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I sketch your world exactly as it goes." —BYRON.

Why Not Chemeketa?

The Indian village that for centuries existed on the site of Salem was known by the name of Chemeketa, a far more original and attractive name for an Oregon city than that bestowed by the pioneers who laid out the capital city. So why not restore its ancient American title to the modern American city? It would not only avoid confusion engendered by a multitude of Salems, but secure a distinction and originality that would impress the world. Instead of being one of 57 varieties of Salems, let us be the one and only Chemeketa.

Oregon pioneers showed a deplorable lack of originality in applying names. Their cities they called by the names of eastern cities. Mountains were named after Englishmen by Englishmen, and streams, they called after the fauna of the region with the result that there is duplication in every county. They neglected, in most cases, to utilize the picturesque and musical names applied by the aborigines.

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Salem, Oregon, was named after Salem, Massachusetts, as are all of the other Salems. The latter city was settled in 1626 by Puritans leaving England for religious freedom and in 1629 they established the first Congregational church in America. In 1636, however, the pastor, Roger Williams, was driven out and forced to flee to the wilderness, which was and is, the puritan idea of religious freedom.

While Salem, Massachusetts, is rich in historical associations, her main claim to fame rests in the witchcraft illusions of 1692 when 19 persons were hanged as witches. This made Salem famous. But why should the capital of Oregon have to steal her name? We don't want her fame, why keep her name?

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The name Salem is mentioned in three places in the Bible. In Geneses 14:18, when Abram was blessed after the battle of kings—

> And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought forth bread and wine and he was the priest of the most high God.

This is further elucidated in Hebrews 7:

> King of Salem, which is King of peace, without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest forever.

It was however the allusion to Salem in Psalms 76 that caused the pious puritans to name their new world settlement:

> In Salem also is his tabernacle.

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and West Salems.

There is a Salem in each of the following states in addition to the Salems of Massachusetts and Oregon, some of them fair sized cities: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

There is a city and a populous district in India, both called Salem and probably a search of other countries would reveal many more as the hardy old Salem sailors circumnavigated the globe.

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Salem, Oregon, was born when the trustees of the Oregon Institute, now Willamette University, conceived the idea of laying off a town and realizing a fund from the sale of lots to be devoted to the college. This was done in 1846, when there was only one building within the limits of the Salem survey. William H. Willson, one of the trustees, was designated to take over the entire claim as his own to protect the school. After title was perfected, he surrendered all except one-third he received for his service. The question of a name arose, and Carey's history of Oregon says:

> The Indian name was "Chemeketa" freely translated as "a place of rest" and this was proposed by Rev. J. L. Parrish as a name for the new settlement. But Willson pointed out that by a happy coincidence there was also a biblical word meaning nearly the same thing—"Salem" or "Sholum", a "city of peace" which was then decided upon. But the missionary influence diminished somewhat with continued accessions of new and sometimes irreverent and ungodly elements to the population, so that in the summer of 1853 the subject of changing the name was seriously agitated. "Chemeketa," "Woronoes" and "Multnomah" among others were proposed. Petitions asking that the change be made were circulated for presentation to the legislature and received a considrable number of signatures.

Thus early do we find agitation against the name of Salem. The Fifth territorial legislature received a petition in December, 1853, from R. C. Greer and others seeking a change to Thurston or Valena. Others wanted the name "Corvallis" afterwards bestowed on Marysville. The committee reported in favor of changing the name to Chemawa. Two amendments were offered changing the name to "Willamette" and "Bronson". One house passed the change to Chemawa, but the other indefinitely postponed the bill.

Norwegians recently changed the name of their capital city from Christiania to Oslo, the ancient name of the city, first bestowed in 1050, which had been rechristened when rebuilt by Christian IV of Denmark, in 1624, after destruction by fire.

Russians have twice in recent years changed the name of their former capital, named after its founder, Peter the Great, from St. Petersburg to Petrograd and then to Leningrad, after Lenin, Bolshevist leader.

Oregon towns have also changed their names. Dallas was originally Cynthia Ann, the change being made in 1856, the county having been named for President Polk, the county seat was named for Vice President Dallas. Corvallis was originally Marysville, named in honor of Mary Lloyd, first white woman to cross Mary River, which she christened. Albany was named Takenah by its founders, which meant "hole in the ground," and was rechristened after the New York city. Hillsboro was originally Columbus. Klamath Falls for many years was Linkville.

These changes do not seem to have caused much confusion or trouble, so why should Salem hesitate? Moreover the advertising received would be worth millions, for every newspaper in the country would carry columns of publicity.

