is nine, Fairy is 16. The twins are 13. They are a very clever lot of girls. "Fairy aims to be a college professor. Lark is going to be an author. Carol is pretty and lovable, but not deep. She is going to be a Red Cross nurse and go to war. "Connie hasn't decided whether she wants to be a missionary, or get married and have 10 children."

And Prudence? She's 19, and is "raising them."

"Read "Prudence of the Parsonage," the novel-a-week in The Times, which begins today and ends Saturday next.

CORN ON THE COB



STRIKE CRISIS NEARS

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The Railroad Brotherhood leaders today rushed preparations to strike.

They plan to announce formally the result of the referendum vote tomorrow. At the same time they will meet with the railroad managers.

Unless the roads concede the demands at that meeting, a strike may be called quickly.

OPTIMISM AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The administration today viewed the strike situation optimistically today when it learned that the switchmen would probably sign an agreement before night accepting arbitration.

FLASHES

PHILADELPHIA — Five hundred street car men struck Monday morning for increase in wages and recognition of the union. They say all subway trains will be stopped by tomorrow and all lines of every kind in the city by Wednesday.

TOPEKA, Kan. — Dr. Eva Harding has been nominated for congress on the democratic ticket, the first woman ever to receive such a nomination.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — New York city has taken from London the rank of greatest port in the world. During the fiscal year of 1915, New York's total imports and exports were over \$2,000,000,000.

SAN ANTONIO—Gen. Funston says he is "highly satisfied" with the progress of the national guard on the border.

TACOMA BANK STATEMENT. Clearings \$332,591.12 Balances 48,891.82 Saturday transactions 811,119.95

Talk o' the Times

Greetings, have you a little cache in your haymow?

After reading Basil Manly's analysis of Hughes' judicial decisions, we judge Basil is going to vote for Woody.

It soon will be time to celebrate the anniversary of the preparations for preparing for preparedness.

DO YOU FIND THE SOFT DRINKS HARD TO TAKE?

What we want to know is whether the allies' offensive offends the kaiser.

Some scientist has discovered that postage stamps are full of germs. Well, we can lick 'em, can't we?

Everything goes up in this country on account of the war except the flying machines.

CONCEITED WOMEN ARE SELDOM JEALOUS.

Little Burned Girl to Be Operated On Again

For four days, little Leta Sartoris has ridden easily from the county hospital to her home in the automobile of the Misses Yorktheimer, 5241 1/2 South Union.

The Misses Yorktheimer read in The Times how Mrs. Sartoris was trundling the little girl in a baby buggy all the way from the hospital and back every day, and they have made the long way short for the sick child and the tired mother ever since.

But today Leta is being taken to the Tacoma General hospital, instead of home.

Tomorrow she will be put under an anesthetic, and strips of skin will be grafted from her leg on her arm. Then there will be some more days of pain for the

A RUMMY

A rummy is a fellow who doesn't agree with you, or can't see things your way.

A rummy is a fellow who buys \$4 neckties out of a \$9-a-week salary.

A rummy rocks a boat, wonders why he can't see through a rifts barrel, attends six-day bicycle



In other words, a rummy is a four-cylinder engine with six cylinders missing.

Get a hold of a little money and lets it slip through his fingers like anude soft boiled egg, or tells some trail he can't exist without her.

And then the kind people who have automobiles can help again.

GRONEN RECEIVES NEWS OF FATHER'S PASSING, IN IOWA

Commissioner H. F. Gronen, head of the public works department, received word Monday of the death of his father, W. Otto Gronen, at Davenport, Ia.

Mr. Gronen was 86 years of age. He had been engaged as draughtsman and mechanical engineer at the Rock Island arsenal from 1864 until 1915.

HUSBAND BOARDS FAST TRAIN TO HEAD OFF PAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO PIER

Somewhere between Tacoma and San Francisco, Harry Barron, a traveling salesman, is speeding southward on a train in a desperate effort to recapture his young bride of less than a month, torn from him in their Tacoma apartment Thursday and literally abducted, he charges, by her 200-pound and irate father.

Barron is hoping to head off his bride and stern parent when they step off the Admiral Schley in San Francisco. Also a \$600 diamond which he says the father snatched from his finger when he took the girl.

Saturday Barron had obtained a warrant for his father-in-law from the prosecuting attorney's office in Tacoma and was hot on his trail when, at midnight, dad calmly stepped aboard the steamer, daughter in hand, and put to sea.

The bride's name is Marie. She is 25 years old and very pretty.

