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

Vote It Down

It is hoped that the Salem Chamber of Commerce does not adopt the resolution offered its special committee opposing the extension of the Oregon Trunk railroad into the Klamath country and favoring giving the Southern Pacific a monopoly of transportation in south central Oregon.

The resolution reads in part as follows:
Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce of Salem, Oregon, express its confidence in the intention and ability of the Southern Pacific to adequately serve and develop the territory its construction program penetrates and be it further resolved, we oppose duplication of expenditure and operation in territory that is, or will be, adequately served by one line, and be it further resolved that future railroad construction should be directed to the opening of new territory in our productive state.

There are many reasons why such a resolution should be voted down and none at all why Salem should burn her fingers pulling Southern Pacific chestnuts out of the fire. While Salem has always been friendly to the Southern Pacific and is today, and has always helped maintain the integrity of the system, the railroad is presuming too much when it seeks to involve western Oregon communities in its efforts to monopolize traffic and eliminate competition in eastern Oregon.

If two separate lines will not pay, then it is up to the Southern Pacific to grant common user rights to the northern lines, for they are willing to take the risk and have assurance of the traffic. Moreover, the more railroads the better, especially since the investment is outside money. If Wall Street is willing to take the risk, we should worry.

The resolution should be voted down, because, if there was no other reason, the central Oregon railroad quarrel does not directly concern Salem and is therefore, none of Salem's business.

"Old Man Portland"

The Portland Oregonian cartoonist depicts "Old Man Portland" leading the procession climbing "Better Business mountain" to "Prosperity Peak" where the pennant of new records is waving. Those he is leading, of course, are buyers from Oregon and various states who give Portland business by spending their money there.

When it comes to expenditures in the development of these communities who do their buying in Portland, and their enterprises such as Salem, even though such development directly increases their buying power, Portland tails the procession, if in it at all, instead of leading it.

"Old Man Portland" is always ready to head any procession that brings the cash to Portland or to lead any excursion that by the lavish expenditure of hot-air and wind-jamming, brings more cash to Portland, but he never leads any procession to put his own cash in the state's resources outside of his own city limits.

"Old Man Portland" is correctly portrayed by the Oregonian as a middle aged gent running largely to belly, whose stubby whiskers accentuate, rather than conceal, his expression of smugness, greed and avarice.

One Wife on Approval

By Violet Dare

THE TOWN REALLY TALKS!

Cynthia could not sleep that night. It seemed incredible that her life could have taken such a turn. She was happier than she had ever been before when she thought of Noel and his love for her! A new contentment had come to her as she thought about him. She knew that she could be happy with him no matter how poor they were or under what conditions they lived.

And yet there was Jim. She had married him, supposing that she loved him. It was only after he neglected her for his mother that she was unhappy. She had tried to fix her love into his former flame even after he had gone off to Honolulu barely bothering to write her. She could not help feeling even yet that if his family had not interfered they might have got along together.

"But that's about what we'd have done—got along," she told herself. "We'd have been like so many married couples. We'd never have known the wonderful happiness that Noel and I could know."

She did not know what to do. She must tell Jim of her love for Noel of course. After that he would have to decide what was to happen.

But if Cynthia was bewildered, the women who had so often gossiped over her affairs were not. They all knew exactly what ought to be done—the fact that they did not agree in it, but make any of them less sure about their own decisions. Cynthia's love for Noel would be no news for these women; they had been predicting that the two would fall in love with each other ever since their first meeting.

"Well, you know how it is when a girl just grows up, as they say she did, without any family."

Brought up by various relatives, Cynthia could not sleep that night. "Yes. Not that that was her fault, of course! But she never appreciated Jim or his family; from the first she resented Madame Leland's efforts to break her in to the right way of doing things."

