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DIVORCE OR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE

THE QUESTION has been raised in the Brokaw divorce case, just tried in Carson City as to whether, if Brokaw, the millionaire member of the Nevada divorce colony, fails to establish grounds for divorce, the court may peremptorily grant Mrs. Brokaw a divorce, despite the fact that she demands separate maintenance and refuses to ask for a severance of the marriage bond.

Heretofore the courts have held the opinion that they are powerless to grant decrees to contesting spouses who refuse to ask for such relief.

There have been several such cases in the local courts, and in line with the practise established the contesting spouse has been granted separate maintenance, although the court expressed the opinion that were it in his power to do so, he would surely divorce the parties.

The whole theory of separate maintenance is, it seems to us, wrong. Where the parties have come to the point that they can air their skeletons in the divorce court and bring scandalous charges against each other, all hope of reconciliation is past.

When this sad state of affairs is reached, it would seem that the dignified and more satisfactory procedure would be for the parties to adjust their financial differences out of court, and for the wife to procure the divorce. We admit that it is lamentable that occasions should arise where divorce is necessary, but plain facts lead us to the conclusion that they are often unavoidable.

The woman who contests her husband's plea for divorce usually pleads that she does so for the sake of her child or children. As a matter of fact, no woman who has the welfare of her children at heart would ever permit the family linen to be displayed to the view of the public in divorce proceedings.

Thought for the welfare of her children would influence her to insist upon a proper financial arrangement, especially where the husband and father is wealthy, but ordinary pride and independence should lead her to avoid, at all costs, what is known as a "contested divorce case."

The wife always holds the whip hand when the husband wants a divorce, and it is nearly always possible for her to secure anything that is fair in the way of settlement.

Wounded love, injured pride, deserted children are in no way served by a family battle in public. On the contrary, whatever tender memories there may have been are erased for all time, future conferences for the welfare of the children are rendered impossible and the appetite of the morbidly curious is temporarily appeased by the parading of the scandalous or near scandalous testimony.

ADVERTISE AT HOME

AND WHILE WE ARE ON THE SUBJECT of "Shop at Home," it might be well to touch on the other side of the question, and suggest that merchants should advertise in their home town papers.

As is well known by all enterprising merchants more selling is done by intelligent advertising than by waiting for customers to happen in. If the small town merchant allows the big city concerns to outadvertise him, he cannot entirely blame the home town folks if they spend their money where the outlook appears more enticing. Although the home merchant can undoubtedly offer merchandise which equals and perhaps surpasses that offered by the city merchant, if he doesn't take the trouble to let his patrons know what he has, he is partially to blame if money goes out of town.

There are concerns which never advertise in their home town papers, and which even have their printing done outside because they figure they may save a few cents. Happily this number is small in Las Vegas, but they do exist.

Your home town papers do not pretend to be above criticism. Being conducted by mere humans, they must necessarily partake of human failings. But what business is there that does not make mistakes of one kind or another?

And surely there are no businesses which give more of time, money and energies than your home town papers. We have known of people who lived in the town for from ten to twenty years at a time without subscribing to any local paper. Think what the town would be without any newspapers.

Therefore, as another Thanksgiving hint, we suggest that Las Vegas business men give thanks for such merits as their local papers possess, and especial thanks that they are no worse than they happen to be.

As for the papers, speaking for ourselves, at least, and we can feel reasonably sure that our contemporary shares the sentiment, we are most grateful for the generous support which has been extended us by the majority of the business men of Las Vegas, for any criticisms which may be given in a friendly manner, and bespeak their continued cooperation in making Las Vegas the "best town by a dam site."

First National to the Fore With Big Airplane Special, "Lilac Time"

Colleen Moore Demonstrates Great Ability as an Emotional Actress in Beautiful Love Romance Behind the Fighting Front in France — Thrilling Airplane Fights.

As Flagg Sees Colleen



Colleen Moore - "Lilac Time"

Another fine film production is added to those fans should not miss in First National's big special, "Lilac Time," which comes to El Portal Theater Friday and Saturday. A dramatic portrayal that overshadows anything seen on the screen in many months is given by Colleen Moore in the stellar role.

Miss Moore, heretofore known chiefly as a comedienne, can now rank with the finest dramatic artists on the screen. She surprises and delights here most ardent admirers in the role of Jeannine, the little French girl behind the lines in France, and her rendition of the part created by Jane Cowl in the stage version of this same story was a revelation. Gary Cooper, leading man, shares acting honors with the star.

"Lilac Time" is ably produced by John McCormick and splendidly directed by George Fitzmaurice. It is a simple realistic and charming romance with the World War as a background.

We see Miss Moore as the pathetic figure in the midst of war's alarms. She hides her tears behind a smile as her sweetheart flies away to almost certain death over the lines to the enemy. We

are enthralled at the romance, gripped by the suspense, and thrilled by the dramatic scenes of this great love story as it unfolds before us.

But always the artistry of the star dominates. Not even the marvelous scenes of aerial fighting, the best ever made for the screen, can overshadow the subtle, heart-throbbing characterization of Jean-

SHOOTS PATIENT THEN SUICIDES

DENVER, Nov. 28. (AP)—Robert K. Evans, policeman, who was confined in a hospital here by wounds received in a gun fight last week, which cost the life of his companion, Patrolman Ohle, was shot and instantly killed as he lay in bed at five o'clock this morning, by Miss Farice King, a nurse at the hospital, who then turned the gun on herself and is expected to die.

