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There's several good formulas for a neighborhood war, but the most reliable consists of one fence, some chickens and a base ball.

LAUGHS

Couldn't Show Off: With but three minutes to catch his train, the traveling salesman inquired of the street car conductor, "Can't you go faster than this?"

Dad Was Grateful: "What did papa say when you asked him for my hand?" "He didn't say anything. He fell on my neck and wept."—Boston Transcript.

Friendly Tip: Motorist (to chauffeur)—Be careful about running over anybody hereabouts. This is a prohibition country, and most everybody has a bottle in his pocket.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Case for Mercy: Patty—Jack and I have been engaged for two years, and I think it's time we were getting married. Peggy—Oh, I don't know, dear. If you really love him you'll let him be happy for a little while longer.—Chicago News.

Privileged Communication: Alice—When I told you of my engagement I said it was a secret, and you told Kitty about it. Ella—Why, no, I didn't. I merely asked her if she knew about it.—Boston Transcript.

Identified at Last: "Mamma." "Yes, daughter." "Who was Cinderella?" "Why, Cinderella, my child, was the first female to get a No. 4 foot into a No. 2 shoe, I believe."—Yonkers Statesman.

Pelow Par: Wife—Everything is getting higher. Husband—Oh, I don't know. There's your opinion of me and my opinions of you, and the neighbor's opinion of both of us.

Something to Blow: "The life of those moneyed young fellows is all froth." "Yes, I notice, for example, that young Spendit, has just bought a new 'bubble.'"—Atlanta Constitution.

All Torn Up: "Our whole neighborhood has been stirred up," said the regular reader. The editor of the country weekly seized the pen. "Tell me about it," he said. "What we want is news. What stirred it up?" "Flowing," said the farmer.

Question of Shape: Hairdresser—Your hair's very thin on the top, sir. Customer—Ah, I'm glad of that; I hate fat hair.

Tasty People: The Clergyman—I had no idea profanity was so prevalent till I began to drive a car. His Wife—Do you hear much of it on the road? The Clergyman—Why, nearly every one I bump into swears frightfully.—Puck.

CHANGE IN HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

It is unfortunate that the mixup in the state highway engineer's office could not have been delayed until present contracts were completed. While technically Major Bowlby cannot act as state highway engineer to finish the work already under way, there is no reason why he should not temporarily act as assistant highway engineer, and as such supervise work and approve estimates, the final approval of the new highway engineer being merely a matter of form.

No matter who is highway engineer, the position is administrative and supervisory. The real supervision is made and the estimates prepared by the assistants, of course under supervision of the chief. If the present assistants are retained, and the estimates already approved by Bowlby govern, the counties will not be mulcted by the contractors, as they have schemed.

Major Bowlby suffered the fate pioneers in new work usually suffer. Counties had been building highways, such as they were, at a cost of from \$1000 to \$5000 a mile. None of them were permanent, none were scientifically built. When permanent roads came to be constructed at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a mile, a hue and cry was raised at once because the quantity of work expected could not be accomplished with the money available, and the state highway engineer made the goat.

Another feature was the fact that most of Bowlby's work was incomplete. A construction enterprise cannot be judged piecemeal—the completed whole must be awaited. Nor is the layman a competent judge. Yet every taxpayer, ignorant of the aims sought, felt free to indulge his authority as a sovereign citizen by expert criticism, which, joined with the clamor of contractors and politicians, made life a burden to the commission, especially as every mistake was magnified, and hard times made soreheads out of the people.

It was not to be expected that a partisan administration would be content with a non-political official. It was to be expected that a new executive would want his own appointee when the authority had been placed in his hands to secure it.

If Major Bowlby had been more tactful and more of a mixer he would have aroused less opposition. If he had played politics instead of ignoring them he would have been stronger. If he had been dishonest he might have had the contractors' support. Instead, he was a mere road-builder, with perhaps a little too much theory. But his work is permanent and along enduring lines. It will last long after the builder has been forgotten—despite mistakes that may have been made. Years hence we will be proud of the Siskiyou highway, and glad that it was built for all time instead of a cheaper makeshift that the future would have to alter to fit growing needs.

It is hoped that the new engineer will prove satisfactory to public and contractors, but it is doubtful if any engineer can give complete satisfaction, and no engineer can serve two masters. However, the pioneering has been done, the public educated to the cost of good roads, the organization completed, and work will run along smoother than in the past, developing less friction.

One thing Jackson county is grateful for—the acknowledgment by the commission that Bowlby's estimate of \$40,000 for Jackson county from the state highway funds is less than the amount due the county—approximately \$58,000. In this the commission has kept faith with the people of Jackson county, despite Mr. Bowlby's recommendation that they break their word.

Why Not a Coffee Club?

To the Editor: You may remember I joked you once for putting an article on the editorial page, because that page was not read. I have been interested lately in reading that page. Your nomination of Penrose and Cannon would delight your friend, Col. Roosevelt. Though I have voted for every presidential candidate of the republican party from General Fremont in 1856, to the last election, I then voted for Wilson, and don't regret it.

I cannot make the boast that Speaker Clark made—that he never scratched the democratic ticket. I have not only scratched the republican ticket, but aided in defeating more than one party, unfit for the office he sought.

In your article in answer to the Illinois paper, which criticized the Oregon plan of voting, you did an injustice I think to Senator Sherman. He does not belong to the Lorimer school of politicians. I sent that paper to my son in Illinois.

I was pleased to note that you gave the credit for passage of the dry amendment to the women and the churches. "The women could do it anywhere" and the churches united were invincible. (To that effect.) One of the wisest conclusions you could make.

I am pleased to note also that you think Medford may still prosper if the saloons are effaced. I want to ask if you think it could prosper if all its churches were effaced?

