

# Capital Journal

Salem, Oregon  
An Independent Newspaper Published Every Afternoon Except Sunday  
at 136 S. Commercial Street, Telephone 81; News 22

GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Publisher

Entered as second class matter at Salem, Oregon

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

By carrier 10 cents a week, 45 cents a month, \$4 a year in advance.  
By mail, in Marion and Polk counties, one month 60 cents, 2 months \$1.25, 6 months \$2.25, 1 year \$4.00. Elsewhere 50 cents a month, \$5 a year in advance.

FULL LEASED WIRE ASSOCIATED PRESS SERVICE  
The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for publication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper and also local news published herein.

"Without or with offense to friends or foes  
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."—BYRON.

## Scopes Convicted

Conviction of J. T. Scopes, the young Dayton school teacher, for violation of the Tennessee statute forbidding the teaching of evolution in public schools, has been a foregone conclusion from the first. Attitude of the trial judge, of the jury and of public sentiment in the locality precluded any other result. All of the testimony offered by the defendant was ruled out and the only evidence that the jury had was that to substantiate the charge of defying the law.

The case will now be appealed to the supreme court of Tennessee and probably later to the United States supreme court to determine the constitutionality of the statute and settle the question as to whether a legislature has the right to limit the pursuit of knowledge in public schools by substitution of dogma for science.

Evidence given by Bryan under cross examination by Darrow, altho not admissible to the jury, was valuable as it shows the viewpoint of the Fundamentalist as a literal believer in everything in the bible, including the stories of Jonah and the whale, Joshua and the sun, of the Garden of Eden and the serpent and apple, of the flood and tower of Babel, as well as both narratives of creation given in Genesis.

To Bryan, the world was created in 4004 B. C. and the flood occurred about 2,500 B. C., and all of the discoveries of archeologists regarding man's antiquity as well as the researches of geologists and biologists, of astronomers and other scientists are brushed aside as worthless as in conflict with sacred writ. Bryan admitted that he never studied the history of mankind, the history of ancient nations, or other religions than his own, and furthermore did not have the slightest interest in such subjects. In brief he proved himself entitled to the label of "ignoramus" that Darrow applied to him, as his mind is permanently closed to new ideas and thoughts.

It will be a sad day for human progress when such bigots as Bryan control the public school system and limit by sumptuary laws the search of truth by fettering the minds of the young with ancient formulas of dogma.

## Above the Law

Despite the fact that the state constitution plainly disqualifies persons charged with official duties in one department of the government from exercising the functions of another department of government and thus bars legislators from administrative office, Governor Pierce, as the result of a political bargain made for votes during the last legislative session, appointed two state senators as members of the fish commission. They proceeded at once to break a contract made by the previous commission with the superintendent of hatcheries. Now that the attorney-general has ruled the appointments illegal, other commissioners must be appointed, but the contract remains broken.

The flouting of the constitution by the governor in making appointments he knew were illegal was of course matched by his appointees in flouting state contracts as scraps of paper. But what is the constitution among friends and what are contracts to job seekers? That is one kind of law enforcement that there are no pledges for, and one kind of ethics never pleaded for.

Bureaucrats are a law unto themselves and if they do not like the constitution and the statutes they ignore them. Those who had rather live in Portland than in Salem, defy the provisions of the law and move relying upon the interminable technicalities of the law to keep them there indefinitely. The insolence of office is only matched by the laws delay.

## One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare

### CECILIE GIVES WARNING

Gardner was business itself during dinner, to Cynthia's relief. He had brought with him the certificate for the stock which he had bought at her direction from her mother-in-law, and proceeded to transfer them to Cynthia as soon as dinner was over.

"She doesn't suspect, of course, that I bought them for you," he told Cynthia. "She couldn't quite understand my buying them back at the price she paid when the stock is quoted so much lower now, but I told her that I was interested in this new subdivision and wanted more stock. Now, here you are."

"And here you are," Cynthia answered, sitting down at her desk and writing a check for the amount that he had said the stock would come to.

house is beautiful, yet you were glad to leave it and come here, weren't you?"

Cynthia nodded. "I understand. But I'm sorry that you aren't going to be so fortunate as I have been in changing houses."

"I've been fortunate enough in having you take this apartment and let me come here sometimes," he answered.

"They spent the evening by the living room fire, and Gardner proved to be so entertaining that Cynthia was genuinely sorry to have him go. He was the only person in town whom she felt that she really knew, and could rely on."

He telephoned her the next afternoon to ask if she would go to the theater with him the following week. When she hesitated he urged her. "Come along—it's the new Barrymore play, and sure to be good," he insisted. "You've no idea how much I want to take you."

everybody thought that after his divorce he'd come back to my open arms and lead me to the altar."  
Cynthia blushed furiously. Noel Gardner turned an angry red. He had been standing beside Cecile; now he took her firmly by the arm.

