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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Bernard Shaw, who has written more readable stuff than any other living author declares that Geroges Carpentier won a "moral vicory." This is the favorite alibi of those who come out the little end of the horn in politics, but never before has it been advanced for the fallen in pugilism. The Allies won any number of "moral victories" before they flattened out the Kaiser. The trouble with a "moral victory" is the inability of the possessor thereof, to cash in, or get anywhere, by reason of it. It is like the time the wise men and damfools of England had a debate, and the damfools won.

OH! FOR SOME PEACOCKS!
(Oregon City Enterprise.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Leete have thoroughly remodeled their home on E. 1st st. and Clackamas boulevard. D. Souers of Oregon City decorated the interior. The music room is beautifully done in dove's gray, the living room in leather brown with a tapestry border to match, the dining room in cream and light brown. The kitchen is done in stone green, while the bath is complete in ivory. The bedrooms are done in ivory, flesh pink, blue and pink.

The Mexican situation has reached the boiling point again, and there is vague talk of another war. Perhaps there is a lot of surplus munitions left over from the Great Fracas. If so, let the munition makers go down to the border and shoot it. Making arrangements for such a contingency, will nip any rising young outbreak in its incipiency.

The bill for road construction and maintenance is enough to knock the wind out of a taxpayer. The highly advertised road to perdition is the only one that is not everlastingly chewing on the pocketbook. It is smooth, and downhill all the way.

Mistah G. Maddox who participated in the F. of J. parade at Lithiaville, and won 3rd prize, expects to get back to normal size by the end of the wk.

UNLOADING.
(Pendleton Tribune.)

Celia Burden has commenced suit for divorce from Winn Burden, charging abandonment. Both reside at Athena.

Ashland, July 3, 1921.
Editor Smudge Pot:

A simple toot-toot of an Espee engine ought not to excite you.

A Hind End Shack.

NB—"A simple toot-toot" does not excite; it's the frenzied maniacal toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-w-h-o-o-p-e-e-e that annoys.

Only 14,000 of the expected 100,000 showed up for the New York anti-Prohibition parade July 4th, and the only good accomplished was to give the bootleggers assembled on the sidewalk, a birdseye view of prospective customers.

"METHODISTS SWEAR BY HARDING."—(Hdline Sacramento Bee). —They at least ought to get behind him.

The progress towards word disarmament was hastened somewhat today by the news that a hired man of Thomas Edison had invented a gun that would shoot a five ton bullet, 300 miles.

Another raid has been made upon the Old Men's Home for a victim for Champion Jack Dempsey. He may fight Jack Johnson. It is incidentally reported that the young man has the mopes, as a result of the way the American people treated him recently.

All surface work in the Nash mines has been suspended during the heated period. The afternoon sun shines right into the diggings.

WELCOME TO YE SCRIBE.

WALTER PRITCHARD EATON, the well known author, comes to Medford at an opportune ttime. This is more than can be said of his literary predecessors.

About ten years ago Emerson Hough honored us. He arrived at the tail end of a boom. Being a conscientious scribe, he described things as he saw them, including some observations on the big red apple. When his story came out in the Saturday Evening Post there was a great hue and cry hereabouts, and the noted author and his magazine were figuratively burned in effigy.

Then a few years later Irvin Cobb arrived. The commercial boom had been replaced by a political boom. The night he gave a talk at the Page, there was a Lincoln day banquet at the Medford. Mr. Cobb was invited. But he declined. Illness was given as the cause, the general assumption locally being that the famous humorist was not ill, but feared he would be if he, a good Southern Democrat, should attend a G. O. P. banquet. It was even intimated that Mr. Cobb declined the invitation because there was no money in it.

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Mr. Cobb was naturally very much aggrieved and so were many people in Medford, the net result being unfortunate from every one's standpoint.

