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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

There was a large and violent wind Tues, eye, but owing to the lack of pears to blow off, it was not much of a

Fortune will "smile on the valley" i they hit oil, but they might as well slug the oil while they are about it and make Fortune emit an ill-man nered guffaw.

Yesterday the Oregonian published cartoon of President-elect Harding that resembles him about as much as the Espee depot does the Cathedral of St. Paul, wherever that is.

(Eugene Register) Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ditto are here from Portland visiting at the home of Mr. Ditto's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ditto.

A stock company has been formed to manufacture beauty accelerators for men. They will call their products Monsieur Harvard's Preparations, and run in opposition to Mme. Yale Beauty

Hoss Nicholson is a candidate for I S. Marshal. If he gets the job, the of fice will be opened at 3 a. m., instead of nine o'clock, as at present.

BABY, ON THE SIDE (Portland Journal)

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A denizen of Oregon, who has been making Roseburg his rendezvous for 65 years, without straying outside of the city limits, has made his first trip on a railroad train, and capped his spree of riotous giddiness by spending a day in Portland.

The St. Louis lady who killed a mar Saturday, forgot about it until she was sweeping Monday, when she told the cops. An investigation will reveal that she robbed a bank, and mislaid the recelpts. Woman-like, she naively hid her charming victim under the bed.

Beaneries are going to "cut their the papers say, which has nothing at all to do with the dismemberment by patrons, of steaks, filet of

AN IDEAL AUTO SELLER

Al Fender of Colusa was demon strating a five passenger Gardner machine in Maxwell Tuesday afternoon

Sen. Thomas, democrat, of Colorade condemns ex-President Roosevelt for his course in building the Panama canal. When T. R. left the White House, his achievements comprised something, besides punctured Utopian dreams, and a lot of well writter

It will be fashionable for men to wear C. Chaplin Austachies in 1921. This is the reign of terror the Bolshe for all good men to pick out a good

Demon Rum will bother the world no more, and humanity is spiritually better as the result of the arrest of two soldiers at Walla Walla, Wash. for freezing cider to procure alcohol. The next time they want a drink they will know enough to get it from an authorized and uncatchable bootlegger.

"The snow, the snow, the beautiful snow,

The faster you melt, the quicker you

You give the wearers of oxford shoes, Pneumonia and, the succeing blues.

with wet baking soda-and apply gently—

IS MIKE A GENTLEMAN?

C AN a good newspaper man be a gentleman? A writer in the Atlantic Montly recently stated be could not be. For one of the first qualities of a gentleman is modesty, and one of the first requirenents of a good journalist is immodesty. A gentleman never unduly blows his own horn; a good newspaper man always blows it. Accepting the premises, perhaps the Atlantic Monthly writer is correct. But there will be those to maintain, a gentleman does not have to be a violet by the mossy stone, and a good newspaper man does not have to be a megalomaniae.

Take Mike De Young, publisher of the San Francisco Chronicle for example. On Sunday Mike presented the city of San Francisco with a complete memorial necessim, on only one condition,-"that it shall never be closed and no admission shall ever be charged."

On Monday Mike's paper devoted thirty pages to the occasion with banner on the front page, followed by a double column spread, and great array of pictures, with Mike as the most prominent figure in a majority of them. In fact, not being content with having his alluring physiognomy in one five-column lay-out once, Mike ingeniously put it in twice. The reader observes "M. H. De Young presenting the museum," and pointing his finger,-for fear the reader may miss the econd most important personage,-directly at "M. H. Young, the

Then in bold face double leaded type on the first page, one reads "Speakers and audience alike joined in paying the highest possible flute to Mr. de Young as a public spirited and generous citizen. The equent and spontaneous applicable that interrupted the speakers when by touched on Mr. de Young's altruism and eagerness to advance the terests of the city, spoke cloquently of the popular recognition of his cat services to San Francisco."

Ahem! And so on and so forth up to 90,000 words,

Now undoubtedly all this comprises news of an important and poch making event, and perhaps if the Chronicle hadn't printed it, some other paper would, for it is one of the first principles of enterprising journalism to beat the other, fellow to it.

But let us suppose that Mike had been content with say 28 pages and with not more than one facial reproduction in each photo. Would his reputation as a good newspaper man have been seriously impaired? We doubt it. As to whether his standing as a gentleman would have been enhanced is another question. Newspaper men as a class aren't worried about gentlemen. They leave that to periodicals like the Atlantic Monthly, with meagre circulation and super-normal brain



THE PEPTIMIST is one who works with most exceeding vim, The FEFTINGS is one who was who may keep tab on him. So many men, with dragging feet, go to their tasks each day; with frowns they shuck the ears of wheat and thrash the bales of hay. With scowis they ply the shining saw or wield the useful churn; they're only happy when they draw the pay they think they earn. And when there is a slump in trade, and workmen must be fired, these delegates are first to fade-they've made the bosses tired. The peptimist has taken pride in labors safe and sane, whatever tool he may have plied, a corkserew or a plane. He did not go with dragging step when morning whistles blew; in every motion there was pep, no sulky fits he threw. And when a slump in trade appears, and workmen are laid off, the boss announces through his tears, "We'll keep this hustling toff. We can't afford to let him go, he's such a useful man; we'll keep him, though to Tom and Joe we must attach the can." The peptimist is in demand wherever commerce dwells; he makes his progress through the land, and wears his string of bells.

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