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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A reform agitator by the name of McLaren, waxed too strong even for the Willamette valley, in his war against public dances at McMinnville, Oregon, and was waited out of town to escape immersion in the village pond.

The gent took in too much territory in his allegations of immorality, and secured too much reverse English on the hysterics.

Ex-Senator George E. Chamberlain has been named a member of the shipping board by the president, in spite of the fact that the jr. sen. had an eastern Oregon operator of a threshing machine picked out for the job.

ALLEGED FRIENDS OF THE NEWLYWED COUPLE

(Marshfield News)

It was quite a party, some said, and one man had been captured from his recent bride and was being made a goat of many shortcomings. The party, so it was said, intended to turn this man out somewhere about town in his B. V. D's.

Mica Womack has discovered an asbestos mine, and in view of recent predictions, this is a timely discovery.

The bonus bill passed, and now the spectacle of ex-service men throwing the people's money at the birds, is expected in chronic kicking circles.

As long as congress is going to make pants makers put wool in wool garments, they might as well suspend the use of pasteboard in shoe soles.

ALSO A MESS

(Salem Capital-Journal)

With crops ripening on their hands, berry-growers face a serious situation.

Perhaps you noticed that the heretofore unheard of congressman, who Wednesday called Jack Dempsey "a big bum who dodged the draft," was out of the danger zone. The classification was correct, and his discretion superb.

Autoists continue in their endeavors to commit assault and battery upon Espee freights at the Main St. Stom crossing. The railroad will employ the same rules and equipment it formerly used against cows, and soon install Fordguards wherever the roads run into the tracks.

The girls are wearing monkey furs around their necks. There are just as many monkeys as ever, but fewer alley cuts.

It never occurs to the keen-eyed kops to look in the woods for stills.

A stranger was in town Thurs. looking for a lawyer, and a tourist was in search of an auto mechanic, and found neither.

The king of Bulgaria shows up on page 2 of the SF. Examiner Wed. wearing Fred Champlin's swallowtail coat.

An 57 year old pickpocket, and a 11 year old murderer received some publicity this first of the week in the news.

A LA MODE

A choker o. mole and monkey fur was the birthday present I gave to her.

T was the present most in taste, she said.

For the August sun blazed overhead.

But alas for me, I never knew That a monkey fur was a magnet too; But the longer she wore that fur—now guess—

The shorter grew my lady's dress.

Until (well, why waste words like these) The populace gazed at her dimpled knees,—

But still on the swan-like throat of her

Cling close as ever the monkey fur!

ANON.

A JOKER IN FREIGHT REDUCTION.

THERE is a little joker in the freight rate reduction on apples. The rate for 100 pounds is reduced from \$1.66 to \$1.50, but a charge of ten cents a hundred is added for storage in transit shipments.

Many shippers in car load lots, store apples at such places as Buffalo, New York and Tulsa, Oklahoma, and hold for a favorable market, making a quick delivery with no extra charge. But under the new tariff there will be a charge of virtually 5 cents a box for such privilege, which reduces the net gain in rate to such shippers to only 3 cents a box.

This reduction will not satisfy the apple growers of the northwest, nor is the 16 cent reduction a hundred sufficient. Therefore, the fight for lower rates to the Atlantic seaboard will have to continue, until a genuine reduction, free from jokers, is secured.

A TOO LOQUACIOUS ADMIRAL.

ADMIRAL SIMS talks too much. Whether his opinions on the Irish situation are right or wrong, he is in no position to express them. The duty of an admiral in the U. S. navy, is not to enter politics, not to express opinions on ticklish international questions, but to stick to his ship.

Admiral Sims made his first mistake when he wrote a book. It was a good book, but that only made matters worse. For literary success invariably goes to the head, and at no time since the publication of the book, has Admiral Sims appeared intellectually sober. A series of magazine articles with his pictures sprinkled liberally through the text, only added to the distemper.

As a result, trouble in London was almost inevitable. For in London Admiral Sims is more than a naval lion. For naval lions don't roar. He is a literary and social lion. It was his role as literary lion, that let loose the floodgates of indiscretion.

So the situation has assumed a crisis in Admiral Sims' career. He must decide whether he is to be a figure in politics and literature or a figure in the United States navy. He can't be both. If he finds difficulty in deciding, Secretary of the Navy Denby will have to decide for him.

