

# Capital Journal

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee.—Acts 18:10.

## Taking the Joy Out of Life

One by one the perquisites and pleasures of that 20th century privileged class of the modern institution of Volsteadism, the dry agents, are being limited. Money to buy drinks and entertain lavishly in bawdy houses and other places, to travel about the country and live on the fat of the land at taxpayers' expense is still forthcoming, but the steely-hearted government refuses to longer pay for agents losses at roulette, poker and faro. Says the Washington Star:

Government agents may be reimbursed for living at high-priced hotels, making lavish expenditure on social events and buying liquor to obtain evidence for prohibition enforcement, but Comptroller-General McCarl draws the line on gambling debts.

In a decision made public yesterday the comptroller-general declined to approve a prohibition agent's expense account that included losses of about \$50 at roulette, poker and faro. The opinion was brief, but positive.

This is an outrage. How are the snooping sleuths to live to the full the life where liquid joy rules the day and moonshine love the night, if their gambling losses are not paid? How can they pursue the "very merry dancing, drinking, laughing, quaffing and unthinking time" at roulette, poker and faro in the holy cause of the uplift, if the taxpayers money does not flow faster than the booze? Moreover, if the taxpayer is not going to pay these gambling losses, who is, unless the Anti-Saloon League steps up to the wheel of fortune and saves the day?

But dry agents' woes are not confined to gambling losses. There is the dastardly effort on the part of upstart officialdom to limit their hooch. Here is Percy Ogden, federal director of prohibition for Illinois, setting out the following rule:

Do not become intoxicated. Do not become anywhere near intoxicated. After taking two or three drinks of high-proof liquor an agent should not take another drink until five or seven hours have elapsed.

Then there is the prohibition director for Maryland declaring that the number of drinks for agents—

All depends on the man. One man might be able to stand five or even seven drinks without any intermission, while another ought not to drink at all.

While Don Okle, former United States army captain and prohibition agent of California, as an undercover agent asserts—

I found it necessary to consume on an average 50 drinks of liquor daily. In two years the number of drinks I took to obtain evidence totalled \$30,500.

Evil days for the knights snoopers have also fallen in Oregon. Now there is a limit here on everything—and strange to say, more bootleggers, rum-runners and moonshiners pinched than in the good old jocund days of Cleaver, Herwig and Weinberg, when the sky was the only limit. It is a shame the way the joy is being taken out of life for dry agents.

## Must Be Satisfactory

At the annual meeting of taxpayers of the Salem school district held Monday evening, a meeting duly advertised for the discussion and approval or rejection of the \$650,000 budget for the school year, not a taxpayer, except members of the school board and its employees, appeared to approve or protest a single expenditure. It was necessary for members of the board to act as taxpayers, elect the superintendent as chairman and the clerk of the board as secretary in order to go through the legal form and put the customary motions of approval.

Here we have a typical instance of public interest in school and other public expenditures. People will complain and crab over costs and administration and when the time comes to make their protests effective, pass it up in silence. The bigger the budget, the easier to slip it over, for the average taxpayer seems incapable of comprehending any but petty amounts or being interested in any but petty issues. Only an appeal to prejudice brings out the voter at either school budget meetings or elections.

There is of course another and more flattering view, and that is that the taxpayers are so well satisfied and have such implicit reliance in the administration of school affairs that they cheerfully accept the board's judgment and decision as final and unquestioned—a confidence earned by the present board. Having waived his own rights to protest, however, it ill becomes any taxpayer to hereafter object.

## My Matrimonial Vacation by Violet Dare

A BOY FROM THE BLUE  
"Meet me at the Grand Central station at four-thirty Thursday."  
I read that cablegram over and over. "A. L." I studied the initials that were signed to it. Of course it must be one of my husband's brother officers, who had returned from the Philippines on the transport with him. I tried to remember the names of all Jim's friends at West Point, but I couldn't think of any whose initials were "A. L."  
"Oh, that doesn't matter," cried at last, throwing myself down on the chaise longue in my room. I thought the hours would never pass. I didn't know what in the world I'd do with myself until half-past four the next afternoon. It seemed an eternity.  
I thought back over all of my life since I'd first met Jim at West Point and fallen in love with him. It was a series of memories that I loved, until I came to the moment when I had come suddenly into the house and found Celia Estlin in his arms.  
And yet—perhaps if I had asked him about that incident, he could have explained it satisfactorily. Celia was a flirt, and she'd known Jim a long time, longer than I had and been in love with him a year or so before.  
Maybe I hadn't been as dreadfully hurt—maybe if I'd understood Jim better—there were a dozen "maybe's" that came crowd-

