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Ye Smudge Pot

Buy a tree. There is not much chance of it being big enough for stove wood before 1928.

Thank God! The country is safe. William G. McAdoo has resumed his masterful handling in the management of the railroads, and James Middleton Cox is forced to it, would accept the presidency.

I've got the flu! I've got the flu! I've got that 'aggravatin' fag—Ker-choo! Ker-choo!

Another \$1,000,000 rain is falling gently downward over the valley, and it should be stopped at once before its valuation gets too high.

OF TWO EVILS, ALWAYS CHOOSE THE LESSER

Cecil Duke, the enterprising young banker and president of the Sandy Community club is at present interested in securing an anti-cold remedy as the snowy weather is inclined to make him take cold easily since the fuzzy moustache which was once so prominent a part of his "faceology" has been scraped into the garbage can.

Every day there comes the report that some campus idol forgot himself, and took gold for playing football. There is no news that the lungs of the game—the yell leader—has betrayed his alma mater for a mess of greenbacks.

The Joe Gagnon Jacksonville and Pacific railway has changed hands. The deal includes the transfer of all equipment, except one (1) medium hard lead pencil, slightly worn at both ends.

The arms conference is now walking, and the work of pounding swords into pruning implements, and transforming Sam Browne belts into breechings for plow horses has commenced.

COUSINS OF MR. FORD CHEVO

Levi Fliffet and family of Salem spent Sunday at the M. Fliffet home.

A gasoline addict was picked up by the police last night and taken to a beanyery for treatment. Every night the officials have to deal with some unfortunate victim of caroties. An electric fan was put to bed with him to leave the impression that he was going some place with the windshield down.

Fate and high-powered scandal have wiped the grin from Fatose Arbuckle's chubby face, and the next edition of photos of Mabel Normand will be with her mouth shut.

NEXT SUNDAY HE WILL JOIN THE CHOIR

At the Methodist church Sunday evening at the regular hour of worship, Senator W. E. Duncan, Jr., will speak to the Epworth Leaguers and their friends on the important topic of "The Immortality of the Soul."

(This fisher of votes is primarily for the greatest good, and will run for re-election.)

Good washtub moonshine made in the kitchen, suitable only for use in castron stomachs, can be procured reasonable, it is whispered.

With Medford trade is Medford made

SMILE WEEK AND MR. WILSON.

NO ONE can blame ex-President Wilson. He refuses to subscribe to Smile Week. In answer to a request from "Judge" the former President declares he will endorse no movement so silly and childish.

Other notables of Washington, without exception, sign their O-Keh to the risible festivities, and no one can blame them, for they have something to smile about. Moreover, there is nothing to be gained by offending even a comic weekly, with re-election in the offing.

Nevertheless, the former president is right. Except as an advertising stunt, Smile Week is rather a fatuous proposal. Particularly as it comes dangerously near Pay-Up week, which is not humorous at all, and follows an epidemic of weeks devoted to all sorts of things from Boston beans to raisin pie.

Seven days of smiling appears to us as one of the most depressing spectacles imaginable. No smile should last over seven seconds. After seven minutes the best smile in the world will become set and senile, and only an expert embalmer could maintain any appearance of life after half an hour.

Just as brevity is the soul of wit, so is it the soul of the smile. It must flit and quit, or else suffer a living death as a ghastly and meaningless facial contortion.

And yet, while Mr. Wilson is quite right, technically, his public utterance at this time is unfortunate. If he could not endorse Smile Week he would better have said nothing. For this happens to be a week of mourning for all loyal Wilsonites. All the world is acclaiming the great achievement of the Harding administration, and the man who devoted his life and gave most of it to the same end, is neglected, suffering and apparently for most of the world, forgotten.

Therefore, this was the worst time in creation to suggest that there is nothing to smile about. All the world loves a good loser and this pronouncement, published broadcast, will suggest the former president is not one.

Therefore, why did he do what he has done? Why didn't he join the chorus and let it go at that, for public men have to do these silly things, because of the implications.

The answer also answers the entire Wilson puzzle. Why did Mr. Wilson ask for a democratic congress, why didn't he take a representative delegation to Paris? Because he lacks that sense of humor which is merely the outer expression of an inner spiritual balance, unflinching evidence of a proper sense of proportion.

Quill Points

There are no goose-stepping stones to greatness.

