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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

It is O. K. to have an "On Time" week like the present one, to indicate punctuality in the youths, but a state that is 25 years behind the rest of the country in the development of natural resources and tourist possibilities needs a "Catch-Up Week."

President Harding has announced his cabinet, and there is not a rubber stamp in the works, nor a visionary full of half-baked notions about the Constitution, being inferior to a document prepared by a couple of Russian Jews.

WHY WAIT SO LONG? (Portland Journal)

With what curiosity may someone a hundred years hence gaze upon a copy of the Journal as it appears today?

"For 15 Days We Have Been 1-4 Off. On and After March 1, We Will Be 1-8 Off."—(Ad Klamath Herald).—Fluctuating violently.

The legislature, which is having such a time to die, should pass a law making it a prison offense for an officer of the law to arrest any person with intoxicants, over 60 years of age. Nothing does the limbs of justice so much good as to sneak up on an old couple, and seize a pint of hooch, of one kind or another, as at Pendleton, Ore., recently when a lady 72 years old had a pint of hellish port wine confiscated. There is plenty for officers to do majestically sneaking up on the bootleggers, who never seem to be seriously pestered in their activities.

It is a pleasure to note that the farmers, who insisted last fall, that they would not plant any more crops, are plowing again.

A REGULAR TOOTH KNOCKER (Salem Statesman)

Benjamin Franklin, I found yesterday filed an honorable discharge from the United States army with the county clerk, U. G. Boyer. Mr. Pound served as a captain of the dental corps.

The plea for food for famine-stricken China is not receiving a ready response. The Chinese should do like Armenia—go bolshevik!—and there will be plenty of grub forthcoming.

It may interest you to know that among the sin fighters now operating in the state, are "the Indiana Evangelist," the "Kansas Parson," the "Kentucky Evangelist," the "Dixie Pastor," and the "Cowboy Preacher." This is borrowing a trick of the ring, and next will come the bland announcement for Sunday services that the pastor will fight ten rounds to a decision with Satan, the Slippery Slammer.

The latitude and longitude of the seam in the silk sector the pals wear should either be abolished, or kept straight. In nine out of ten cases, the said seam is twisted slightly to the left.

"Lake Hood Bill Passed."—(Headline Portland Telegram).—Is board included in this?

It's beginning to look like the weather man has returned to normal. Another spell like last Sunday, and the fire to Ashland will be a steamboat.

There was a cave in in the Nash district Tues. p. m. A derby hat first located in 1896 was the victim.

Nick Carter Ashpole and Old South Richardson navigated their feats to the court this a. m.

"Cascarets" for Constipation

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INVESTIGATE THE INVESTIGATORS.

A FEW DAYS AGO R. W. Bolling, President Wilson's brother-in-law, was officially exonerated from the charge of soliciting a bribe as an official of the U. S. Shipping board.

A few weeks before that Charles M. Schwab was also completely exonerated on a charge of crooked dealing, as directing head of ship construction.

But nothing either of these men can do, no official exoneration however complete, can restore to them the prestige and reputation they enjoyed before these charges were made.

Such a situation emphasizes the necessity of a radical change in the methods of official investigations, which are becoming more and more a permanent part of government administration. Such investigations are desirable, they let the light into dark places, they provide an insurance against crookedness and corruption in high places, but while the people have rights, which should not be impaired, the officials involved, have rights which are no less sacred.

A great wrong has been done Messrs. Bolling and Schwab and there is no possible way of correcting it. The suspicion is there, the poison seed has been sown, and while time can mitigate the injury, nothing can remove the moral scar. Some procedure can certainly be devised which will protect innocent individuals from slander, until solid basis for such slander has been established. A rule to prohibit all personal charges in public, until their validity had been first established in private session, would seem to be a first step in the right direction.

Unless the present practice of allowing petty spite and malicious gossip, free play for character assassination, is soon outlawed, the time will come when no self-respecting man will even consider taking an office of public trust. Such an eventuality would strike at the very heart of American welfare. Our entire system of jurisprudence is based upon the assumption that every man is innocent unless proved guilty. This principle must be scrupulously observed in all official investigations, if the system of corrective publicity is to be preserved.