The more members of the American Legion who take advantage of the loan feature of the compensation bill, the better for the state and the better for the legion members thus benefitted.



Rippling Rhymes

By Wait Mason

KEEP BOOSTING.

THERE'S no good in roosting like owls on a limb; there's more sense in boosting with ardor and vim. There's no good in viewing all things with dismay; far better be howling some elm every day. There always are knockers enough in a town; the grouchy old talkers run everything down; they kick if we're growing, they kick if we're not, wet blankets they're throwing till everyone's hot. Unpopular geezers, when they appear, these old Ebenezers who knock by the year. They're whiskered and frowsy, they're not up to date, they always are drowsy save when they orate, save when they are kicking because of some tax, and wearily picking the' burs from their backs. The custom of knocking, if given full play, is thoroughly shocking, it makes men decay. The habit of looking all chipper and bright, instead of gadzooking and cussing all night, will make you a winner, whatever your trade, oh, tanner and tinner and man with a spade! There's no good in cawing and croaking like crows, and drearily drawing blue prints of your woes; far better be singing some madrigal dope, and cheerily springing a package of hope.

Ring Sketches of Bygone Years

(Sketch No. Five)

The heavyweight championship slipped out of the grasp of an American for the first time on St. Patrick's day, 1897, when Robert Fitzsimmons, a lanky Australian pounded James J. Corbett into submission in the fourteenth round at Carson City, Nev.

This occasion was the first of its kind at which moving pictures were taken. Both fighters enjoyed kinetoscope rights as the side money from the movies was denominated at that time.

It was also the beginning of a woman's entry into the role of spectator.

After Fitzsimmons had planted a blow over Corbett's head and then brought the battle to a close by slashing rights and lefts to the stomach, the Australian's admirers leaped into the ring and tried to grasp him by the hand in congratulation. Corbett flamed with anger and charged through the fans and he and the new champion were locked in a vicious clinch. Outsiders separated them.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1-What is the color of the flower which makes way for the banana? 2-In what state was the Ku Klux Klan organized? 3-What is a lobby? 4-What is logrolling? 5-What are star routes? 6-What was the most important event in 1921 B. C.? 7-How long did the trial of Charles Guiteau, assassin of Garfield last? 8-What is an armature? 9-What is a binnacle? 10-What is a facade? Answers to Yesterday's Questions 1-What is the most ductile of substances? Ans. Platinum. 2-How do bees feed their young? Ans. They carry home pollen on their thighs and after rolling it up in balls press it into the cells containing the young. It is called bee bread. 3-What pest is a natural enemy of the bedbug and will clear a house of

them in short time? Ans. The cockroach.

4-Why does the beaver build a dam? Ans. In order to raise water of a stream to a sufficient height to give him entrance into his home any time.

5-What kinds of friction are there? Ans. There are two, sliding and rolling.

6-What is the most malleable substance? Ans. Gold.

7-What kind of a bear is the brain of the stories? Ans. The brown bear of Europe, for brain merely means brown.

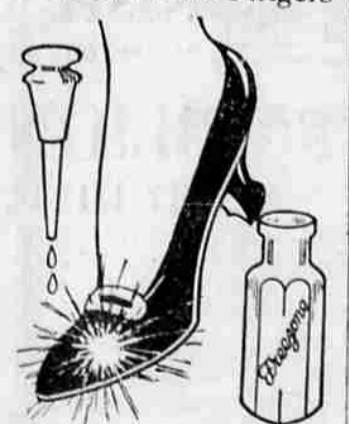
8-Do bananas grow in the position we see them displayed in the stores? Ans. No just the opposite.

9-How high do bamboo trees grow? Ans. Some of them reach the height of 200 feet.

10-What sort of an animal is the Aye-Aye? Ans. It is a mammal of the lemur family found in Madagascar. It has large eyes, a bushy tail and lives in the densest part of the jungle.

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Pen Sketch of George Collins in the Portland Telegram

"I'd rather be a lamp post in Portland than the mayor of New York City."