Treaty: An agreement between nations. Antonym: Borah.

A consortium, as we understand it, is a sphere of confluence.

When any nation takes China's side it usually is the inside.

After all, a hypocrite isn't guilty of anything except synthetic piety.

The average man's artistic sense never develops beyond an appreciation of silk-finished ankles.

Things look better in Ireland now that the black-and-tantailers are gone.

Well, let's hope the naval holiday will work better than America's alcoholidday.

An enthusiast says a new day is dawning in Russia. It won't help much unless it's pay day.

The difference between hog and pork is that Nature makes the hog squeal and pork makes the consumer squeal.

The remarkable part of it is that golf has gained much popularity without the benefit of an amendment forbidding it.



Rippling Rhymes

RESPECTING THE LAW.

THE law decreed in olden times that witches should be burned; the courts abhorred their mystic crimes and all their pleadings spurned. My grandsire thought they ought to ditch all statutes of the kind; he thought the burning of a witch was not a sport refined. "But while such laws are in the book," my grandsire used to sigh, "around us daily we must look, for witches we may fry." Was there a beldame anywhere, who owned a cat or snake, my grandsire traced her to her lair, and tied her to the stake. He said, "The law must be obeyed while men for justice seek, and though I hate to burn a jade, I burn one every week. I doubt if witches really work much evil and distress, although they're roasted by the kirk, and by the law and press. But it is not for me to say what laws are right or wrong; I've built a roaring fire today, so, witches, come along." The law he doubted was repealed long since, as fierce and vain; old women now may go afield, with black cats in their train. And if some acrobatic dame can on a broomstick ride, the people will applaud her game, and point to her with pride. The law that's evil or absurd will from the volume fade; but while it is the nation's word, let's see that it's obeyed.

TRAIL ITEMS

Edna Petersen returned to her home at Perist after a couple weeks visit with friends near Trail. We are glad to say Mrs. Chester Pritchett is better at this writing. Miss Frances Greb and Miss Dorothy Peterson of Perist attended the dance at Trail Saturday night. Mrs. Irwin Hows and Miss Wanda spent a few days last week with friends near Central Point. Charlie Dunlap cut wood for E. E. Ash this week. There will be a Parent-Teacher educational meeting at Trail Saturday.

Everyone invited. Bring your dinner and enjoy yourselves. Enid Middlebush is a Medford visitor this week. Mr. Mechem of upper Trail went to Ashland last week and was operated on. He is doing nicely. Geo. Fisher returned to Sugar Pine Tuesday. Mrs. Howard Ash and Mrs. Joe Heberling had dental work done in Medford Friday.

Declares a Beggar's Day. HAZELTON, Penn., Feb. 7.—Because of numerous complaints against peddlers Mayor Harvey has issued an order limiting mendicants to one day a month. They will be licensed for the day and will be arrested if they ask alms at any other time.

WHOLE NATION CELEBRATES SCOUT BIRTHDAY

TWELVE YEARS OLD—FEB. 8.



I am with the Scout Movement heart and soul. It is an organization teaching the spirit of service and honor which we must all have in our citizenship. I wish every boy in our America could have the advantage and the honor of being in the Boy Scout organization.

Warren C. Harding

THE BOY SCOUT movement is twelve years old! Today, with governors and mayors personally taking the Scout Oath and Law, Rotary and Kiwanis, Lions and other men's clubs giving barbecues and dinners, scout sermons in churches, father and son get-togethers, troop rallies and public mass meetings, and many other stirring activities all set in motion by a radio message from the President of the United States, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its own arrival at the age of admission to Scouting as a Tenderfoot.

Twelve years ago an idea; today, a movement in which 84,000 men are voluntarily giving service, and 403,152 boys are earnestly applying themselves to a definite program of outdoor activities and studies as preparation for the duties of citizenship.

Twelve years ago a new idea. Today an established American institution recognized by the schools as an invaluable supplementary aid to education, by the churches as a most desirable ally in character-building, and by statesmen and leaders from coast to coast as the most influential factor to

day in training boys for good citizenship. Twelve years ago an untried idea here. Today a system of boyhood organized for civic service, looked to by state and city governments to perform definite duties of a serious character in forest preservation, combating epidemics, gathering accurate data on civic conditions for use of authorities, and the dissemination of information.