"And mother tried so hard," Louella put in. "Even went marketing with her—your remember? Why, we were all willing to do everything for Cynthia. You know how she was about not keeping engagements—and she forgot them! Day after day mother went to her house and saw to it that she was dressed and got to a bridge party or tea or whatever she was to go to—Cynthia'd go walking or just moon around with a book if she was left to herself. I never knew a bride who was more careless about the entertainments that were given for her!"

"And now this affair with Noel Gardner," put in the young matron again as Louella drifted away to another group. "I call it absolutely absurd! They say that she loved a lot of money in that sub-division of his, though; she'd make a lot more, I suppose, or perhaps she did it because she was in love with him."

"She did it because Madame Leland had bought some stock in the sub-division while Jim was off on his honeymoon," explained the young matron until then. "Madame Leland blamed Cynthia, somehow, because she'd bought the stock—just because Jim wasn't here to advise her. So Cynthia got Noel to buy it and then took it herself."

"Well, she'll lose her money now," the young matron declared, but without satisfaction. "They say that kind's quite worthless since the 'bats' all around it have been sold for fadettes."

"And all the women who have been watching Noel Gardner would pay some attention to them, and been disappointed, will be glad he's lost his money," commented the girl maliciously. "I think it's awfully funny the way everybody played for his favor when he came home from Europe, and then when he showed that he didn't give a whop for any of the women they promptly began criticizing him. I don't blame him for falling in love with Cynthia. And Jim Leland's such a stick that I

don't blame her for losing her heart to Noel."
She sauntered away, leaving a group of embarrassed women behind her. More than one of them had hoped that Noel Gardner would attach himself to her when he first returned from abroad, and had been disappointed to find that he was willing to be polite and friendly, but nothing more.
But in a few moments they were talking again, speculating about the future. When would Jim Leland be back? What would he say when he heard that his wife had been snow-bound in a deserted summer cottage for three days with Noel Gardner?
Tomorrow—Confidences.

AMERICANS CONTINUE TO FALL FOR SWINDLE

Washington, Aug. 5.—(A. P.)—Despite repeated warnings from the government, Americans continue to be victimized by the "Spanish swindle," an old scheme for getting their money through letters promising them big rewards for financial aid in attaining the release of fictitious prisoners in faraway dungeons. The department of justice has just issued a recent version of this swindle on information furnished from its office in Spokane, Wash., where a letter was received indicating that the scheme was being worked from Cuba. The department notified the Cuban authorities and has just received word of the arrest there of Jesus Gony Balandin, alias Zuloaga, known to police authorities of many nations as an international swindler.

Reports showed that more than 100 replies by cable had been received by Balandin from persons in the United States.

Blue-Eyed Cinderella Looks Forward To Fairy-Tale Paradise

New York, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Picked from 12,000 applicants, a dazzling blue-eyed Cinderella with flashing eyes and a smile for which Mary Pickford curls looked forward today to a paradise far beyond the realm of fairy tales.
Of poor parents, Mary Louise Spas, 18 years old, has become the adopted daughter of Edward A. Browning, millionaire realtor. She is the girl with the kind disposition and the sunny smile for whom Mr. Browning advertised three weeks ago.
Mary will be the playmate of another foster-child, Dorothy Sunshine Browning, 9, who was lifted into the lap of luxury six years ago. In return for love and affection of her new father she is to receive her pick of motor cars, an initial wardrobe of forty or fifty frocks, the run of town and country estates, with swimming pools and roof gardens, entry into homes of elite and an education in the most fashionable of girls' finishing schools.

Mary's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Spas of Astoria, L. I. They came from Prague in search of wealth when she was a year old. She is an only child. Their savings were enough for two years of high school, give her a few piano lessons and spend some time at a ballet school. Spas is superintendent of a downtown office building. Adoption papers were signed yesterday.

Mary read Mr. Browning's advertisement and walked five miles from her home to his office two days after applications were opened. Mr. Browning interviewed thousands of applicants since he visited her, but none caught his fancy as did she.
She is the third child adopted by the millionaire. The second, Marjoria Gloria is with Mrs. Browning, from whom he obtained a divorce last year in Paris.

