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Not Weak

"Weak and futile, hiding in-
competence behind a mask of
demagoguery, the Coolidge ad-
ministration drifted along. In
five years it will have been for-
gotten, paled to the insignifi-
cance of the Pierce era, the
Johnson term and the Buchan-
an reign.—Portland News.

TO CLASS Andrew Johnson's ad-
ministration with that of Pierce
or that of Buchanan is to betray
either gross ignorance of history or
deeply dyed partisanship, but let that
pass. The major concern in this dis-
cussion is Mr. Coolidge. Futility in
some things as president Mr. Cool-
idge may have been. He was no op-
position and he was heavily oppo-
sed. A president who could twice
veto farm relief measures out of his
sheer conviction that their provisions
were unsound and dangerous, when
the great majority in congress
lacked that courage; a president
who could veto so politically
expedient a measure as the sol-
diers' bonus bill in the face of op-
position from the massed patriotic
organizations of the land, was no
weakling. Whatever one may think
of his views on the measures re-
ferred to Mr. Coolidge in those ve-
toga exemplified courage as high
as any that has been manifested
by a peacetime president.

Mr. Coolidge probably lacks the
magic spark of greatness. He is
said to have declared as much con-
cerning himself on the occasion of
his first inauguration as president.
But he was a safe president always
and one whose abilities were suited
to his times. Called unexpectedly to
the highest office in the land, he
inherited a pretty messy state of
affairs from his deceased prede-
cessor. A politically minded pres-
ident would have made loud oar-
cries; would have done some pub-
lic washing of dirty linen; would
have sought to popularize himself
by parading his cleaning up of his
predecessor's mess. Mr. Coolidge
made no such public parade but he
did clean things up, gradually,
quietly and effectively. No scandal
marred his administration.

Mr. Coolidge as president lacked
greatness that is no matter of re-
proach to him. What matters is
that he gave his best to the presi-
dency with the equipment he had.
And that the country appreciated
this was well evidenced in 1928,
when Mr. Coolidge could have had
renomination and reelection by
nearly assenting to the invitation
to run again.

In a convention of Daughters of
the American Revolution is no
place for a quaker man. Those la-
dies are militant. Just after Presi-
dent Hoover had addressed them
making a plea for American entry
to the world court the convention
adopted a resolution opposing any
such action. Mr. Hoover will be
lucky if he escapes the D. A. R.'s
celebrated blacklist.

A senate committee is to probe
the campaign expenses of both
Hanna McCormick. Nevertheless,
if elected she will be seated. That
lady makes it a habit to get what
she goes after.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

(Weston Leader)
Oregon has one of the finest
highway systems in the world. She
has spent more than \$25,000,000
on it and is still spending at the
rate of several millions of dollars
a year and will continue to do so.
But she calls her highways "Cal-
ifornia highways" or names them
after someone who was in no way
identified with the history of Ore-
gon.

Now the Portland chamber of
commerce becomes quite enthusi-
astic over the opportunity to ad-
vertise a California product and is
arranging a caravan over the Red-
wood highway.

The people of Oregon have in-
vested millions of dollars in a coast
highway (which by the way, they
call the Roosevelt highway) instead
of the Oregon Coast highway and
there it lies, completed, so far as
possible from Portland to Califor-
nia points in concern. In Port-
land and other Oregon cities land
themselves to advertising a Califor-
nia highway instead of boosting
their own.

nia be routed at least one way over
that road.

Why let California always write
our ticket for us?

Senatorial Investigations
(Klamath Falls Herald)
No sooner had Mrs. McCormick
won her primary nomination than
a senatorial committee decided to
investigate her campaign ex-
penses. Investigations have become
a mania with our senate. Every day
finds something new to investigate
and yet no investigation has yield-
ed anything but a chance for loud
specious and newspaper publicity
to certain senators.

Natural Deduction
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
"Believe it or Not" shows the
picture of a Hindu who held his
hands crossed for 15 years. Must
have been a traffic cop.

Where Sentiment is all Wet
(Baker Democrat-Herald)
If the Literary Digest would take
a poll on the matter of a soaking
rain for this part of Oregon it
would find sentiment even wetter
than it has in its prohibition poll.

(Salem Capital Journal)
A recent anniversary observ-
ance of Thomas Jefferson
whose praises are mourned by po-
liticians, we call attention to what
Jefferson thought of his tribe.
Whenever a man has cast a long
eye on offices a rottenness be-
gins in his conduct.

If a dog participation in office is
a matter of right, how are vacan-
cies to be obtained? Few die and
none resign.

Those who believe in blind obedi-
ence to government, right or
wrong and would use force to sup-
press ideas and coerce objections
by brutality, should ponder Jef-
ferson's reflections on the sub-
ject.