been inserted by several agencies, and decided to visit them and register in the morning. Somebody might want a companion, or a governess, I told myself, not realizing that a governess has to be specially trained in these days.  
Virginia sauntered in at half-past two, to tell me about the theater and supper party she and Dad had just given.  
"I wish you wouldn't sit moping there," she exclaimed. "It isn't good for you; you'll ruin your looks. Why you act so I can't see. You never cared for Jim, or you'd have gone to the tropics with him."  
"You insisted that I wasn't so," I reminded her.  
"Oh well, if you'd really loved him you'd have gone with him in spite of anything that I could say," she answered. "Of course, now that he's dead you think you care for him, but you don't really. You don't know your own mind."  
"Perhaps not, but I know my own heart," I told her.  
She went away then, and I undressed and went to bed, to lie there tossing restlessly until it was morning and I could get up again.  
Tomorrow—Out of the Past.

## SOUTH AMERICANS TO SEND ART NORTH

Los Angeles, Cal.—Five hundred oil paintings and etchings by leading contemporary artists of North, Central and South America will be brought together here for a three-month display when the Pan-American exhibition opens November 3, this year, at the Los Angeles Museum.  
The exhibition, in which paintings by artists from Canada and the United States of North America, Mexico and Panama of Central America, and Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Chile of South America, will be exhibited, will mark the first representation in this country since 1915 of the southern continent's art.

## BRINGING UP FATHER



## City Planning and Zoning Board Idea Of New Ordinance

A city planning commission, to be composed of 19 members, including the mayor, city attorney and city engineer, who would be ex-officio members, is proposed in an ordinance introduced at the city council meeting last night. Besides the three city officials the commission would have seven members, appointed by the mayor, two of whom could be non-residents of the city. The latter provision is to give the city the advantage of expert members who may not live in the city.  
The commission, if appointed, will supplant the city zoning committee of the council which was appointed several weeks ago by the mayor. The new ordinance is in exact conformity with a state law covering city planning. A study of the law revealed the fact that the special committee was powerless to do anything because of the provisions of the law.  
While the Portland zoning ordinance, which also followed the state law, was held a few days ago in the circuit court to be unconstitutional, there are other states in which an identical law has been held constitutional. It is understood that the city of Portland intends to continue to operate under the act, and this will also be the policy in Salem if the zoning commission is appointed and gets into operation.  
Some business of routine nature was accomplished by the city council last night. The street committee reported favorably on the following improvement pro-

jects: Petition for the paving of North 16th street between A and D streets; petition for paving Broadway from Columbia to Highland; petition for paving North 14th from Marion to D; petition for paving A street from 16th to 17; petition for paving the alley in block 59.  
An unfavorable report was turned in on a petition for the paving of Wilson street between Commercial and John streets for the reason that the city has made no arrangements for the laying of black pavement as petitioned for.  
The sewer committee reported favorably on a petition for the laying of a sewer in Progress addition.  
A petition was received for a sewer in Lee street from 22nd to 24th and another petition for the paving of the street. Each petition was signed by 15 property owners.  
A lengthy remonstrance signed by 23 property owners was received against the proposed improvement of North Summer street from Mill to Market.  
Resolutions were received for the laying of sidewalks on the west side of 17 street, for the improvement of the alley in block 59, for the improvement of McCoy avenue from Norway to Jefferson, for the improvement of North Fourth from Norway to Columbia, the improvement of Saginaw from Superior to Hural, improvement of Richmond avenue from Oak to lot 4, block 4, improvement of Oak from Commercial to a point 237 feet west, and the improvement of Liberty from Lincoln to Superior.

