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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

The political pot has started to boil, and the work of concentrating all the available supply of virtue in one candidate is progressing favorably.

"The 1921 prune crop is exhausted," confides the market page of the Portland Journal, and, those who drink it are the same.

The "Solid South" is not softening any. They desire one McAdoo for president in 1924.

THE REASON WHY THE FURROW WAS CROOKED (Oregon City Enterprise)

A. L. Mattingly was laboring with a sick horse the past week, which horse is the pride of the family.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon proposes a tax on cigarettes to pay the soldiers' bonus. It will hit the war profiteers as lightly as anything a statesman could think of.

K. Ferdinand Jones, our rural philosopher, and polka dot cravat agriculturist, erupts as follows today: Mother cleaned the kitchen sink with gasoline yesterday, and sister got within four feet of the supper dishes before she balked.

A much needed snow is falling on the floor of the valley today. As usual it is pure, and of a whitish color. Farmers say it is worth a million dollars to them, but it would be much nicer if they would take the money, and use the August rains to wet up the dirt.

"PROMINENT MERCHANT EXPLODES AT CHAMBER MEETING" (Hillside Marshfield Sun.) His business has expanded too fast.

EDGAR DIDN'T KNOW THE DOCTOR HAD BEEN PAID (Eugene Guard)

Norman Purkeson created quite a little excitement Saturday evening when he was walking along the pavement near Junction. Mr. Purkeson had recently undergone an operation for the removal of his tonsils and had a scarf tied around his mouth and face to keep out the cold wind when Edgar Thom came along and mistook him for a highwayman. Mr. Thom came into town and got the deputy sheriff and took him out to investigate. They brought Mr. Purkeson into town and no harm was done. It was dark and Mr. Thom did not recognize Mr. Purkeson.

Some of our young fellows active in social affairs, are gradually being forced to the point of becoming acrobatic on a pair of plowhandles.

I ate too much roast turkey, upon Thanksgiving day, and now my works are jerky. * * * (Walt Mason Rippling Rhymes). O, dear! O, dear!!

The Pat Arbuckle jury is still out, hopelessly disagreed again. It is not likely the law will ever again throw custard pies, and squirt cold water on Roscoe. He has been hit enough with the barrel stave of Fate.

THE FAMILY ALSO "BARELY" ESCAPED (Sandy News)

The home of Julius Broteje barely escaped being destroyed by fire recently and for prompt action of a neighbor O. P. Skoog, who broke through a window it would have been destroyed while the family slept. A defective flue was the cause.

The blondes of yesterday continue to become the brunettes of tomorrow. Henna is putting the autumn tint in the hair back of the ears.

CALL AGAIN, BOYS! (Bangor, Me., Times)

Dustin and Ananias McAllister visited their sister, Mrs. Ruth Chandler, at Lovell Center, Sunday. She is confined to her bed now.

DOES HUMAN NATURE CHANGE?

HUMAN NATURE is a great alibi. Wars must go on, crime must go on, all the ills that flesh is heir to must continue, because human nature never changes.

One quiet day at the Washington Conference, Lord Riddell took this subject for a little heart-to-heart with the newspaper men. Being a newspaper man himself, Lord Riddell appreciated the desire of the press for copy, and when there was no news he undertook to make some.

In a characteristically whimsical way, Lord Riddell undertook to prove that human nature does change, that the history of the world is little more than a record of the changes in the hearts and minds of men and women.

Once upon a time he declared, it was human nature to decide all moral questions by force. If a man was charged with stealing a pig, for example, he was given trial by battle. He was set against a professional bruiser, and if he scored a knockout he was innocent, and if he bit the dust he was guilty.

Not long ago, as the ages run, men were hung for petty larceny, and tortured for debt, this too was human nature. It was also human nature to have as many wives as a man could keep in subjection, now human nature considers one wife quite sufficient,—occasionally more so.

A few thousand years ago warfare was the sole business of the citizen. He woke up for a fight and he went to sleep, temporarily or permanently after one. But finally, human nature advanced to the point where fighting was relegated to a minor profession, and the majority engaged in more or less peaceful industry.

