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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The annual fog is again in our midst, and the first 116 days are the worst.

Milk wagons go so fast on Hellbent avenue that a pint of cream becomes a pound of butter.

Bonuses for soldiers will cost \$2,000,000,000, and is characterized by the suddenly economical administration "as a plan to ransack the treasury." The \$30,000,000 ship-building graft was not "ransacking" it was "vacuum cleaning."

"HAPPY IS THE DEALER" (Eugene Guard)

The card party at Roy Allen's home Thursday night was a decided success.

A lady 115 years old blew out the gas in Chicago, and nearly died. They never get too old to learn.

Many Oregonians were nipped on Canadian bonds manipulated by a suave and churchgoing Portlander. This will augment the chorus howling: "Taxes are eating us up alive."

MAN THE EXTERMINATOR! (Eugene Guard)

Oscar Woodson and brother Bug and Henry Bennett of the Woodson Ford garage, attended the meeting and banquet given Saturday by the Ford Motor company at the Osburn hotel Saturday night.

The report that d'Annunzio kicked the bucket was erroneous, as expected. It is hard to abate a bird with the "soul of a poet," and the nerve of a chicken thief.

"In the good old days," the Nash Grill served Sunday dinner for 50 cents, and Clarence Hutchinson rode a bicycle.

Saturday is the glad New Year. When it gets as old as the present one it will not be so glad.

BEANERIES ALWAYS DO (Yreka, Cal., News)

The dining room of the Yreka hotel (nee Franco-American) has been taken over by F. Calhoun, late of Portland. The new management is sparing no pains or expense.

There is a chance for some young inventor to win fame and fortune by inventing a contraption for keeping seams in silk socks straight. They now run zigzag, which was the way the ships went to duck the U-boats.

The Medford Mail Smudge Pot man will please take notice that the name of one of Chico's leading soft drink parlor proprietors is Pop Glass. (Chico, Cal., Enterprise). Thanks.

WON'T A SMALL TOWN DO? (S. F. Chronicle)

Middle-aged woman wants cooking on ranch. Mrs. Hames, 1738 Mission St.

It would be nice to hit oil in the valley, and find out which one of the new made millionaires will be shot by an imported vampire.

Congress is going to reduce taxes, by levying more, and it is strange that nobody thought of this before.

The following citizens assist in perpetuating the memory of departed presidents:

- James Madison Keene, George Washington Nichols, Franklin Pierce Farrell, Benjamin Harrison Plymale, Grover Cleveland Cotam.

According to the president of the National Dancing Masters association all muscles of the body are brought into action by dancing. This is quite true, but so does a washboard.

With Medford trade is Medford made.

THE DRAMATIC TEMPERAMENT.

THE surrender of d'Annunzio concludes one of the most dramatic and picturesque episodes of this generation. Those who feel that only the spectacular death of the insurgent poet could render the melo-drama artistically complete, fail to comprehend the psychology of the principal actor.

D'Annunzio is primarily an artist of temperament,—of the Latin temperament. With him symbols are realities. That scratch on his arid dome, from a shell splinter sufficiently and much more vividly, typified the hero's coup de grace, than any more realistic ceremony, involving the services of a sordid and unimaginative undertaker.

And in d'Annunzio's scenario, he must be both the corpse and the grave digger. The details can be left to no bungling hand. If riddled by machine gun bullets, he could have executed a high dive from Fiume's Campanile, and satisfied that the climax had been well done, could have directed the final obsequies including the military salute, the mere fact of holding his rendezvous with death would not have deterred him.

But there were physical obstacles, which even his genius for creative realism could not overcome. So he allowed the cranial scratch to suffice, just as the Kaiser, instead of leading his forces to a glorious death, allowed rheumatism and wood chopper cramp to suffice. Death to a self-dramatized egotist is so,—well not only in-artistic but disappointing.

LEGISLATING HONESTY.

The lesson of the tumbling down of the card house of Morris Brock, ought to appeal to the Oregon Legislature, to be in session a week from next Monday. There must be legislation enacted calculated to prevent such a thing happening in the future. Our state has machinery already organized that can, with proper authority given, make a repetition of this thing next to impossible.—Salem Statesman.

BUT let's be explicit. What laws can the legislature pass to make men honest,—particularly men in high places who handle other people's money. In short, what law or laws can be devised, under our present form of finance, which the crooked banker can not evade, and what law, or laws, can make every banker honest? That is the real problem.



PAYING BILLS.

ONE sport my jaded spirit thrills, and warms me through and through; it is the sport of paying bills when those same bills are due. All other pastimes lose their charm as years roll on their way, and old men, viewing with alarm, observe their domes are gray. Each month I take my fountain pen and make the green ink flow, and write out checks for iron men to every man I owe. And after that I push my car athwart the spangled lea, or whack the golf balls near and far, or practice archery. Sometimes I make a high ascent in airships or balloons, but first I pay the grocery gent who sold me wholesome prunes. Sometimes the polo graft I try, and make a record neat, but first I pay the butchering guy who sold me useful meat. When I have paid my monthly bills I feel more honest pride than if I'd scored a hundred kills where ducks were shot and died. Oh, I am fond of outdoor games, and indoor games as well; at blind man's buff I bust my hames, at checkers I excel. All honest sport my bosom fills with rapture, as you guess; but paying up the monthly bills I like best, I confess.

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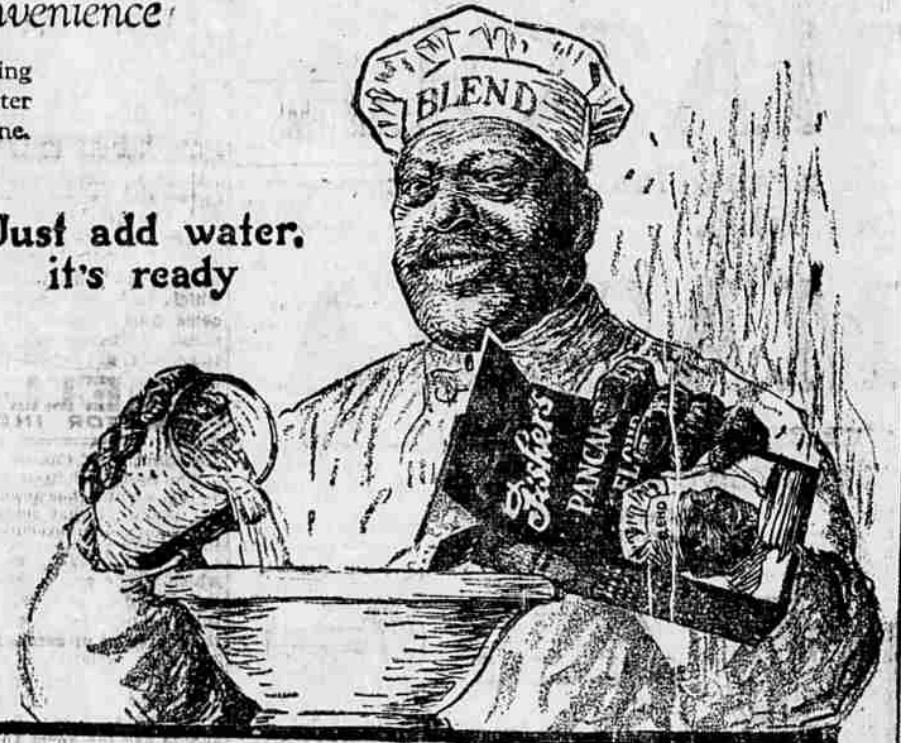
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