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Cleaver for Warden

Petitions are in circulation requesting the appointment of George L. Cleaver, former prohibition commissioner and present special investigator for Governor Pierce, as state game warden on the ground that he is a husky and healthy individual and probably needs the money.
As Mr. Cleaver knows nothing at all about fish and game affairs and probably wouldn't know a trout from a carp or a pheasant from a sparrow, he is admirably qualified for the job, under prevailing civil service standards. He made such a beautiful mess of dry law enforcement that he could be counted upon to duplicate the performance and put game affairs in the same category as commercial fish interests are now.
Inasmuch as taxpayers have to pungle up for Mr. Cleaver, anyway, as they do for Mr. Spence, Mr. Ronda Pierce, and other friends of the executive, it might effect an economy to give him this pinocle playing job.

One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare
A NEW ACQUAINTANCE
Cynthia could not help feeling as she entered the drawing-room with the other women, that there was hostility toward her in the air. Lonella withdrew at once to the cheerfield near the fire and entered into conversation with the only other woman present whom Cynthia knew at all well, Mrs. Atwater. Cynthia busied herself with one of the guests who was always asked to sing, always protested that she couldn't, and finally sang until everyone wished that she would strangle to death.
Cynthia glanced about aimlessly, and finally sat down near a table on which were several of the large books of reproductions of famous paintings which women like Mrs. Atwater invariably place on their drawing tables. She was affecting interest in the Sistine Madonna when a voice at her elbow said, "Hello, Mrs. Leland—you don't know me, but I'm Cecile Malcom; you and I missed each other in the general introduction. And this is Helena Jordan—you'll love her, my dear."
Cynthia, grateful for the friendly overture, held out her hand eagerly. "Oh, I'm so glad to meet you," she exclaimed.
"Well, I'm glad to meet you, too; why haven't you run into each other before this I don't see, with all these parties that have been given for you since you arrived. But I've been away, and busy, and all that. I wonder—don't you want to come into the conservatory? It's so much pleasanter in there than here, especially as that Logan woman is going to sing."
Cynthia followed her into the conservatory, and sat down on a wide wicker couch opposite the door. Her new friend, sitting just out of range of it, took a cigarette case from the little ostrich feather bag that dangled from her wrist, and offered Cynthia a cigarette and took one herself. Mrs. Jordan had already begun to smoke.
"You'll have to smoke, my dear, to keep your spirits up at this party. Though I noticed that you found it gay enough—you sat next Noel Gardner, you lucky thing!"
"And next Stanley," murmured Helena Jordan, faintly.
"Oh, my dear, remember that he's her brother-in-law—don't expect her to be thrilled over that as you'd have been," chirped Cecile Malcom, laughing. Then to Cynthia: "Helena has a terrible crush on Stanley—probably you know it, though? Well, she has, as the whole town is aware. Madame Leland would give her poisoned green if it could be done on the sly. Now tell me, do you play golf? Heaven grant that you do! That's fine—why not come out to the Country Club tomorrow and have a round with me? My game's not so bad, but I'm sure that yours is much better. I can tell by looking at you that you do everything well!"
Cynthia told herself that this was just idle flattery, and tried not to show that she was pleased. She had been so lonely since settling in her new home that it was a delight to find anyone who was inclined to be friendly.
"I haven't played for ages," she told Cecile. "I'd love to begin again."
"Then that's a go. Meet me at the club for luncheon, won't you? Tell me, do you know Noel Gardner well?"
"No—do you?" asked Cynthia.
"Do? My dear child, I'm one of the few women in this town who dare admit that she's been an intimate friend of his. I don't know just what his status is at present; haven't had a long talk with the dear thing since he came home. When he went away relations between us were somewhat strained—through no fault of mine, however. Oh, well—you'll hear all the details before long, because the town talked so hard about us before he went away that it's bound to talk again now that he's home."
She lit a fresh cigarette from the butt of the old one, tossed the latter into a clump of ferns that grew at the edge of a little pool, and glancing up, nodded affably. Cynthia, turning looked to see to whom she had spoken, and saw Noel Gardner standing before her.
"There's a painting in the drawing-room that I'd like you to see," he said to Cynthia, after greeting them both. "Won't you come with me and look at it?"
She rose, wondering at the rather abrupt invitation, and accompanied back into the room with him. She recalled that several of the women were staring at her, and told their attention to her truck, which was quite the prettiest one present. When they reached the picture she barely looked at it, but turned to Gardner.
"While there's a chance for me to ask you without being overbearing—will you let me see you sometime tomorrow—on business? It's very important," she spoke in such low tones that even Lonella, who sat nearby, could not overhear.
"Yes, certainly." He hesitated a moment, evidently recalling his engagements for the following day. "How about coming to my office at eleven? It's in the Winsted building—do you know where that is?"
She nodded, and smiled up at him. "It's awfully good of you to see me, when you'll be so busy, after being away for so long."
He smiled also. "It could never be good of me to see you," he replied. "When I'd rather do that than anything else in the world."
Monday—Cynthia's Plan.

