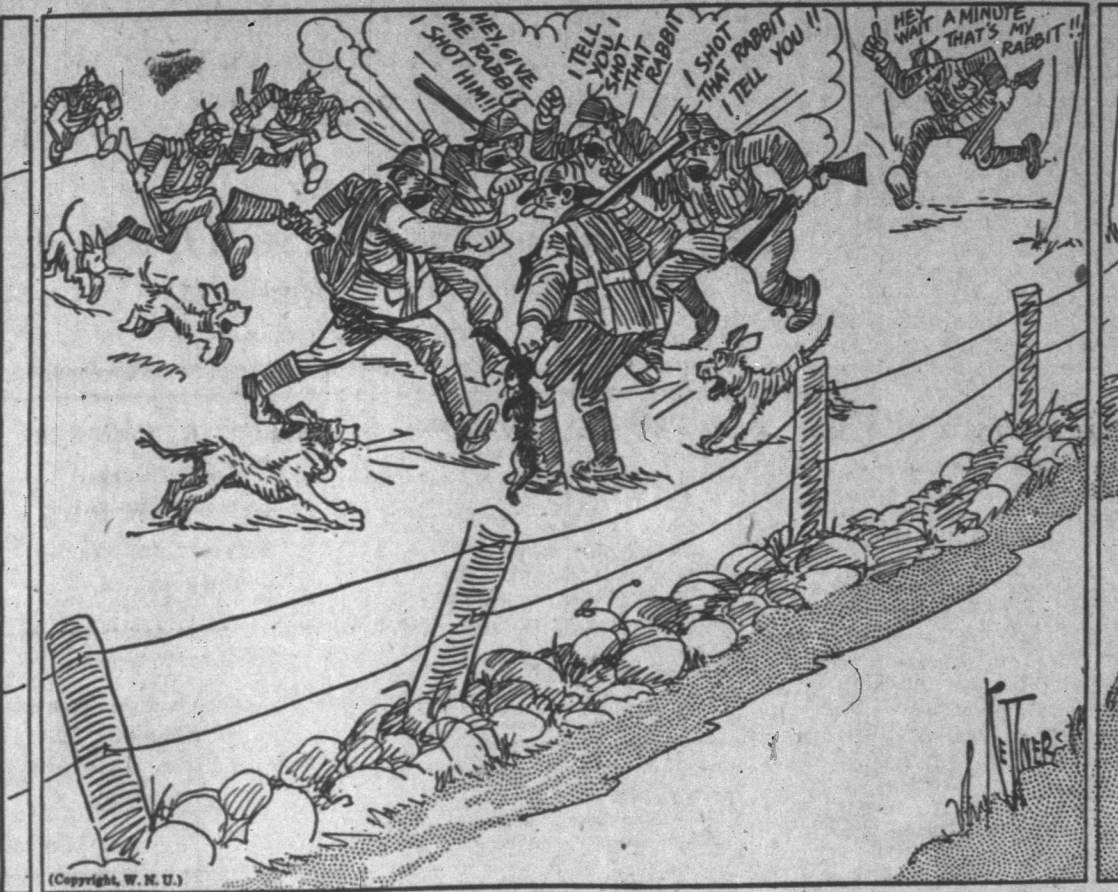


OUR COMIC SECTION

The Season's On



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Silly, Ain't It?



Handsome Is as Handsome Gives



FLYING HIGH

And how was Mrs. B's bridge? Oh, the present were lavish. The first prize was a porterhouse steak and the second prize was a loaf of bread.

A GOOD REASON WHY

Hodge never discusses the tariff. That's remarkable. Why so? Hodge knows nothing about the tariff.

SUPREME BLISS

What's your idea of Heaven? Tons of sugar, and a mile of bald heads to walk on.

Poor economy - to save money and waste life.

The wise man carries wealth in himself.

A high brow may conceal low brains.