## DEPOSITION OF WITNESS NOT NEEDED

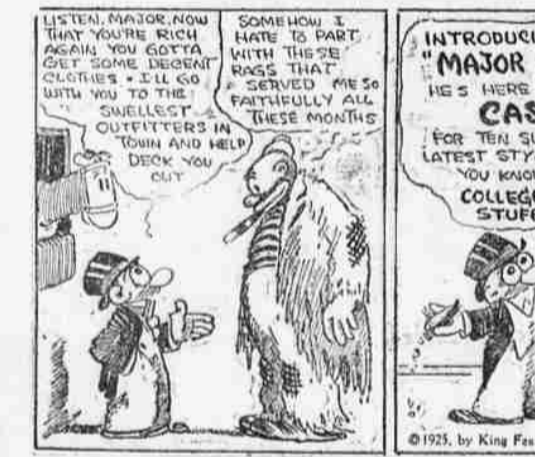
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Cochran, appellant; appeal from Malheur county; replevin action. Opinion by Justice Belt; Judge Delton Biggs affirmed.  
In the matter of the petition of Pearl M. Davenport for writ of habeas corpus; appeal of Ollie H. Olson, sheriff of Crook county; appeal from Crook county. Opinion by Justice Belt; Judge George W. Stapleton affirmed.  
James C. Ford vs. J. P. Schall, appellant; appeal from Malheur county; action to recover money. Opinion by Justice Belt; Judge Delton Biggs affirmed.  
Orby C. Craven, appellant, vs. John Charles Wright, appeal from Multnomah county; action to recover money. Opinion by Justice Rand; Judge Robert Tucker affirmed.  
Crowell Elevator company, appellant, vs. Kerr Gilford & Co., Inc., appeal from Multnomah county; action to enforce payment of alleged arbitration award. Opinion by Justice Rand; Judge George W. Stapleton affirmed.  
City of Astoria, appellant, vs. Marion Jack, administrator of estate of T. J. Kirk, deceased, et al.; appeal from Umatilla county; suit to enforce lien. Opinion by Justice Rand; Judge Gilbert W. Phelps affirmed.  
State of Oregon vs. Julius Bailey, appellant; appeal from Multnomah county; appeal from conviction of crime of non-support and six months imprisonment. Opinion by Justice Brown; Judge George Tazewell affirmed.  
W. P. Phy, appellant, vs. Winifred W. Phy, appeal from Union county; appeal from order denying motion to modify divorce decree. Opinion by Justice Brown; Judge J. W. Knowles reversed.  
Paul Frank, appellant, vs. John Mathieson, appeal from Multnomah county; appeal from order

vacating judgment based on jury verdict and granting new trial. Opinion by Justice Coshaw; Judge George Rossmann reversed.  
John Hayes vs. John H. Cummings, appellant; appeal from Deschutes county; suit to recover money. Opinion by Justice Burnett; Judge T. E. J. Duffy affirmed.  
George W. Holcomb, appellant, vs. Midway Oil company, et al.; appeal from Multnomah county; suit to require recording of certificates of stock. Opinion by the court; Judge Gilbert W. Phelps affirmed.  
Oxman & Harrington vs. Baker county, appellant; appeal from Union county; motion to dismiss appeal granted in opinion by Justice Burnett.  
In the matter of the determination of water rights of Willow creek and tributaries, a tributary of Malheur river. Willow River Water Users association, appellant, Emery Sole, et al. cross appellants, vs. Orchard Water company, et al. appeal from Malheur county. Order issued by the court modifying previous order by reducing extension of time for presenting petitions from 30 days to June 25.  
Petition for a rehearing denied in Keane vs. Portland.

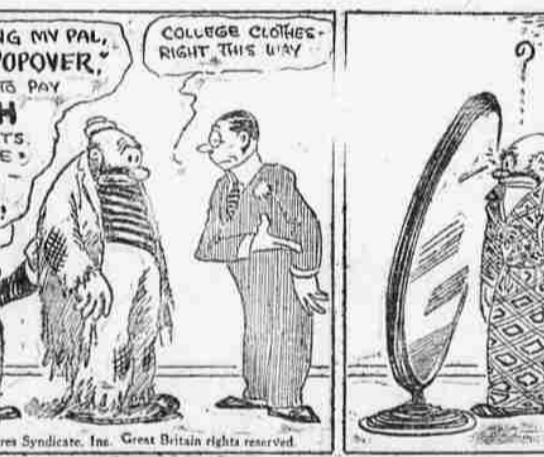
## CHINESE SITUATION PRESENTS THREE FOLD PROBLEM

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emphasized the probability that it may result in seriously curtailing the extra territorial rights and immunities now enjoyed by foreign residents in China by virtue of decades-old treaties.  
Troubles in Japanese cotton mills employing Chinese labor furnished the match to fire the train set long ago. It has run along the Yangtze valley with rapidly startling to the best informed Washington observers. Outbreaks are reported from Chinkiang, Nanking, Kulkiaug, Hankow, Shanghai and a score of other places in-

## BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

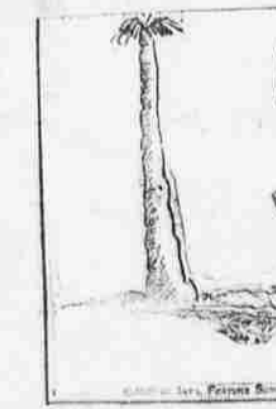


## Glad Rags Are Sad Rags to the Major



## By Billy de Beck

## KRAZY KAT



## A Deceitful Cherry Tree



## By Herriman

## MUTT AND JEFF



## Jeff's System was O. K. for the Bookies.



## By Bud Fisher