

Cecilia's Dreams
of Career

By EDGAR T. MONFORT

"THE performance at the high school auditorium last night was a brilliant success. The outstanding artist in the program was Miss Cecilia Gray, whose bell-like soprano voice was at its best and loveliest. We forecast a great future for this talented young lady and only regret that her career may take her away from us to some metropolitan center, Chicago or New York, where she can get a position worthy of her great talent. We feel safe in predicting that grand opera goes will some day know the name of Cecilia."

Cecilia simply could not read any further. Her sweet girlish face was suffused with color as she let the paper fall on the table and clasped her hands in ecstasy. The broom which she had been sweeping the dining room when the paper came, leaned against the table beside her—forgotten. Even her surroundings seemed to recede and in her imagination she gazed out over a sea of upturned worshiping faces. Her head roared with the sound of the applause and she felt herself moving slowly, regally to the front and graciously acknowledging it. Then as she started to sing a silence settled over the audience that was almost deathlike.

From the minute she read the newspaper notice she had a different attitude toward herself. She felt the responsibility of her talent and the necessity for her to sacrifice home and loved ones to pursue her career.

"It's a gift," she told Joe Watson, her beau, "a gift that was given me by the Creator. I am destined to have a career."

Her young face looked so pathetically serious and Joe's so pathetically tragic as they sat side by side on the shabby old sofa.

"Where do I come in?" he asked, suddenly frightened as a new idea dawned on him.

"But don't you see, dear, this is something I'm not responsible for. It's a call I must answer like a soldier's call to war or a minister's to preach. Don't you understand?"

"No!" said Joe savagely. "I'm damned if I do. There's no call greater than the call to marry a decent man when you've already pledged yourself."

"You wouldn't hold me to that?" she asked in surprise.

"Oh, no, not at all. A little matter like that is nothing when it comes to a career," he answered, but his sarcasm was completely lost on Cecilia, who threw her arms around his neck. "Ah, I knew you'd see it. And I do love you, Joe; it means a lot to me to give you up."

She was sincere in what she said, but all the time that she was looking at Joe she was seeing herself holding her thousands spellbound.

Of course, when Clearview heard of her intended and approaching trip to New York the town went wild. Parties, entertainments of all sorts, more newspaper writhers of her wonderful talent, her great future. Mrs. Gray, at first sad at the idea of losing her daughter, soon began to swell with pride and cut down on expenses to save the fare to New York. Naturally as soon as Cecilia arrived she had wonderful openings offered her, but even the greatest talent must have railroad fare.

Within less than a month's time Cecilia had attended her last party, received her last gift and bade her last farewell. Reaching New York one cold winter evening she went straight to a Y. W. C. A. and after much pulling of wires she got a hearing with Signor Musanti, a teacher of moderate reputation but of great honesty. With confidence she started to

sing a dramatic aria that had brought the house down at Clearview. For a second Musanti listened, then raised his hand.

"Stop!" he commanded, jumping up and pacing the floor angrily. "My God, why do you sing B when it should be F sharp? Haf you no ear? Why did you come here? Who sent you here to me? Why don't you try to be an acrobat? And that tremolo."

My God, you sound like a nunny goat. Go home—go home quick and wash dishes—anything but sing."

At first Cecilia was too dazed to speak, she merely gaped at the little man, then after a moment the tears rushed into her eyes and she dropped into a chair and wept.

"There, there," he said in quick sympathy, patting her heaving shoulders. "It happens all the time. I know. A girl sings at some church festival at home. The local papers laud her, she swallows it, tries to please. She leaves home for a CA-REER! Every week I get them. Now, boy a ticket and go home, back to your mamma and your sweetheart; he'll take you back. I haf another lesson."

Cecilia felt herself being gently put out the front door, but there, with a beating heart, she stood, with a gulp she swallowed her pride, took his advice and went back home. But on the train a plan of action came to her. Just out of New York she sent a telegram to Joe Watson: "I'm coming back to-morrow on Number Sixteen. So home-sick for you. Cecy."

And to this day Joe worships her for her devotion and she worships him for saving her pride. Only a few catty old maids sniff and doubt and there is just one word Cecilia avoids as if it were contaminated—Career.

As Requested

A rather supercilious youth entered a barber's shop and asked for his hair to be cut in a mode.

The knight of the shears set to work, and while his customer was engrossed in the contents of a humorous weekly, cut off all his hair.

The youth suddenly caught sight of his shaven poll in a mirror, and was very annoyed.

