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

Oily Olson Gushes

The Reverend Doctor "Oily" Olson, of Half Moon Bay, Cottage Grove, Eugene and other verdant fields where he exploits jointly oil and religion, with more or less profit to the exploiter, pauses long enough in his location of gushers by means of a divining-rod and the sale of stock in the same to godly members of his flock, to publish as an advertisement in the Capital Journal for its editorial upon Bryan and the Scopes' trial, concluding with a bitter assault upon the theory of evolution.

Now the Reverend Olson knows just as much about evolution as he does about geology, which is nothing at all, but having taken the Lord into partnership and being an adept at skinning suckers, he feels fully competent to assail and abuse those who differ from him, as spawn of the devil. Listen to this:

This foolish writer (the Capital Journal editor) thinks that he can cling to Christ and throw away the Biblical account of creation. Come out of the brush and declare yourself as an atheist, infidel, skeptic and arch-enemy of Christ, the Bible, and the Christian religion, and the churches will meet you in the open and deal with you in the light of intelligence as they did with Voltaire, Ingersoll and Underwood, in their day.

Just which of the two different accounts of the creation given in Genesis the Reverend Olson refers to, is a question, but there is no question but that his effusion reflects the sweet Christian spirit of love, humility and tolerance characteristic of those pulpit fundamentalists who in airing their folly and bigotry denounce and revile those whose cardinal sin is to hold different opinions from infallible ignoramus. But where does Underwood come in?

The Reverend Olson might stand a better chance of "selling" his obscurantism if he pursued the tactics used in peddling his oil swindles, viz: open the meeting with prayer, ask the special blessing of the Lord upon his rod and staff of divination, and when by skillful blending of oratory, oil and gospel, the purse-strings of the faithful have been loosened, to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers", close with a Glory Hallelujah and Hosannas because there is one born every minute.

Notwithstanding the abuse of bone-heads, the Capital Journal sees no reason why science can not harmonize with religion, if not with dogma, and in this connection we quote from a recent address by President E. W. Chase of the University of North Carolina, where the teaching of evolution is sanctioned:

Scientific conclusions that have seemed to one generation hostile to religion have been seen by those who came after as but additional testimony to the wondrous ways of God. Who now finds atheism in an earth that is not fixed, but moves; or denounces the physicist for teaching the laws of gravitation; or believes that to give up belief in witchcraft is to give up belief in the Bible? North Carolina is a deeply and genuinely religious State. It is in no denial, rather in a positive affirmation of its faith, that it has taken the stand that faith in God and the free pursuit of knowledge are handmaidens each to each, and that the priesthood of science can be at the same time the priesthood of the living God.

Going Ahead?

The progressives of the city council are renewing their five year struggle to provide a modern auto parking statute and thus take Salem out of the hick-town class. It is to be hoped that the effort will be successful for the capital city long since outgrew the now obsolete backing-in system that years ago was discarded elsewhere.

Great bodies move slowly, which perhaps accounts for the very deliberate manner and the extreme caution and care in which this problem has been attacked. But the five years that have intervened since the head-in measure was first introduced have given ample time for reflection and we are assured that nothing rash will be put-over.

Probably the awkward backing-in system has occasioned more unfavorable comment from tourists than any other feature of Salem. Such remarks as "What's the big idea?" "Where did you get it?" and "This is the worst we've seen" are heard daily as traffic is halted for a block for some one to reverse and swing clumsily backward to the curb.

Of course there is no sense in it—but we do a lot of things simply because of custom and fool laws but we would like to find out the name of the inventor of reverse parking and get Dr. Coe to erect a statue in his honor.

Meanwhile the issue is are we going ahead or going backward?

One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare

ADVICE FROM LOUELLA

"We've had several letters from Madame Leland, and she mentions him, of course. They must have reached Honolulu by now. Cynthia Jim's been a brute to you!" She shook her head, sadly.

"Not that! But he hasn't been—kind," she admitted.

Stanley went flinching back to his wife, leaving Cynthia to dance with Noel Gardner.

The next morning was beautifully spring-like. Cynthia rose at ten, breakfasted lazily, and curled up to a chaise longue beside an open window, with the morning paper in her hand. She was reading an account of the charity ball of the night before, and smiling over the description of her own costume, when her sister-in-law was announced.

Quite characteristically, Louella came straight to the point.

"Cynthia, you've simply got to mend your ways," she declared, as she dropped into a chair. "I've spoken to you before, but it hasn't done any good. Now I shall write to Jim if you don't behave yourself. Why, the way you acted last night with Noel Gardner was disgusting. Cynthia sat up very straight, her cheeks blushing.

"It was not!" she cried. "I danced with him a lot, but that was the only thing I did that you could possibly criticize, and as he was just about the only man there who stayed sober all evening, certainly anybody could find anything wrong about that."

"You shouldn't have gone to the party with him in the first place," announced Louella, taking another point of attack. "You should have gone with Stanley and me, or stayed at home."