How many business men, or property holders could you get to vote its churches out? Laying aside their personal rights to exist, how many want them driven out? If all the saloons can go and Medford still prosper, how many believe the city could maintain its property values at fifty cents on the dollar for six months, if the churches should go, to say nothing of the moral top.

Why not now throw your influence

in favor of those things which the churches favor? Get them to unite and establish a coffee club such as Eugene has, a shelter for the laboring man out of work, also a Young Men's Christian association, a safe social center for the boys and young men. Pitch in and help the churches and so hasten the day of a Greater Medford, the moral center of southern Oregon. Yours truly, "H. D. PENFIELD," Salem, Ore., March 28.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Real Estate Transfers: S. Gardner et ux to J. L. Helms, pt. 24, 38 2W, \$10.00; O. M. Knox et al to Nettie Cook, 27a in 24, 37, 4W, 1.00; Fruitgrowers Trust and Title Co. to Nettie Maud Morris, lots in Crestbrook Or., 2000.00; Henrich Holst et ux to A. C. Nininger, pt. 31, 26, 2W, 1.00; James M. Munkers et ux to E. T. Neal, pt. 26, 2W, 16000.00.

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council at its meeting to be held April 6th, 1915, for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors in quantities less than a gallon on its place of business at 13 South Front street, city of Medford for a period of six months. C. J. CARSTENS, Dated March 24th, 1915.

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DESERTS HEIRESS BRIDE AFTER 12 DAYS' MATRIMONIAL BLISS



Mrs. Dixie Clements, Deserted Heiress

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 31.—Alleging that her brief romance was shattered 12 days after their marriage, Mrs. Dixie Clements, southern heiress and daughter of an Atlanta millionaire, filed a complaint for divorce here recently on the ground of desertion, more than a year after she and Walter Clements were married at Los Angeles, Cal. Although the divorce complaint recites merely that 12 days after the young couple were married, February 4, 1914, the husband deserted and since has "failed to provide" friends of Mrs. Clements said that the husband's departure was as abrupt as the wedding.

"He packed a suitcase and said he was going on a business trip, and that," friends said, "was the last she heard from him." Mrs. Clements, then Miss Dixie Nunnally, ran away from her Atlanta home following a disagreement with her step-mother. The young heiress (she is only 20)

is the daughter of an Atlanta candy manufacturer. Two years ago she decided to see something of the world rather than live with her stepmother, and journeyed to the west coast, and then to Mexico. Her father cut off her allowance when she refused to return home, so she drew on her own estate for her expenses.

After a month in San Francisco she moved to Los Angeles, where she had met young Clements previously. The young couple motored to San Diego from that city, where they intended to be married, but Miss Nunnally's youth brought a refusal of a license. They returned to Los Angeles, the consent of J. L. Clements, the young man's father, was won, and following the ceremony they raced back to San Francisco as fast as a speedy automobile could carry them.

H. B. Miller, Mrs. Clements' lawyer, said that no quarrel had preceded her husband's desertion, and that young wife still is at a loss to explain the abrupt ending of her romance.

MOPGAN'S ART NOT FOR PUBLIC

NEW YORK, April 1.—Although the legal limit of two years within which J. P. Morgan might have escaped the necessity of paying an inheritance tax upon his art collection by giving it to a public institution has expired today, the Morgan estate had not signified to the state comptroller its intention to make such a disposition of the collection. Comptroller Travis was quoted as saying that while he would like to grant an extension of the time limit, the law prohibited the remission of the inheritance tax on any gift made from the collection after the expiration of the legal limit.

The Morgan collection, now on exhibition in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, has been estimated to be worth between \$45,000,000 and \$70,000,000. The inheritance tax on it has been estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.

IOWA DEAF MUTE MURDERS COUPLE

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 1.—John Confer, a deaf mute, confessed today, the police say, that he killed Dennis Milan and Mrs. Minnie Milan, also deaf mutes, at their home near Green Mountain last night. Confer is in jail here. He is 25 years old.

According to the police version of Confer's confession, he shot Milan through the head. He then turned on Mrs. Milan, firing two bullets into her body. Jealousy is said to have been the cause of the tragedy. According to the police, Confer recently escaped from the reformatory at Green Bay, Wis. Milan was from Grand Forks, N. D.

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SWOBODA'S PASSPORT UNDER INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Agents of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice began an inquiry today into the issue of an American passport to Raymond Swoboda, under arrest in Paris, charged with starting the fire on La Touraine, the French liner. The investigation is to determine whether the issue of the passport was entirely regular. The passport does not give Swoboda's occupation, merely saying he was to be abroad "one year on business."

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER, Lady Assistant, 28 S. BARTLETT, Phones M. 47 and 47-73, Ambulance Service, Coroner.

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PHOTOS SHOWING SWOBODA WEARING GERMAN UNIFORM

PARIS, April 1.—Additional evidence has been found, the police assert, to prove the pro-German sympathies of Raymond Swoboda, charged with being responsible for the fire which threatened the destruction of the steamer La Touraine. Secret service operatives learned yesterday that Swoboda left five large trunks in an office in the Avenue de l'Opera, the use of which he had obtained through an introduction by the broker Morrison. The trunks were seized and sent to Havre. The villa which Swoboda occupied at Viroflay, near Versailles, also was searched and a number of papers seized. These documents included, the police assert, letters of a highly compromising character, together with photographs showing Swoboda in a German uniform with two other officers.

M. Raguier, Swoboda's business associate, declared in an interview last night that he believed Swoboda was a Canadian, as he had excellent references from Quebec, where he said his family resided. Swoboda told Raguier he had been brought up in Germany and made no attempt to hide his sympathy for that nation, according to the interview.

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