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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Ferris

A number of farmers who have been systematically "robbed by the money powers" for years, have purchased new closed autos, 1922 models, to struggle through the long and dreary winter.

Another idol turns up with hoofs of clay. Babe Ruth, super man and home run king broke the strike out record instead. He has a sore elbow, and is out of the world series. Greatness always develops injury or illness, when they peter out in a crisis.

429 years ago today Columbus discovered America. The day is being utilized by banks as an excuse for closing.

Bill Hates has a new fall hat with whiskers on it.

PRINCIPALLY FOR ETC.

(Salem Capital-Journal.) GRAPES for juice, jelly, etc., to clean up, 3 1/2 cents per lb. bring your boxes. Fiala's vineyards 3 miles north in Polk county.

All are equal under the law, but it's much easier to get into a poor man's hipocket than a rich man's cellar.

The weekly word throwing contest was held at Em Mohr's this noon. The deadly toe hold was slapped on the ball.

Monthly Whistling Report.

Necessary Yelps 0 Mean Whistling 24,329 Percent of Meanness 18,375 Net Aggravation Gained 4,458 Gross Orneriness 222,457 Promises to Stop 16 Promises Unfulfilled 16

This is less than the previous month, the nuisance not being maintained on an even basis owing to the city council passing an ordinance prohibiting aeroplanes from flying over the city. There was an increase of 387 per cent in diabolical annoyance. This puts the valley on a par with the great rail centers, as far as racket is concerned.

BELLADONA.

(Eugene Guard.) Mrs. Andrew Brand sang a beautiful contralto solo, "I Will Live Up Mine Eyes."

Fatty Arbuckle must be half out of money. The fancy lawyers shy at defending him.

This is fire protection week, and citizens are warned not to light a cigarette around auto mechanics.

The Portland Journal reports that Princess Alicia of Greece, stumbled down a flight of steps, and "injured her leg." This is too frank. She should have toppled and caused abrasions on the royal nether extremities.

CAN'T BE DONE.

(Corvallis Gazette.) WANTED—Man and wife to live and work on farm. Call at 519 North 11th for information.

One of the best fairy tales of the year is the Douglas county allegation that there is no prejudice against old Dock Brumfield.

The mining game in the Nash district is suffering from lack of co-operation. Several times this week paying guests had the nerve to sit down in a rocking chair, in the middle of the afternoon shift, halting drilling in the Radiator section. The use of important mining machinery, or the mines will have to stop.

W. O. W. Notice: Camp will meet Thursday this week so as to allow the Rebekahs the hall for Wednesday evening. Class initiation. Come out. CLERK.

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COLUMBUS DAY.

COLUMBUS DAY does not honor Christopher Columbus alone, but the spirit of exploration and progress, which has built up the continent he discovered.

Columbus was the first "American" to proclaim that what couldn't be done, could be. He has been followed by an imposing array of hard headed Yankees, with similar intrepidity and courage.

The 15th century intelligentsia laughed at Christopher. The world was flat, the terrestrial limits were known. To sail into the setting sun was to fall off the edge,—not only to be a dead one, but to be written down an ass.

A less courageous man would have balked. But Columbus' middle name was courage. His last name was wisdom. He had a vision, but that vision was built upon facts. He believed he was right, and the world wrong, and he was ready to stake his life on his belief.

After all that has been the spirit that has transformed that "cheerless Puritan wilderness" into the greatest nation of the world. But for the spirit of the old pioneer, that what couldn't be done, could be, this country would still be awaiting the touch of the explorer's hand.

The intelligentsia laughed at the revolutionary fathers. An independent and self-sustaining nation was a joke. Lincoln was a backwoods bungler, the Union could never be sustained. The promoters of the first railroad to the Pacific were too comic for Eastern wise men to waste words upon. And so it went and so it has gone, down through the years.

Christopher Columbus not only discovered America, he discovered the American spirit. He was the pioneer of them all, and on Columbus Day, it is this pioneer spirit, which has made America what it is today that gives Columbus Day its chief significance and honor.

Quill Points

It was high living that put us up in the air.

For that matter, you can't keep a good man's salary down.

The admonition to love our neighbors was spoken long before the invention of the saxophone.

Even with ammunition as high as it is, the usual amount will be wasted shooting at guides.

The fact that the Russian mile is called a verst is responsible for some of the verst puns perpetrated in recent years.

The weakness of the theory that a family of five can't live on less than \$1,500 a year is the fact that several do.



THE POORHOUSE WAY.