"You and Stanley didn't ask me to go with you," retorted Cynthia. "And Noel Gardner was perfectly gentlemanly; I couldn't have been better off with my own husband."

"Oh, his actions may have been all right, but think of what people are saying!" You know his history—that his wife left him because he went around so much with Cecile Malcom after she divorced her husband."

"She left him because her people interfered and broke up their marriage," answered Cynthia, and Louella winced before the expression in the girl's eyes. "You know that as well as I do."

"Well, you're just inviting criticism, living here in his apartment—and going around with him all the time. I've tried my best to warn

you—remember that!"

After she had gone Cynthia lay quite still, wondering what Louella meant. What cause would she have to remember that Louella had warned her?

"She acts as if I'd done something perfectly terrible," reflected Cynthia. "How could a man so broad-minded as Jim come from such a narrow-minded family?"

And yet, after all, had Jim been so very broad-minded? Cynthia tried to defend him to herself. Of course, he'd gone off to Honolulu with his mother instead of taking her, and he had acted strangely—but then, he was very fond of his mother, and perhaps he couldn't be blamed for letting her manage him. She did not want to admit what was so evident, that Jim's affection must have waned.

She was still curled up on the chaise longue when Cecile Malcom strode breezily into the room.

"Hello—what a luxurious thing you are. My dear, will you forgive me for being so nasty the other night when I saw you at dinner? I'm crazy about Noel, too. And to see you with him, when he's neglecting me—"

"Don't say 'too'—I'm not in love with him," protested Cynthia. "We're just good friends."

Cecile chuckled as she rummaged through her pockets for a cigarette. "Yes, I've heard that story before. Let me tell you that no woman can be 'just good friends' with Noel Gardner when she goes around with him as much as you do. And if you think he isn't in love with you, you're not near as sensible as I thought you were. Anyone could tell by the way he looks at you—"

"Oh, Cecile, please! Just because you care for Noel yourself, you judge both him and me. I tell you we're just friends. Now be sensible."

"Oh, have it your own way! Though if he spent half as much time with me as he does with you, I should be appointed at the first meet-

I'd walk around town with a huge sign telling people about it. Heineke was in the florist's the other day, and she said he was ordering orchids for you that made her turn absolutely green with envy."

As the orchids were in a bowl on her dressing table, Cynthia said nothing.

Cecile went at last, after vainly begging Cynthia to dress and go walking with her, and once more Cynthia was left to her own thoughts. She began to wonder if she had made a dreadful mistake in the way she had acted about Jim. Perhaps it would have been better if she had insisted on joining him when she first learned that she was to be away for a long time.

She could have gone to him with out letting him know that she was coming; once they were together, she felt sure that he would not have sent her back home. And surely he would have loved her.

Noel Gardner phoned to ask her to dine with him, but she refused, feeling that she must be alone. Five minutes later a cablegram arrived. She tore it open eagerly. Word from Jim at last!

"Stay with Louella till my return," she read.

"Stay with Louella, indeed!" cried Cynthia bitterly. "Indeed I shan't! This is the last straw!"

CITY ZONING ORDINANCE IS ENACTED

(Continued from Page One.)

Mayor, city attorney and city engineer as ex-officio members, and of seven other members to be appointed by the mayor, not more than two of whom shall be non-residents of the city. The appointments will probably be made at the next meeting, since the ordinance provides that the commission shall be appointed at the first meet-

ing after the ordinance has been passed and approved by the mayor.

May Employ Clerks
The commission at its first meeting is required to elect a president and vice president who shall be from among those appointed by the mayor. The commission also shall elect a secretary who need not be a member of the body. The secretary must make a report of all activities on October 1 of each year. Clerks may also be employed if necessary, and the commission has authority to pay these and the secretary.

It will be the duty of the commission to recommend and make suggestions to the city council and to all other public authorities concerning the laying out, widening, extending, parking and locating streets, sidewalks and boulevards, the relief of traffic congestion, the betterment of housing and sanitation conditions and the establishment of zones of districts limiting the use and size of buildings; to recommend to the city council and all other public authorities plans for the regulation of the future growth, development and beautification of the municipality in respect to its public and private buildings and works, parks, grounds and vacant lots, and plans consistent with the future growth and development of the city in order to secure sanitation, proper service of all public utilities, harbor, shipping and transportation facilities, and in general to propose measures for the promotion of the public interest, health, morals, safety, comfort, convenience and welfare of the city, and of the area for six miles adjacent to the city.

All maps, plats and replats of land laid out in building lots and the streets, alleys or other portions of the plats intended to be dedicated for public use or for the use of purchasers or owners of lots fronting thereon or adjacent thereto and located within the city limits, and all plans or plats for vacating or

laying out, widening, extending, parking and locating streets or plans for public buildings shall first be submitted to the city planning commission by the city engineer or other proper municipal officer, and a report from the commission in writing will be necessary before approval shall be given by the proper municipal official.

The same power is given the commission relative to all territory in Marion county within six miles of the city limits of Salem. It shall be unlawful to receive or record such plan, plat or replat or deed in any public office unless they shall have the approval, by indorsement, of the planning commission.

