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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

In the shipbuilding scandal and graft a voucher for \$259,543.53 vanished. If an ordinary citizen stole 53 cents from the government, he might escape hanging, if exceptionally lucky.

One of the first moves of the Harding administration will be to squint on Hiram Johnson. This is necessary to cure the gentleman of his exaggerated notion of his importance.

"BACK TO NORMALCY" AND —A FEW FEET OVER (Albany Democrat)

For Sale—1919 Chevrolet touring car, good condition, will take two fresh Jersey cows as first payment. C. V. Wood, Tangent, Ore.

The girls and the womenfolks have started selecting their spring hats. This entails trying on 17 different hats 19 times each, in 14 places, and even then the odds are against getting one that suits.

Opposition to the bonus bill for soldiers providing for coughing up the kale outright is strenuous. The recipients would do the very human trick of spending it. The loan plan, however, is an inspiration. It would enhance the value of the land, entice real estate dealers, and provide a bureau, the operation of which would require a regiment of political employes, with the usual jobs at the top with high-sounding titles.

To hear Peoria Bill Gates tell about how early he rises, one would think he is the man who gives the roosters the signal to start crowing.

"MERCY" IS RIGHT (Yreka, Cal., News) Frank Webb left a little girl, Leora, aged about 7, and a little boy, Jesse, about 5 years old, without a cent of money or any provisions, at the mercy of the public.

America's kindly consideration for the woes of Armenia, is being repaid with heartfelt thanks, and a decided inclination to go Bolsheviki.

Mr. B. Vawter, one of our leading and tried bank clerks is the proud father of a well night invisible mus-tache.

General Lusendorff predicts Russia will "overrun Europe." And, if the battle waxeth hot, Russia will "outrun" Europe, as they have so ably demonstrated on various occasions.

SOMETHING IN THE PUNCH (Roseburg News-Review) A winking moon, which smiled in the east and west alike, was arranged to blink unexpectedly during the moonlight waltzes.

The next president is going to surround himself with the "best minds," which will be a pleasant relief after eight years of the worst.

"Crack Washing Is Our Specialty, Star Garage"—(Eugene Guard Want Ad.) With a record crop there ought to be lots to do.

A 2nd lady, like the "flu," never leaves the victim as they were.

The prohibition enforcement law, introduced at Salem, if passed, would develop a lot of high-grade snoots in no time. It would give reform for-moters the right to invade the sanctity of the hip pocket, without the slightest restriction.

A BASE SLANDER UPON THE BISCUIT SHOOTER'S DELIGHT (Corvallis Times) Five traveling men were guests of the city yesterday at the municipal reformatory last night.

The St. Louis lady who killed a gent and hid him under her bed, and forgot the circumstance, has been given 50 years in which to recall the details.



Rippling Rhymes IN A HURRY.

THE blithe new year is gaily hopping to join the old years of the past; the days slide by, there is no stopping, our days are much too good to last; soon we must do our Christmas shopping, time goes so fast, time goes so fast! The new year came, with ringlets curly, and on his lips a cheer-up song, that heartened e'en the sore and surly, and showed them that their gronch was wrong; but soon we'll do our shopping early—time whoops along, time whoops along! The new year did some wholesome bragging about his pep and punch and vim, but soon we'll see his step is lagging, and he'll have spavins on each limb; and then we'll see him sadly dragging his carcass to the boneyard grim. So to the shadows we are wending a little older every day; each flying hour some gray hairs lending to our old domes, already gray, and bringing nearer us the ending of hope and dread, and work and play. Each flying minute makes us older, and plants new ailments in our frames; some new rheumatics in the shoulder, where once we pressed against the hames or gout in feet that now are colder than when they danced in youthful games. Ah, well, gad-zooks, we've had our inning, we old, old gents and gaffers gray, and, like the year, in our beginning, we put up many kinds of hay; and now that our white locks are thinning, we must give youth the right of way.

CHILD FEEDING FUND PASSES \$1100 MARK

The Child Feeding Fund continues to grow and word has been received from Portland that the drive in this state will continue until February 1st. Whether or not an organized drive will be instituted in Jackson County to secure the county's quota of \$6000 will probably be determined this week. The Mail Tribune will continue to receive contributions until February 1st or such time as an organized drive is instituted. As previously announced the Mail Tribune fund is an entirely voluntary fund and will be so conducted.

Be Loyal to Your Home Town

Stick to your own home town. Make it the best and cleanest in the state. The smaller it is, the better a chance it has to grow. This is the advice given in an address before the Corvallis Commercial club last Tuesday by Herbert Cuthbert, executive secretary, Pacific Northwest Tourist association. Among other things Mr. Cuthbert said:

The prosperity of a state as a whole depends upon the prosperity of each individual part of it. It is not sufficient that the larger cities should increase in population and in the volume of business transacted in them. It is of equal, if not greater, importance that every small community increase in population, in production and in general business.

