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UNION LABEL

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

A bill to close the movies on Sunday is before the legislature and if the sinners get organized in time, they will introduce a bill to prohibit preaching on the same day.

The wind is fine, and is causing a rapid evaporation of the farmers' alibi: "It's too wet for me to do anything."

IT WILL BE A GARAGE (Springfield News)

Amos Carhouse is preparing to build a house on the land he recently purchased from E. Campbell on the Salem road.

Mr. Vernon Canon, the eagle-eyed guardian of the Main Stem crossing, which is one of the best undertaking prospects in the state, has cast his larynx into the arena for a laughing contest with Messrs. Ulrich, Hazelrigg and Jerome, individually or collectively.

The proposal to make holdups in this state punishable with death is class discrimination, because it will affect only those who operate with sixshooters.

It was an ill wind that blew Tuesday but it was not as sick as the one that blew off the pears.

EVERY HOME A DISTILLERY (Chico Enterprise)

"Amateur winemakers are buying grapes faster than we can grow them. The way things are now, a grape will be worth its weight in gold by this time next year. A man with a vineyard is better off than the guy who owns the mint."

It begins to look like Henry Ford has a chance to be a U. S. senator, but the country has recovered from its attack of Utopian hysterics, and he can do no damage now. The Non-Partisan league is such a delightfully fool notion, that it is hard to figure out why Henry has not absorbed it.

The more evidence that is uncovered in the ship graft, the more evident it becomes that the dollar-a-year men should have been 2nd luten.

President Wilson's advice "to let Russia alone," is in perfect accord with what nations endeavoring to maul her have found out.

How the beaneries manage to keep their heads above water, is not a mystery when one remembers that the "Old Fashioned Vegetable au Postello" soup Monday, is "Chicken Gumbo a la Maryland" Thursdays.

Wrestling seems to be almost as brutal a sport as boxing. A mat artist in Texas last week had his skull crushed, with a delicate grip known as a headlock.

Officers of the Anti-Saloon league are on a tour of inspection of the state. They are looking for equals in the swivel chairs.

"For Sale—Ford car, 1920 model at a bargain. Can't be seen after Friday. Phone 24-J. (Want ad Eugene Register.) A low visibility vehicle.

"Joe Rowell is still ill."—(Albany Democrat.) Or, as the doctors would say, incipient acutus moonshinus.

Several people have remarked to our corr. that the Watkins corr. of this paper is not crazy about the school man'am. They don't realize that in the rural districts the lady teacher is regarded solely as something to poster.

The Geographical Society of Paris in 1828 gave a prize of 10,000 francs to Rene Caille as the first traveler to reach Timbuctoo.

DON'T CLOSE THE MOVIES.

THE state legislature should kill the proposed anti-Sunday movie bill and bury it deep. Movies have come to be an established element in national recreation. To close movies on Sunday would do one of two things,—either deprive working people of any medium of indoor recreation during the winter,—an enjoyment which they need and should have,—or drive them to other forms of relaxation, which are far more dangerous and undesirable.

The idea that Sunday must be a day of gloom and boredom, has passed never to return. There is no essential conflict between good conduct and a good time, between combining a certain devotion to serious things, and things not so serious.

The proper regulation of movies, the censorship of improper films, deserve and receive the support of all right thinking people. But this idea is far removed from the idea that a film that will bring innocent and harmless pleasure to people on Monday, will in some mysterious way, corrupt and degrade them the day before.

The bill to close movies on Sunday would defeat the very purpose for which it is designed. Undoubtedly the framers have the best intentions in the world. They believe that by closing the movies on Sunday there will be a more thoughtful and conscientious observance of the day. But they are mistaken.

Driving the people, young and old, from the movies will not drive them into church. It will drive them into an aimless search for relaxation, uncontrolled, undirected and thoroughly undesirable. The Sunday problem must be solved, not by reviving the blue laws, but by in some way adjusting the spiritual supply to the Twentieth Century demand,—providing not a sunless Sunday, but a wholesome, glad hearted Sunday, which will combine proper and healthful relaxation with a natural return to a spiritual self-consciousness.

Rippling Rhymes By Walt Mason THE CRIME WAVE.

I KNOW not why this world has struck so wild and fierce a gait, but well I know men run amuck, and seem inspired by hate; and for a kopeck or a buck they'll kill you while you wait. When darkness shrouds the city streets men fear to leave their flats, lest sundry lawless sand-bag beats should smash their tortured hats, or pull some other strong arm feats, or shoot them up with gats. The daily papers I peruse, to make the wide world's game, and nearly half the current news relates to deeds of shame, and as I don my overshoes a shudder shakes my frame. No more I see the "Household Hints" I used to think sublime; where once they stood my paper prints a narrative of crime, of how some dame, arrayed in chint was butchered for a dime. The "Gems of Thought" are crowded out, and in their place I find the story of some maddened seout with base and evil mind, who robbed a widow of her kraut, and left no card behind. "The Poets' Corner" once appeared where he who ran might read, but now that space has stories weird of gents who die and bleed, of how some ruffian with a beard performed a hold-up deed. And Kaiser Bill, who caused it all, is sawing elm and oak; behind a humble Holland wall the burghers watch his smoke; some say his bank account is tall, and others say he's broke.

