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UNION LABEL

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

A perusal of California papers leaves the impression that the members of the Ohio State football team are a collection of helpless farmhands, possessed of unlimited nerve in playing the University of Native Sodom, and temporarily suffering from the hallucination that they can play football.

The howl that will go up after the game will awake the Mikado in the royal palace at Tokio.

Remarkable increases in the sales of cracked corn and prunes are reported and the police are baffled to understand what they are doing with it.

A certain mag, with oculation prevalent on every page has arrived, and sinners are purchasing the same, and skulking off to find out whether the Prince of Kackyaack gets the poor, but beautiful Annette by force or oratory.

HURRAH FOR BUNCOM! (Yreka, Cal., Journal)

Can WeWitt of Bcgus, who had the leaders in his left thumb severed last week is making rapid recovery.

John B. Risser of Humbug creek came in over the mountain the fore part of last week. The snow was deep and he walked in.

The barber shops are getting so they close up on less provocation than the banks.

Another year has petered out, and there is widespread regret in some quarters at the inability to get rory-eyed drunk. The piquancy has also been knocked out of the occasion, by no kitchens dame being derrieked onto a table to dawnee cowishly.

The failure of Portland bond house demonstrates anew that there are always plenty of Oregonians ready to invest in the development projects of other sections. Development in Oregon is entirely in the hands of the Lord, who will release the golden resources in due season.

TRY INDIFFERENCE, HERMAN (Bugene Register)

"Dear Miss Page—I would like to make a hit with a girl who lives near me. She is a sort of a funny kind of a girl. It's this way—If she feels in a good humor she will talk very nice to you, but if she is a little mad she even won't look at me. Will you please tell me how to work this out. I am madly in love with her.—Herman."

A famine exists in China, but the Chinese are not wasting their strength in appeals, at in Europe. The Mongolians have the fool notion that they can prevent future hunger by entangling the soil, and ask and get no sympathy.

Though nobody says anything about it, the tree or house fly is the leading screen actor.

The Woodburn Moonshiners will give a dance in Gervais this evening. (Salem Capital-Journal). The floor managers will wear their working boots.

A policeman brazenly accosted a lady about traveling 60 miles per hr. down the Main Drag Thurs. pm. The lady replied to the impertinence by going 70 miles per hr.

Two shindigs in a row will usher out and in the glad New Year. The physical effort involved in the consecutive entanglements, will so tucker out the gals that they will be unable to wash any dishes, in order to conserve their strength for the mid-week hoofing.

A. F. & A. M. Special Communication Medford Lodge No. 103, Friday evening, Dec. 31, 7 p. m. Work in F. C. degree by order of the W. M. L. E. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

UNHAPPY OLD YEAR, HAPPY NEW

THE YEAR 1920 came in like a million dollars, and went out like thirty cents. It will occupy a place in financial-economic and social history second only to Humpty-Dumpty. Like its mythical predecessor it climbed a high wall, then it had a big fall and as the curtain comes down, it lies there, a foolish and disillusioned old man, rubbing its sore head.

But somehow, the picture is more amusing than tragic. For over the hill, in the glow of a rainbow sunrise, comes the lusty offspring, 1921. And there is a confident expectation, perhaps common to all New Years, that the son will be a better man than the father. There is even reason to believe he will profit by the Pa-pa's errors. He may have faults the old man lacked, but the old faults are the only things the world can not stand. In the flush of youth new faults can be so easily corrected.

So there is a warm greeting for the New Year as there always is, and let us hope, always will be. This perennial renewal of hope, is what makes the world go round, and it is a hope so often justified. 1920 climbed a high wall of excessive prices, excessive profits and excessive jazz. The wall was too high. And 1920 instead of appreciating the fact, and trying to crawl down to a safer level, went completely crazy, trying to reach the moon and pick forget-me-nots from the stars. It was Humpty-Dumpty all over again. The higher he got the harder he fell.

Our prize baby won't do that. Acquired characteristics are not inherited. And the characteristics of 1920 were all acquired. The new year will be a sober, reconstructive and hard working year because it must be.

In the first place the advice of the wise men will have more weight. (After a bump, the wise man is always first aid). When the wise men said it was time to buy less and save more, 1920 bought more and saved nothing. But now the same wise men are saying the worst is over, the crisis has passed, the time has come to buy more and hoard nothing.

There is reason to believe this advice will be more generally followed. A few super-wiseacres will hold off, allured by the prospect of still lower prices, just as a year ago, they held off saving, allured by the prospect of still higher ones, but the wisdom of the average will be maintained, unless none of the lessons of a bitter experience are to be learned. And no one can say, this bright-eyed youngster will prove a dunce like that.

So a happy and prosperous New Year to you all! New Years are always happy and prosperous, but this one can be made so. It can be made so particularly in the Rogue River Valley, which produced no war millionaires and for that very reason will produce no paupers of peace. Road work, irrigation work, new lumber mills, new canneries and more money than ever in the banks,—not to forget that alluring dream of possible oil—everything combines to hold promise, that the passing of 1920 is good riddance, and the advent of 1921 a blessing undisguised.



WE GREET the New Year with a smile, and say "Take off your things and come right in and stay a while, and feel at home by jings; for brand new years are quite in style, and every joy bell rings." Men always are sustained by hope, as down the world they tread, and though in darkness they may grope, they know there's light ahead; they're strong on optimistic dope, and say the past is dead. This spirit always is on deck wherever men abound; it saves their souls from glastly wreek, and makes the world go round; and so no cleaver in the neck can, silence or confound. Old Twenty's weary course is run, so let him disappear; we turn to Nineteen-Twenty-One, and give a ringing cheer; the new year's blithe and full of fun, the old one's on his bid. The old year's petered out and spent, and now we hail the new, and every dame and every gent enjoys a rosy view, and every dream that's worth a cent is likely to come true. This world would be a dismal place, a desert drear and vast, if man should always turn his face back to a troublous past; if he should after sorrow chase, and groan and stand agast. But human beings do not turn to sad things and forlorn; the ghosts of yesterday they spurn and laugh away with scorn; the gods have taught them how to yearn for bright days yet unborn.

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