Washington Sidelights

A Paradox: Coolidge and His Cabinet

WASHINGTON. — Here's an odd sort of thing—a President with a non-political cabinet. It's all the odder for the fact that President Coolidge is a consummate politician himself—and you'll remember that C. Bascom Sloop, his secretary and personal appointee, has a nationwide reputation as a politician. The President inherited his cabinet, with the exception of Attorney General Stone and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. These two selections are non-political in the extreme. Stone and Daugherty—such a contrast.

Mr. Stone is not only not a politician but shows no liking for politics and no disposition to be swayed by politics. A healthy, heavy, robust, courageous, learned person, physically and mentally powerful, he is politically an altogether innocent outsider. On Capitol hill, among the politicians, he is already regarded as a sort of monster of innocence and purity. The practical politicians consider him as being of about the age of twelve or thirteen politically.

Meanwhile the secretary of the navy, Curtis D. Wilbur, who began being a judge and began having an independent judicial temperament way back in the year 1903, showed abundantly during the last campaign that he does not allow political caution or cowardice to enter into his speeches or acts.

Meanwhile, further, the old Harding cabinet members who are most likely to stay on into the new complete Coolidge regime and who are most likely to dominate the cabinet during that regime are precisely the ones that are the most unpolitical in their characters.

As everybody knows, Hoover is no politician. One can talk for hours with him without hearing a word about politics. He knows nothing, and cares nothing, about the professional practice of politics; and his department, the Department of Commerce, has almost no politicians in it.

Mellon, though he is now called the political boss of western Pennsylvania, is really equally unpolitical. He continues to write reports on the economics of taxation and does not seem to know whether the economists in his department were for Coolidge or for Davis.

Three really great men—Hoover, Mellon, Hughes. And not the least of these three is Hughes. Not even his worst enemy can point to politics in his administration of the Department of State.

Equal Distribution of Burdens of War

WIGHT F. DAVIS, assistant secretary of war, in a speech prepared for delivery at a session on national defense, in connection with the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York, declared that in the future "the burdens of war must be equally distributed."

"If we are ever forced into war," Mr. Davis said, "the burdens of war must be equally distributed. Industry, capitalist and laborer, civilian, as well as soldier, each must do his appointed part in the national defense. We are firmly determined that if this country is ever engaged in another war there must be no slackers and no profiteers."

"The mere task of computing the requirements in finished products is a large one, although it is but the first and simplest step in the problem. After these requirements have been computed they must be translated into terms intelligible to industry. We must know what they mean in terms of raw materials, machine tools, gauges, shop equipment, power, labor, transportation and everything else that industry is to be called upon to furnish to meet our demands."

The dinner in honor of the cabinet, always the first on the list, was given December 18. Next was the reception on New Year's day, from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

The dinners are all set for eight o'clock and the reception will start at nine. The reception to the diplomats, January 8, will be practically brilliant this year. There will be a week between each entertainment, and following the diplomatic reception will be the diplomatic dinner, January 15; the judicial reception, January 22; the Supreme Court dinner, January 29; the Congressional reception, February 5; the Speaker's dinner, February 12, and the Army and Navy reception, almost as brilliant as the diplomatic, February 19.

It is well that the White House list is by tradition a long one, for that of the cabinet is strikingly brief. Cabinet women will have but two open receptions in the entire season. They will be at home Wednesday, January 14, and again on Wednesday, February 4.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hughes held their diplomatic breakfast on New Year's day in the Pan-American Union building, a place wonderfully adapted to the purpose. They have, of course, to give their annual series of diplomatic dinners, a dinner for the President and Mrs. Coolidge, which will be the first on their schedule of events, and the first cabinet dinner for the President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Weeks Favors Continuing Army Policy

SECRETARY WEEKS, in his annual report, advised President Coolidge that conditions in the army now have reached the stage where a sound and continuing policy with regard to its necessities must be seriously considered by the legislative department.