So why not make a name for ourselves instead of strutting in a borrowed one that can never, to the mass of mankind, convey any other idea that the witch-killing city of our forefathers, and for which an explanation is necessary to locate in Oregon?

SECOND WIVES

By VIOLET DARE

NEW LOVES FOR OLD

Marie was much interested in going to the house party at Caroline Phillips', not merely because it would mean taking her first step back into life since she had gone to Paris to bury herself in oblivion and get a divorce, and not only because her new friend, Bob Randall, would be there.

She was interested in seeing the effect on her self. Married at seventeen, she had never had any opinions, had hardly had any thoughts, that were not her husband's. What Billy said, what Billy thought and wanted and believed, had ruled her life. She had adored him, had wanted nothing but what suited him.

Now she realized what a mistake that had been. At twenty-two she was in many ways still a girl of seventeen. She had had no experience of life. During the short time after Billy's success, when they had gone about a great deal and met many people, she had somehow been too much bewildered to know what she was about.

"I'll send a car for you," Caroline had told her when they said goodbye. "It will be at your hotel at two; that will get you up to the house in time for tea. Bring some sport clothes with you, dear; you'll need them—we're awfully countrified at Beechurst. And bring all your prettiest frocks—unless I'm mistaken, Bob Randall has lost his head over you, and is quite likely to lose his heart as well, with a bit of encouragement."

Marie thought of that remark as she dressed for the drive to Beechurst. It seemed odd, to be considering the attentions of another man, when she couldn't help feeling that she was still married to Billy.

"I've got to get over that, I suppose," she reflected, as she fitted a tight little hat down close over her blonde hair. "Billy and I could be friends now, if he wanted to, but there's nothing more than that between us." Her eyes filled suddenly with tears, and she brushed them away with a filmy handkerchief. "Don't be a fool," she told herself furiously. "You've got to begin playing the game now—you can't go around in a fool's paradise, the way you used to. It's new lives for old ones now, Marie Lane—and you've got to hurry up and find a new one for yourself, instead of moping over the one that's gone!"

She was willing enough to accept that, but not to accept Caroline's suggestion that the new life might include a new husband, possibly Bob Randall, among other things.

She had feared that he might drive out to Caroline's in the car with her, and was relieved to find that this had not been planned. Only Caroline's young daughter, Sue, was in the car when Marie entered it.

"How do you do?" Sue held out her hand with all the poise and charm of a woman of her mother's age, instead of a girl of twelve. "You don't remember me, Mrs. Lane—I was away at school when you used to come to our house."

Marie settled down beside her, wondering if this could be the child whose photographs Caroline had always had on her dresser. Caroline adored Sue, she knew, but so did Caroline's first husband, Sue's father, and the little girl divided her time between them. She referred to that arrangement now.

"I'll be so glad to get back to Caro," she remarked. "Seeing Dad is lots of fun, but he is so anxious to give me a good time that—well, we just go places every night, and I get tired of it after a little while."

"Go places?" Marie echoed.

"Yes—theaters and big restaurants and all that; I like it for about a month, but after that—well, I do get tired of it. Dad's a darling—I love him, of course, but if we aren't having some excitement all the time he's afraid I'm not enjoying being with him. And then he's very athletic, you know—plays polo and golf and handball and everything, and that's so strenuous."

Marie leaned back in her corner limply. A child of twelve, so sophisticated as all this!

Caroline's motor was a beautiful thing, perfectly appointed for a woman's use. Powder, rouge, lipsticks, were in a tiny case that fitted into the side of the car unostentatiously. There were cigarettes holders, cunningly contrived ash trays, bon bons, smelling salts, each in its place.

Conscious of her position as hostess, Sue offered Marie the candy, "I don't eat it myself," she explained, "So bad for the complexion. But perhaps you'd like some? Or a cigarette?"

Marie refused, more bewildered than ever. Was it having two homes, two sets of parents, that made this child so unchildlike?

Her thoughts swung back to her own future, as they left the city behind and turned into the country. Could she do as Caroline and so many other women had done, leave one life and one love behind and step into the next, with never a look back over her shoulder?

For the first time in her life she was glad that she and Billy had no children. At least, in their cases, the break was a clean one!

Monday—Breakers Ahead.

LEGALS

NOTICE

of Assessment for the Cost of Improving Winter Street from "D" Street to Market Street

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, will at or about 7:30 p. m. on the 19th day of October, 1925, or at any subsequent meeting in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon and against each lot or part thereof, or parcel of land liable therefor, its proportionate share of the cost of improving Winter street from the north line of "D" street to the south line of Market street in the City of Salem, Marion county, Oregon.