THE price of things is higher than it should rightly be, and oft we hear the buyer exclaiming, "Hully chee!" They say that hides are cheaper—so cheap the growers lose; but oh, the weary weeper who buys a pair of shoes! We cannot scrape together the coin to buy a pair of shoes of honest leather, such as we need to wear; and so in shoes of paper for which we roundly pay, all drearly we caper along the poorhouse way. Oh, why are things of leather still priced to break the heart, when hide of steer and wether are cheap, in every mart? And yelling and wailing in their woe. But goods composed of cotton the things we had to buy, as you have not forgotten, were always beastly high. Conditions are not cheering, to one who's spent his wad; the hogs are profiteering, the swine are still abroad. Reduced are pins and needles, and carpet tacks and nails, but when I'd buy brass knuckles the war price still prevails. Silk shirts, of blazing splendors, are lower than of yore, but when I'd buy suspenders, they're dearer than before. Oh, many things seem rotten, and few seem good and gay, as, in my shoes of cotton, I tread the poorhouse way.

How I Earned My First Dollar

A series of pen sketches describing how some of Medford's well known citizens climbed the first rung.

O. L. (Dave) Davidson

The first dollar I ever earned was helping to load a Great Lakes ship with copper, and I sure did earn it. After we dumped the ore in the ship we had to go into the hold and level off the cargo. When we got this done, I was so tired I could not climb up the ladder, and the bunch of Swedes I was working with went off and would have left me there if I had not just-up-an-

awful yell. This experience came close to breaking me of hard work.

Quotations You Should Know

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire—conscience. George Washington, 1732-1799.

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SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

Copyright 1916 by Bert Moses. See and save in the woods, hills and Oregon.

The way to kill anything is to overdo it.

The chief issue of every campaign is votes.

If legislation and taxation were based on common sense, the public would drop dead, and dead folks are worse than taxes.

Women remember the ages of other women better than their own.

Things cease to be wonderful after you see them twice.

Too many words and too little work is what ails us all.

HEZ HECK SAYS: "I hate to say it, but good men ain't popular among women."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—Of what are grindstones made? 2—How many strings are there on a standard guitar? 3—What highly explosive compound is used in the manufacture of celluloid? 4—In what European county is the Guadalquivir river? 5—From what do we get gum arabic? 6—What is an easy way to remove ink stains from fingers? 7—To what group of animals do rabbits belong? 8—What is the standard rifle of the U. S. army? 9—What ocean current warms southern Alaska? 10—How far is New Orleans from salt water despite the fact that it is popularly supposed to be on the Gulf of Mexico?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1—How many states does the Lincoln highway connect? Ans. Twelve. 2—What is an acronymist? Ans. One who deals with the theory and practice of crop production. 3—To what church does the king of England belong? Ans. The Episcopal church. 4—Does it spell a razor to stick it in hot water? Ans. No. It really improves the cutting edge if it is placed in hot water just before using. 5—How many brothers did Benjamin Franklin have? Ans. Sixteen. 6—What is the lower division of the brain called? Ans. Cerebellum. 7—What is the common name for the Para nut? Ans. Brazil nut. 8—What is next to the diamond in hardness? Ans. Carborundum. 9—What country owns the island of Guam? Ans. The United States. 10—What is haemoglobin? Ans. It is the substance in the blood which gives it its color.

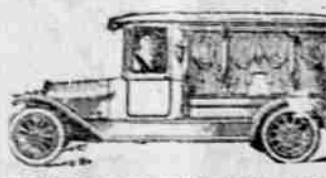
Marshall Neilan

famous motion picture director, wrote to

Rupert Hughes—

"Once before in my life have I had a story get under my skin, and that was 'The Miracle Man,' and I frankly admit that I believe your story to be far greater of the two."

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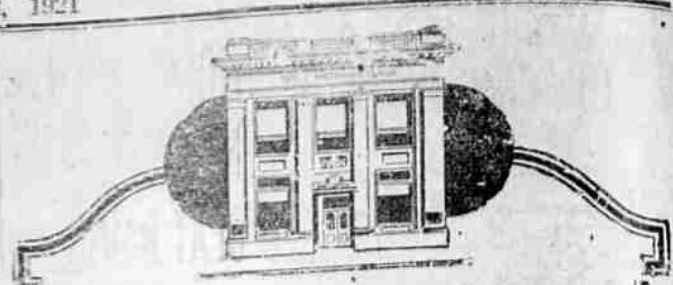
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