The Retail Merchant's Problem and How to Solve It

By Edward A. Filene, president, Wm. Filene's Sons Co., Boston, Mass. The retail merchant occupies the first-line trench in business. It is he, and not the manufacturer or the wholesaler, who has to bear the brunt of public disapproval when prices rise, and who is criticized when price recessions in the primary markets are not immediately reflected in his stock. The public does not stop to realize that the retailer has to place his orders months ahead so as to have seasonable goods on hand when the public wants to buy, and that his selling prices have to be based on his costs if he is to come out even at the end of the year. Just at present the country is in the midst of a very considerable downward price movement. This is the result of a combination of physical facts and mental reactions. People are refusing to buy except at greatly reduced prices. As a result, retailers unfortunately enough, to be heavily stocked with high-priced goods are having to make substantial sacrifices by marking down to what the public regards as reasonable levels. Other retailers, who have placed orders with jobbers or manufacturers for future deliveries at the old prices, have cancelled these orders and have been properly criticized for so doing. It should be remembered in this connection, however, that in the last few years, when prices were rising, manufacturers set a very bad example by refusing to deliver goods ordered in advance at the agreed-upon lower prices. Cancellation of deliveries in a rising market is no fairer than cancellation or orders in a falling market. If a retailer could "turn" his stock every two weeks, he would have little to fear in a falling market. This is, of course, impossible, and he finds himself therefore faced by two dangers. (1) That of losing on his stocks on hand as prices fall below his costs; (2) that of losing on goods ordered now for future delivery, when prices may be even lower. No general rule can be invented which will guarantee the retailer against loss under present conditions. The best policy to follow is one that enables him to keep the confidence of his customers. It is better to take the necessary loss now and thereby keep on good terms with your patrons than to take a possibly larger loss later and incidentally lose your following. Moreover, this larger loss is more than likely to come, especially on winter goods, which few, if any, carefully thinking business men will carry over to next season. With an early Easter and the possibility of a mild winter, it seems apparent that the time to take the necessary mark-downs is now. The merchant who has sold out his high-priced stock, or who can do so at once, will be in a position in February to make a profit on the goods he can then buy at reduced prices.

Alaska Asks Aid for Protection Reindeer Meat

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Will reindeer become the major industry of Alaska, eclipsing the value of the fisheries product, and surpassing even the worth of the gold output at the height of the prospectors' activities in the late nineties? That question is raised, according to a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society, by representatives of government experts and Alaskan herders themselves who are petitioning congress for federal aid in fighting disease among this new meat supply source—aid similar to that extended the cattlemen who would combat the tick among beef animals. "Here is a remarkable example of how government bread cast upon the waters may return," continues the bulletin, "for it is less than three decades since the first reindeer were imported into Alaska, from Siberia, to help the

herds of Norway, Sweden and Finland combined.

"Alaska is estimated to contain an area equivalent to that of California and Arkansas combined which is suitable for grazing reindeer, and not suitable for farming or other animal raising. This vast area would afford pasture for millions of reindeer.

"Already the biological survey, department of agriculture, has established an experiment station in Alaska, and further appropriation is being asked for three reasons. The reindeer men wish scientific study of reindeer diseases and means of prevention, expert advice toward improving the stock, and preservation of the moss-growing grazing areas.

"More than 1000 Eskimos still own 70 per cent of the reindeer, a firm of white owners hold about 12 per cent; the government, the missions, other firms, and the Lapps control the remainder.

"The reindeer ranchers hold forth the hope that they will be able to contribute materially to the meat supply of a mounting population in the states, where there is concern about the dwindling grazing areas of the west. They point that approximately 200,000 ani-

mals with a meat valuation of three-quarters of a million dollars were available for the market during 1920. Shipment of 1800 carcasses, approximately a quarter of a million pounds, valued at some \$60,000, was made to the states in that period. Cold storage plants, with facilities for handling 12,000 carcasses yearly, already have been built.

"The pioneer firm of white men engaged in the reindeer industry is located at Nome, on whose beach the placer gold miners pitched their tents in 1899. Their herds range over the Seward peninsula and upon Nunivak Island. Their cold storage plants are located at Nome, Keewalik, Golovin and Ekwik.

"Reindeer meat is shipped, frozen, to Seattle, and refrigerator cars carry it to the inland distributing center, Minneapolis. It is not a game meat, rather it tastes most nicely like mutton, according to some connoisseurs. Others compare it to beef. Already it has found place on menu cards of hotels and retail dealers have developed a steady demand for it in some western communities.

Milk from the Yak is very rich.

How Much Do You Know?

- 1—What river only 220 miles long is thought to have as large traffic as any river in the world?
2—In what battle were modern arms first used?
3—What is a "Wall Street bank"?
4—How much paper money is in circulation now?
5—When was the first cable laid?
6—What were the "Blue Laws"?
7—Who was the founder of the democratic party?
8—What is a pontoon bridge?
9—Who were the "uhlans"?
10—Will an octopus attack human beings?
Answers to Yesterday's Questions
1—Who owns the stock of federal reserve banks?
2—Why are women's voices higher than men's?
3—What two other Americans be-

- sides 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?

Fisher's PANCAKE FLOUR advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a chef's hat holding a stack of pancakes. Text includes: 'Just add water, it's ready', 'Here's the best part of a man-size breakfast. A plate of the big, fluffy, brown-crust pancakes baked with Fisher's Pancake Flour and a cup of good coffee.', and 'Fisher Flouring Mills Co. Manufactured in "America's Finest Flouring Mills"'

HEATH'S DRUG STORE advertisement: 'The Action of Anti-Uric in reducing swollen joints and relieving stiffened limbs, etc., is shown by hundreds of testimonials. We are so confident of the results to be obtained by using ANTI-URIC that we will refund the purchase price of the preparation to anyone who uses it and is not satisfied.' Address: The San Tox Store, 109 East Main Street.

A Real Bargain 1920 Chandler Dispatch advertisement: 'used by private party, and has had the best of care. Distel wheels, over-size cord tires all around, bumper, spot light, motor meter, wind deflectors, and many other extras. A No. 1 mechanical condition and a beauty to look at. Price reasonable and some terms to responsible parties.' C. E. Burkett, Valley Garage, Phone 366.