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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

February 20 to 26 will be On Time Week, and to make it a success, it should be preceded by a Catch Up Week, and combined with Go To Bed Week.

If the Harding Administration does nothing but prevent Hiram Johnson from gallivanting around the senate in a pair of yellow tights, with a skyrocket in each hand, it will have fulfilled its destiny, and then some.

ENGINE TROUBLE. (Albany Democrat) himaz: shrdlshrdldhldhldh The third annual automobile exposition to be held by the Albany motor dealers this year, with new features and the best display in the history of the association.

As usual, when massive minds get together, the religious issue has popped up at the legislature, and a solum from Multnomah county, has started fishing for the small-bore bigot vote, by sly efforts to agitate the Catholics and Protestants. This is exemplifying the Christian spirit, after the manner of a couple of tomcats.

The edit was issued by the Merchant Tailor Designers' association, which has been in convention during the week. "Buck" Tyler, the beau brummel of Columbus, Ohio, passed out the news. He also announced that the hip pocket is doomed. (Press dispatch)—What effect will this have on the development of the Nash mining district?

An irate citizen steps in to complain that an Espee freight engine is endeavoring to wake up a rear brakeman Thursday night, wokes up everybody else, with long and shrill blasts. This is not so. The engineer was signalling the section foreman at Sacramento that he was coming. It does look like the Espee could tone his whistling in a key that would not lift a taxpayer out of his pants with every yank of the overworked whistle cord.

IGNORE THE SIGGORS, MADAMES (Eugene Register)

"Dear Miss Page: We are in love with two men, but there are two others who annoy us. How can we get rid of them?—Two Lovesick Women."

Inasmuch, as the horticulturists have their pruning tools all sharpened up for the opening of the pruning season, they might do a little charity work on some of the whiskers, in our midst.

CONTRIBUTED.

Being interested in the forthcoming flagging contest, which event comes off in the near future between Lefty Louie Ulrich and others of note, I wish to suggest that you enter the name of Mr. Frank Wortman. To my mind Mr. Wortman's guffaw has all others surpassed in volume as well as longevity.

Interested Spectator. (If Mr. Wortman had more spontaneity and resonance, he would be a dangerous contender. He also stuns the sports in the flat guffaw. Int. Spee. is judging Mr. W. from the racket he makes, not his technique. Besides since the votes were counted, has had nothing to niggle about, to speak of.)

Closing the movies on Sunday, puts the preachers in competition with the actors, and what chance has a purveyor of the gospel with a wavy haired, dimpled chin fashion plate.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN (Yveka Journal)

Owing to the heavy frost on Friday morning the milking machines of Mike Rammi and W. Pearrott were unable to operate. Could it be that the milk was frozen in the cow's udders?

If Mr. Schwab backs again in the witness chair, while testifying in the ship yard graft, some sentimental soul will want to divert the funds collected for the melancholy Morrens to his pocketbook.

FREE SCHOOLS, FREE BOOKS.

THE most progressive states educationally, from Massachusetts to California have free text books. The practice is firmly grounded, both in principle and practice. Free text books are supported by the principle of free and equal educational opportunity which lies at the basis of American Democracy. They are supported in practice by a reduction in educational costs, better service and prompt distribution.

A bill has been introduced in the state senate providing free text books in the public schools of Oregon. Although we have no copy of the bill, the principle is right, and unless there are defects in detail, the bill should pass.

Every child, whether rich or poor, should enter the door of every public school on equal terms with every other child. This is impossible, unless text books are provided. For many children, under the present system, are without a complete set of books, because their parents can not afford to buy them. They share one book with brothers or sisters or friends. Although there is now a law forcing the school district to supply books to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them, this law is almost never enforced. Many school districts have no funds for such a purpose. In other districts, parents who can not afford the expense, refuse to appeal to the district. There is the matter of pride. Books so provided are always marked accordingly, and everyone knows how sensitive the average child is, to discriminations of this kind.

So in Oregon schools today the poor child does not enter the public school on an equality with the child in more fortunate circumstances. Books are just as essential to school education as teachers. There is no more reason why parents should pay for one than the other.

The records show that no state which has adopted free text books has ever abandoned them. The system is not only right in principle, but it pays. Oregon should join the other progressive states in providing free text books for its public school children.



THE HAPPY PAST.

MY AUTO didn't cut out vice when New Year Day invited my vows, and now, instead of running nice, it's balky as the law allows. Two cylinders are pumping oil, and when up heavy grades I climb, the radiator starts to boil, and oh, I have the dingiest time! I sometimes think, when steeped in woe, in grief that seems to have no end, of happy days of long ago, when Dobbin was my faithful friend. Year after year he plugged along, contented with his hay and oats, and seldom did his works go wrong, as do the works of modern boats. He had all kinds of pep and power, from blowouts, punctures, he was free; he made six parascings an hour, and that was fast enough for me. He didn't freeze up over night, when he was in his stable stalled; no punk mechanics found delight in seeing he was overhauled. No carbon in his system formed, his carburetor didn't clog, he didn't buck till he was warmed; when in the morn I drove him off. And in those happy bygone times I had some kopecks in my duds; I always had the needful dimes to buy some sausage or some suds. But now I'm always in the hole, the motor car has wrecked my life; the stern mechanic gets my roll, and buys more diamonds for his wife.

CHILD FEEDING FUND PASSES \$1200 MARK

At a meeting of the European Aid Fund committee yesterday, it was decided to start an organized drive in Jackson county to secure the \$6000 quota to feed the starving children of middle Europe. Rev. J. R. Sarnett, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city was appointed county chairman, and he started today on the organization of a representative county committee. The selection is an admirable one, and there is every reason to believe, Jackson county will be put over the top, in this worthy cause, in record time.

As previously announced, with the initiation of an organized campaign, The Mail Tribune's voluntary campaign automatically ceases. Tomorrow noon the fund will be finally closed, all contributions received at this office after that time, being turned over to the new committee. With a total of over \$1200, The Mail Tribune is naturally proud of its record, and again takes occasion to thank the people of Medford and Jackson county who have so generously contributed. Not a cent has been solicited, no drive has been carried on—this generous amount represents an absolutely spontaneous good will offering from men, women and children in all parts of the county, who have felt the appeal so strongly they have taken the trouble to send their checks and cash, their dollars and pennies to give aid to those less fortunate than themselves.

How Much Do You Know?

- 1—Does the Gulf stream affect the climate of western Europe?
2—What is taxonomy?
3—When was Sweden a great power?
4—What mountain marks the boundary line between Alaska and the British possessions?
5—What is the date of the first treaty between United States and Japan?
6—What mistaken impression have people regarding the climate of Japan?
7—Why is perpetual motion impossible?
8—What are beetles?
9—What are the largest bodies of fresh water on the globe?
10—What element in lead and coal is the same that, crystallized, forms the diamond?
Answers to Yesterday's Questions
1—What causes bees to swarm?
2—Where is Bodloe's Island?
3—What is Jute?
4—When was the first paper mill built in United States?
5—When was the first paper mill built in 1690 where Philadelphia now stands.

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