"What have you done that for?" he demanded angrily.

"I cut it just as you said," declared the barber. "You wanted it all mowed, and there you are!"

The infant mortality rate in Oregon is lower than in any other state in the Union, according to a bulletin issued at Salem by Dr. William Dekleine of the Marion county health demonstration.

Arthur Smith, employed on a steam shovel working on the state highway near Cloverdale, was severely burned when a can of gasoline exploded. With his clothing aflame he ran and rolled in the grass nearby, stripped off his clothes and drove his automobile three-quarters of a mile to the nearest house to call a physician.

Construction of a new cattle barn, 100 by 30 feet, was authorized by the state fair board at a meeting held in Salem recently. The cost of the structure was estimated at \$1000. For the first time in the history of the Oregon state fair there will be a complete exhibit of airplanes and airplane accessories this year.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, aggregated \$1,301,469 during July, according to a report prepared in Salem by the state fire marshal's department. The fire loss in July was heavier than during any month for more than two years.

The women of the Greater Medford club, in session recently, decided to build a new clubhouse on the triangle point of the conjunction of Oakdale, Ivy and West Third streets, rather than purchase a suitable dwelling and convert it into a clubhouse.

FOG PENETRATED BY
NEW NEON GAS LAMPEngineers Use It to Solve
Aviation Problem.

Schenectady, N. Y.—A brilliant red gas light that makes use of the rare atmospheric gas neon, and which can shine through thick fog, has been developed at the research laboratory of the General Electric company here. The new lamp is the result of the work of Dr. Clifton G. Found, in collaboration with J. D. Forney of the Cooper-Hewitt Electric company, and has just been demonstrated by them to engineers.

Airplane landing fields will probably be among the first to make use of the lamp, for by outlining the fields through fog will be enabled to make a safe landing. Such an occurrence as that of Commander Byrd on his flight to Paris, when he actually flew over Le Bourget, but could not see to land, would probably be prevented.

Useful Also in Harbors.

Docks in harbors may also be marked with the lamp. According to Doctor Found, the light has been tested for this use when it was recently placed on a pier in the Hudson river. "Observations from boats during fog," he says, "have shown that it was possible to pick up the red neon light before any of the other lights in the vicinity were observed."

Earlier forms of neon tubes, which give the characteristic red neon light that is now so common in advertising signs, suffer from what is called the "cathode drop." This is the great difference in voltage between the electrode through which the electric current enters the tube and the near-by cathode. On account of it, also, tubes must be operated with a high voltage, and must be made quite long in order to be efficient. Another disagreeable effect is that the gas is made to gradually disappear.

Gives More Effective Light.

The new tube of Doctor Found and Forney beats the cathode, or the electrode through which the current enters the tube, by means of an additional electric circuit. This causes it to give off the electrons which cause the neon gas to glow, but without the high voltages that are needed in the older tubes. By such means an extremely efficient source of brilliant red light can be obtained. Light of this color is best for penetrating fog.

Another possible use of the lamp is in photography, especially in color. The mercury vapor lamp, which gives a characteristically violet colored light, has often been used for ordinary photography, but the unnatural color which it causes is a disadvantage, especially where colors are concerned. By combining the neon light with the mercury vapor lamp, the former supplies the red rays which are lacking in the latter, and the result, said Doctor Forney, is a good approximation to white light.

Cuba Will Turn Coast
Defenses Into Parks

Havana.—Cuba is to transform its coast batteries into public parks, according to an announcement by Secretary of Public Works Carlos Miguel de Cespedes.

In Havana alone some ten blocks of valuable ocean front property, appraised at as many millions of dollars, contains antiquated earthworks mounted with unserviceable cannon that date from colonial times.

Since Cuba has no reason to anticipate a foreign invasion, it has been decided that coast defense artillery is unnecessary, and the batteries are being dismantled to make way for pergolas and flower beds.

Secretary Cespedes is also transforming several hundred section houses along the various highways of the republic into rural schoolhouses. Modern machinery has practically done away with manual labor in highway repair, it is stated, and the section houses, which were built two decades ago of substantial masonry, serve better purpose in the guise of schools.

Race Suicide Causing
Little Worry in U. S.

Washington.—The race suicide outlook in the United States is not yet painfully apparent, judging by the latest statistical study of sterility reported to the National Academy of Sciences. From data furnished by the United States bureau of the census, Dr. A. J. Lotka has computed that the percentage of childless marriages among white people in America is 17 per cent. About 4 per cent of these are accounted for by divorce and the death of one matrimonial partner or the other, leaving an actual sterility rate of 13 per cent.