I hold it that a little rebellion,
now and then, is a good thing, and
as necessary to the political world
as storms in the physical world. It
is a medicine necessary for the sound
health of governments.

What country can preserve its
liberties if its rulers are not warn-
ed from time to time that the people
preserve the spirit of resist-
ance? Let them take arms. The
tree of liberty must be refreshed
from time to time with the blood
of tyrants.

Believers in the modern craze
for uniformity and standardization
of humanity and those uplifters
who would elevate mankind by
sumptuary laws, like prohibition
would do well to ponder Jef-
ferson's remark:

Millions of innocent men, women
and children, since the introduc-
tion to Christianity, have been
burned, tortured, fined and im-
prisoned. Let us have no advanced
one inch toward uniformity. What
has been the effect of coercion? To
make one-half of the world fools
and the other half hypocrites.

"IT IS FINISHED"
It is finished! What? His work?
Yes. The work, no! His work was
finished. No more could be asked
of him. He had loved with his
heart and mind and strength. He
had achieved a noble life. He had
accepted sacrifice unto God. He
could give or do nothing more.
It was finished.

Was his work final? Yes. His
work was final. Was evil over-
come? Was sin conquered? No!
What, sin not conquered? If he did
not conquer, etc., who will?

Today is a day of despair. Yes,
today was the tragedy. Today
there is no hope. We are alone
with evil.

Will evil be overcome? Will sin
ever be conquered? Yes. When
you and I—think—yes when
you and I—

DISTINCTIONS IN SERVICE EXPLAINED

There's a difference between a
prayer service and a praise ser-
vice.
So says Rev. Alexander Mulder,
pastor of the First Presbyterian
church, whose church will have an
Easter praise service Sunday eve-
ning. In a complimentary an-
nouncement yesterday in this pa-
per, the section giving the Presby-
terian time of services erroneously
stated that the evening service
would be a prayer service.
The difference in the two is that
a prayer service is strictly a pray-
er service and a praise service is
musical event, the pastor point-
ing out. A big Easter musical pro-
gram will be featured at the Presbyterian
church Sunday night.

OREGON PRUNES TO BE STANDARDIZED

A special meeting of the Oregon
State Horticultural society will be
held in Eugene June 7 to be de-
voted solely to plans for advertis-
ing and standardizing of prunes.
It was announced after a
meeting of the program committee
of the society in Eugene last night.
Prospects of a very large crop
and unsettled market conditions
make concerted action essential.
It was agreed. The program will
be confined to establishing a stand-
ard and grade for dried prunes and
some method of getting northwest
prunes before the public.
Special attempts will be made to
interest the representatives of all
distributors of dried prunes, it was
announced.

CHURCH NEWS

Lutheran Services—7:30 p. m.
April 21, Episcopal Parish house.
Episcopal service at 7:15. Com-
munion will be celebrated. H. H.
Young, pastor.

TILLIE THE TOILER



Maybe I'm Wrong

By
J. P. MEDBURY

A MIDDLE western insane asy-
lum is now holding its annual
clearance sale. All their half-wits
are fifty per cent off.

American Tragedies—When a
fellow is so dumb that he can't
even get a headache in his own
name.

Excuse It Please—Somebody
wrote in and said that telephones
are painted black out of respect to
the dead.

Efficiency Experts—A contor-
nist, committed suicide the other
day by slashing his wrists with his
shoulder blades.

Take It or Leave It—A reliable
bootlegger is one who minds his
Pis, and Q's.

Our Own Vaudeville—Guest: I
suppose you get a lot of pleasure
out of your home? Host: Yes, I
have to. I can't have much fun
in it.

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Talks on Health

By
DR. R. S. COPELAND

CHILDREN go through many
troubles before they grow to
maturity. Many diseases bring mis-
ery to them. One of the worst of
these is infantile paralysis, or, as
the doctors call it, "poliomyelitis."

Fortunately few children are sus-
ceptible to this disease. More than
three-fourths of the cases are met
in the first two or three years of
life. It may come at any age, even
to grown-ups, but as I have said,
most children are immune.

It is really a terrible disease.
The paralysis leaves too many of
the little ones crippled for life.

The attack comes without warn-
ing. The child is taken suddenly
with vomiting, fever, headache and
extreme prostration. After these
acute symptoms have abated the
paralysis is discovered. The dam-
age is likely to affect the lower
extremities. One leg or both may
be involved. Sometimes other
parts of the body are attacked.

There are several types of trans-
ferrable paralysis. One is of the brain
type. The latter is the more com-
mon form.

A child with this disease should
be isolated.

This is done for safety's sake,
even though there is doubt that it
may be transmitted to others. All
the body excretions, including
urine, stool, vomit and sweat, should
be burned.

At first, in the progress of the
disease there is complete paral-
ysis, and motion is not possible. Af-
ter a few weeks or months the
muscles grow stronger, but what
ever paralysis is left after this
time is apt to remain permanent.

