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Ye Smudge Pot. By Arthur Perry.

Efforts are being made to shut off the legislature next Saturday, so they can come home and tell their constituents how smart they were in taking a week to do what backward students in the eighth grade could accomplish in 30 mins.

It begins to look like Sen Watson's handling of soldiers charges would be chased out into the open, where the whitesash worketh not, and it don't take the word of 999 human beings to impeach the testimony of a 2nd foot.

What was first mistook for Dökkie uniforms are being displayed by John Mann in the window facing the Central avenue open air garage.

Music lovers turned out last eve to hear John P Sousa and band, and the concert was not a success, as only one piece they did not understand was executed. This was the Marytians from Hokusopus in G. As there was no exhibition of shapely shanks and lured lingerie the usual occupants of the front rows spent the evening reading the last issue of the Whizz Bang.

Congress has voted another \$20,000,000 for the starving Russians. This ought to insure a better job the next time they try to blow up Wall St.

Righteous moralists for political purposes only are tuning up for the spring primary, and have started training to appear sanctimonious before the lady voters.

A number of gay and lighthearted citizens have completed all arrangements for the celebration of the Yuletide season with a quart of grease eradicator. It will remove anything, including the partaker.

Eamonn DeValera declares that the Irish question will never be settled until "Ireland is separated from England." The chief trouble with such rambunctiousness is the danger of Mr. DeValera being divorced from his liberty. Every time the gentleman is disputed, his followers start to yell that "British gold" is being used.

Dock Keene is walking lame from slipping on the pavement. The police are working on the theory he kicked the g-t-o-r-i-o-n-s Ore. System too hard.

The Baptist are building a church without the aid of a lead pencil. The police will be put in place with Joe Garcon's "Eversharp", which has been engaged in tunnel work between here and the coast all week.

Christmas turkeys are for sale in local meathouses. They seem to have been less voracious devourers of sand, gravel, and cement than the Thanksgiving birds.

A HOG DOLLAR GETS MIXED UP WITH NATURAL LAWS (Grants Pass Courier).

Today is the shortest day of the year and from now on the days will again begin to lengthen out, cutting down the monthly light bills.

The Oregonian has quit publishing Joseph P. Tumulty's glorification of himself as an authority on European affairs by reason of his long training as a peanut politician in New Jersey thus enabling old and faithful subscribers to buy that paper without apologizing.

The women are showing a little originality this year, and are buying neckties for their menfolks.

A Portland kid, age 9, has received a postal card and picture from Roy Gardner, the crazy bandit. The boy will go into the movies.

Five Killed, Indian Wreck. ROME, Dec. 22.—Five persons were killed and thirty injured in the collision at Sandona yesterday of two railway express trains. The accident occurred on the bridge crossing the Piave river.

"MARSE HENRY"

WITH the death of "Marse Henry" Watterson, at the ripe old age of 51, the last of the great individual journalists of America passes on. There are many great American newspapers left, there are no great editors. Watterson will take his place with the Greelys and Danas of a past generation, and with his passing, a journalistic epoch is closed.

Although a maker and unmaker of presidents, "Marse Henry" spurned a political life for himself.

"I shall stay where I am," he said. "Office is not for me. Beginning with slavery, to end with poverty; it is odious to my sense of freedom."

Nominally a Democrat, Watterson refused to swallow Wm. Jennings Bryan in 1896, and after the war, during which he was a most effective supporter of the allied cause, he made no secret of his opposition to Woodrow Wilson.

"Wilson will wreck the Democratic party," he proclaimed "and the defeat of Cox he interpreted as confirmation of his prediction.

So although associated always with the Democratic party, Watterson was an editor first, an individualist second, and a politician only incidentally. The master of a vivid, dashing style, he revelled in superlatives. He was not always right, but he was always forceful.

He once made a savage attack upon New York society women, calling them a flock of nuclear birds. He accused them of a fondness of display, which ruined the men, and a fondness for champagne and bridge that eventually ruined their morals.

A participant in the bitterest feuds, he lived to enjoy, during his last years, the affection and respect of his countrymen both north and south. A great fighter, he was also a generous loser, and his most vitriolic moods were invariably tempered by a sprightly and pungent humor.

"Marse Henry's" place can never be filled. His edition is closed, the type destroyed. But his memory will always remain an inspiration to his countrymen, and a source of lasting pride to his friends and fellow workers.

Quill Points

Russia can't come back till she comes clean.

Some practice reading at regular night schools and some go to the movies.

You never can tell. Eventually China may have a sphere of influence in China.

