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Ye Smudge Pot

The high-water mark of efficiency in the late war was reached in the war department, which, as you know, is headed by the affable, but otherwise unhampered with public office qualifications, Noot Baker.

Kort Hall has kum out for ko. kom. His slogan will be: "Put a Kort Hall in the Court House."

The presidential aspirations of Senator Owens of Oklahoma have been cooked to a fare-ye-well. Bill Bryan approves him for the job.

Bill Hart is the only movie personage of any importance not mixed up in a scandal. He is unmarried, but might be arrested for cruelty to his horse.

The Democrats announce the placing of a plank against the high cost of living at the June convention, and after San Francisco gets thru with the delegates, it ought to be a good one.

The switchmen hold that they are not striking, just quitting, which is their right, but they object most strenuously to the railroad threat to keep them that way, as far as further labor in their yards is concerned.

The very latest scare is a panic. A panic will be just what the country needs to put a little new life into things, by ruffling up the long spell of tranquility.

A BOUQUET AND A BRICK

If we were in the habit of stealing paragraphs we don't know where we would rather go for a good one than to the "Smudge Pot" of the Medford Tribune, but if its cocky editor had been able to see thru the smudge he would have noticed that the G.-T.'s item was headed "The Wall of a Lost Soul" which was meant to be a crack at him.

80 Years Old—Attributes Health to Internal Baths

Mrs. D. C. Newcomb, 704 N. 4th Ave., Atchison, Kan., writes Tyrrell's Hygienic Institute of New York as follows: "My next birthday in July 15th—80 years old. Have used Tyrrell's 'J. B. L. Cascade' for more than 20 years. Best and only remedy that brings relief without the use of drugs.

THE 4 PER CENT MEASURE

WE ARE in receipt of a communication protesting against the raising of the two per cent constitutional limitation to four per cent, of which the following is an extract:

Where is this tax increase to stop? We have raised ten millions for good roads and now we are asked to raise more. When it comes to increasing the state tax for good roads I am from Missouri. Taxes are high enough already.

This communication represents a general misconception of the proposed elevation of the tax limitation from two to four per cent. The increase will not raise taxes for the simple reason that the revenue from the auto license fees and gas tax will be ample to care for both interest and principal of all the bonds that will be issued under the proposed four per cent limitation.

In other words, as the Oregon Voter has pointed out, the completion of the main highway within the next few years, has already been financed by the taxes already imposed. The only object of the increased limitation is to legalize the work which has been or should be contracted.

It is unfortunate so many money measures are to be voted on at the May election. It is doubtful if all the measures will be endorsed however worthy they may be. But when the increase of the two per cent limitation is understood, we believe the opposition to it will gradually decline.

No direct property tax whatever is involved. The automobile owners are paying for the present good road construction and will pay for the construction planned. But without a change in the constitutional provision the construction work already outlined and already financed cannot be done.

When our correspondent realizes that a vote for the four per cent limitation will not increase his taxes, nor will it increase the burdens of the automobile owners, but will merely allow the state to use the money the law already provides, we believe he will be glad to move from the mud roads of Missouri to the permanent highways of a progressive and enterprising Oregon.



THE SPRING CHORE.

SPRING is brightening the valleys, that were lately brown and gray, and it's time to clean the alleys, carting all the trash away; all the cast-off shoes and bonnets, and the cat that reached its end, and the punk rejected sonnets that the local poet penned.

BUTTE FALLS

Mr. Berrian, our hustling fish hatchery man, came up from Medford Monday in his car, returning the same day by stage. Jasper Tongate is visiting his mother this week. He had the misfortune of losing a part of one of his left hand pointers.

PHOENIX PARAGRAPHS

The pupils of the Phoenix schools never began to practice the events for the track and field meet to be held at Talent, May 7, 1920.

Mr. Charlie Roberts of Provost visited Phoenix Wednesday morning.

The Ladies' Aid Society held their monthly ten cent tea at the Clyde Hall, Wednesday afternoon of this week. After spending the afternoon sewing carpet rags, the hostesses served lettuce sandwiches, gingerbread with whipped cream and coffee.

There will be a sewing demonstration next week at Phoenix in Clyde Hall, beginning Monday morning, and will continue for the following four days. All of the women of the community are cordially invited and urged to come.

Monday—A. m., Commercial Patterns; p. m., Problems in Garment Construction.

Tuesday—A. m., Finishes and Decorations; p. m., Children's Dresses.

Wednesday—A. m., Remodeling; p. m., Remodeling.

Thursday—A. m., Remodeling; p. m., Remodeling.

There will be a play given on the high school stage by the girls of Medford Presbyterian church April 10, 8:15 p. m.

Mr. Milan is encouraging the pupils to plant gardens. The child who learns to love the garden will find pleasure in the growing garden all through life. The garden will bring fresh vegetables to the home table. The children may find a market for their vegetables and thereby save up money to buy thrift stamps.

Thursday the pupils and teachers turned out in a body and cleaned up the streets of the city.

Miss Homes and class have been discussing civic improvement for some time. The class has written some very excellent essays on the subject. The grade pupils have taken up the subject and are taking much interest in cleaning up their yards at home.

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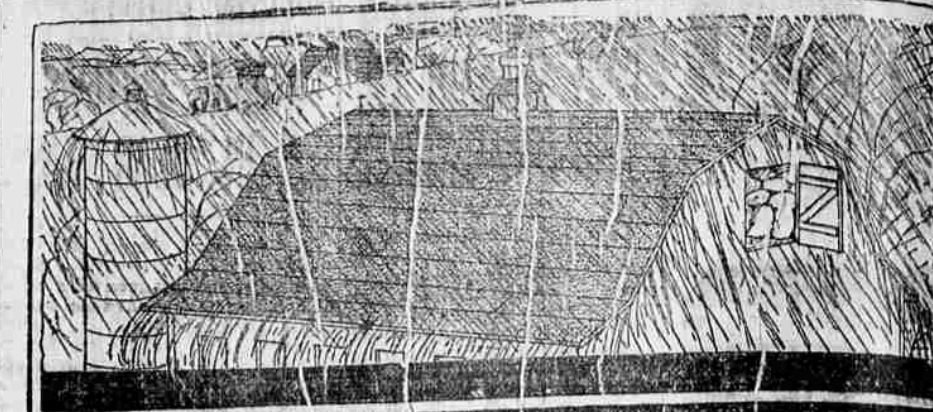
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