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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It was very nice of President Wilson to tell the French people through Andre Tardieu that America intended to cancel all war debts, and that he "would urge it" but he also urged the L. of N.

"An exhaustive report" will be rendered on the Rogue River fish bill, and this is a wasted effort, as every body is exhausted from hearing of it. The city should get a modern chemical equipment for fighting fire, as people are getting careless and dropping matches around auto mechanics, all being highly inflammable.

ought to hear him on PRUNES IN REPUBLICANISM

(Salem Capital-Journal) Speaking on the subject of "The Money-Wrench in Democracy," Paul G. Wapato, freshman in the law department, last night won the oratorical try-out.

The Chinese are starving to death in a gentlemanly manner, and unlike Europe, not threatening to go crazy and bolshevik, unless grub is forthcoming.

Announcement is made that the 15-cent package of coffee is coming back. This is the old-fashioned brand that could be smelled for two miles, and tasted for two weeks.

Advisors of President Harding have succeeded in silencing Hiram Johnson and if the next administration does nothing but stop his blabbing, they will have done more than was expected of them.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL

(Saskatoon, Can., Star) Automobiles and a street car collided opposite the Saskatchewan avenue. The automobile sustained minor damages, and a widow was smashed in the tram.

The state senate is not fooling anybody by increasing the payments in the bonus bill to ex-soldiers. By making them higher they practically insure the measure's defeat when it gets to the people. The bill will be "I did my share boys; but the voters got to you." Ninety per cent of the ex-servicemen do not give a continental whether they get a bonus or not, but what hurts is peanut politicians using the question to bolster up their political prestige.

Quite a few are waiting with a hard oak club for a farmer to show up with the yelp that more rain is needed. Horticulturists are getting ready to snatch the wool off the woolly aphids.

It was thought that the limit in fool ideas had been reached when Henry Ford evolved the "Peace Ship," but the very same Henry now announces a plan to produce "cowless milk" by simply throwing what the cow eats into machine, and awaiting results. It will take until Christmas to get the thing working.

The bill to close the movies Sundays was knocked kicking, and a counter bill is being framed to instruct the state inspector of Weights and Measures to look out for fake bottoms in the contribution boxes.

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

(Press Dispatch) Israel Sunshine, 91, a new baby, was charged with too vociferous enthusiasm in calling attention to his stock in trade.

"For Sale—Hotair incubator, Phone 1466."—(Corvallis Gazette-Thimes)—Put out of business by the Link Day banquet orators.

The worst thing about spring is the eternal yapping of the searows.

Not at all awed by the formidable list of candidates already entered in the Giggling Contest, I herewith confidently enter my name. When I apply my foot brake on coming to a full stop she makes a noise which my friends have variously described as a chatter, it grows a grumble, but I have decided that she is simply and quite good-naturedly giggling.—at me.

Yours in the interests of Clean Sport, E. V. W.

T. V. W.—Can match you about the middle of March against Thomas Merriman's motor vehicle, weight 20 tons, curb-side, with mechanical shimmy start and finish barred, decision on racket made only.

SETTLE JAP QUESTION, NOW.

THE more one studies this Japanese question, the more convinced one becomes, that firm and decisive action is imperative.

This doesn't mean hysteria, or sabre rattling or race hatred; it does mean a direct, formal notice that Uncle Sam wants no more Japanese to settle in this country, and that the peaceful penetration of this alien race must stop.

This is a national question, but unless the Pacific coast states stand together and uphold California, it will never be considered a national question. For the Pacific coast is the only region of the country immediately threatened. It is the only section that understands. There is no possibility of the country at large comprehending the Japanese problem unless the states effected wake them up with just such legislation as is now proposed at Salem.

If the alien land bill fails now, it will be regarded not as a concession to Washington, but an admission by the people of this state that Oregon wants the Japanese, that the yellow peril talk is merely the ill-digested yap of a few political agitators in California. This will mean more straddling and buck-passing at Washington, and the extreme aggravation of a danger, rather than its peaceful dissolution.

There is a great deal of talk about offending Japac. There is no ground for offense. The Pacific coast states merely ask the right to do what Japan has always done. There is not a right denied a Japanese citizen in the proposed legislation, that is not denied an American citizen in Japan.

Moreover, the proposed legislation is not a reflection upon Japan as an inferior race. Quite the contrary. The measure is a frank admission that the Japanese are economically a superior race, that with his standard of living and psychological attainments, the average Japanese can not only out trade his white American competitor, but can force him to go bankrupt and move out.

And the American does not want to move out. That's the whole question in a nutshell. That and the racial foundation of it,—that the Japanese can never become an American.

Superior thrift and industry should be no ground for discrimination in a Democracy. But just in the proportion that Japanese colonization increases this country ceases to be a democracy. For the yellow strain, admirable as it may be, will not mix with the white strain, and a nation divided against itself can not stand.