But Mr. Eaton arrives at the proper psychological moment. There is no boom flowing or ebbing. Medford and the Rogue River Valley are enjoying excellent health. The artificial hot air has gone, the passion for bunk has passed, conditions are fundamentally too good to be spoiled by the slightest misrepresentation. Southern Oregon is aching for publicity and merely asks that the writers describe conditions just as they are, for they couldn't be very much better.

And there is no political boom raging. Politics are conspicuous by their absence. There is no possible chance of our honored visitor getting enmeshed in a web of partisanship.

So everyone is glad Mr. Eaton has come, and everyone hopes he will be glad also. Crater Lake is our supreme summer attraction and Crater Lake is where he is going. Medford offers him the keys of the city while he is here, and best wishes for a successful journey when he departs.

THE SUCKERS

THE sucker falls for every scheme, believes in every hopjoint dream, and nothing puts him wise; although he's warned by voices shrill, the sucker is a sucker still, and will be till he dies. A million plutes have hoarded beans, and ride around in limousines, and suckers pay the freight; plutes say, when sizing up their kale, "The sucker crop can never fail, and life is simply great." The suckers toil at grievous tasks, and save the coin in kegs and casks, and should be wearing bells; but no, they say, "We'll get rich quick," and go and buy the gilded bricks some tinhorn faker sells. They have no use for banks, they say, and hide their money in the hay, or 'neath the cellar floor; then some one finds the treasure hole, and bears away the hard earned roll, and brings it back no more. The suckers patronize the seers who tell them of the future years, and what shall them befall; and when they're sick they take their rocks and hand them to the faking docs who travel on their gall. You cannot change the sucker's heart; he thinks he is so blooming smart, he scorns your good advice; he thinks your counsel trite and stale, and all the sharks get on his trail, and touch him for the price.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1—What are the South Central states?

2—How many degrees from the poles is the equator?

3—Who invented the telegraph?

4—What is the width of the earth's zones?

5—How many days during the summer is it possible to se the sun at midnight in the "Land of the Midnight Sun?"

6—What body of water is considered the most beautiful in the world"

7—Where is Ascension Island?

8—What is government?

9—How many branches of government were provided for in the Articles of Confederation?

10—What is the reason for syllabies?

Answers to Thursday's questions.

1—How many chief parables are there in the New Testament? Ans. —Thirty.

2—What famous waterfalls are responsible for the growth of Minneapolis and St. Paul? Ans.—The Falls of St. Anthony.

3—Why is it painful to stand for a great length of time without moving? Ans.—When one stands for a long time without moving impure blood becomes congested in the lower extremities and pain results. If continued long enough nature causes us to faint to make the return of the blood to the hdart easier.

4—Are there more than five special senses? Ans. — Yes. Textbooks, however, give but five.

5—What is the best remedy for the blues? Ans.—Constant work.

6—Into what general classes are adjectives divided? Ans.—They are either limiting or qualifying.

7—What were the six objects of the constitution? Ans. — Union, justice, peace, common defense, general welfare and liberty.

8—Was representation in parliament ever offered the colonists? Ans.—Yes. After the French recognized the Independence of the United States the offer came.

9—How many negroes were on the first slave trader's ship which visited the United States? Ans.—Twenty.

10—After the battle of Bull Run what four plans did the Union make? Ans.—To blockade all southern ports; to capture the Confederate capital; to open and get control of the Mississippi and to cut the Confederacy in two.

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SPORT FLASHES

SEATTLE — The University of Washington's baseball team was defeated by Waseda university of Japan yesterday, 5 to 3. The Japanese pitcher proved puzzling to the Americans.

PASADENA — The championship meet of the A. A. U. finished yesterday, New York Athletic club taking all five relay races and a Californian, Thomson, of Los Angeles Athletic club, taking first place in the all-around championship.

VICTORIA, B. C.— Norman J. Blanchard of Seattle, won the third and final event of the Pacific International Yachting association's regatta yesterday.

"Pussyfoot" in Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, July 6.—William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, the American prohibition campaigner, arrived here today. Mr. Johnson comes to give assistance in the drive for national prohibition in Denmark.

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