The irate father is William O'Neill, wealthy business man of Oakland, Cal.

When Barron, traveling for the firm of Guck & Raphael, New York furriers, met Marie in San Francisco early in July, it was love at first sight, he told Deputy Prosecutor Thompson.

They fled to Aberdeen, Wash., where Justice of the Peace Gardner married them safely July 10.

Mr. Barron Meets His Father-in-Law

About a week ago they came to Tacoma and took an apartment at 303 South 9th street, across from the Tacoma theater.

Now Harry had never seen his father-in-law. So when the door of the apartment burst violently open Thursday afternoon, he did not recognize the angry parent.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I'm the father of this girl, and I've come to get her," was the big man's answer.

William O'Neill is just about twice the size of Harry Barron.

Dad's fist shot out and the young groom woke up to find himself sprawling in the corner of the room. One of O'Neill's big hands clutched his throat and choked him, he said, while the other seized the diamond from his finger.

While the son-in-law was being detained the bride was forced to pack her trunk, and with it \$150 in cash that Barron claims was his.

THIS DONE, AN EXPRESSMAN APPEARED ON THE SCENE AND TOOK THE TRUNK AND THE \$150.

When Barron had recovered from the shock, he sought out Deputy Prosecutor Thompson at his home, saying he thought the alleged parent-abductor had taken his bride to Seattle.

Thompson told him to follow them and get the Seattle police on their trail. Barron went. Friday he returned to Tacoma, with the report that Capt. Tennant of the Seattle detective force was remanding a warrant for O'Neill's arrest.

Now It's a Montamarathon to San Francisco

The warrant was issued by Justice Graham.

Again Barron went to get his bride.

But meanwhile another side of the story—that of the father—had come to Thompson over the telephone from Capt. Tennant.

Barron, Tennant said, had been arrested the week before in Seattle on telegraphic advices from O'Neill in San Francisco, charging him with stealing the bride's diamonds. He had been released because the prosecution had not been pushed, and had gone to Tacoma.

Barron, on the other hand, claimed his wife had given him the diamonds.

Officials have not found out which story holds the most water.

But, at any rate, the groom is determined not to lose his pretty wife for good, if he can help it.

Immediately after father and daughter hopped on the midnight boat, hubby hopped on the midnight train.

It's a Montamarathon now to Frisco.

Nobody has dared to predict the outcome where 120 pounds meet 200 angry pounds on the deck in Frisco.

clutches of some unscrupulous man and was being held a prisoner.

It was reported today that the girl's father, who is divorced from Mrs. Harrison, was residing in Butte.

CUTS OFF "FITZ"

Making good his recent announcement that he would attempt to sever former Detective Capt. John Fitzgerald from his monthly pension of \$57.50, Commissioner Atkins today asked the police pension board to discontinue the allowance.

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UNITED PRESS INVADES SOUTH AMERICAN FIELD

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 7.—Long-term contracts were closed here today by which the United Press service is extended to South America, with principal headquarters in the office of LaNacion, South America's greatest newspaper.

This deal, which establishes the first comprehensive news service between the two continents, was closed by Roy W. Howard of New York, president of the United Press, and Jorge Mitre, publisher of La Nacion.

Charles P. Stewart, formerly general European manager of the United Press, will be in general charge of the South American service.

It is believed here that the closing of these contracts marks a new epoch in the development of social and commercial relations between North and South America. Heretofore the principal newspapers of South America have received their foreign news from European agencies.

RUSSIAN LEADER ARRIVES

With Bandmaster Philip Peis, who arrives in Tacoma Monday to prepare for the week's engagement of the Russian Imperial Band, at the Stadium, will be Mrs. Peis, who will be the vocal soloist at the concerts.

The program will be changed each evening. Concerts will begin at 8 o'clock.

No Word of Missing Girl

Mrs. Laura Harrison, mother of 16-year-old Anthea Harrison, the Tacoma girl who disappeared six weeks ago and has not been heard of since, is in Seattle today, following clues received since publication of The Times article regarding the girl's disappearance.

Mayor Fawcett, who is aiding the frantic mother in her search, expressed the belief Monday that Anthea had fallen into the

U. S. Still Wants Men For Border

Maj. Carlos Pennington, who is in charge of recruiting offices at 932 Pacific avenue, where he is enlisting men for all branches of the U. S. army service, to be sent to the Mexican border, today asked The Times to make clear that recent order for the cessation of the formation of new militia units had no relation to his work.

Maj. Pennington will continue his recruiting endeavors until further orders.