DUMB DORA



CHINESE RIOTERS LOOT CONSULATE

Canton, China, Aug. 5.—Reports received today say that looting of the British consulate at Wuchow, 150 miles west of Canton, took place immediately after the building was ordered abandoned as the result of the anti-foreign Chinese rioting.
The situation in Canton is quiet but the strike of Chinese workers continues. At the French concession in Shamen the international settlement, Anamites have been imported to replace striking Chinese servants.
Chow Chao-wu, the Chinese leader, is seriously ill at a hospital here and trouble is feared at any time between the "red" and the "anti-red" faction of the controlling Chinese military group.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND IN RIVER

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN KANSAS CITY

Portland, Or., Aug. 5.—Authorities were trying today to obtain some clue that would explain the death of a man whose decapitated body was found in the Columbia river near the mouth of the Willamette Monday night. Deputy Coroner Buckley said the head had been severed apparently with a sharp instrument. The man was a little under middle age. A pair of overalls and a khaki shirt covered the body, which had apparently been in the water about a week. There were no marks on the body.
Deputy sheriffs today went to search the banks of the Columbia above where the unidentified body was found, hoping to find some marks that would indicate a struggle or perhaps the head of the dead man.
The sheriff's office, at Vancouver, Wash., was also notified, as harbor patrol engineers agreed that the body might have been tossed into the river from either side.

GISTERN DEATH STILL MYSTERY

Mattoon, Ill., Aug. 5.—(A. P.)—Whether Miss Anna Stollman, 48 years old, former Cincinnati school principal, took her own life by poison or was murdered is as much of a mystery as it was last Saturday when her body was found in the cistern of the farm of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Seaman near here.
Three days of investigation of the tragedy have thrown no light on the motive for the death. Finding and deciphering of notes found with the body served only to complicate the tangle.
Mrs. Seaman who, with her husband, took the body to Cincinnati for burial yesterday, is confident her sister committed suicide. Important to the murder theory are some 20 odd scribbled and printed letters, most of them attacking Miss Stollman. Some of these notes, made public by P. S. Schilling, Cole county coroner, partly undecipherable. One of them said: "You are as common as dirt and are a regular snob. Your horse is a nuisance and keep him where he belongs."
Steck Leads Brookhart
Washington, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Not taking into account 2124 contested ballots which will be passed upon later, the recent vote in the Iowa senatorial contest showed the following results after 25 counties had been checked. Brookhart, republican 116,953; Steck, democrat, 117,147.

FRENCH GIRL UNABLE TO CONQUER CHANNEL

Calais, France, Aug. 5.—The English channel remains unconquered by woman. The icy waters which has numbed so many swimmers, last night halted Miss Jane Slon of France, when within one and one quarter miles of her goal on the English coast. Miss Slon was in the water 11 hours, 30 minutes. She made a gallant effort and

\$50,000 Jewelry Stolen

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 4.—(A. P.)—Jewelry valued at \$50,000, left in a woman's handbag, was taken from an automobile here today while a negro chauffeur sat in the front seat of the car, Mrs. R. E. Wathen reported to police.

By Chick Young

BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE



Barney's Bushes Are Cans



By George McManus



By Billy de Beck

MUTT AND JEFF



Jeff Gives Some Inside Dope On Dempsey



By Bud Fisher



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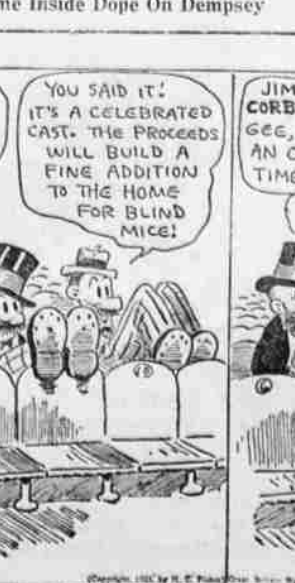
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