

tion is but one of discord? Can such a union be conducive to the best development of society? Can children, brought into the world under such conditions be possessed of either health or moral strength? Will children under such conditions remain at home?

Just so long as there are unfortunate marriages, just so long will there be a breaking of the bond. Any laws to the contrary will not avert it. Whatever the restriction against divorce may be, a way will be found to overleap it. We can not open the floodgates and then bail out the tide. The divorce problem is one that involves questions that reach to the foundation of human society. The remedy does not lie in preventing divorces, but it lies more in preventing unfortunate marriages.

At bottom, this question resolves itself largely into the economic problem. We can not hope to find happy marriages in a society where women are forced to sell the dearest relation of life—that of wifehood and motherhood—cheaply to secure a home. We can not hope to see true happiness in the family as long as want or the fear of want threatens its peace.

It may be said that there is beggary in the love of a woman for a husband or of the husband for his wife, if that love can be affected by economic considerations. That is true, and there is no sweeter sight to be seen than that of a wife who, when reverses come, instead of nagging at her husband about his lack of income, will turn in to cheer him in his misfortune and let him know that it is not the income that she most desires, but rather his own best peace and happiness and that of the little ones at home. A man possessed of such a wife may feel that he is possessed of the highest premium this life affords.

But back and beyond all this want or the fear of wants jeopardizes the peace of every home. Those who resist the strain are to be congratulated.

Any sociological observer will find that divorces decrease as prosperity increases and the reverse. This fact ought to be an index at least of the tendency. Men and women of careful dispositions hesitate to assume a responsibility when economic conditions are against them. It does not follow by these statements that marriages are only unfortunate among the poor and middle classes. They are even more unfortunate among the so-called upper classes, but they are so for the same reason—that is, the economic condition. People can not live wholesome lives except through the performance of useful service, and this class never knows what useful service to the world consists of. Their marriages are nearly always a bargain and sell affair, and the consequences are the natural result of such.—Q.

Points and Hibbard

The populists of Douglas county have almost atoned for their nearly complete capitulation to a rotten democratic ring by the nomination of J. J. Points and Frank B. Hibbard on the legislative ticket. Mr. Points is a man of intelligence, honor and honesty. He is a man who can be trusted in any and every relation of life. He is a credit to the ticket. Mr. Hibbard is a well-to-do farmer, who commands the esteem of all who know him. There are more such populists in Douglas county, and without any difficulty a full ticket of such men could have secured.

It is not alone necessary to elect men to the legislature from Douglas county, as well as elsewhere, who will truly represent their constituents. It is equally necessary that corrupt rings be broken up everywhere. A man can not be excused for preaching the year round that political rings ought to be demolished, and then on election day voting to perpetuate them. Everybody familiar with affairs there, knows that political chicanery rules in the county government. The populists of that county two years ago, tried to elect Mr. Hibbard to the board of county commissioners in the hope of breaking the democratic ring, and preventing the letting of questionable contracts and like conduct. This year the excuse is made that the republican nominees are no better. Such is no excuse at all. Populists are not responsible for democratic and republican nominees. They are responsible for their own. It was their duty, however they may have felt regard for the legislature, to afford the people a chance to elect somebody on the board of county commissioners who could command respect. It may be contended that the people would not throw their votes away. That vote alone is thrown away that does not represent the honest conscience. The action of the convention in endorsing the democratic candidates



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for county commissioner will contribute to the increase of the vote of the socialist nominees for this office, who are at least honorable union workingmen.—Q.

It is very careless writing to say that the new revenue law has doubled the taxes. Taxes were doubled by the boodle legislature that elected the heavenly twins, Dietrich and Millard, to the United States senate. That leg-

islature hired so many clerks and custodians of the cloak rooms, cuspidors and closets and made such extravagant appropriations that taxes had to be doubled to pay the bills.

The Exeter Enterprise makes an exceedingly good point when in reply to the Signal's charge that the people's party is not a national party, it points to the fact that the people's party has

a working organization in more states than the republican party has. In all the southern states the republicans have no party at all. The editor of the Enterprise says the article in the Signal means: "For God's sake vote for Roosevelt if you can, but if you can't don't jeopardize your political soul by voting for Watson—vote for Parker." That is the truth about the matter, too.