Cast of America's Greatest Stars to Bring Comedy Here

Chauncey Cleot, Mrs. Flak, Thomas A. Wise and James T. Powers, as well as others nearly as notable on the American stage, make up a combined cast of stars which are scheduled to revive Richard Brinsley Sheridan's famous old comedy drama, "The Rivals" at the Grand theater here on the evening of Saturday, July 25.
The sparkling humor of the production, written 150 years ago but still brilliant in its wit and cleverness, and the personnel of the cast insure to Salem theater goers one of the real theatrical treats they have enjoyed in recent years.
Concerning the recent showing of the production in San Francisco, A. F. Gillespie writes in the Bulletin of that city:
"In the local presentation there is undoubtedly more interest in the personnel of the cast. Not more than once in a decade is there an opportunity to see such a gathering of celebrities in one play as that assembled for 'The Rivals' with Mrs. Flak, Chauncey Cleot, Thomas A. Wise and others whose names are prominent on the American stage."
"The masterful finish given the various characters of this famous old play is a study in itself. The skill of stagecraft, of character impersonation, is brought to the height of efficiency in the hands of these past masters, if the production has nothing else to recommend it."
"Mrs. Flak is the entirely enjoyable Mrs. Malaprop, a matron who consistently misapplies the words of the king's good English. It is a character that would pass almost unnoticed except in the hands of a past mistress of the arts. Mrs. Flak's appearance on the stage is a signal to prepare for a laugh."
"The same may be said of Thomas A. Wise as the testy, impetuous Sir Anthony. Absolute. Chauncey Cleot as Sir Lucius O'Trigger, a likable old rake of the days of King George III, proves as popular as ever. He has just the suggestion of the breath of Erin in his speech, and here and there is an opportunity for him to introduce a short melody, a reminder of other days."
"James T. Powers appears as the Bob Acres of the comedy, a provincial with desire to become a young swell, whose lack of poise and courage makes him a buffoon. Kenneth Thomas is excellent as Captain Jack Absolute, in love with Lydia Languish, a charming character in the hands of Lola Fisher. Then there are Fred Eric as Faulkland, Marie Carroll, a splendid Lucy, Lotus Robb as Julia Melville and George Tawde the thoroughly enjoyable David, servant of Bob Acres."
Tobacco Suits Dismissed
Washington, July 11.—The federal trade commission has dismissed ten complaints in connection with charges of price fixing in the tobacco industry, which named the American Tobacco company and various jobbing organizations.
Yesterday's Scores
Portland 8; Salt Lake 7.
Oakland 5; Vernon 0.
Seattle 5; Sacramento 4.
Los Angeles 9; San Francisco 7.
ventor to hear.

EDISON GUEST OF ASSOCIATES AT "GIRL" SHOW

West Orange, N. J., July 11.—(A. P.)—Business associates of Thomas A. Edison are taking him to a "girly show" tonight, celebrating a celebration which had among its first day's features, the baking at a questionnaire by the inventor, his demonstration of the law of gravity and the presentation to him of a traveling trunk.
Celebrating the 48th birthday of canned speech, distributors of the device that utilizes the invention for business dictation, began a two-day convention yesterday at the Edison plant of the Essex Country club.
For his forthcoming vacation trip with Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, a trunk was presented to Edison to be attached to the running board of the car. Mrs. Edison, accepting the gift for her husband, said that in hot weather "this wonderful trunk" would prevent extra clothing attached to the man in front being thrown back or over-beated persons in the tannery.
One of the speakers at a luncheon asked what were the seven qualifications necessary for a leader of men. Everybody flunked. The answer was charm, conscientiousness, character, competence, courage, color and caution.
As the deaf inventor was posing for a picture, his ungartered hostess, collegiate style, proved the Newtonian law and the thorn was amused by the shout "pull up your socks!" It came from Mrs. Edison, speaking loudly for the inventor to hear.

