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CHANGES IN TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND LAW

There will be a deficit in the next year's net income of the Michigan teachers' retirement fund as is shown by the financial history of the fund for the last few years, and that is the reason why the state retirement fund board will recommend certain important changes in the law to the 1927 legislature.

The proposed amendments are now being prepared and will be presented soon to Governor-elect Fred W. Green for his approval. When he has accepted such proposed amendments, a bill embodying them will be offered in the coming legislature. The amendments will be designed to place the fund on a basis that will realize some net income, pay all annuities, and leave the reserve fund intact.

Two important changes in the law will be proposed. The first one will require that every retired teacher must arrive at the age of 60 before being eligible to an annuity. At the present time there is no age limit. When a teacher has taught 30 years, regardless of age, that teacher is entitled to the full annuity of \$500 a year for the rest of her life; retirement may be had at any time after 25 years' service, the annuity then to be as many thirtieths of \$500 as years of service rendered.

For the fiscal year of the fund which ended September 30, 1926, 51 additional teachers were retired and will draw \$40,807 yearly out of the fund. Of that number 62 were under 60 years of age, drawing a total of \$27,000 annually. This illustrates how fixing the retirement age at 60 years before any annuity will be payable will reduce the annual expenditures from the fund. Previous years show about the same proportion of those under 60 who are retired. That most persons are abandoned until 60 and engage in other work when they retire from teaching, is one argument in support of this change. When teachers are disabled by sickness or injury, after 15 years' service, they may retire on an annuity under the disability clause in the present law, which will not be altered.

The second important amendment will increase the annual assessments on teachers' salaries to provide current income with which the larger part of the annuities are paid. The amendment will fix such levies as follows: Teachers of five years' experience and under, 1 per cent, but not to exceed \$10; 5 to 15 years' experience, 3 per cent, but not more than \$70. Under the present law the assessments for the same respective groups are: one-half of one per cent, not to exceed \$5.00; one per cent, \$10; two per cent \$20.

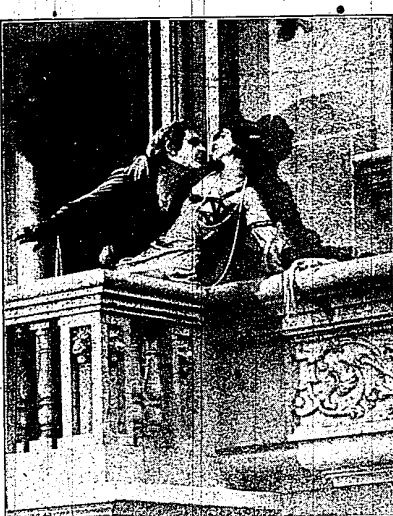
Evidently Pleased He Took Lawyer's Advice

A circuit judge, now dead, told the following as his most satisfactory divorce case:

"A client of long standing came to my office, when I was a practicing attorney, soliciting my employment in a contemplated divorce suit. 'Before taking the case,' I replied, 'I desire to know the facts—probably after hearing the same I wouldn't consider employment.'"

"The client related the facts. After hearing my advice and it doesn't work, come back and I will take the case. If my advice works you can pay me whatever you care to."

"I told him to go home and wherever he met his wife to throw his arms about her, with a kiss, ask forgiveness for his shortcomings and pardon her for any misgivings. The client went home and did as directed. A year passed, the incident had almost dropped from my memory, when one day the client came into my office, finding me busily engaged with other clients. He quietly laid a ten-dollar gold piece on the table, said not a word, and left the office. That was my most satisfactory and most richly compensated divorce case."



John Barrymore and Myrna Loy in "Don Juan," which with the unbelievable Vitaphone is a sensation at the Shubert Lafayette.

VITAPHONE, BARRYMORE STILL DRAWING

Now that Christmas day is over, the fact is more firmly being accentuated that Warner Bros. presentation of John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and the uncanon, unbelievable Vitaphone, is unquestionably the sensation of the theatrical year. In Detroit ever since Christmas night the house has been completely sold out at every evening performance, and hundreds have been turned away. The management, owing to several hundred requests by mail, in person and by telephone calls, decided to give a midnight show on New Years Eve, and the house will be all too small to care for the thousands wishing to welcome in the youngest child of Father Time if one may judge from the advance seat sale.

This is the season of good cheer and kindly sentiment for your fellow-man, and it does not require much of a stretch of the imagination to see how the youngest of the tribe of the Barrymores, in his various escapades during his stay in Rome under the Borgias, carries out the biblical injunction, "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Only as the amorous young Spaniard, he conveys his tenderness for beautiful members of the so-called weaker sex.

Society of today has an idea that it knows the art of sumptuous entertainment, but whether anything in these stirring times equals the screen presentation of a ball given by Caesar and Lucretia Borgia, and the wedding feast given by them for their kinsmen, Count Donati. The screen presentation of these two events are historically correct, having been taken from an old chronicle describing these gorgeous entertainments.

Marion Talley, the young prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who has been commanding first page space in the newspapers recently, has been added to the list of Vitaphone stars, and is heard singing "Caro Nome" from "Rigoletto."

Mail orders from out of town patrons are growing in numbers daily, and receive most careful and prompt attention when accompanied by check, mail express, or postal money order, plus tax, and a self-addressed envelope.