When it is taken into consideration that 78,207 out of every 100,000 white women eventually marry in this country of some 100 million population, the proportion of childless families is considered not sufficient to cause grave concern to alarmists worried over the future of the race.

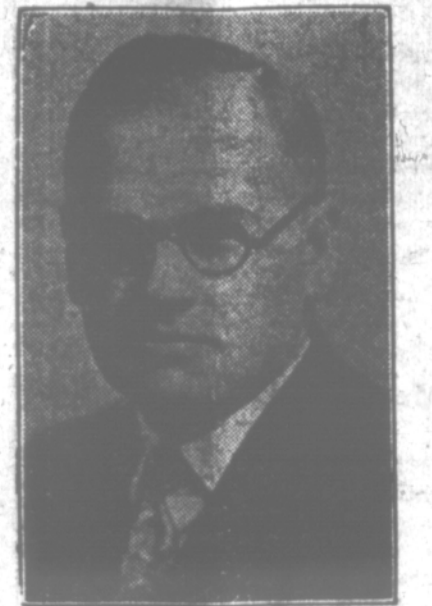
Charlie Woke Up

New York.—Charlie Klefhaber, truck driver, will be careful hereafter about taking a nap on his parked machine. When he did so in front of a skyscraper under construction a ten-ton steel beam fell 22 stories right through the truck. Charlie was awakened. Nothing else happened to him.

Due to a gradual diminution of the publicity, no perfect caution bridge hands have been dealt this season.

A scientist says man adopted clothes as a protection against insects. Evidently he wasn't Over There.

"Inventor Wins Lawsuit" is a first-page heading that is real news, for the very good reason that it is usually the "other fellow" who wins after the inventor has wracked his brain to do the inventing.

U. of O. Dean of Men
Now Honorary Activist

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—Dean L. Shirrell, dean of men at the University of Oregon, has been chosen honorary member of the Activist International, young men's service club, and will be affiliated with the Eugene club of the organization. The election is a recognition of the work that Dean Shirrell has been doing at the University in the city of Eugene and throughout the state along lines advocated by the national organization.

Dean Shirrell, one of the youngest deans of men on the Pacific coast, is also professor of political science at the University. His address, "The Young Men in Community Service," sounded the keynote of the recent national convention of the Activist clubs held in Eugene.

Dean Shirrell has been dean at the University for the past year. Before coming here he was dean of men at the University of Arizona and previous to that held a prominent position with the U. S. Veterans' bureau.

After our campaign gets under full headway England will not be the only country that has an overabundance of fog.

If Colonel Lindbergh really wishes to retire from the hero business, he might try taking up the writing of poetry.

There isn't really a war between Japan and China, which is quite a joke on the folks that have been killed so far.

Black olives are a useful fruit in China, the flesh being for food, the kernel for making sweetmeats and the shell for fuel.

"Knees to peek from below Paris skirts," says a fashion note. Peek nothin'! They'll lift the curtain and look right out.

A Detroit man has started to learn the violin at the age of seventy-two. If they'd all wait that long, what a gain for music!

No need for statistics has yet come forward with information about how women spend the time they save by wearing bobbed hair.

"To get the meat out of a pecan whole, soak it," advises an authority. That's also the method to get the meat out of a taxpayer.

An eastern professor insists that "college youths are more promising than the Old Guard." Anyhow they can promise more gibberly.

When a hard-surface alley is laid in Utopia, it is customary to leave a few half-bricks around for small boys to throw at things.

The human skull, says a scientist, has not increased in size in 25,000 years. What has happened to the thickness thereof is not stated.

American Bible society reports the printing of 10,000,000 Bibles in 1927. Sometimes it does seem as if this era were not so irreligious as people think.

Over in Sweden the young intellectuals are said to be reading all the modern American novels they can get their hands on. A hardy race, the Swedes.

Some of the brightest and funniest remarks about feminine indecision have been made by men who change brands of safety razors every three months.

At the rate matters are going, robbery insurance rates will soon be prohibitive, and then the average citizen won't feel so complacent over the crime news.

A fashion note says that a small, thin veil will be worn as low as the nose this summer. This will be of no avail—the shiny nose will have to be powdered.

Problem in Ethics: What to say to the dear thing—who was told a few years ago that her bob had taken ten years off her age—now that she is letting it grow.