Twelve years ago an idea. Today a thoroughly organized, expertly-led program of outdoor and indoor activities and studies that are the delight of boyhood, giving natural and wholesome expression to boy impulses and energies, making him one with Nature through hikes and camping, preparing him to face dangers and to meet emergencies, to save life and to care for the injured, developing his abilities to do things for himself and others, increasing his power and desire to serve, and making him ambitious to occupy a place of honor and usefulness in his community and in the nation as a good citizen.

Twelve years ago merely an idea. Today, an indispensable institution helping boys to know

their duty to God and country, to keep themselves "physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight," and to be for all their boyhood days and to the end, trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

This is the movement conducted by the Boy Scouts of America as seen by leaders of church and state, school and business. In the twelve years that have passed, over 2,000,000 boys have subscribed to the Scout Oath and Law. Upwards of a half-million men have received the benefit that comes to men who give their services as scoutmasters and in other leadership capacities to this movement. Its attraction to boys has steadily increased through these years, and today there are known to be hundreds of thousands of boys who wish to become scouts but must wait upon leadership.

In these twelve years the Boy Scouts of America have given to our country many things of permanent and inestimable value. As a birthday gift to the movement it asks the gift of service to the nation's boyhood, by men.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1. What is the color for boys and what is it for girls? 2. When does Lent begin this year? 3. What pitcher holds the record for pitching the fewest number of balls in a baseball game? 4. How long has kerosene been used for lighting purposes? 5. Are there any motion picture studios in Japan? 6. Is it possible to telephone from a moving train? 7. What is the population of Dublin, Ireland? 8. Is General Wood a West Point graduate? 9. What are the seven seas? 10. What was the total distance traveled by naval and marine aircraft last year?

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUESTIONS:

- 1. What island in the Japanese archipelago lies north of Nippon? Ans. Yezo. 2. When will the next "Passion play be given? Ans. This year. 3. What does "Les Miserables," the title of Victor Hugo's great novel, mean? Ans. "The Wretched Ones." 4. Who was the first chief justice of the United States? Ans. John Jay. 5. What does A. F. and A. M. mean? Ans. Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. 6. Who is President Harding's physician? Ans. Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer. 7. Where is Howard university? Ans. In Washington, D. C. 8. What is the millennium? Ans. According to a widely accepted system of Christian eschatology it is the period of 1000 years preceding the final judgment during which time Christ and his saints will rule the earth. 9. Of what material was the first firehose made? Ans. Leather. 10. Do foreign born children automatically become citizens when their fathers become naturalized? Ans. If they are under legal age, yes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Regarding Oil Stock To the Editor: Referring to an article in your paper on Monday evening, February 6th, 1922, regarding the efforts of the Western Oil company to finance the further drilling of their well on the Stocker lease, we beg to state that the well is now down to a depth of 1400 feet; the formation is certainly an oil formation and very promising.

The Western Oil company is an Oregon corporation, having a total capital stock of \$5000 divided into five thousand shares of \$1.00 each, fully paid and non-assessable. The Western Oil company as a corporation has never sold or offered for sale to the public any of its stock. This stock was all subscribed and paid for when the company was organized. The stock holders are very anxious to see this well down to a depth of two thousand feet unless oil or gas is encountered at a lesser depth in paying quantities, and to that end the various stockholders who have bought and paid for their stock have donated enough stock to be

sold at ten dollars a share to pay for this drilling, and this is the stock that is available and offered for sale by individual stockholders, all the money to be turned into the treasury of the company and to be used for the purpose of further development work.

The Western Oil company owns valid leases on about three thousand acres of land. Should oil or gas be found in paying quantities this stock would be very valuable. It goes without saying that the stockholders of the Western Oil company have faith in this venture or they would not do what they are now doing. The management of the Western Oil company will be grateful to the Medford Mail Tribune if you will please make it clear to your many readers that the stock of the Western Oil company now being offered for sale is not treasury stock but is the stock of individual stockholders who have volunteered to donate a portion of their holdings in order that this well can be completed.

The stock is selling at \$10.00 per share and every dollar of the proceeds is to go into the treasury of the company to further prosecute development work. The Western Oil company will appreciate your kindness in publishing this explanation to your readers.

Respectfully submitted, WESTERN OIL COMPANY, By J. F. Mundy, President, F. J. Newman, Secy.-Treas. Medford, Feb. 7.

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