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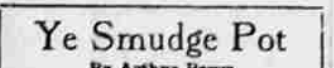
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Ye Smudge Pot

Literature is on the decline owing to prohibition, according to Prof. Edgar Hoste of the University of Pennsylvania, and a shot of Scotch wouldn't do this col. any harm.

A presidential boom has been launched for William Howard Taft. A fat man has less chance than a man with whiskers.

Membership in the idolators club of Jackson county has dwindled to the point where it includes only those who don't know the war is over.

1918 Ford touring; wonderful shape; \$125 cash, bal. easy. 19th & Conch. Broad 118. (Portland Oregonian Want ad)—Most of them have a squat figure.

Farmers of the nation are called upon by the Non-Partisan league to file a "protest" against things in general. In this vicinity nothing would drive the "protest" home like leaving off their puttees for a half day.

Exception is taken by Harry Manning to the allegation that Link Saito is the leading hawker of the valley. He states that his boy is second to none when it comes to bowling. Harry says his offspring does not often indulge in the practice, but when he does leave the muffer open, the tone quality and quantity of his squalling is unsurpassed afloat or ashore.

Rebuilding Owl Resort. MEXICALI, Lower California, Feb. 12.—Work of rebuilding the Owl theater, gambling resort, which was destroyed by a spectacular fire February 9 at an estimated loss of \$250,000 was begun yesterday. The management has opened temporary quarters and gambling has been resumed.

AMERICA'S BIGGEST MAN

THE MOST unique thing about Abraham Lincoln as a public man was his lack of personal vanity. He refused to take himself seriously. He was utterly devoid of pride. His ability to view men and issues, entirely apart from their reaction upon him, was almost inhuman. They don't grow public men like that now. Or if they do such men don't get in high places. We can't recall a president since Lincoln—with the possible exception of McKinley—who was able to forget the personal element—who was big enough to rise above vanity and pride and the deep human instinct of reversing the golden rule.

A thousand incidents illustrate this trait in Lincoln's character, but the selection of Stanton as Secretary of War to replace Cameron, stands out above them all.

Stanton's contempt for Lincoln, as a lawyer as a president and as a man, dated back to the old Harvester case. They had not only been legal opponents, and political opponents, but as far as Stanton was concerned personal enemies.

"He never referred to Lincoln" said General McClellan "but as a gorilla, and wondered by De Chaulen should hunt in Africa when they grew such fine specimens in Illinois. The ignorance and inefficiency of both the president and the republican party, was with him a constant theme, and he repeatedly advised my taking over the government and assuming a military dictatorship."

Lincoln knew all this. But Lincoln also knew Stanton. He knew he belonged to the type of gruff, bear-like megolomaniacs, who hide beneath a rough and vindictive exterior, a warm heart and an uncompromising patriotism. Moreover, he knew, as far as ability was concerned, Stanton was the one man for the job.

So he appointed him to the most important position in the cabinet and when friends whispered in his ear what Stanton had said Lincoln smiled and replied, "Oh, I know Stanton. I like to hear him talk."

Lincoln wasn't sentimental about it. He didn't pretend to like abuse or malicious hostility. But he had one passion in life at that time, and that was the preservation of the union. When he entered upon that task he proceeded to forget himself entirely, and only keep in mind his country, and what would benefit his country's cause. If a political heeler like Cameron was easy to get along with, but didn't deliver the goods, Lincoln promptly discharged him, if his worst personal enemy was difficult to get along with, but could deliver the goods, he called him in and stood by him.

One wouldn't advise all public men to follow selflessness as far as did Lincoln. For it's a job only for a big man. A man of small gauge would merely lose the respect of his fellows and his hold upon his task. The average official must take himself seriously or no one else will. But Lincoln was of that heroic mold, that patriarchal cast, that could disregard the small things, and only gain thereby. As one of his biographers said: "He was only six feet four, but he reached from Heaven to Earth."

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Is Alarmed by Taxes. To the Editor: Have been waiting for some time to hear from some of the taxpayers. We will find when we come to pay

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The Screen



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our 1919 tax that its 59 per cent higher than last year and if they carry this raise the 1920 tax will be double the 1198 tax. In other words if a small farmer happens to have a mortgage, he will be no against it. I have lived in Nebraska on the Kansas line for 25 years. We got up against it something like that, and we just retired lots of great statesmen and but a few have come in to repeal lots of foolish taxing laws, and that's what will have to be done here. Or the bolshevik will have an easy time dividing our property. Would like to hear from some competent writer on this subject. Very truly yours, P. S. ANDERSON, 919 Reddy Ave., city.

And Reed's a Democrat To the Editor: We note in your editorial of the 9th instant that you have received a post card from Senator Reed "bearing the government frank, and avowing President Wilson and Colonel House of voting with Japan for racial equality," etc.

Why is your soul so especially outraged that Senator Reed has used his government frank for anything so frank as post cards, when the democratic administration for many months past has been sending out literally tons of propaganda to republican war workers all over the country? Not only post cards, but sealed letters and pamphlets of every description, all of which was done during the paper shortage. Do you imagine that this was done without the knowledge and consent of the president?

This was all at the expense of the American people, and we have seen no notice of it in your columns, although the telegram of Will Hays sent from San Francisco to Carter Glass, dealing strictly with facts, which I now call your attention, is that I am reliably informed the democratic committee has even resorted to drawing drafts on bankers in whose banks government funds are deposited, telegraphing such bankers that they had already drawn such drafts. I respectfully recommend that you make an inquiry into this situation.

DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT GREY WILL RETURN LONDON, Feb. 12.—Replying to a question in the house of commons today as to whether Viscount Grey would return to Washington as British ambassador and if not who would be his successor, Premier Lloyd George said he was unable to make any statement on the subject.

Card of Thanks Mrs. A. J. Marvin and family wish to express their thanks through the Mail Tribune, to the many friends that so kindly assisted them after the death of Mr. A. J. Marvin, on Jan. 29, 1920. MRS. A. J. MARVIN.

Notice of Removal The Union Livery, Feed & Sales Stables formerly located at Dr. Helms barn, 111 North Fir street, is now located at the old Vincent barn, North Riverside and will be known as the Union Livery, Feed & Sales Stables, the only feed stable in Medford. 277

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