All persons interested in the said assessment are hereby notified to appear before said Council at said time and place and present their objections, if any they have, to said assessment, and apply to said Council to equalize their proportionate share of same.

By order of the Common Council October 5, 1925.

M. POULSEN, City Recorder.

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NOTICE

of Assessment for the Cost of Improving Alley, Block 88 in the Original Plat of the City of Salem, Oregon

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Salem, Oregon, will at or about 7:30 p. m. on the 19th day of October, 1925, or at any subsequent meeting of the said council thereafter, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at Salem, Oregon, proceed to assess upon and against each lot or part thereof, or parcel of land liable therefor, its proportionate share of the cost of improving the alley in Block 88 of the original plat of the City of Salem, Oregon.

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

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In the matter of the estate of Arthur King, deceased. Notice of sale.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of the county court of Marion county, Oregon, bearing date of October 9, 1925, the undersigned administratrix will sell at private sale, at the law office of Guy O. Smith, at 403 Salem Bank of Commerce building in Salem, Oregon, on and after the 10th day of November, 1925, an undivided one-ninth interest, subject to the life estate of Amanda King, of the following described real property, towit:

Beginning at the north west corner of John L. Eoff's donation land claim, in township 7 south range 2 west of Willamette Meridian, Marion county, Oregon; running thence south 79 chains to the south west corner of said John L. Eoff's land claim; thence east 81 rods to set post; thence north volume 12, page 3, Marion county 79 chains to set post; thence west 81 rods to the place of beginning.

Save and except from the above described premises 25 acres, more or less, deeded to Elija Adkinson, as shown by deed recorded in deed records.

Also, save and except from the above described premises those certain premises deeded to the Oregon & California Railroad company, as shown by deed recorded in volume 126, page 406, deed records of Marion county, Oregon.

The terms of said sale shall be at least fifty per centum of the purchase price in cash and the balance of said purchase price secured by a first mortgage upon the real property above described. Said sale shall be made subject to confirmation of the above entitled court.

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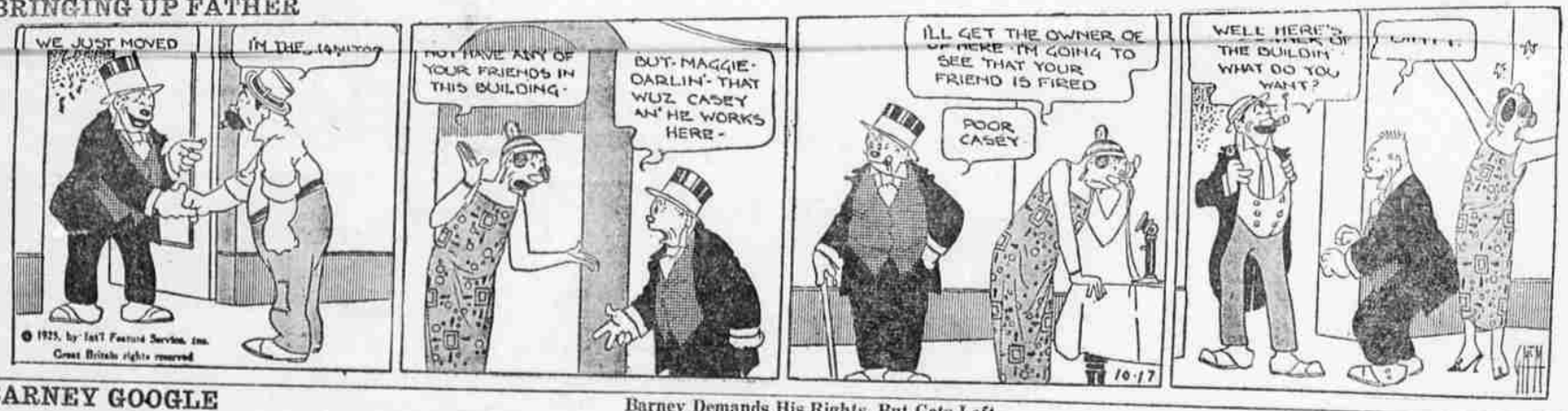
READ WANT ADS

By Chick Young

DUMB DORA

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE

Barney Demands His Rights, But Gets Left

By Billy de Beck

MUTT AND JEFF

The Heiress Hunter Takes An Expensive Plunge

By Bud Fisher