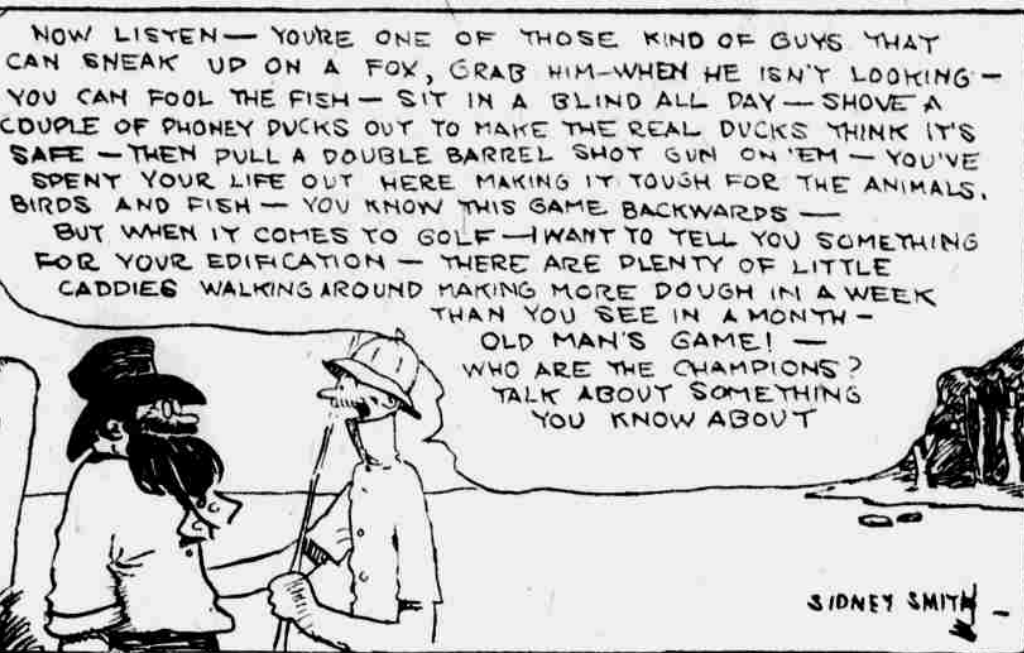


THE GUMPS—

OLD TIMER ON GOLF

Drawn for The Bee by Sidney Smith.



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BIG DITCH WILL DRAIN GROUNDS OF AK-SAR-BEN

Huge Shovel Operated 24 Hours a Day to Prevent Flooding of Creek.

Twenty-four hours a day a big "walking drag-line" shovel of the Callahan-Walker Construction company is tearing into the earth in the building of the drainage ditch of the Little Papillon drainage district. Two men, working in 12-hour shifts each, have been operating the shovel for six weeks. By December 8 it is expected their work will be completed.

The ditch will take up the waters of the Little Papillon creek at a point 300 feet north of Eighty-first and Cass streets and carry them to Sixty-first and L streets, thus straightening and deepening the creek. The general course will be along the Chicago & Northwestern tracks to the Missouri Pacific crossing, whence it will follow the Missouri Pacific to L street.

The ditch will care for the flood waters and will provide for sub-drainage in the district. It will be about 20 feet deep.

AK-SAR-BEN and the United States air mail fields both will be benefited. County roads and railroads running through the district will be freed from perennial floodings and washouts while farming in the area will be helped through the absence of flood waters that have hitherto delayed working the soil.

The Ak-Sar-Ben association was largely instrumental in organizing the drainage district, which was drawn up under state laws and includes all owners of property inside the flooded area.

The Nelson Engineering company handled the field work in drawing up the drainage district and City Commissioner Roy N. Towl was consulting engineer.

Wife Says Husband Wanted "Chicken" Call Him "Daddy"

Referring to a young widow whose name she will divulge, if so ordered by the court, and with whom she says her husband went automobile riding and declared he wanted a chicken to sit on his knee and call him "Daddy," petition for divorce on grounds of cruelty was filed yesterday by Mrs. August A. C. Anderson against Nels J. Anderson, pioneer Omaha contractor and politician, and now head of the city sewerage department.

She asks \$25,000 permanent alimony. They have been married 35 years. Anderson is 66 years old.

Resume Construction of Medical Arts Building

Construction of the Medical Arts building which was halted temporarily after ground was broken May 1, has been resumed following adjustment of difficulties involving the Hayden store wall, appointment of an advisory committee, and resumption of the sale of stock, it was announced last night by Tom Quinlan, members of the advisory committee chosen are Harry Wolf, W. A. Fiel, L. Scheibel, John Madden and Elwood Riggs.

Biscuit Company Worker Asks Separate Maintenance

No more does Lena Sesto, 22 years old, 4215 Patrick avenue, consider her Tony, 40 years old, the hero in her life; in fact, not even her husband.