Dawes not only throws a nasty adjective, but wields a retrenchment pen as well.

You can be an idealist, however, without slipping the other fellow all the aces.

The art of blacking shoes will never reach perfection until men discover what makes a bald head shine like that.

No doubt Gene wonders at times if debutantes are called Debs because they are coming out.

We don't know anything about the fuel value of corn, but it has started many a heated argument.

Times have changed. It used to be that the village smithy could shoe lizzy without jacking up her hind feet.

After considerable shopping, Mother has at last selected a dozen linen napkins to give Dad for Christmas.

That awkward pose a man assumes when being photographed is the result of his effort to look distinguished.

After we work out a scheme to Americanize immigrants, let's try it on native sons.

Men can't make the sea of matrimony safe, however, by disposing of obsolete wives.

Nations can't get from under their burdens while each tries to put something over.

The only difference between a close shave and the other kind is about thirty-two pimples.

The engine chokes when the car goes too slow. What we need is an appliance to choke the driver when he goes too fast.

The reason nations can't decide concerning their duty to Russia is because she is too rich to neglect and too big to spank.

Rippling Rhymes

Walt Mason

LONGING FOR PEACE.

I'D GLADLY see the scrapping of every gun and pike, I'd see no war flags flapping no lucious on the hike, glad lays I would be crooning if swords made hooks for prunning, or instruments for tuning pianos and the like. I see the big ships lying in San Diego Bay, their flags and pennants flying in bright and heave array; they seem in handsome fettle, but oh, what woes we'd settle if all their tops of metal were used for mowing hay! You cruiser cost a million, that battleship cost four; and I, a mild civilian, am taxed until I'm sore; my burden greater waxes; I'm tired of paying taxes to buy more battle-axes and implements of gore. The man who works for wages soon finds his name is Mud; the tax collector rages for money, in a flood; and nearly every shilling is spent for bygone killing or plans for future spilling of useful human blood. The warships take our cousins, our uncles and our sons, take them away by dozens, to shoot off silly guns; and all these boys we're needing, for reaping and for seeding, and not for futile bleeding; where some punk ocean runs. Scrap all the ships and cruisers that loaf along the wave; no nations will be losers when they have found their grave; it is an idle notion to think that ships in motion upon the bridled ocean will make the world behave.

SAP AND SALT

By Bert Moses

The less folks amount to, the more snubbing they do.

The patience required in fishing would do water's work applied to any kind of useful work.



One way to get rid of an "arguing" man is to agree with him.

A woman with holes in her stockings is always afraid of being knocked down by an auto.

Some men spend life planning; others work and have an extra suit for Sunday.



Life is simply a matter of putting in the time at whatever we choose.

HEZ HECK SAYS: "Grub kills more folks than hootch."



Then and Now

There is always something wrong with the world. Lots of people today are grumbling about the trend of times and are forever harking back to the good old days of our ancestors. To be sure there is much in this modern age that might profitably be altered and yet the old life was not a bed of roses either. So take your choice between:

- Present: Trolley cars, Electric lights, Gas range, Telephone, Modern plumbing, Movies, Railroads, Interurbans, Three squares, Good roads, Automobile.
- Past: Ox teams, Tallow candles, Luggin' coal scuttie, Mallman, Tin basin, Daguerreotypes, Stage coach, Wagon and team, Families, Mud holes, Shanks mare.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1-Is the nickel coin mostly nickel or some other metal?
- 2-Of what is brass made?
- 3-What is added to brass to make bronze?
- 4-When was Hawaii annexed to the United States?
- 5-Who painted "The Angels"?
- 6-Who is premier of Canada?
- 7-What should be written on the inner envelope of a wedding invitation?
- 8-What song was once known as the "President's March"?
- 9-Who is king of Norway?
- 10-What two daily newspapers of England does Lord Northcliffe own?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

- 1-What American river was spanned by the first great railroad bridge? Ans. The Niagara river.
- 2-What is the second iron manufacturing city in the United States? Ans. Buffalo.
- 3-Where did Burbank do his experimental work before he moved to California? Ans. In Massachusetts.
- 4-What is the art of conversing by means of the fingers called? Ans. Dactylography.
- 5-What is the population of Maine? Ans. 768,014.
- 6-In what Canadian province is Winnipeg? Ans. Manitoba.
- 7-In what province is Halifax? Ans. Nova Scotia.
- 8-Was Libby prison a Confederate or a Federal military prison? Ans. Confederate.
- 9-When was the stereopticon machine invented? Ans. As early as 1610.
- 10-What queen of England first used a fork? Ans. Queen Elizabeth.

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