Copies of all ordinances for the establishment of the boundaries of any zone or district and all ordinances regulating or limiting the use and construction of buildings to be submitted to the council shall, before they are presented to the council, be first submitted to the auditor or city clerk to the planning commission for recommendation, and the commission shall make its recommendation in writing to the council. But first the planning commission shall hold a public hearing and make a careful investigation of the project.

Before final action can be taken by the city council, or any department of a city government, on the location or design of any public building, bridge, statue, park, park way, boulevard, playground or public grounds, it must be submitted to the planning commission, and unless the city council definitely makes a longer period for the return of a report, the approval of the commission shall be deemed to have been given at the end of 30 days.

The commission may make recommendations to any person, partnership, corporation or public authority with reference to the location of buildings, structures or works to be erected or altered.

ACTION UPON NEW PARKING PLAN HELD UP

(Continued from Page One.)

Improvement of South Cottage street from Ferry to Franc. \$4222.39.
Prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles on bridges.

Segregating the assessment for the cost of improving the north-east quarter of block 71, North Salem addition.

The following ordinance bills were given first and second reading:

Esnee Asks Permit
Permitting the Southern Pacific company to erect a tank for gasoline and distillate storage on its property in Salem.

To regulate plumbing.
Laying an assessment for the improvement of Leslie street from High to Church.

Assessing the cost of improving Lafelle street from Saginaw to Fir.

Assessing the cost for the improvement of Lafelle street from Commercial to Saginaw.

Assessing the cost for the improvement of Hural avenue from Commercial to High.

Assessing the cost for the improvement of Lafelle street from Fir to the center of block 24.

Creating the office of superintendent of paving operations.

Boxing Bill Dies
The boxing commission bill, and the measure providing for increases of \$25 a month each in the salaries of the chief of police and the fire chief, on which adverse reports were adopted Monday night, were indefinitely postponed.

The council adopted a resolution providing for the leasing of the south 80 feet between the east bank of the Willamette river and the west line of Water street to the Oregon Pulp & Paper com-

pany for dockage purposes. A hoist is to be erected on the site for the handling of freight. The company will re-lease it to the Salem Navigation company. The hoist and dock will, under the agreement, be available to the general public.

A resolution was adopted approving plans for the improvement of Myrtle avenue from Fairgrounds roads to Highland avenue.

Order Building Razed
A resolution was adopted requiring Mrs. Emma Hurst to tear down the old Salem laundry building on Liberty street at the rear of the Salem Bank of Commerce. She has 10 days in which to do this unless she appeals from the order, which it is understood she will do because of a possible early sale of the property.

Eight sidewalk resolutions providing for new cement sidewalks on the south side of Highland avenue were adopted.

The following petitions were read and referred to committees:

Sewer in block 15, North Salem addition.

Sewer on the west side of Fairgrounds road.

Improvement of Hunt street from Fairgrounds road to Warner street.

For improvement of the alley in block 7.

Improvement of the alley in block 22, between Union and Division streets.

Improvement of Cross street, between Church and 12th.

A resident of 21st street appeared before the council and urged action in the construction of sidewalks in his district.

Fred A. Williams, new member of the council who took his seat last night, demanded action in the construction of sidewalks on the east side of 24th street.

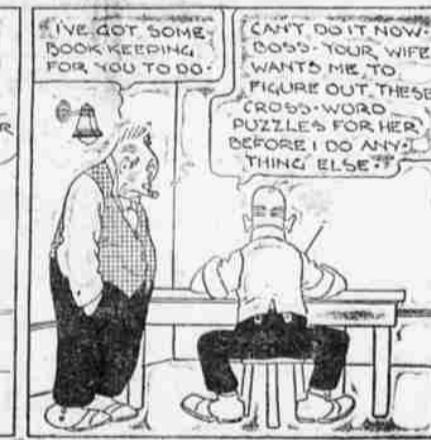
The street commissioner and city recorder were authorized to sell an old paving plant for \$500.

By Chick Young

DUMB DORA



BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE

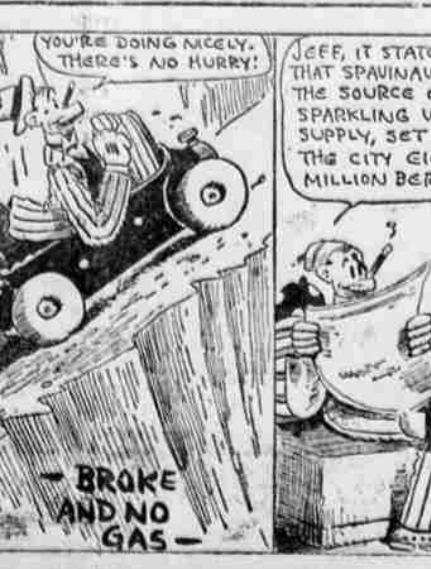
Barney Makes a Quick Recovery



MUTT AND JEFF

They're In Muskogee and Tulsa at Last

By Bud Fisher



BROKE AND NO GAS