OPEN FORUM

Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.
To the Editor: Through an article in your paper of Thursday, July 2nd, it seems that Mr. Jas. E. Smith, County Commissioner, takes exception to the objection that the writer made to a certain road which is under consideration for the proposed five year program of Marion county.
First, the writer wishes to state that he was misquoted in your article as of July 1st in as far as Mahony and Jas. E. Smith were the only farmers living on the Fairfield road between Aral's corner and St. Paul. The writer knows that there are more than two on this road and he has never signed otherwise. Also, as to the statement quoted as from the writer that Jas. E. Smith kept me from interviewing the State Highway Commissioner in Portland, this also is not true.
The writer, however, did state that there were very few people living on the Fairfield road and wished to make it plain that there was a large area between Fairfield and St. Paul which is white land and which at this time is unutilized. There are many hundreds of acres immediately contiguous to the road that lie idle for the reason of unproductiveness.
Mr. Smith states that there is only one place along the Fairfield road that the Willamette river comes anywhere near touching the said road, and he states that along practically the entire length of said road the Willamette River is at a distance of from two to five miles. Mr. Smith is very much more familiar with the road along the Willamette than the writer. However, Mr. Smith either did not say this, or he did not tell the truth.
Mr. Smith states that in taking up the five year program for highways they are trying to give to the people who did not get anything under the first five year program the share of roads to which they are entitled. We would like to ask Mr. Smith if under the first five year program St. Paul did not receive their full share and more to, and therefore, why is it necessary to give to them under this program a road that is entirely unnecessary? Further, no-one is asking the people of the Fairfield-St. Paul district to contribute money to any other district than that of their own, and if they have raised by special assessment money to be used on the Fairfield-St. Paul road let it be placed there, but the writer feels that it is not necessary for the county to spend unnecessary money on that road.
Also, it is stated in Mr. Smith's article that there is no complaint being raised in the northern part of the county to the proposed Fairfield-St. Paul road, but that it is the complaint only of the writer. This statement is absolutely untrue. There are many farmers, a number of them being large property holders paying taxes in the north part of Marion county, who are absolutely opposed to the construction of the Fairfield-St. Paul road at an expense of eight and one-tenth miles when the same purpose can be gained by the construction of a road three and nine-tenths miles. And also I wish to contradict the statement of Mr. Smith when he says that the Fairfield-St. Paul road is one and one-half miles shorter than the road which I propose. This also is not true. There is a difference of only eight-

tenths of one mile between Aral's corner and the paving in St. Paul, and from Aral's corner around by Four Corners to St. Paul at the same point. The writer would like to have it explained how the county is benefited to the extent of four and two-tenths miles of road construction which is the difference between the amount of construction required by the way of Fairfield to St. Paul and the amount of construction required by way of Breezel's corner connecting with the Woodburn-St. Paul road.
Quoting from Mr. Smith's article "I am interested in this road because it is the right road, not because my farm happens to be on it." In other words Mr. Smith's whole argument is so far as his article describes, is that "This is the best road because I say it is the best road."
Every road district, every taxpayer in Marion county should be interested in reducing the amount of road construction where it is unnecessary, and absolutely, the Fairfield-St. Paul road is unnecessary when the same purpose can be gained by a saving of four and two-tenths miles of construction.
Yours very truly,
C. J. RIPPY.
Woodburn, July 8, 1925.
NEW INCORPORATIONS
The following articles of incorporation have been filed with the state corporation department:
Builders' Electric Fixture Supply company, Portland; incorporators, A. P. Herrick, Alvin R. Galt, Stanley Katz; capital, \$1000.
Mason Hobbs & Co., Portland; incorporators, Vernon Williams, V. A. Johnson, T. B. Handley; capital, \$5000.
Notice of an increase in capital from \$10,000 to \$15,000 was filed by the Willamette Fuel & Supply company of Portland.
By George McManus

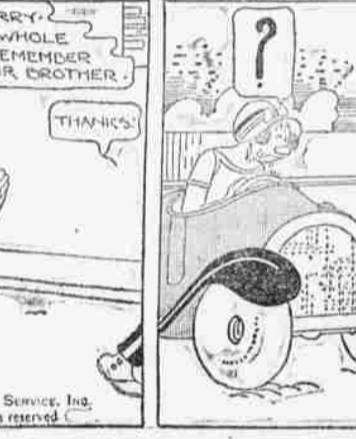
BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG



Barney May Be Cut Off, But He's Not Cut Out



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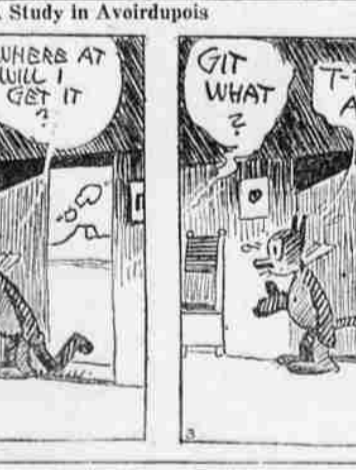
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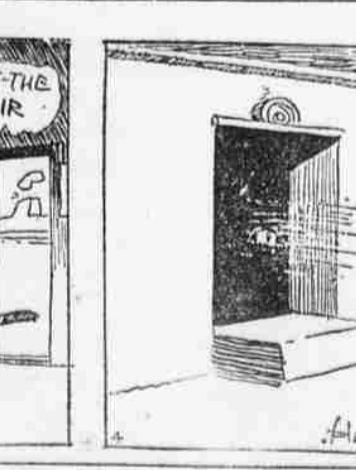
They Speed Through Tacoma, Wenatchee and Yakima, Wash., and Arrive in Seattle, O. K.



By Bud Fisher



THE HUNDRED DOLLAR ROLL HAD SHRUNK TO \$34.35 YESTERDAY - AS WE GO TO PRESS THEY HAVE \$30.60 IN THEIR SOCKS.



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