There is a withering of the
limb and it grows smaller. Walk-
ing is very difficult.

There are some things which are
helpful in regaining muscle con-
trol. Massage, electricity, baths,
sprays and other stimulating ap-
plications are helpful in removing
the effects of infantile paralysis.

Many children are crippled every
year by this malady. But there is
always a bright spot in every pic-
ture. I was reading the other day
of work being carried on by the
board of education of New York
city to help crippled children at
home. Many of these lame chil-
dren in the city are helped in a
most practical and tender way by
being provided with special educa-
tional facilities. When necessary
they are under special supervision
for their physical defects and
given instruction too.

Even more striking is the fact
that teachers are sent into the
homes of the crippled where their
infirmities make it impossible for
them to be taken to school. More
money is needed for more educa-
tional facilities. The public should be
willing to help in this work, which
was taken over by the board of educa-

Her Private "Line"



Advice to Girls

By
ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:
I am a girl in my early teens
and I like a fellow a few years older
than I.

Now, Annie Laurie, here is my
problem: My girl friend's brother
told me not to speak to him; when
I asked him why he wouldn't an-
swer, now, I like this fellow very
much, also, and I don't know what
to do. Please help me, and thank
you.

MIN.
DIN: I think I would give the
young man the benefit of the
doubt, my dear, until he proves un-
worthy of your friendship. Your
friend's brother may have the best
intentions in the world, and it
might be best to be on your guard.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:
I have been going with a boy
for some months. My girl friend
has now won his love and atten-
tion and he has left me. I have
no other boy friend just now and
would like you to advise me what
to do.

BRUNETTE: If the young man is
so flake, he's not worth bother-
ing about. Try to forget him and
interest yourself in your other
friends.

Poets' Corner

A RHYMELESS RHYMESTER

W. TAYLOR COOPER

It came to us, we could write a
poem.

The thought pleased us well; we
said, We'll show 'em.
We are sure we'd make a splen-
did showing.

When we did our pencil fairly go-
ing.

A vision arose of the Hall of Fame.
On its walls was inscribed our hon-
ored name.

The stage all set and the curtains
parted.

First act was on; our career had
started.

So we sought at once to invoke the
Muses.

She didn't respond, nor would she
enthuse.

And when the Muse fails to answer
one's call.

Why the lines just will not match
up at all.

We had a fine start on the first
stanza.

But failed to find a rhyme for
"banana."

That was the trouble, we couldn't
find rhymes.
Though we looked in Webster
dozens of times.

GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Trell

"Sit tea with a fork
Cut meat with a spoon.
Then dinner will take you
The whole afternoon."
—Shadow Sayings.

Bad table-manners are danger-
ous. Do you know to whom? To
your shadow.

Oh yes indeed! See what hap-
pened to Mij, Hanid Flor, Yam
and Knarf—the five little shadow.



"Help me," He Begged.

children with the turned-about
names.

The shadows, naturally, always
watched over their masters and
mistresses while they ate. They
would generally stand fast against
the wall, right behind their backs
and look over their shoulders.

"Now they're eating soup,"
Hanid would announce.

"So I hear," Knarf would re-
mark.

"It's Mij's master Jim who is
making all the noise, as usual,"
Yam would say.

Then Mij would go up to his
master Jim and whisper in his
ear. "Eat more quietly, please."

But the boy rarely paid any at-
tention to his shadow. If he stop-
ped making noise it was almost
sure to be because he had finish-
ed eating. And that was no credit
to Mij.

On Sundays, when company
came for dinner, then the shadows
—and Mij especially—were kept
busy seeing that the children didn't
disgrace themselves. They had
to keep telling them, "Now change
the fork to your left hand when
you use your knife"—or "Use the
pastry-fork for the apple"—or
"Careful, don't spatter the gravy
on the tablecloth."

Then one day at supper a ter-
rible thing happened. The chil-
dren ate their soup surprisingly
carefully, and the shadows were
feeling very well pleased when
the cook walked in with a portion
of peas for each of them.

Mij's heart sank. He knew that
his master was bound to do some-
thing wrong. His fears were in-
stantly borne out when Jim pick-
ed up his knife.

"No, no, you mustn't use your
knife to eat peas!" Mij cried.
"Use your fork!"

Instead of listening, the boy
started to pile the peas onto his
knife. It wasn't easy, for the peas
were round and didn't care to stay
heaped up one on the other. Finally
he got them to stay and began
to lift the knife up to his mouth.

Mij turned pale with fright.
What a disgrace! Suppose they
could find out and scatter all over
the table!

He gazed pleadingly at the
other shadows.

"Help me," he begged. "We
mustn't let the peas roll off."

Then they all made themselves
small, (as shadows can easily do),
and springing upon the knife,
grasped the peas as tightly as they
could.

