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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The state department reports 98,116 foreign missionaries in China, and no wonder the Chinese are running out of grub.

As it is vulgar display to paint the initials in gold on the side of a car, so it is a waste of tender care to park such vehicles in the shade.

ZERO NOW

(Eucletic Register)

On the heels of the mysterious disappearance of W. J. One, local merchant, and the more recent shooting

Inasmuch as the city of Portland has depended solely for 60 years on the Lord for development of the natural resources of the state, it is all right to charge those communities not madly excited about her pet charity schemes with being slackers.

One can buy a horse for three boxes of matches in Russia, and no telling what for a cigarette paper.

This is April Fool's day, and identically like all days, eight years previous to Mch. 4th.

FINE WEATHER FOR IT.

(Roseburg Review) Heavy Undressed Kid—Lost Saturday at or near courthouse.

Wall Street reports that oil development stocks have too much water in them. On Main street, the noticeable ingredient is wind.

"SLICK BUSINESS ERA AT END"

(Headline Sacramento Bee)—Ho-ray! Ho-ray!

The new hats of the police department will be endured, until they get to wearing them cocked on one side of their noddies.

Musicians on the inside pronounce Dvorak "Vorshaw," and Beethoven is probably pronounced Joney.

John Wills, recently had one of his horses die.—(Albany Democrat)—An obliging equine.

ATHLETIC BRIDES-TO-BE

(Sweet Home News)

Any one musically inclined would certainly be carried away to the fields of ecstatic bliss were he to drop in to Eskler's store, where Riley Sylvester is rattling off his talking machine. Looks like Riley would try to get a talking machine in the person of a better half when he disposes of this one. The writer knows several young dames who would jump a broom stick for a chance to get Riley.

What this town needs more than anything else, is a place that sells gasoline.

General Cardenas, commander of the Italian army in the Great France has written a book about it. Everybody in Europe able to write, has done the same thing.

There has not been a movie here for six months in which a claret pig was hurled with deadly accuracy.

WHAT ABOUT?

(Corvallis Gazette)

Farmers here are busy blowing, and pruning trees and taking care of their berry patches.

If the member of the Austrian royalty, who is trying to regain his throne, would cut off the sick looking eyebrow on his upper lip, he might get away with it. Even an Austrian has no confidence in men, sporting extreme styles in whiskers.

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THE COMMITTEE OF ONE HUNDRED REPORT.

THE IRISH embroglio is a war reflex. It can only be understood as a by-product of war psychology. The only hope of a peaceful and constructive settlement, therefore, lies in a belief that the passions and hates, the fears and suspicions, aroused by the war, will soon be dissipated.

The report of the Committee of One Hundred is a scathing indictment of British policy in Ireland. There is nothing new in the report, however. The British labor party report was equally condemnatory. There is no doubt that the British government, in its post-war treatment of Ireland, has completely departed from its traditional and successful policy of toleration, liberality and beneficence, toward British dependencies.

But the weakness of the Committee of One Hundred's report lies first in its ex-parte character, frankly admitted; and second in its failure to even attempt elucidation. No investigation can materially help matters which considers evidence only from one side; no investigation can stimulate any sort of rapprochement, which merely recites wrongs without attempting to understand them.

The report of this committee, is therefore, both incomplete and inconclusive. To be of any practical service, it should be supplemented by the speeches of Lloyd George, and the official statements of the British government.

The key to the short-sighted and destructive policy toward Ireland lies in a war shattered national nervous system. Great Britain, as well as every other nation, which went through the most frightful war of history, is suffering from shell shock. It can't see things quite normally; it can't in one year or five years, completely throw off the fear complex.

And the post-war program in Ireland, has been and is today based upon fear. When Ireland talks of independence, England does not see the picture of a friendly island, peacefully attending to its own affairs; it sees an island, harboring German U boats, with long range guns, throwing high explosives across the Irish channel.

Whether this view is warranted or not, it is there, and no effort to solve the Irish problem can succeed which does not understand this psychology and accept it at least as a basis of departure. The only hope of peace in Ireland, we repeat, will come when this post war passion starts to ebb and a normal psychology gains momentum.

So the most promising feature of an ultimate solution, does not lie in partisan reports on either side, but in evidence here and there, that the views of extremists on both sides are losing in force, and that a mutual basis of readjustment, supported by sanity and moderation, is slowly but surely gaining ground.



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

THE winter's nearly over, with weather cold and drear, and soon the grass and clover around us will appear; and little new-hatched chickens will cheer to beat the dickens, and how my old blood quickens when spring is drawing near! The grip of frost is broken, the boys are playing ball—and that's a vernal token that gratifies us all; there may be bluffs at snowing, and chill winds may be blowing before its final going, for winter has its gall. But gentle spring is coming with healing in her wings, and bees will soon be humming and handing us their stings; and romping lambs and fillies and mocking birds and lilies will cure us of the willies—and hence the poet sings. When all the world is frozen the poet, in his ire, bewails the trade he's chosen, and swats a halting lyre; but when the spring is waking, beyond all chance of faking, the bonds of winter breaking, he sings with Homer's fire. He sings of babbling streamlets where swim the trout and carp, of Luna's silver beamlets, of birds with voices sharp; he sings in soaring phrases about the woodland mazes, till some one, mad as blazes, comes up and busts his harp.

How Much Do You Know?

- 1-What are the four great rivers of South America? 2-Is the earth a luminous or a non-luminous body? 3-What is a constellation? 4-Who first called James G. Blaine "The Plumed Knight"? 5-How should the word "affect" be used? 6-What is an "avocation"? 7-What is the meaning of the French phrase "lese majeste"? 8-What state has as its official song, "On the Banks of the Wabash"? 9-What king of Judah massacred the children of Bethlehem and put to death his own sons and his wife? 10-What is the principal food of the Hippopotamus? Answers to Yesterday's Questions

YOUR FRECKLES

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