Thus mused George Thomas Collins as he sold wooden nutmegs and pink blushing to the New England trade some years ago. He was selling groceries for a Gotham wholesale house, but calling on the peanut stands in the small burgs got on George's nerves.

He is a native of Holyoke, Mass., and was a member of the Holyoke Elks' lodge. Until 1910 all he knew about Oregon was that the prunes grew tall out here. One night he happened up to lodge and heard the invitation read asking the Bills to visit Portland as the guests of No. 142.

Gold on Trees. The invitation told how much money Portland lodge was going to spend in entertaining the visitors. When Collins heard the sum, he looked up the size of the Oregon organization and when he saw such a small crowd was willing to blow in such a large pile on entertaining visitors, he made up his mind that money grew on trees out here.

Collins is now general manager of Mason, Ehrman & Co.'s branch wholesale grocery house in Medford, and Klamath Falls, making his headquarters in the Jackson county city. He has been active in almost every line of endeavor since residing within the shadow of Table Rock. And like the Irishman's well-known flea, George is getting more active every minute.

He reached Portland March 17, 1911, and thought he had blown into the fairyland he had been reading about so many years.

The Massachusetts man hadn't been very well press agent before he reached the Willamette valley; so he discovered there were no banks or railroads needing presidents. But a little thing like that would never faze a New England Yankee who had worked for a New York wholesale house. Nothing but an ax or a load of T. N. T. could bother a chap with such hard-baked a business record as possessed by George Thomas Collins.

Was Boss of a Truck. He went to work pushing a truck in the warehouse of H. S. Gils & Co. The concern is no longer here, but when it was operating, its place of business was on the East Side. Truck pushing wasn't exactly in George's line. He hadn't even taken a correspondence school course in the work. So he was on the lookout for something that didn't require such a strong back.

One afternoon he received a telephone call from Mr. Ehrman. It was just a nice little call asking the newcomer to drop around when he had time. George kicked the hand truck over into a quiet corner and made a bee-line for Mason, Ehrman & Co. That wholesale firm had his record in its files.

"How do you do, Mr. Ehrman," said George, smiling "have a nice cigar."

"Sit down, Mr. Collins," was the calm reply.

George's second effort.

"Would you consider an offer to go some distance from Portland and take charge of a branch house for us," said Mr. Ehrman, who never spills words needlessly.

Ready for Alaska. Well, the reply can only be guessed, but Collins also said that he would be ready to start on the next train. He did leave the next day for Medford. At first the former Bay State thought the new job was to be somewhere in Alaska, and while not wanting to leave Oregon, he was anxious to get the truck job out of sight.

Medford has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Collins from that time forth. Mr. Collins has taken an active part in Chamber of Commerce activities, being one of its directors. He was county chairman of the state committee of defense during the war and was active in every drive put on in Jackson county.

But this citizen, who is in the young middle ages, has never held a political job and never expects to—not even on the school board.

Is a Live Worker. Still, he is one of the liveliest little wretches in the Medford Elks lodge and in Hillah Temple, Mystic Shrine, located at Ashland. He was potentate of the temple in 1918 and exalted ruler of the lodge in 1920.

Knees Are Broken. When 15 years old, George Collins became an apprentice in the Riverside Paper mills at Holyoke. For four years he worked days one week and nights the next, drawing pay ranging from \$1.25 to \$4 a day. He had just received his journeyman's papers and was getting settled in a nice job when one night "the string broke."

In some unknown manner he was caught in a large belt and how he escaped being killed no earthly person can tell. Fellow workmen found him huddled in a heap in the corner with both knees broken and his body completely covered with bruises. He used crutches for a year and a case two years longer. He has not been able to dance or go fishing since.

Now Speaks French. When he could work he secured a job making blank books, but after while decided to follow in his father's footsteps and sell groceries to the retailers. A New York house tried him out on the "small fry" in Western Massachusetts, Connecticut and in Southern Vermont. But George wearied of crawling down into basements and up into attics of the little green groceries kept by Greeks and Portuguese.

At the age of 22 he wedded Miss Rosa Boissey, of Montreal, and now can talk French like a doughboy. Collins enjoys auto driving and kooking, but just now his chief indoor and outdoor sport is serving as a very active member of the newly appointed Oregon Tourist commission.—David W. Hazen in Portland Telegram.

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