If every rural community can produce more, can procure more settlers, more residents, it will mean more local prosperity, a greater buying power, and will add to the wholesale business and general commerce of the larger cities, hence the entire state will advance and prosper.

It is the aim of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association to develop every portion of the state from within as well as from without. There is no better way of doing this than to seek to create a forward movement in every community, no matter how small it may be.

The starting point for such a movement is to have every person already in the smaller communities determine to stick to his own home town, to grow up with it, and to become a booster for it. It is better to be a prominent citizen in your own community than to lose your identity in a big city. If we can eradicate from the minds of the residents, and particularly of the children, the idea that there are greater opportunities, and that it is pleasanter to live in a large city than in their own town, the foundation of the future prosperity of that town is already laid.

There is a grave and fundamental danger not only to the well being of the smaller communities, but to the state as a whole, if this attitude of mind is not changed, a danger so great that when it is seriously considered, it is appalling.

During my trip east I heard one speaker make the statement that ninety years ago the population of the United States in the largest cities was 4 1/2 per cent of the whole, and 95 1/2 per cent in the smaller cities and rural districts. Twenty years ago the largest cities had grown to 33 per cent, while today they have 60 per cent. It is estimated that if this rate of exodus from the country district into the larger cities is maintained, in twenty years 80 per cent of the entire population will be in the larger cities, leaving the rural towns and districts almost without population. He also stated that in a public school in one of the smaller cities all the boys and girls who contemplated remaining there always were asked to put up their hands. Fifteen per cent of them did. He asked those who contemplated at some future time leaving their home town and district to live in the larger cities to raise their hands, and 85 per cent of them raised their hands.

Afraid of Pneumonia Took Vinol

Mrs. Mary Lock of 82 North San Pedro street, San Jose, Calif., writes as follows: "A neighbor recommended Vinol and I took it for a hard cough which was accompanied by pleurisy. I was afraid I might have pneumonia. I tried some remedies and physician's medicines, but did not seem to gain very much. I do housecleaning and work in the fruit harvest during the season. I took four bottles of Vinol and began to gain from the very first doses, and am now feeling fine. I think Vinol is one of the best remedies."

If more people took Vinol when they began to feel out of sorts, run-down and otherwise debilitated, there would be fewer cases of long sieges of illness. Medford Pharmacy, Main at Central, Medford, Ore., sells and recommends Vinol. Adv.

How Much Do You Know?

1. Who owns the stock of the Federal Reserve bank? 2. Why are women's voices higher than men's? 3. What two other Americans besides Woodrow Wilson received the Nobel Peace Prize? 4. How long did the war with Spain last? 5. What tribe of Indians claim to have come up out of the earth? 6. How old was Alexander the Great when he ascended the throne? 7. Who was called the Indian apostle? 8. Who served in an army against his countrymen for eleven years and then became president of the country? 9. What is geology? 10. What nationality was Robert Burns, the poet?

Let him sell as far as he can at the same price that the people would have to pay elsewhere. Let him carry an up-to-date line of goods, even though his quantities may be very small, but wherever he has a small line of goods, let him put the greatest possible stress on the fact that he can procure in the shortest possible time anything that he does not happen to have in stock, just as well as if the people themselves, and much better in fact, ordered it from the mail order house.

Wherever possible let the storekeeper put someone younger than himself, or some other person, behind the counter for as many hours as possible during the day and let him drive out amongst the farmers and country residents, make their acquaintance, tell them that he has an up-to-date, attractive store, that to buy from him means the up-building of the community in which they live, and that more prosperity in their community means more prosperity for the people he is calling upon, the increase in the value of their real estate and of their holdings, so that he and they can be one in the up-building of the trade and business of their own community.

If there is a newspaper in the community, let the businessmen support it. Don't let its existence depend upon outside advertising which lures business away to other centers, but see to it that it carries every inch of advertising that business men and local corporations can stand so that its readers may be educated and informed of the possibilities of doing business at home.

Buy your paint, your varnish, the materials and tools required in the improvements I have suggested, in your home city, and bought by your dealers from wholesalers in your own state, and manufactured, if possible, within the state.

Now, as to making the town more desirable as a place in which to live for the young people. Let this committee invite a few of the most prominent women in the town and district to form one or more social clubs by which the women may become acquainted with each other, may inaugurate social parties, social teas, little dances, the dances that are wholesome, in private houses rather than in public halls, where the children may be safe and may enjoy friendships one with another, friendships which once formed may last a lifetime, and which may do more than anything else to keep them in their home towns.

Let the whole community inaugurate athletic sports, establish tennis courts, bowling greens, baseball and football grounds and have their youngsters playing at something in an organized and healthy way. Keep their minds and their bodies busy, either at work or at play, from daylight to dark.

And, then, let each one of these communities intermingle with their neighbors, all having the same thought the same ideas, the same objects and institute an interchange of social features by having combined dances, combined parties, so that they will add variety and change to their weekly social life, and institute friendly competitions in athletic, tennis, etc., between picked groups from each community.

Mother and Daughter Doing Well

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