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Ye Smudge Pot

The Portland youth who attempted to rob an old man by hitting him over the head, and went crazy immediately upon capture, regained his mind Tuesday long enough to escape from the state asylum, slick and clean.

The J.V. Mudge is suffering from debility incident to old age, and a dislocated cowcatcher. The venerable pioneer was cowering ratty down the right of way, as spry as any engine many years younger, when without the slightest warning, the cowcatcher dropped and fell prone. Mogul is not convalescing very rapidly.

Both branches of the legislature are getting ready to tear the pants off the "vested interests." This is an old stall, doesn't hurt the corporations, but tickles the constituents with uncurried whiskers.

GUARDING HIS BAY WINDOW

R. W. Glass, president of the bank, states that he is glad he was not in the vicinity at the time the ax was being wielded or his front might also have been damaged.

"What Woman Does Not Wear Our Dainty Lingerie With Pride" (Portland Telegram.) A fine question to ask, offhand.

Some of the auto mechanics look like oil had been struck in the valley in 17 places, and they had been forced to stay out all night with a gusher. Their employers could save money by wringing out their overalls Wednesday and Saturdays.

The imposing edifice planted by the esteemed Espee at the Undertaker's Hope, and which also commands an inspiring view of the Main Stem has been painted straw yellow.

"TOOK" IS RIGHT

Mrs. R. B. Gibson walked over to Mrs. Katie Douglass's the other day and took dinner with her.

At a meeting of the Jack Co. idolators Assn last night, light palpitations were indulged in till a late hour, and arrangements made for a final quiver on Feb 4th, when the ex-second A. Lincoln, and "Messiah" will retire, after eight years of futile effort to establish Utopia. By special order of the Most Completely Bunked Master, all members will wear their rings in their nose as a final mark of respect.

The ornery steers Wig Ashpole befriended last fall, and kept all winter, will be turned out next week to hustle for their own grub. The way lay is they would eat up John D Rockefeller.

If the reformers had their way, and the Anti-Flirting law was working, a red headed maid from No. Cal. would have been shot at sunrise this morn.

The Oregonian wants somebody to buy the millions of pounds of surplus prunes in Oregon for the starving Chinamen, in spite of the fact that China has always been a good friend of the U. S. A.

Mike Womack has suspended work on his red paint mine in the Applegate district and is devoting all his time to the development of a nitrate prospect in western Chile.

WAGES DECLINING

Entrance to the Klamath Falls creamery on Klamath avenue was effected Saturday evening by some unknown person or persons, who took \$1.90 from the cash drawer but made no effort to open the safe. The entrance was made through the front window.

Despite the unusual rains, there has been no change in the old rule that February moisture don't help the crops any in a dry August.

"The course of true love" is running quite smooth in Los Angeles, as no female cutie has shot her male sweetie in at least three days.

The Jap question is rapidly getting to the point where it will be necessary to have a Keep-On-Your-Shirt Week.

WHO SAID "PRUNES?"

VIRTUE is not its own reward,—for observe the lowly prune. After centuries of social obscurity, uncomplainingly endured, the prune is at last coming into its own. Honored by a governor's proclamation, aided by the leading financiers of the state, the subject of sermons, and the beneficiary of a thousand dollar advertising campaign, this modest and retiring poor relation of the dietetic family, is now occupying the center of the stage leading the ranks of stardom, crowned with the fulsome encomiums of a grateful constituency.

It pays to be good,—that is the lesson of the Oregon prune. The faithful friend of the unlovely boarding house, kind to the young and helpful to the dyspeptic; thrifty, unpretentious; asking little, giving much; springing to sudden and unsought affluence during the war now in its adversity a great state rises in its majesty, and proclaims, "Thou hast been a good and faithful servant, now shalt thou enjoy the fruits of your virtuous and simple life."

Twenty-one million pounds of Oregon prunes thrown out into the cold, cruel world, are to be provided with warmth and shelter, dressed and sugared and pampered, the doors of every home in Oregon open to them, and if there are prunes still unprovided for, transportation to China and other lands of sunshine is provided.

BLUE BLOOD AND RED.

Who says virtue is its own reward!—that penurious survival of a puritanical and pauperized morality. Virtue carries in its train for every faithful subject rewards of a warm and glad some nature. Prunes and prisms are dead. Long live Pan, Prunes and Prosperity!

KING GEORGE'S speech from the throne is an eloquent tribute to the decline of royalty.

For here is a blue-blooded monarch of the ermine and purple, voicing approval of a closer and more intimate relation with Russia's blood-spattered monarch of direct action and sabotage. If anything were needed to show that the speech from the throne, with all its medieval pomp and circumstance, is merely an empty gesture pathetic in its futility, yesterday's ceremony in London supplied it.

And yet that demonstration is an example of the political adaptability, which has allowed Great Britain to retain a genuine love and respect for its royal line, while it has led the nations of the world in a constructive evolution toward the purest type of Democracy. The government has not only survived the democratic pressure, but absorbed it, while the British crown is the most secure emblem of royalty in Europe today, because it has been content to become an ornamental symbol of the past, rather than a determining force in shaping the affairs of the present and future.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

THE SOREHEAD.