A note left addressed to "Dearest Bob," saying, "I have waited five years for this chance," led officers to the opinion that the nurse and dead man had a love affair some time ago.

nine at the hands of Miss Moore. Gary Cooper, remembered for his fine work in "Beau Sabreur" and "The Legion of the Condemned," does even better work in "Lilac Time" as Jeannine's sweetheart, and the others in the company contribute their share towards the success of the picture. "Lilac Time," adopted for the screen by Willis Goldbeck from the stage play by Jane Cowl and Jane Murfin, is a genuine treat, and a compelling and sincere romance.

The supporting cast includes such fine players as Burr McIntosh, George Cooper, Kathryn McGuire, Cleve Moore, Eugenie Besserer, Emille Chautard, Jack Stone, Edward Dillon and Dick Grace. "Lilac Time" should pack the El Portal Theater at all performances this week.

GAS POCKETS KILL THREE

WILLIAMSON, W. V., Nov. 28. (AP)—The president, general manager and mine superintendent of the Glodora Coal Company at Huntington were found dead in the Himler mine, apparently victims of a gas explosion.

The three officials were believed to have entered the mine yesterday on an inspection tour prior to the possible purchase of the mine and came on a local pocket of gas. Th bodies were found together.

GREEN AGAIN LABOR HEAD

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 28. (AP)—William Green was unanimously reelected president of the American Federation of Labor.

SNOW COVERS PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ., Nov. 28. (AP)—The city awoke this morning to find a thin mantle of snow over the countryside, which, however, soon melted under the rays of the sun except on the hills nearby.

SOCIETY

Mrs. A. R. Grant was hostess at two charming bridge suppers Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at which she entertained 24 of her friends. Miss Hanson and Mrs. Ronnow held high and second scores Tuesday evening.

Guests for Tuesday were Mrs. J. T. Watters, Mrs. C. Keeler, Mrs. W. Olive, Mrs. Granville Hancock, Mrs. Lloyd Hike, Mrs. Frances Whittle, Mrs. C. L. Ronnow, and the Misses Myrtle Morstad, Helen B. Haines, Doris Hancock, Laura Wilson, Amy Hanson, Luciel Withers, and Catherine Donnelly.

Those bidden for Wednesday evening were the Misses Sara Wilson, Elinor Shirley, Ethel Oxley, Louise Jensen, Beulah Drom, Myrtle Tatcher, Agnes Cropper, Maude Frazer, Mrs. C. K. Ryerse, and Mrs. P. Parker.

JAPANESE SOLDIERS GET \$3 EVERY MONTH

TOKYO, Nov. 27. (AP)—The army and navy have drawn up new pay scales which, if approved by the diet in this winter's session, will increase the monthly wage of private soldiers and seamen by 75 cents. This is a boost of 33 per cent over the present wage and will give Japanese soldiers and sailors the equivalent of \$3 for tobacco and beer each month.

The new scale provides similar increases for non-commissioned officers, the highest of whom receive about double a private's pay.

When You Shop In A Big City

You know your Fifth Avenue perhaps. Or all your life you've been familiar with the shopping sections of Las Vegas—you are certain just which side street to turn into for the specialty store you have in mind. . . . But these days, you'll find yourself at home wherever you shop. You'll not be at a loss to get exactly what you want in St. Louis or Seattle or Syracuse.

When you buy advertised products, you can buy just as wisely and do just as well—wherever you go—as you would if you went into the store on Main street at home, where your mother and your grandmother have traded for years. For you can trust advertised products and the stores that sell them, exactly as you would believe merchants who have been your lifelong friends in the same small town.

Read the advertisements in this paper.. Especially if you are a stranger in town. They will guide and befriend your buying

ELKS' CHARITY BALL



ELKS' HALL SATURDAY EVENING December 15th, 1928

As Always The Brilliant, Outstanding Social Event of The Year.

RECALL PETITION SECRECY

IF THE STATEMENTS of the circulators of the recall petition are to be believed, sufficient names have already been affixed to the dotted line and the document will be filed with the city clerk in the very near future.

With one exception, all papers filed with the city clerk are public property and are open to publication and inspection by the public. The exception noted refers to court records which the court may order sealed from the public. This, however, happens but once in a great while.

It is alleged that some who signed did so under the impression the names would never be made public. This is ridiculous as those who may have signed under the promise of secrecy will soon find out.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Arrivals at the Hotel Nevada are P. F. Engles, John Keller, M. Hyams, W. D. Davis, H. W. Long, H. T. Coffey, H. Jones, T. F. Gleason, W. L. Jones, all of Los Angeles. Chas. Wind, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Luecke, E. M. Overstries, of San Francisco.

A. L. Hocking, R. W. Hoggum, B. P. Sparks, C. E. Eijel, Salt Lake City.

B. A. Melquist, Whilt and Wayne Melquist, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Gill, Mrs. F. C. Jensen, A. S. Macheath, Mrs. F. G. Blakeley and son, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

S. A. Dobbs, Ogden, Utah. B. M. Grover, Fruitland, Colo. C. H. de la Vigne, Reno. John Dorward, Las Vegas. J. R. Van Fleet, Santa Barbara. A. L. Carper, La Crescenta. Wm. B. Huntley and wife, Steamboat Springs, Colo. E. L. McCubrey, San Bernardino. M. H. Bradley, Riverside, Calif. F. H. Dahl, Santa Monica. A. J. Haub, Bakersfield. Shea H. Yee, Kingman.

NOTICE

Episcopal Food Sale and Bazaar which was advertised for Saturday, December 1, has been postponed until Saturday, December 15, by order of the members of St. Agnes Guild.



Every delay, which means a day, in placing your order for the winter's supply of coal can mean a loss to you, because local dealers cannot control prices and a cost-at-mine advance means you must pay accordingly. Then too, delivery now means a good-first-grade coal at minimum cost, whereas rush delivery when winter storms and cold blow, may mean that you'll be glad to have inferior mining at any price.

Liberty Coal National Ice Co.

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