Yesterday Lena filed suit in district court for separate maintenance, alleging cruelty and non-support. The days that Tony, towering tall and strong, courted her, then a mere child 15 years old, have merged into domestic wrangles, Lena avers.

Lena and Tony were married on November 14, 1908, by Rev. J. W. Stenson, pastor of St. Philomena's church.

Lena works as a packer at the Iken Biscuit company.

Visitors Flock to Motor Display of Hansen Company

Visitors to the mid-season motor salon of the J. H. Hansen Cadillac company were so numerous the first night of the exhibition the officials of the firm expressed gratification yesterday. With the permission of the purchasers one car of each Cadillac enclosed type is being exhibited at the salon.

Charges Husband Deserted.

Less than a month after he had been made a citizen of the United States, Aaron Larab, 1044 Ellison avenue, deserted his wife and six children, Mrs. Minnie Larab charged in a complaint filed yesterday.

WHY?—

Why Are Birthdays Celebrated? (Copyright, 1920, by Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

That the celebration of the day of one's birth is a very ancient practice but, at the same time, one which was frowned upon by the early Christians, is apparent from the writing of Origen, who states that "Pharaoh celebrated his birthday with a feast, as did Herod; but the saints not only neglect to mark the day of their birth with festivity but curse this day, after the example of Job and Jeremiah and David." This attitude toward birthdays was, of course, due to the fact that life to the Christians of Origen's time meant nothing but continual persecution and that they regarded death as the true deliverance from their trials and troubles. Thus the great majority of "saint's days" are celebrated not on the birthday of the saint in question, but on the day of his death. In fact it was not until the fourth century that the date of the birth of Christ was fixed by the church, though Good Friday was clearly defined with reference to the Hebrew passover.

After the church had sanctioned the celebration of the birthday of Christ—though Job one knows whether this actually occurred on December 25—the old practice of feasting and rejoicing upon the birthdays of friends and relatives commenced to be revived. As Christianity emerged from the age of martyrdom, this ancient custom began to be more and more general, until it spread over practically the entire civilized world.

More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



THERE'S A REASON

It's the fact that poets no longer write love poetry. In bygone days, when birds wore bays And twanged their lyres in bowers shady, With toilful pains they fashioned strains In praise of some exalted lady. But girls are queer, and though sincere The poets' love and soft their rhythm— Though still we quote the lines they wrote, They never won a lady with 'em.

A maid would smile and blush the while The gentle lyric sang about her, And in her eyes the tears would rise To think he could not live without her. But when the lay had died away In rippling echoes, low and mellow, Her handkerchief would quench her grief And she would wed some other fellow.

As years rolled round and poets found That there was very little doing In breaking hearts by rhythmic arts, Of winning skirts by lyric wooing, They ceased to write about the blight That lay on hearts forlorn and lonely, And every time they penned rhyme They wrote for filthy lucre only.

They now have means and limousines, And city homes and country places, With hours on end that they can spend Attending base ball games and races. And maids high born no longer scorn The balladist with sneers satiric, In courting Janes this truth obtains: The cash is mightier than the lyric!



SIMPLY STUPENDOUS

Judging by the liquor supply we have been long underestimating the acreage occupied by bonded warehouses.

ANYTHING BUT—

It isn't a joy ride any more, with gas at 35 cents. THEY DO IT ANYWAY It never is necessary for the government to authorize the hotels to raise their rates. (Copyright, 1920, by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

HOLDING A HUSBAND Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

The Way Madge Effectually Distracted Dicky's Thoughts.

Dicky opened his eyes wide and stared at me in amazement for a second after I had unexpectedly voiced my objection to the nickname "Majic," which he persisted in giving Major Grantland. Then his brows contracted to a frown, and there was a flash of resentment in his eyes. But his voice held only cool rancor.

"Bess its dear little heart, didn't it like nice nicknames for its gloomy friend?" he cooed in the detestable imitation of "baby talk," in which he indulges himself whenever he wishes to tease me most effectively. "Well, she never shall hear that naughty word, so she shall!" We'll sink up something nice and respectful right now.

He put his hand to his forehead and closed his eyes in a ludicrous imitation of a person engaged in deep meditation. I was divided between disgust at myself for my ill-advised protest, and anger at Dicky. There was in my mind also a lively dread of whatever he might be planning. I had a wholesome fear of his pranks of speech and action, for I knew him to be utterly ruthless in carrying out any mad idea he might set his mind upon.

