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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. "There are too many blocs in congress," observes Mr. Melville E. Stone, not mentioning those situated on the shoulders, in the center thereof.

The prosecution and defense in the Pattee Arbuckle trial are working hard to keep the obese defendant from convicting himself.

MEANING 4DS

(Mail Tribune) "Simply a fee for the privilege of using the state highways, and if a man kept his car on his own premises, or drove it on a privately owned road he would have to pay no taxes."

"Where are the friends of Woodrow Wilson's Ideals?" squealing headlines the Portland Journal. They are "back to normalcy," and too proud to mention it.

Mrs. Bull of Pendleton is in Echo. (Pendleton Tribune.)

"BLOW FATAL TO CORNETIST" (Hilma SF. Bulletin). By reading the body of the story one learns his name was Harry Bellows.

"The cold period" is over, and a warm comma is predicted for the end of the week.

EXERCISING JUDGMENT

(Eugene Guard) NATRON, Ore., Jan. 19.—James C. Wallace took the morning train to the city and walked home in the evening.

The hula-balo in the Rose City over shines in the schoolhouse could be settled in a day, but for the agitation of a professional reformer, who makes sensational charges and quotes Scripture when cornered for proof.

The primary will be held May 18th. About 11 o'clock May 18th, there will be the usual alley gossip that So-and-So belongs to Such-and-Such-a-Church. This is inevitable in springing to office.

ONEDERFUL

(Eugene Register) When one has a love for things beautiful, queer or quaint, so great that one gives of one's time, effort and money to the accumulation of a valuable and notable collection, it must be taken a wonderfully generous nature.

Yes, there is a reason in giving even the things no longer needed or enjoyed, if one takes the trouble to find the place where they will be of use, but touchingly fine and worthy is the giving of one's beloved treasures for the joy and benefit of one's world-brothers.

"SHOES SHINED INSIDE"

(Ad Nash barbershop). The new style.

4UM ADDRESS

"Here in this fertile and beautiful (burst of applause) valley, where Nature's kind (loud hurrah's), and the fishing is excellent (loud calls for members of the legislature), we raise nothing—not even our own hell. Get the Yakima potatoes out of your mouths, while we sing the new official song: "We Buy Vinegar From Pittsburg. Our Apples Have Gone to the dogs."

Mrs. LYONS was able to go to Holyday Sunday by careful driving. (Albany Democrat). And gosh! how she hated it.

A FIERY STEED

(Echo News) Hawley J. Bean had the misfortune to lose by fire the ranch horse which was on the place he purchased a few weeks ago from A. W. RUIH. The blaze originated from a faulty fuse and as no neighbors live within three-quarters of a mile, the blaze got the best of those lightning it.

VISCOUNT BRYCE.

VISCOUNT BRYCE who died Sunday, did more than any other Englishman to strengthen the bonds of friendship between his country and the United States. And he did it so quietly.

He was not at all the typical beef-eating Britisher. He was essentially a New Englander, and was spiritually much more at home in Boston, Massachusetts, than in Liverpool. And yet he was neither a Puritan highbrow nor a pussillanimous pussey footer.

He had plenty of courage. But it was the courage of the Quaker rather than the Cavalier. He had a real affection for Uncle Sam and a complete understanding, but he was also acutely conscious of America's weaknesses, and by pointing them out, made a genuine contribution to their eradication.

A fair mind and a tolerant spirit were the crowning attributes of the Bryce character. As a result he enjoyed the respect and confidence of both friends and foes. A gentleman and a scholar, he never lost contact with humanity, he never lost that most refreshing, if slightly quaint Brycean sense of humor.

His loss will be felt quite as much in the United States as in England. With the world in its present turmoil his peculiar combination of moral earnestness and conciliatory method, his unswerving idealism, linked with a stubborn, rather Yankee, common sense, are needed as they never were needed before.

Just so far as the Bryce spirit is retained in British leadership will the Anglo-American entente continue to grow, and the English speaking people be prepared to lead the world safely through the dangers which confronts it.

Quill Points

Those who get in on the ground floor usually come out on top.

Most of the jails are located on the short cut to Easy Street.

Moratorium: A determination not to milk the cow while she is dry.

As we understand it, the peasants furnish the muzhik for the new Russian dance steppes.

"See America first" is a good slogan for our citizens. "Be American first" is a better one.

Exercise will prolong life, but so many of those who have time to exercise, are not worth prolonging.

Speaking of obesity, the exercise of charity is the most satisfactory method of reducing fat purses.

When a modern Good Samaritan finds a man beside the road, he always asks him if he got the number of the car.

One of the saddest sights in a democracy is that of an ex-office holder trying to be content down on a level with common people.

The man who remains a bachelor because he can't find a girl good enough for him is unfortunate in his choice of acquaintances.

After they accumulate a nice little national debt, the Irish will begin to wonder why it is called a "free" state.

And so the magazines are hungry for humor. What about the "First Class" stamped on some of the manuscripts they receive?



TAINTED MONEY.

J. HIGHLOW JIGSMITH rides in state in his large limousine; he has the price, he pays the freight, he's loaded with long green. Bystanders view him as he goes, and mutter while they look, "He looms up big and yet he knows that he is but a crook." They sadly murmur as they gaze, "He is the chief of sharks; he got his money swindling jays and rubes and easy marks." The people dwell his deeds upon, and all his deeds they know; they know his record pro and con, and also to and fro. And so whenever he appears, as Bungtown's one best bet, they dig up from the bygone years the things he would forget. I often think, when sawing wood, at fifty cents a cord, that it is better to be good and gain a small reward. I'd hate to own a stack of brass, and Croesus-like appear, and have men whisper as I pass, the things I'd hate to hear. I often think, while herding ducks or drinking drugstore fizz that countless rolls of shining bucks won't buy the best there is. A massive fortune costs too much, and twice too much again, if the possessor gets in Dutch with honest fellow men. J. Highlow rides around in satte, in opulence sublime; but had he always traveled straight he'd have a better time.

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SAP AND SALT BY Bert Moses. Gas meters always seem to add on 25% for good measure. The girl who hangs her clothes on the floor will hang a mortgage on your house if you marry her. When a man is so good he cannot be made better he is as good as dead. Many men change their compliments and praise to advice and criticism after marriage. A kiss with a cigarette flavor hasn't much kick in it. Most girls are unhappy until married, and frequently don't get over it afterward. HEZ HECK SAYS: "The redder the necktie the softer the brain."

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW? 1—What Indian chief led his warriors against Custer when the latter was killed and his command wiped out? 2—What is cardialgia? 3—On what river in Africa are the famous Victoria Falls? 4—Who founded Rome? 5—What fabulous bird was said to renew its life for 500 years by burning itself to ashes? 6—What cigars are manufactured chiefly in the Philippines? 7—What is the largest river in this country east of the Mississippi? 8—What does one peck in Cuban money equal in our money? 9—What is an angle of 90 degrees called? 10—What is the outer bark of a tree called? Answers to Yesterday's Questions: 1—What state in the union has more navigable water than any other? Ans. Louisiana. 2—Of what industry is Gloucester, Mass., the center? Ans. The mackerel industry. 3—What coloring matter is obtained from madder roots? Ans. "Turkey red." 4—What city is the capital of Arizona? Ans. Phoenix. 5—What is the welkin? Ans. The sky. 6—By what other name are coal mines known? Ans. Collieries. 7—What color is azure? Ans. Azure is sky-blue.

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