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

Seeking Santa

The Portland Journal is sending an expedition from Nome to the Arctic wilds to find Santa Claus, a piece of journalistic enterprise not exceeded since the New York Herald sent Stanley through the dark continent to find Livingstone. It desires to prove that there is a real Santa, with real live reindeer, etc.

Marshall Dana is probably the originator of the enterprise, desiring to bring Santa down to launch his campaign for the senate. But he has overlooked a bet in failing to send the only Arctic explorer qualified for the job—old Doc Cook, who knows all about Santa, the north pole and the Journal and is a kindred spirit.

Underneath the telegrams sent to Nome and the assertion that "thousands of Portland children are receiving actual letters from Santa Claus, mailed from Icy Cape", the Journal twice runs its slogan—"It's all here, and its all true." Just like Doc Cook himself.

There are many, however, who do not believe that the elusive Santa lives at the north pole, and pay their good money in the hope of locating him in a mine or in an oil well. Even Doc Cook sought him there. Many Salemites thought Santa had deserted the frozen north to bask in the perpetual sunshine of that tropic isle Palmeto del Verde off the coast of Sinaloa known as the Garden of Eden, and financed expeditions to discover him.

At any rate, we wish the Journal better success than it has in its efforts to get news, but doubt its discovering ability. Any paper that could not find the Ku Klux Klan in Portland or graft in Portland's police department will have hard work finding Santa Claus.

Who Runs the Schools?

Tonight the Salem school board will be called upon to decide whether it manages the high-school in accordance with state law, or permits presumptuous pupils to run it in defiance of the statutes and the board's rules.

Discipline is one of the most important subjects that schools are supposed to inculcate. As a matter of fact, it is among the most neglected, which accounts largely for differences between youth of today and those of a generation or two ago. High school pupils nowadays are prone to not only select their own courses, but run their schools as well.

Youth of today conceives it has an inalienable right to do as it pleases and indulge in pursuit of pleasure according to desire. Hence we find high school boys organizing secret societies in defiance of the law and looking upon their consequent expulsion as martyrdom and themselves as heroes. In this attitude, some of them have the support of parents who ought to know better than to sanction a move that spells demoralization for school and pupil.

It is to be hoped that the school board stands pat and enforces its rules against illegal organizations. If it doesn't, it might as well resign and let some one run the schools who can.

Billy Sunday has evidently the same ignorance and contempt for history that Henry Ford has. In his farewell sermon at Portland he cited the horrible example of Benedict Arnold, "brilliant student who graduated at 16 from Princeton, ruined a girl who killed herself, was vice-president of the United States", etc. Give the devil his due. Benedict Arnold has sins enough to answer for, without saddling upon him those of Aaron Burr.

SECOND WIVES

By VIOLET DARE

A KEY TO THE FUTURE
Interesting though she was in Bob Randall, Janny had no intention of letting Billy talk too long with his ex-wife.
"Billy dear, I want to go over and arrange with the Mortons about that motor trip we're taking with them," she exclaimed, stepping between him and Marie and slipping one arm through his. "Come along." And nodding prettily over his shoulder to Randall and Marie, she towed him away before he could say anything more than a hasty goodbye.
"I don't want to intrude on what's none of my business," Bob Randall remarked, "but how on earth that man can look at that girl when you were once his wife—well, it's too much for me!"
"Love sees what isn't apparent without it," Marie replied, trying hard to make her voice sound as if she didn't care where Billy went or with whom. "Janny's really awfully attractive, and awfully popular."
Randall looked down at her quizzically.
"No doubt—among those who like her type," he replied. "I can't see it. A woman like that drives me mad. Mrs. Lane, won't you let me know where you live in town, so that when we go back I can see you? I want so much to. And I dare hope that you'll want to see me."
"Oh, I—probably shan't be in town," Marie answered hastily. "I'm thinking of making some visits."
"But after that, after they're over?" he asked. "Where will you be then?"
"I don't know," she replied, glad to tell all of the truth. And it was true enough, certainly, that she didn't know where she was going to be; she'd find a hall bedroom some where that she could afford, but as yet she didn't know where it was

Heiress Admits She Paid Titled Hubby's Bills; Bought Title

New York, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Testimony of Millicent Rogers Salm as to certain expense of the marital venture with the Austrian Count Salm Von Hoogenstraten is under consideration by Supreme Court Justice Van Sleeten of Brooklyn.
The heiress to the Rogers millions after having protested against being compelled to testify personally in trial of the claim of Dr. Emil Kammerer, Vienna lawyer, for services rendered in getting her marriage validated by the Austrian government appeared perfectly composed when she entered the court room yesterday, for a preliminary hearing. She was the only woman present, and lawyers, reporters and the judge rose and bowed formally when she entered, remaining on their feet until the countess was seated.
While she denied responsibility for Dr. Kammerer's claim of \$6119 for legal services, she admitted she knew he was employed in getting Austrian government recognition of her alliance with her much married husband in order that she might legally bear the title of countess. She admitted also that she had paid some money to Kammerer.
"I paid other bills of my husband's too," she said.
She denied that she had ever paid a tax of 1,800,000 kronen to get her title validated. She admitted having signed papers in connection with Dr. Kammerer's work, but said she was working solely for her husband, Dr. Kam-

DECISION TO FIX STATUS OF ALL FRATS

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Meanwhile the boys who were ousted yesterday have sought legal counsel. Exactly what the result of their quest for a legal champion will be, cannot be determined until the courts take place, but it is known that in some quarters where they have sought legal advice, they have met with little sympathy.
17 Boys Suspended.
The number of boys ousted has been swelled from 12 to 17 since the first announcement yesterday. The four who thought by their brother members to be eligible for suspension have met their expected fate, and one other, Max Burris, who yesterday morning declared himself to be not connected with the fraternity this year, later changed his mind and decided to take his medicine with the rest. The complete list of those suspended is as follows:
Kenneth Allen, Max Burris, Kenneth Rich, John George, Marvin Headrick, Howard Kurz, Glenn Drager, John Sebel, John Evans, Virgil Moorhead, Jim Busch, Wayne Harris, Garis Simpson, Daryl Myers, Alden Adolph, Loren Loose, Robert Bishop, Earl Viecko and Lorne

STAUFFER CASE SUSPECT TAKEN

Charged with being the second man wanted for assault on Henry Stauffer, Donald rancher, two months ago, John Weinberg of Portland was arrested in Salem yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Sam Burkhardt and is being held on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Walter Bingham, the other man alleged to be involved, has been in jail for several weeks and

SCHOOL CLERKS ARE ADMONISHED

Warning is issued by County Superintendent Fulkerson to school district clerks that unless district budgets are in by the last week in November that the districts failing to report will be unable to collect any special school taxes for the coming year.
It is incumbent on the clerk, assessor and school superintendent to get their budgets in by December 1 and all school districts left out of such budgets will be out and injured as far as special taxes are concerned.
Even if the districts have voted the special taxes they will be powerless to collect them as the levying body must depend on the budgets in making up the levies and unless the taxes are levied they cannot be collected by the districts.
The county superintendent reports that the budgets are coming in very slowly and urges clerks to take prompt action.
Paris, France.—News now leads out that Reed Smoot put his feet on the table as the French debt negotiations in Washington ended.

Herlin, Germany.—German research has revealed that Europe discovered the umbrella 175 years ago this week. The first was brought to London from China.
By Chick Young