In this connection the secretary declared the army's requirements had been studied with care and fitted into a ten-year program, which should be put into effect by congress in a manner that will conform not only to the military needs of the service, but also to the financial condition of the government.

The statement is made that the pressure for necessary progress and improvement is even greater than the pressure for economy. The secretary recited in detail the retrenchments made by the army in the last few years in order to effect economies and keep within appropriations made by congress and added:

"With the funds allowed during the past fiscal year, however, it has not been possible either to carry out the full mission of the defense forces or to practice true economy."

"As we face this unfortunate situation, like the business man arranging his schedule of work and his plans for the allotment of funds, and decide that relief is urgently needed and must be spread over a period of years," the secretary said, "we are faced with two determining factors in American law and custom."

"The estimated date when our process of rehabilitation must be complete, when the various treaties arising out of the Washington conference cease to be effective, and when the superannuation of the veterans of the World war will have practically eliminated our reserve of citizens of experience in the field, would seem to require that our plans for rehabilitation and our expenditure for that purpose can be spread over and must reach an end at the expiration of a ten-year period, providing such a plan and such expenditures begin to be effective at this time."

Community Building

Paint Adds to Beauty

and Value of Building

No man or woman with any self-respect would wear the same suit or coat year after year, frayed at the bottoms, buttons missing, or otherwise in a dilapidated condition.

How about the home with its ugly discolored patches, roof with shingles missing and doors and windows showing the effects of the elements? asks a writer in the Indianapolis Star.

One is just about as foolish as the other and both are a source of needless expense.

Has it ever occurred to you that it is less costly to keep the home painted up spick and span than to let it wear a discouraged, dilapidated look?

Plenty of good paint, frequently applied, is one of the best investments any home owner ever made.

One of the first requisites in making the home beautiful is to dress it up in beautiful colors, outside as well as inside. This applies alike to the little cottage, the modern bungalow and the stately mansion.

Take the most unattractive house you can find, study its architectural lines, use care in the selection of the colors and the transformation will be so great that you would scarcely recognize it as being the same house.

Campaign to Clean Up

Approaches to Cities

The brokers' division of the National Association of Real Estate Boards has instituted a national campaign to clean up the approaches to our cities, according to a circular recently issued by this group.

Real estate boards throughout the country are requested to appoint committees to work in cooperation with other organizations in cleaning up and properly maintaining attractive approaches, both by way of railroads and automobile roads.

The circular points out that railroad sites and industrial locations can be made very attractive by developing lawns and shrubbery instead of permitting the city's back yard to become a dumping ground for the city's refuse. Industrial buildings located along the railroad tracks can be beautified with comparatively little expense, and it is the purpose of this realtor movement to encourage this improvement.

Home Grounds Important

All city improvement work should begin at home. The first essentials are neatness and cleanliness of the grounds. Keep all irrelevant things away and out of sight. A front yard is no place for unused tools, broken-down equipment, or castaway household goods. The lawn must be good and, which is imperative, must be made and continually improved. A good lawn can seldom be found; it must be established. A good lawn is the foundation of every successful garden. It must be made in a rich soil, with a thick, even stand of lawn grass and a firm, even surface. It is well if the land slopes gently away from the house.

Make Repairs Now

If repairs to the house or lawn remodeling are necessary it is well to get it over with and get the lawn straightened up afterward. There is always plenty of necessary work on the flower beds and the lawn in the spring without postponing that which could have been done in the fall or winter months. Then, too, a foresighted man asserts, workmen are less busy on repairs at that time, so that it is easier to get work done well.

Raising Home Quality

"Those who insist on good, honest standards in the houses they build or buy not only benefit their families and themselves but perform a broader service," says John M. Gries, chief of the division of building and housing, Department of Commerce. "They help raise the quality of homes in the United States and provide a sound basis for wider home ownership."