It is not a simple problem. The Pacific coast states can't have their cake and eat it. The legislation proposed may throw some Japanese trade from Portland to Seattle, just as it has thrown trade from San Francisco to Portland. But when anyone maintains the business men of California are asleep, they have a job of proof before them. No—California realizes the price that Seattle must eventually pay, just as California knows the price that Hawaii has paid, and she does not intend to pay it.

According to reliable authority, if not another Japanese immigrant arrives in Hawaii, the natural increase of the population there now, will place Japan in commercial, social and political control in another generation. In many districts of California today, the Japanese outnumber the whites nearly two to one.

And they remain Japanese,—an alien and a non-assimilable element,—in a country where homogeneity is becoming more and more imperative. The time for Oregon to attack this problem is now, and if far-sighted statesmanship prevails, Washington will eventually join Oregon and California, in demanding that the yellow race go elsewhere.



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

RENTED HOMES.

I HEAR men saying every day, as I loaf round the village square, "Oh, paying rent has made me gray, and filled my life with carking care. The rented house, in pre-war years, was something people might endure; but later came the profiteers, who raised the price and made me poor. I live in yonder dingy shack whose shingles flop in every gale; the rent I pay has sprained my back and used up all my hard-earned kale. And now I plan to build a home, however humble it may be, and life therein will be a pome, a picnic fraught with harmless glee. Long years I've trod the same old rut, which rut I shall no longer tread; I'll build myself a lowly hut, and bid the landlord soak his head." Methinks a million weary guys, from whom the rent-hogs drew a groan, will in the near-by future rise and put up shanties of their own. The bitter years have made them long to own their roof-trees and their homes, wherein to chirp the evening song, and sweat the flies upon their domes. The tenants in disorder stand, for they've been charged and soaked to death, but they will build throughout the land when they've had time to get their breath. And they will spend long peaceful years in their own shacks of tin or wood, and so the crimes of profiteers may in the end bring lasting good.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the editor: At a meeting of the Brotherhood of Shadow Hounds last Sunday under the Jackson street bridge in out of the rain a large gathering of the clan were on hand to discuss the unjust tax levy.

Brother Bruno who hails from the Roxy Ann district made a very strong and able appeal to the brothers who live in the city. "Dog-gone-it" says Bruno, "you city pups don't earn your salt and if it wasn't for Sheriff Terrill being tender-hearted you'd all be shot at sunrise."

Brother Tex of the Holland Hotel spoke in behalf of the city brethren and advanced a very strong argument that owing to the fact that this was a very moist winter, hence the city boys

couldn't get out and do their work with any degree of pep.

After passing resolutions lauding Sheriff Terrill for his kind stand in defending those members whose dues were delinquent Brother Hon. Fido of Jacksonville closed the meeting by offering dogs-ology when all the brethren departed for their homes with an assured feeling of leading a dog's life until after the 4th of March when things will open with a revision of taxes in favor of the under dog.

BUCK-HOUND, Medford, Feb. 16.

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How Much Do You Know?

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Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1—If no candidate for president has a majority in the electoral college who chooses the president? Ans. The house of representatives selects a president from the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes. Each state is entitled to one vote. 2—How old was George Washington when he assumed Command of the Continental armies? Ans. He was 43 years of age. 3—What women use their hoods for cradles? Ans. Esquimo women. 4—For what is Pisa noted? Ans. Pisa is noted for its leaning tower. This is 180 ft. high and deviates about fourteen feet from the perpendicular. 5—What alliance in history is known as the "First Triumvirate"? Ans. The alliance between Julius Caesar, Crassus and Pompey was known as the "First Triumvirate." It was formed about 65 B. C. 6—What cathedral contains 6000 statues in niches on the outside of the building? Ans. The Cathedral in Milan, Italy. 7—Where was the first clearing house established? Ans. In London, England. 8—What has made Miles Standish famous? Ans. Longfellow's poem, "The Courtship of Miles Standish." 9—Does the pitch of sound affect its speed? Ans. It has been found by experiment that sound waves of all length travel in the air with the same speed. 10—When are bodies said to be rigid? Ans. Bodies which exhibit no elasticity are called "rigid."

To the editor: Will you please answer the following question in the column, "How Much Do You Know?"

"In what year was the Oklahoma land drawing?" Mrs. W. B. Indian Territory was opened to homestead settlement by President Harrison at twelve o'clock noon, April 22, 1889. Oklahoma was not admitted as a state until 1907. There were several so-called land drawings. One of the most famous was on the so-called Cherokee Strip, Sept. 16, 1893.

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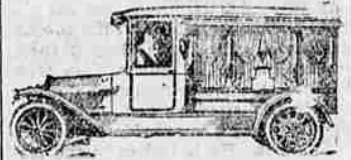
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