In brief, His Lordship conclusively proved that the wiseacres who oppose every reform, on the ground of the immutability of human nature haven't a leg to stand on. He closed by a most interesting reflection that the world war transformed human nature, and that the glorification of war, which was fashionable before 1914, had practically been eliminated by 1920.

Now that the arms parley is about over, the human nature chorus can be expected to tune up for the familiar refrain once more. Of course, no well informed person expects universal peace today or tomorrow. But the better informed a person is, the more likely is he to regard the conference as another argument supporting the contention that human nature does change, another milestone in the slow, but sure progress of the human race toward a higher and better plane.

Quill Points

Scrapping, however, will not make the matrimonial seas safe.

Oh, Culture; what nonsense people profess to enjoy in thy name!

In this flivver age, the three "R's" are Race, Rattle and Ramble.

Fable: Once there was a man who didn't wriggle with delight when a charming widow told him he had such a fine forehead.

Even though subs and gas remain let us be grateful that the Pacific will stay that way for ten years.

The movies teach us that one can't be a hero in the corn belt. There are no cliffs to throw the villains over.



THE GOOD TURN.

ONE DAY I saw a ditcher, who feebly plied his spade; I took him out a piteer of kickless lemonade. His name was Peter Leary—and that's his handle yet—and he was hot and weary, and longed for something wet. "That drink was most delightful," the steaming Peter cried; "my thirst was something frightful, and burned up my inside." Long years have passed since Peter poured down that lemonade, and watched me calmly teeter back to my fig tree's shade. The other day while driving my corrugated ear, it sunk despite my striving in mud as thick as tar. There I was mired completely, in glue-like gumbo stuck, and I orated sweetly about the dad-blamed luck. Then came a whiskered granger who drove two sorrel mares; "Wilt pull me out, O stranger?" I cried, between my sweats. He pulled me from the wallow—his team was strong and smart; I knew what was to follow—a bill to break the heart. For I've had farmers haul me from mudholes now and then, and always they'd appall me, by their demands for yen. He said, "You make me weary! No money shall be paid! For I'm the Peter Leary who drank your lemonade!" I've often helped a fellow who groaned beneath his pack, and ne'er found one so yallow he wouldn't pay me back.



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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—Is news singular or plural? 2—What do we mean when we say an object is petrified? 3—Is a diamond harder or softer than glass? 4—Are there really white elephants? 5—What city is the capital of Georgia? 6—What state is divided into two parts by a lake? 7—What is the distance between Asia and North America at the nearest point? 8—Of what French king was Marie Antoinette the wife? 9—How many United States presidents have been direct descendants of former presidents? 10—Where is Cape Race? Answers to Yesterday's Questions 1—What city in this country had the first Union depot? Ans. Erie, Pa. 2—What county in United States is the largest? Ans. Los Angeles county, California. 3—What is a capital ship? Ans. The term is more or less elastic and refers to modern war vessels. 4—What trees are used for pulp? Ans. Norway pulp, poplar, basswood and larch. 5—In what year did the Twentieth Century Limited make its first trip. Ans. 1893. 6—What is the smallest county in the United States? Ans. New York county. 7—What state has the greatest number of manufacturing establishments? Ans. New York with 49,333. 8—What four countries are farthest advanced in the aeroplane business? Ans. England, France, Italy and United States in the order named. 9—How many states has Brazil? Ans. Twenty. There is one territory and one Federal district. 10—What state has mistletoe for its state flower? Ans. Oklahoma.

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Prince of Wales at Indore. INDORE, British India, Feb. 1.—The Prince of Wales arrived here today (Wednesday). He received cordial welcome, thousands of persons lining the streets to greet him.

Sport Flashes

Spokane—Basketball: University of Idaho 89; Gonzaga 18.

Walla Walla—Whitman 27; Wallamette 19.

Saranac Lake—William Stinmetz, Chicago wins international amateur outdoor skating title.

Boston—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul, scores technical knockout over Pat McCarthy, in fourth round of ten round bout.

Omaha—Morrie Schlaifer, Omaha, and Frankie Murphy, Denver, fight ten rounds to draw.

Philadelphia—Sailor Miller, Philadelphia, negro, dies shortly after being knocked out by Spoko Boyer, also colored, in first round of six round bout.

Chicago—Stanislav Zbyzsko matched to meet Amos Laitinen, Finland, February 28.

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