THE PRISON.

WE have to punish those who fail to walk the narrow way, for law and order must prevail, or there's the deuce to pay; and so we put lewd men in jail for stealing bales of hay.

And we've been jailing sinful guys through all the bitter years since Adam brushed the pesky flies from off his brindled steers; and often, often, doubts must rise if wisdom here appears. We've jailed such multitudes of men for long or shorter spells, we've sent so many to the pen and locked them in their cells; if jails improved the world, why, then, it should be wearing bells. And every time we jail a skate for swiping bales of hay, we let some greater reprobate unshackled go his way, to bear his plunder in a crate, or haul it in a drag. The prison is a beastly place that reeks of nameless grime, and he is far from heaven's grace, who's in it, doing time, and bitter lines are on his face, and in his heart is crime. Revenge on those who put him there, is what he thinks of most, the jurist in his padded chair, the stall fed legal host; his soul is cankered in despair, and justice seems a ghost. Some day the old world must invent a better kind of pen that will not make the erring gent go forth to sin again; for punishment for beasts, and not for men.

On Time Colyum

The Soldiers' Bonus When he was a young lad, He had to walk the line. He always got his wood in early Believe me, he was on time.

In later years he'd yearn, And oh, how he would pine; When he heard that bugle blow, And he had to be on time.

He had to cook when the smoke was blue, So the boys would have something to chew, When you cook up near the Rhine, You have to have the cats on time.

Now army life is not so bad, When you are nothing but a lad, Cause all the big guys treat you fine, But it always helps to be on time.

Now that the war is ended They give us another line, Why don't they quit kidding us, And get that bonus around on time.

But Harding is a ripper And I hope that we will find, When he gets into action, He'll put 'em around on time.

They've talked and talked of this, Of prices and their decline, We are looking ahead now-days, For a good and better time.

And now that the cabinet's off his chest And he knows its the sentiment of the rest Of the boys who were on the front line, We hope to see this compensation come on time. Ethelda Hayes, Washington School.

Never Be Late Early to school should be the rule, And promptness in every duty, Tardiness mars the sweetest song, And robs it of all its beauty.

Never be late for school, Be early in all your classes; never let others wait for you, Be there ere the moment passes, Marjorie Goff, Lincoln school, 7A grade, age 12.

How Much Do You Know?

- 1-What position was Robert E. Lee given after the close of the civil war? 2-What is limelight? 3-What famous singer was known as the "Swedish Nightingale"? 4-What is a synthetic diamond? 5-How many lynchings were there in 1920? 6-What sort of a garment is a poncho? 7-Where is Pompeii? 8-How is poplin made? 9-Where do we get the word "post-mortem"? 10-What sort of an animal is a quagga?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1-What are deciduous trees? Ans. They are trees that shed their leaves at the approach of winter. 2-What race of dogs is the wildest? Ans. The wolf dogs of the eskimos are the wildest of dogs. 3-What is a dormouse? Ans. It is a small animal of squirrel-like habits and is found in the Old World. It is related to both mice and squirrels. 4-When was the "Triple Alliance" first formed? Ans. The "Triple Alliance" was first formed between Austria, Germany and Italy in 1882. 5-How many Eskimos are there? Ans. There are about 40,000 Eskimos. They are widely scattered and are found in the northern parts of America, the Arctic Islands and in Greenland. 6-When is "Yom Kippur"? Ans. It is the tenth day of the seventh month and is set aside by the Mosiac law. It is called the day of Atonement. 7-Where is Hampton Roads? Ans. Hampton Roads is an arm of the Chesapeake Bay on the Virginia coast forming the entrance of the James river. 8-What animal walks on a single toe? Ans. The horse walks on the extreme tip of the third toe on both the fore and hind feet. 9-Which of the Great Lakes is the second largest? Ans. Lake Huron. 10-Who wrote "The Federalist"? Ans. Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and John Jay.

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