If certain publicity-seeking young women were actually to spend as much time in flying as they spend in talking about it, they'd be in the air the rest of their lives.

The Alpha ray, so one is told, will travel from New York to San Francisco in one-sixth of a second. It may be silly of us, but we cannot refrain from asking, "What for?"

The headline writers are always discovering that "borgians have invaded home." That's the great drawback to the profession. You can't very well be a burglar unless you do.

The Office Cynic says he hopes the contestants in these "brain contests" between eastern universities are bona fide students, and aren't just loafing through school to get on the team.

Sin of Fixed Opinions

To be born with one's mind made up is a hideous impediment to any mental or spiritual growth. It is to sit down calmly satisfied to remain ignorant and firmly opposed to being enlightened. Surely, we are frequently more on the right road when we do change our minds than when we obstinately refuse to recognize the stupidity of our ignorance, writes Elizabeth Marbury in the Delineator. It is the narrow gauge thinker with whom pig-headedness remains a virtue. An open mind is like an open book ready for the printed thought and for the pictured beauty. It is pulsating with a thirst for knowledge and eager in the pursuit of all that proclaims progress. We change the garments of our bodies. Let us change the rags and tatters of our minds.

To most of us who entertain the notion that a remote Alaskan village must be an aggregation of igloos it was startling to read in news columns that "the whole village on the island of Killisnoo is a fire and threatened with destruction." But the truly marvelous thing about this news is the part that radio plays in it. Killisnoo is a very distant island, and the village upon it is so far from other civilized communities that its fate might not have been known to the rest of the world for many weeks. But Killisnoo boasted a radio broadcaster, and this man sent out an SOS which was picked up of the air by the naval station at Cordova, Alaska, with the result that two United States government boats were soon on their way to render all possible help to the stricken village. Great work!

Three times a British movie firm has tried to blow up the three-masted schooner Amy in the English channel to complete a Q-ships film. Each time they have failed because, it is believed, of defective wiring of the fuses. Old-time seamen, however, say that the trouble was caused when the figurehead was removed from the Amy. No vessel, they claim, will sink without her figurehead. If their assertions can be proved the shipping world will have been immeasurably enriched. In the future it can build all vessels with figureheads, remove them before every voyage, and send the vessels forth without insurance, and with no fear that they will come to grief.

Baker county is "getting good." For the first time in four years the county jail is empty.

The annual state conference of agricultural instructors under the Smith-Hughes act will be held at Myrtle Point, August 6 to 11.

Salem's water supply will be increased approximately 2,500,000 gallons daily, according to an announcement made by officials of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company. A modern chlorination plant also will be installed.

Following a mass meeting attended by nearly all Gold Beach male residents, Game Warden Townsend has decided not to ask the state for a permit to kill the bull leader of the Hunters' head elk band. All the residents opposed the move.

GRADE EXAMINATIONS
Department of Education Sherman County, Ore., August 16, 1928.

Notice is hereby given that the Uniform Eighth Grade Examinations will be held in Sherman County on the 6th and 7th of September, 1928, wherever there were failures or conditions as a result of the June examinations.

Lawrence W. Rakes
County Superintendent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed executors of the estate of Cecil E. Decker, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and have qualified.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at the office of W. C. Bryant, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published August 10, 1928.

Arthur J. Decker
Luther Davis, Executors
Last published September 7, 1928.
W. C. Bryant, Attorney for Executors

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final report and account as administratrix of the estate of Otto Peetz, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.

Honorable E. D. McKee, Judge of said Court has fixed Monday, the 20th day of August, 1928, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the County Courtroom in the City of Moro, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing upon said final report and account, and objections thereto, if any, and the settling and closing of said estate.

Margaret W. Peetz
Executrix
5t-j20-a17

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, August 8, 1928.

Notice is hereby given that Siegfried Thomsen of Moro, Oregon, who, on September 24, 1923, made homestead entry, act December 29, 1916, No. 022891, for Lot 5, Sec. 7, T. 1, S. 2, R. 19, N. 42NE4, SE4NE4, E4SE4, Sec. 12, NE4, NE4SE4, Sec. 13, T. 1, S. 2, R. 19, N. 42NE4, Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register United States Land Office The Dalles, Oregon, on the 26th day of September 1928.

Claimant names as witnesses: Herman Nicholas, Homer Belshaw, Arthur G. Futter, Alfred T. Maas, all of Moro, Oregon, R. No. 1.
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