Driveway

In building a macadam driveway, that is, a driveway of crushed stone, it will be found very effective in keeping the small particles from being scattered around the lawn if a concrete curbing is built on both sides of the driveway. This not only protects the lawn, but is very artistic and prevents the driveway from spreading.

Give Thought to Cellar

The cellar is as important as the rest of the house. Coal bins near the furnace, ventilation, cold storage, drainage, lighting and other points cannot be too carefully thought out to insure comfort.

Small-Town Men Succeed

At the president-day luncheon of an Eastern Rotary club recently, the program was given over to stories of success after forty. There were 120 men who testified that at forty they were failures, whereas at the time of the luncheon they were considered successes, the aggregate number of their employees being 50,000. Their formulas differed widely and among them were: "Constant industry," "never work too hard," and "don't do anything that can be put off."

Strict British Law

When a woman motorist dropped a glass bottle on a highway in England recently she was compelled by a policeman to go back and pick up the pieces, then appear in court and pay a fine.

Restrict Fences and Walls

Good appearance is enhanced in Shaker village by a restriction that no fence or wall shall be constructed in front of the house line.—Detroit Free Press.

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS



CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

A new representative went to an old-timer in the house and asked for a few pointers on being a legislator. "I want to do something constructive," began the new statesman, "something worth while."

"I know, I know. Here's the idea, keep 'down expenses for the rest of the country but get plenty of appropriations for your own district."

Slight Misunderstanding

The train drew up at a station, and a man carrying a heavy box climbed wearily aboard and deposited the box on the rack overhead.

A nervous old man eyed the huge package with evident distrust.

"Do you think that box is safe there?" he demanded.

"Oh, yes," replied the man, cheerfully, "it's locked!"

Thoughtful Youngster

Robust Little Girl of Five (Just before starting for her first day in school)—Mumsey, dear, please cut my finger nails.

"Is it so very important now, dear?"

"Yes, mumsey. You see, I shall probably have to punch some of the other little girls, and I don't want to scratch them."

Honest Confession

The House Agent—You say you have no children, gramophone or wireless, and you don't keep a dog. You seem just the quiet tenant the owner insists on.

The House Hunter—I don't want to hide anything about my behavior, so you might tell the owner that my fountain pen squeaks a bit.

CHANGEFUL GIRL



"Alice is so delightfully changeful."

"Yes, I call her the chameleon girl."

"And why?"

"She changes her complexion as often as she does her mood."

Noah's Luck

Whatever troubles Noah had. And they weren't few, that's clear. He didn't find an Ark at Ararat.

The sign: "No Parking Here."

She Is

"The customer is always right," said the boss to the new clerk.

"How can that be?"

"It's the best way to avoid an argument. Isn't your wife always right?"

No Danger, Old Boy!

"The worst thing about being a bachelor is that one's name dies with one."

"What is your name?"

"Smith."

A YOUNG BASEBALL FAN



"Two heads are better than one, my son."

"Me for a double-header, dad."

Hain't Heard of It

Is there anything under heaven a candidate won't do?

To get his name in the public prints, please tell us, kind sir, true.

Inference

"Yes, he's absolutely ruined; but still, poverty is no disgrace, is it?"

"Oh, no. He doesn't owe you anything either, then?"

Got Into Hot Water

"I got into terrible hot water last night," remarked Harry.

"Did you? Whatever did you do?" exclaimed his friend.

"Oh, I just had a bath!" was the reply.

Used to It

Young Chap—Are you going to be cremated?

Old Gent—No, sir. They're going to bury me. That's what I've been used to ever since I was a mere child.

Chronic Complaint

"My friend," said the doctor, "you are suffering from a chronic complaint."

"I know it, but please lower your voice," whispered the patient. "She's in the next room."

Advertising That Appealed

"Why did you steal the pearl necklace from the jeweler's shop window?"

"Because it had on it 'Avail yourself of this splendid opportunity, and I couldn't resist it!'—Buen Humor.