Alas—the knife shook and off
rolled peas, shadows and all. The
peas bounced all over the table,
striking the poor shadows like can-
non-balls and finally sending them
all flying into a steaming-hot pud-
ding.

Bad table-manners were certain-
ly dangerous as far as the shadow
was concerned.

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Come Into the Kitchen

By ELIA M. LEIR

"What the Well-Dressed Table
Will Wear"

Truthfully, we were looking for
something terribly expensive that
could be bought for nine cents—
you know the type—we all love it
—bargained. Not clothes—dish-
es! And positively, my dears, I've
never seen such a charming array
in my life.

They ranged from quiet dignity
to pomp and festiveness, from the
most fragile of china to heavy
earthenware, from somber-garbed
dinner plates to those that fairly
laughed in your face, and—
well, truly, I didn't believe there
could be so much personality in
dishes!

And I—why, one minute I was a
sweetly dignified hostess presid-
ing over a table of deep cream
china with tiny sprays of the same
color, glassware and silver—
George Washington days. And just
by a turn of my head I was gay
and vivacious—serving waffles to
a chattering group, with my table
radiant in an array of plates the
color of spun gold, a queer little
boy in black traveling an unending
journey upon their faces. That
was German ware—plates, cups
and saucers, pour pitcher and plat-
ter. All it lacked was the electric
waffle iron!

GARDENS.....

and Other Things

By CHARLES A. BRAND

The writer of this column is not
an exhibitor but for just this once
he would like to do a little dig-
ging. It is about the yard and
garden contest that is just now get-
ting under way. It is getting off
to a fine start, too. All kinds of
entries are coming in. Big gar-
dens, little gardens, back yard gar-
dens, rock gardens and places
where there are no gardens but
where improvements are to be
made. This contest is going to
mean a great deal to the city of
Roseburg besides meaning a great
deal to those who enter. And
here is what I want to urge. En-
ter one of the classes in this con-
test. Every yard on the street
should be entered, not for the sake
of winning the money, though at
least thirty people are going to
win real money, but for the sake
of doing your part as a good citi-
zen in this movement to beautify
the town. Remember our slogan,
"You win if you lose." The prize
which each one will win is a nice
beautiful and home-like home and
that is worth more than any
money prize.

In the News-Review for last
Thursday and Friday you will find
the list of the prizes that are of-
fered for the different classes in
the competition. This list will be
repeated in the paper from time to
time. With it is a coupon to be
filled out and mailed to Mrs. W.
B. Strawn, chairman of the con-
test committee. Your garden or
the place you intend to improve
will be visited soon after your en-
try is received. Entry blanks can
be had from members of the Gard-
en club or at the chamber of com-
merce and the sooner the work is
started the more can be accom-
plished during the season.

The town is really interested in
this thing and is showing its inter-
est in substantial ways. The fact
that the News-Review volunteered
to raise a fund to be used for
prizes, increasing the amount do-
nated by the Garden club is an in-
teresting indication. The Rotary
club is furnishing the prizes for
one of the classes, the Kiwanis
club for another, its prizes to be
in the form of nursery stock for
the home grounds.

Another prize to be announced will
be mill work or garden furniture.
It is fine to see cooperation like
this. So, "Come on in; the water's
fine!" Enter the contest. Get your
neighbor to enter. You will both
enjoy it, and you will be doing
something for your town.

Would it be in place here to ex-
plode something? It is the myth
that Roseburg people are burdened
with such high water rates that
they cannot and will not take care
of their yards. Here are the facts:
During the five frigid months
there is now a special water rate
and the average monthly water
bill for the people of the town dur-
ing those five months last year
was \$1.69. That is a scandalously
small amount to spend on one's
garden and lawn. A person who
wouldn't spend more than that—
half of his expense less—would
starve a horse to death or steal
sandy from a child.

Children go into garden contests
eagerly and enjoy the work but
they have to be encouraged to
make the start by their parents.
That has been proved by the ex-
perience in other places and it
has been a sad failure that every-
where was once made here. Mr. Parker,
the leader of the Boys' and girls'
club work, has charge of the chil-
dren's contests in this project,
and that means that it will be done
right.

The contest committee of the
Garden club does not want to tell
all that is a once but I under-
stand that is a failure that every-
child that enters the contests will
receive a money prize, not simply
those who win in the various
classes.

There must be at least one item
of practical help for real dirt gar-
deners in this column and it is
going to be Dr. Sullivan's directions
for the best treatment of roses
in April. He advises "the
sprinkling of the ground—using
a sprinkling can for the purpose—
with a solution made by dissolving
two ounces of copperas in one gal-
lon of water. Remember, this solu-
tion must not be sprinkled on the
bush, but on the ground only, making
the surface reasonably wet
with the solution."

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