FOR years I went to Grocer Gregg's to buy my prunes and cheese and eggs; I went ten thousand times, or more, and wore a path around his store, till every board I could reach, and every nailhead in the wall. And when each month of trade was done, I always paid him hand made mon, and never said "Please chalk it down until my goat comes back to town." Then, for a change, I bought my goods, my prunes and cheese, at Grocer Wood's. I thought I'd trade there for a while, since change of base is all in style, and then return to Gregg's once more as in the festive days of yore. But, meeting Gregg upon the street, and giving him a greeting sweet, he handed me a frozen stare, as grouchy as a grizzly bear. Oh, he was sore and full of bile because I left him for a while; he seemed to think he owned my soul and had a mortgage on my roll. The good old years will roll away, and whiskers red will change to gray, and dynasties will rise and burst and bow-wows turn to weinerwurst before I go to Gregg's again to blow my hard-earned iron men. The merchants in this world of ours should always speak their thoughts with flowers; if they express their thoughts with bricks, they drive off patrons by such tricks.

The Mexican Oil Fields

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Since the world war emphasized the importance of petroleum in modern warfare and awakened a keen realization of the even greater part it will be called on to play in reconstruction and in the industrial and commercial development of the future, interest has turned more and more to Mexico, which contains the most spectacular of the present producing oil fields. This nearly oil region is the subject of the following bulletin issued by the National Geographic society:

"Mexico came into the world race for oil production late. Its first producing well, yielding a modest 50 barrels a day, was brought in not quite twenty years ago. Now it has a group of the greatest gushers in the world, a number of which are capable of producing from 75,000 to 100,000 barrels each of liquid gold daily. By 1911 Mexican production reached twelve and a half million barrels annually and surpassed that of three of the long-standing leaders among the countries to which the world looked for its oil supply—Rumania, Galicia, and the Dutch East Indies.

Mexico, Passes Russia "In 1913 this production was doubled and by 1917 it had more than doubled again. In 1918 Mexican oil wells yielded nearly 84,000,000 barrels, and in 1919, more than 87,000,000 barrels. This latter production was in excess not only of the current annual production of Russia, previously second among oil producing countries, but also exceeded Russia's high watermark of 85,000,000 barrels in 1901. Now only the United States, with a production of nearly 400,000,000 barrels, is ahead of Mexico.

But Mexico is accepted as having the greatest demonstrated oil field in the world, and it is estimated that if all its producing wells had been permitted to flow at their maximum in 1919 the resulting production would have been 32,000,000 barrels more than the actual production of the entire world in 1918. As a matter of fact only about 12 per cent of the potential flow of the Mexican wells is permitted because storage, refining, and transportation facilities are inadequate to take care of more. These facilities are being steadily increased, however, and experts alone for 1920 probably averaged ten million barrels a month, the rate definitely established for the first six months of the year. The World's Greatest Stream of Oil "The practice of Mexican natives of collecting fragments of asphalt and bitumen which floated on the waters of a large lagoon near the coast of the Gulf of Mexico—such as Tampico, and selling them in the neighboring city, led to the realization that there must be underground petroleum supplies near. Small producing wells and even fairly large producers were brought in

How Much Do You Know?

- 1—If no candidate for president has a majority in the electoral college who chooses the president? 2—How old was George Washington when he assumed command of the Continental armies? 3—What women use their hoods for cradles? 4—For what is Posa noted? 5—What alliance in history is known as the "First Triumvirate"? 6—What cathedral contains 6000 statues in niches on the outside of the building? 7—When were clearing houses first established? 8—What has made Miles Standish famous? 9—Does the pitch of sound affect its speed? 10—When are bodies said to be "rigid"?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1—Where are blind fish found? Ans. They are found in the caves of the United States and in the depths of the ocean. 2—What did the potato bug feed upon before learning to eat potato vines? Ans. The bug fed upon the sand-bur. It required twenty-five years for it to make its way across the country. It caused much damage to the potato crop in 1874. 3—How do bees make wax? Ans. The workers gorge themselves with honey and then remain quiet for twenty-four hours. The wax comes out as little plates from the wax pockets on the under side of the body. It takes twenty pounds of honey to make one pound of wax but this is sufficient to manufacture 30,000 cells. 4—When and where was the largest gold nugget ever discovered? Ans. It was found in Ballarat, Australia, in 1858. It was sold for \$50,000. 5—What is the meaning of Phi Beta Kappa? Ans. The society is a Greek letter fraternity. Its motto is Philosophy, Dion Kuberates, Philosophy is the guide of life. 6—In what state were the first battles of the revolution fought? Ans. In Massachusetts. 7—What officials are entitled to the prefix "honorable"? Ans. Senators,

congressmen and mayors of cities. 8—What does the word "Asia" mean? Ans. It comes from a Hebrew word meaning, "the rising sun." 9—What is the prevailing religion of Europe? Ans. Most of the people of Europe are Christians. The prevailing religion is Roman Catholic. 10—When was the first international exposition held? Ans. It was held in Paris in 1798.

The Screen



NORMA TALMADGE IN 'THE BRANDED WOMAN'

Norma Talmadge plays the part of a runaway wife in her latest First National picture, "The Branded Woman," which will be shown at the Rialto theatre, commencing today for four days. How a baby figures in the straightening out of a maze of domestic entanglements via the telephone is revealed in the film version of this fascinating play by Oliver D. Bailey. Legless Devil Fascinates in "The Penalty" Gouverneur Morris has created one of the most amazing characters in

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Advertisement for Healing Cream. Text: "Healing Cream Stops Catarrh. Clogged Air Passages Open at Once—Nose and Throat Clear." Includes a small illustration of a person's head.