"I have it," he said at last, removing his hand from his brow, and I saw that the frown had left his face, and that the resentment he had felt had been momentarily swallowed up by malicious glee in the idea which had come to him. We shall always speak of the death majah hereafter in terms commensurate with his rank and character. Nevah, nevah shall his sacred moniker pass me lips except thus— "Dicky Renames the Major. "His honor, the Major Hugh Grantland, B. C. G!" He stopped and eyed me impishly. "Wouldn't you like to know why B. C. G., instead of the traditional K. C. B.?" I had had time to reflect over my own folly in referring in any manner to Major Grantland after I had experienced Dicky's absurd jealousy of him, and had cast about for the quickest way of diverting his pique at my unlucky little speech. I decided that an answering spirit of rancor might serve my purpose best. So I puckered up my face in what I fondly hoped was a fair imitation of a minstrel "end man" and twisted my speech to the barbarous accents they affect. "I'll bite, Mistah Jones. Why his overcoat pocket, the same one

U. S. Army Racing Balloon Lands 65 Miles From Omaha

U. S. Army balloon christened Tuesday afternoon at Fort Omaha for participation in the international races next month, landed at 5:30 p. m. at Craig, Neb., 65 miles from Omaha on its maiden flight immediately following the christening ceremonies.

In the basket were A. Leo Stevens, Lieut. R. F. Thompson, Harry Lester, C. M. Maricle, P. L. Prom and J. M. Doud. A smaller gas bag released from the fort immediately after the U. S. No. 1, and piloted by Serg. Ben Starkey, landed at Kennard, Neb., 75 miles from Omaha.

Passes Through Omaha.

Col. William Hayward with his wife passed through Omaha yesterday on their way home to New York from Lake Louise and Yellowstone National park. They were traveling in their special car, Ellysium, over the Burlington.

GO AND GET IT

EMPRESS NEW SHOW TODAY CAESAR RIVOLI "The Man of 100 Roles" "A Scandal in a Restaurant" MILANO DUO Musical Entertainers DUEL & WOODWARD Comedy Singing and Music FARNELL & FLORENCE In "Just Particularly Careless" Photoplay Attraction Wm. Russell in "Live Wire Hick" Fox Sunshine Comedy Pathé Weekly

ROBERTS THEATRE TONIGHT and Friday, Saturday, Sunday Matinee Saturday Evening, 7:30 to 9:30; Mat., 2:00 to 4:00 "Has Out- Patted the Follies" "Ladies in Waiting" "Record."

GEORGE WHITES SCANDALS of 1919 "Was with Ziegfeld in the Beauty of his Girl" Chicago Tribune

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE MOON THEATRE AUG. 29th. to SEPT. 4th First Birthday Celebration Mammoth Anniversary Show

SUN WE'VE COOLED OFF THE SUN! HAMMOH COOLING SYSTEM

PAUL ARMSTRONG'S Stage Success

The Deep Purple

LARRY SEMON In "The Stage Hand"

Annette KELLARMAN The Modern Venus in "WHAT WOMEN LOVE" Alexander the Humazoo In An Overall Hero RIALTO

AMUSEMENTS. AMUSEMENTS. Tents At 20th & Paul Sts. Tuesday, August 31 Prices—(War Tax Included) Adults, 75c; Children, 50c RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY COMBINED CIRCUS CENTRALIZING IN ONE GREAT CIRCUS COLOSSAL THE BEST OF THE WORLD'S TWO MOST FAMOUS SHOWS PARADE AT 10 A.M. PRECEDING FIRST PERFORMANCE Doors Open at 1 and 7 P.M. Performances at 2 and 8 P.M. ONE TICKET ADMITS TO ALL PERFORMANCES MYRIADS OF FOREIGN IMPORTATIONS ENTIRELY NEW TO AMERICA GIANTIC ZOO & GIRAFFES 1/2 MILLION LBS. ELEPHANT ACT DOWNTOWN SALE OF RESERVED SEATS AND ADMISION TICKETS CIRCUS DAY AT MYERS-DILLON DRUG STORE, 1609 FARNAM STREET.

MOON Now Playing ROBERT WARWICK WANDA HAWLEY, ANN LITTLE, EILEEN PERCY and MONTE BLUE in that magnificent classic of western pioneer day— "TOLD IN THE HILLS" A Hank Mann Comedy Feature, "Broken Bubbles" Laughs Galore!

Strand DIRECTOR OF A. H. BLANKS Jesse L. Lasky Presents William De Mille's Production of "The Prince and the Pauper" First Starring Picture of THOMAS MEIGHAN From the play by Edward Peple The story of a poor struggling sculptor chap who became a dream prince to a little homeless girl. And then the little girl grew up and found out he wasn't her daddy. Then the real love story begins. Cast includes Lila Lee, Kathlyn Williams, Casson Ferguson, Theo. Kosloff

MUSE LAST TIMES TODAY "Once to Every Man" First showing in Omaha Also the U. S. War Dept. battle pictures that are absolutely official— FLASHES FROM ACTION

Lakeview Park A mirthquake of several distinct shocks AN avalanche of fun TONIGHT MASKED BALL Hundreds of favors and prizes. APOLLO Coolest Theater in the City TODAY AND FRIDAY Win Desmond in "A Broadway Cowboy" News and Comedy Try The Bee Want

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