"Better get easy, Cecile," he remarked; his tone was pleasant enough, but held a warning that even Cecile could not ignore. "I think you owe Mrs. Leland an apology—why not make it now?"  
Cecile raised her voice.

"If you think I'm going to apologize for telling the truth—no, she began, but the pressure on her arm silenced her.

"All right. Run along back to the impatient mob at your own table now."

She went, sulkily, and he remained his seat across from Cynthia.

"She's had one cocktail too many; no use to insist now," he said. "But she'll apologize to you later."  
Cynthia said nothing. She was telling herself that she would never again expose herself to such humiliation by going out with him. They left not long afterward for the theater, and Gardner was as humbly polite as if he and not Cecile had been at fault.

"I'm afraid you'll never want to go anywhere with me again," he told her, as they entered the theater. "I can't tell you how sorry I am for what happened tonight. You're the one bright spot on my horizon just now. I wouldn't have given two cents for my life before I met you. And now I'm afraid I'm going to lose you, just because Cecile—"

"Oh, let's not let that matter," she exclaimed. After all, it hadn't been his fault. "I realize that Cecile is awfully foolish, and I'll die of loneliness before Jim gets back if I just sit at home. Surely we can be friends whether people ap-

## 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: When the Pharisees tempted Jesus time and time again in order to entrap and betray him, they were unsuccessful, because Jesus was interested in a Way of Life which none could contradict. That Way of Life the Master summed up in the First and Second Commandments—the two being two aspects of one abiding moral reality.

"Love God and love man." This was the summation of the law and the Prophets and if Christians would pay more heed to it rather than worry about the roundness of the flatness of the world there would be less misery and no bigotry. The blatant Pharisee whether he calls himself Christian or not, and the blatant sophistry of a half-baked materialistic anti-religionist are alike of no profit to themselves or the world for both are losing their souls, because both hate. One is smug in his self-imposed sainthood, the other in his sterile sophistry.

After all the whole thing resolves itself into the question which Jesus put to the lawyers, "What is written? . . . How do you read that?"  
The existence of the various sects and denominations, both Catholic and Protestant are in themselves evidences of the fact that men prove of our friendship or not."

The expression in his eyes was answer enough to that declaration. And Cynthia, smiling up at him, passed her sister-in-law without even feeling that very indignant young matron.

Tomorrow—The Fat and the Fire.

have read the various books of the Bible in different ways. In other words they have interpreted the Scriptures according to their reason and conscience—and often to their prejudices.

One says we must take every word in the Bible as absolute revealed truth, another some says no, there are contradictions in the Bible; that Moses made certain mistakes in writing the Pentateuch when he wrote about his own death and burial, therefore the whole thing is wrong and sees no good in the Bible.

There is no doubt at first glance that there are apparent conflicting conceptions of God, Man and Immortality in the Bible. The one who is afraid to study the Bible makes the mistake in saying that he will accept it all on faith, thus showing that he has little conception of the meaning of faith, while the other rejects the Bible altogether because he sees the difficulty but is not willing to follow the difficulty by further study.

Nothing can be known by itself. Neither can the Bible be studied by itself. History, philosophy, psychology and many arts and sciences help the student who is honestly searching for Truth. Even such a matter as paper making and the manufacture of pen and ink throw light on the Old and New Testaments.

The secret of Paul's success as a missionary is to be found in the fact that he recognized this fundamental principle in dealing with people.

I think the same rule may be applied to that discussion going on

today which seems to throw a shadow on our traditional pride in justice and freedom. There never has been a conflict between science and religion, but there has always been a conflict between theologians and scientists, between those who have always been afraid to let their assumptions stand the test of reason and progress. There also have been free men such as Salter, Wesley, Fox, Chamis, Parke, Emerson

Gamaliel in the Book of Acts uttered the wisdom of the ages when he told the members of the Jewish Sanhedrin not to fear any new doctrine for if it were of God it would prevail anyhow, and if it were not of God it would be discarded in time. Surely we have not learned many lessons from our study of Scriptures if we either are afraid of our beliefs or seek to suppress others by force. Fear has no place in the vocabulary of the Christian or the Scientist. All Truth is of God and Truth must conquer.

We find all sorts of view in the Bible, but no where does the Bible claim itself as being an authority on geology, biology or chemistry. The Bible is the story of the spiritual pilgrimage of a great people. The Bible is invaluable as a guide for the spirit in self-realization and the quest for God, but nowhere is there any interest as to whether the world is flat or round, it makes no difference to the spirit of man and his moral nature what form the world happens to have.