Zebras Put to Work

In both Louisiana and Mississippi zebras are being put to work. At the Jefferson race track in New Orleans a pair of "zebra mules" are assisting in keeping the track in shape. The zebra mules are cross-bred stock, having the characteristic zebra stripes. They are very strong and heavy; one weighing over 1,000 pounds and the other about 300 pounds less. The Jackson (Miss.) zoo boasts of a zebra prodigy. It is eighteen months old and has been taught to count to ten, pick out colors and numbers and dance. According to the zoo keeper the animal was so wild when they first started to train it that it took six men to catch it. "Now," he says, "when I drop my handkerchief, the zebra picks it up, shakes off the dust and hands it to me"—Pathfinder Magazine.

When Fiddling Failed

In some sections of Tennessee and elsewhere in the South the old notion that playing a fiddle near the spot where a person drowned will raise the body to the surface of the water is still extant. Recently an old negro fiddler all day on the bank of the Emory river in an effort to raise the body of a man who drowned there. But the body didn't rise, says the Pathfinder Magazine. However, the old fiddler, who claims that in his time he has raised the bodies of 17 persons by this means, is not discouraged. He explains that his apparent failure in this case was due to the fact that the victim's body was not in the river at the place where it was supposed to have gone down. Subsequent dragging and examination of the stream by searchlights failed to reveal the body.

School Work Extended

Rumford probably will be the first town in Maine to keep her schools open 12 months in the year. The plan is for four 12-week terms, students being required to attend three terms, but probably a large percentage will enroll for all four terms.

During the first half of 1926, the total tax on gasoline in the United States amounted to \$84,939,373.

Rev. Paul Graupner, Pastor

Christmas Cards Vital Part of Holiday Season

IN OUR modern world of today the sending and receiving of greeting cards has come to be a very vital part of the holiday season, so much so, in fact, that we can nearly gauge the number of our friends by the number of cards received. Each year as the Yuletide season approaches millions of these little messages of love and good wishes travel from one to another and everywhere mail carriers stagger under the load of them which they carry. For while one Christmas card may not weigh very much, yet, when hundreds of them are piled together they make no mean weight.

Nowadays there are special cards for every member of the family from grandpa to baby, not to mention those for sweethearts, friends, etc., and there are cards for any and all occasions. Just as you and I are recovering from the effects of the Christmas celebrations each year verse writers are working feverishly and racking their brains for new and catchy sentiments for cards for the next Christmas season. A really good verse—a bit of sentiment that speaks the very thought within our hearts—is worth a small fortune to the manufacturer that gets hold of it.

It seems hard to believe in the face of all this that it is only a little fewer than eighty years ago that the first Christmas card was made and sent.

Three different married couples were caught shoplifting in New York within a week.

that it was as late as the year 1832 when the public first began to send out cards and then the custom was practiced only by the few. But, like other things that supplied a long-felt need, the sending of greeting cards grew by leaps and bounds until, today, Christmas would not seem like itself at all without these little messages from those we love.—Katherine Edelman. (© 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

Christmas Tree Custom Had Origin in Germany

The custom of displaying and decorating Christmas trees had its origin in Germany. It was introduced into Great Britain by Queen Charlotte, the German wife of George III. The Hon. Amelia Murray, a lady attached to the court, thus described the Christmas tree festivities: "Queen Charlotte, true to her German associations, regularly had a Christmas tree dressed up either at Buckingham palace or at Kew palace. It was hung with presents for the children, who were invited to see it; and I well remember the pleasure it was to hunt for one's own name which was sure to be attached to one or more of the pretty gifts." Queen Charlotte came to the throne in 1760, so that the British cult of the Christmas tree is only 166 years old.

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A Tale from the Book of "Ace-Sez"

ACE JOHNSON, genial host of O-ACE-SEZ-INN, with full collaboration from Mrs. Ace, is going to sing a Party on New Year's Eve, and it will be such a knock-out that there hasn't no use of nobuddy makin' no goofy rezzeloushuns an' turnin' over new leafs an' things, cause when th' party's over with, them wot was there is apt ter look on life in a diffrent sort o' way—so thare hain't no use o' tinkerin' up a lot o' dizzo rezzeloushuns wot th' fates has ordained as "not so good"—not nearly so good.

Now at this party thare is t' be considerable eatin' done—not cause it's cheap, or cause yer hungry or sumthin', but jes' cause ev'rythings s' durn good yer can't leave it alone. Maybe you'll git indigestion but that hain't nuthin' cause one o' Mrs. Ace's handouts is well nigh worth cashin' in fer, as hand-somer fellers than you be has proved.

An' then thare will be dancin', too, an' it do seem that when th' fiddler starts sayin' woot thare hain't nuthin' fer a feller t' do but t' unlimber his joints an' let hisself foller whare his feet do lead.

An' then the Teasin' Syncopaters has got a way of playin' that makes a gal git hankerin' t' be all wrapped up in sumbuds arms an' jes' dance, fairy-footed an' light of heart, til th' hours of Tomorrow grow old.

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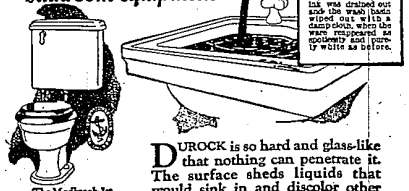
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