I have taken too much space to it is but again, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." If the church would practice more the Lord's prayer and the Sermon on the Mount, and worry less about how many angels can dance at the point of a pin, and if scientists would see a little beyond and with in the human soul, we would have

been so ashamed of before the generations which are to come. Suppose the world gives it a trial—and suppose we try it each in considering the one that differs from us.

That is the test of all religion, and the center and circumference of Christianity.

M. FERESHETIAN  
Pastor Unitarian Church.

To the Editor:—Apart from the ever-increasing evidence of evolution obtained from the various fields of science, such as geology, biology, embryology, anthropology, archaeology, etc., which discredit the biblical record of the "special creation," there is found more evidence, evidence which though to be found in the Bible itself testifies to the unreliability of the biblical record. Thus in the second chapter of Genesis we find written that God "brought them unto the man to see what he would call them; and whatsoever the man called every living creature, that was the name thereof."

Taking for granted this special creation this sudden appearance of the numerous distinct species, we still have to explain how the names given by the man, Adam—names which having no intrinsic value of their own are but arbitrarily accepted symbols—could ever be the names thereof.

This alleged instant creation of names for all living creatures by the man, Adam, proves beyond doubt and to the satisfaction of anyone having common sense the narrow, tribal standpoint from which this biblical story of creation was written. Destitute of the knowledge about the parallel origins of languages and understanding not the psychology of words, the early biblical writers unconsciously over-estimated the value of names.

Names and languages are gradual, social creations. Some of them are so widely different in make-up and distinct in origin, as in the case of the Indo-European language and the Chinese language, that they suggest no linguistic differentiation whatsoever from the same source. If one says lions, tigers and leopards, only about 200,000,000 people can understand; but if one says "leo," "hoo," and "baoo," the number of people who can understand is doubled. Again, had we started to call lions "tigers" or tigers "leopards," we would have understood "tigers" as lions and "leopards" as tigers without the slightest consciousness of the unnaturalness of the terms.

We as modern readers of the Bible must guard ourselves, therefore, against the dogmatic fundamentalists as to their final authority in the interpretation of the Bible. We must allow and even must expect, a few mistakes to be made in the Bible because of its human authorship.

JOHN TRAL.

## NOVICES TO MOVIES FIND DOORS CLOSED

Hollywood, Cal.—Another studio has joined the general movement adopted by Hollywood to discourage America's "movie struck" in their rush at the gates to film fame. The general manager of this studio has, in effect, hung out a sign reading: "No new comers need apply."

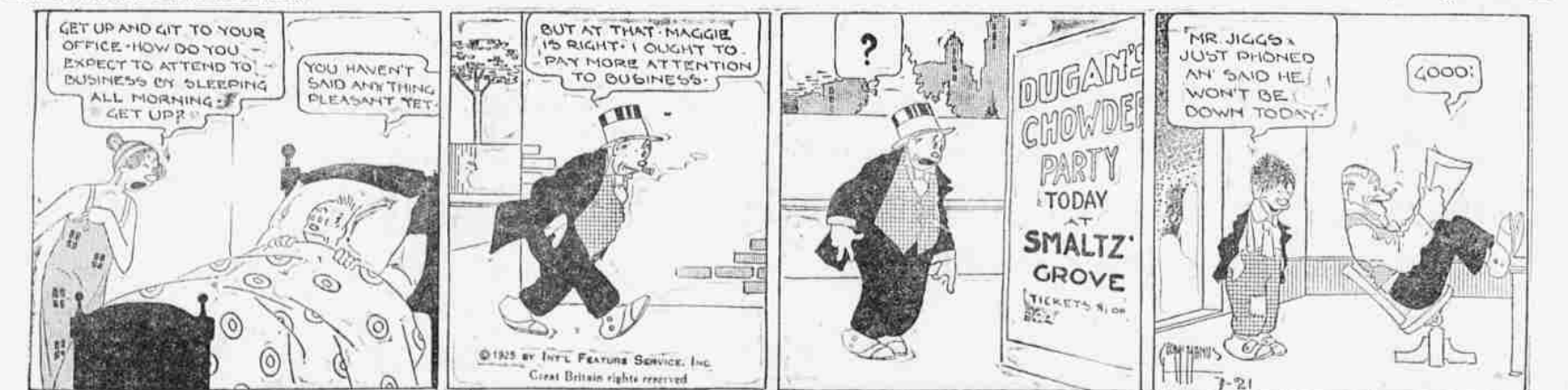
"The only way the picture industry can retain players," he pointed out, "is by giving them enough work to make a living. And every day chuck gives to those struggling to pry their way into the studios is one taken from the already overlarge colony of experienced players."

## DUMB DORA



By Chick Young

## BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

## BARNEY GOOGLE



Barney Doesn't Hedge at This

By Billy de Beck

## MUTT AND JEFF



They Fist with Ed Sydman in Beaumont, and Get Kiddied in Houston

By Bud Fisher