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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry. The 57 year old geovier who runs a livery stable in Switzerland, and talked 16 year old Mathilde McCormick into a funny-past wedding.

INTOXICATED WITH JACKASS MAN DROWNS—(Hdline Chico Enterprise). A rollicking combination.

A German police dog has arrived at the home of Frank Preston, where he will maintain law and order.

Fatose Arbuckle is renovating the feathers on his angel wings, for his third martyrdom.

There is nothing in the Pacific treaties that prohibits a Jap laundryman from shrinking up father's collar so they won't fit Willy.

The Whispering Forum met in the alley yesterday, and launched a campaign to take religious views out of the soul, and place it in the hands of the self-sanctified.

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR FACE (Salem Statesman) LOVING LADY WORTH \$25,000 wants kind husband.

Most citizens profess to believe that the country will go crazy and Democratic again next fall.

The city council is fully awake to everything but the hellish tooting of the Espee engines.

Most everyone will agree with Henry Ford that the "stability of the dollar" should be increased.

This is the birthday of George Washington. He never told a lie, and saved his country.

NOW BEAT THIS ARGUMENT (Two Years of Volstead) Early in the morning the workman goes to his daily job.

Portland is fostering the writing of poetry among school pupils. This is the same burg that had a fit because they danced.

The hornswoogling of America at the Genoa economic conference has been postponed until after Princess Mary is hitched to Viscount of Monceles.

Why not stop buying cut-off European Delights until someone on this side of the water learns to run them.

WASHINGTON, THEN AND NOW.

IT WOULD be interesting if Washington, who couldn't tell a lie, were here today, to tell the truth about his Farewell Address.

Washington's further elucidation of his foreign policy, in the same message, however, has been generally overlooked.

The inducements of interest for observing that conduct, will best be referred to your own reflections and experience.

Isn't this rather an important qualification? The United States has done just that,—it is today not only in command of its own fortunes; it is, in a sense, in command of the fortunes of the world.

Washington, who of all men had a deep faith and pride in the ultimate glory and influence of his country, were he here today, join with the hermit haranguers, and urge America to play a lone hand, and let the rest of the world, and the hope of world peace, go hang?

We doubt it. There is good reason to suppose Washington would today no more expect his foreign policy to endure than he would expect his ideas of medical practice or transportation to endure.

Washington was a conservative, no doubt, but he was never a "has been." Those who say he would today favor American world leadership for peace, have more historical basis for their belief, than those who maintain the contrary.

WASHINGTON AND PARTY SPIRIT.

THE amazing thing about Washington is the precedent he established, has never been broken. Not about the third term but about himself. This was in brief, the President can't go wrong.

Washington didn't. He filled out two terms and heartily detested them both, but he made good. Every President since then has made good,—not excepting Johnson. In not a solitary instance has a man unworthy of the White House occupied it.

For Washington was not particularly fitted for the Presidency. He had been a military man most of his life, and military men while they make very good husbands, as a rule, make very poor administrators.

Adams called him an "old wooden head," who fooled the people for a "hundred years." He wasn't that. He was slow, deliberate, painstaking, and rather non-magnetic. But he proved himself a big man, and he succeeded in a big way.

This was due, first, not so much to what he did, as what he didn't do. And second, to his wisdom in surrounding himself with the best ability the country afforded,—a precedent which Harding (who by the way, with silk knee breeches and a powdered wig would look much like him) has wisely followed.

In spite of popular clamour he didn't lose his head over France or the French revolution, in spite of strong pressure, he refused to carry the war feeling against England into peace, and in spite of Jefferson and Madison he didn't knock Alexander Hamilton into a cocked hat.

And Hamilton paid back this loyalty with compound interest. The most important thing in Washington's administration, was not its Democracy right or wrong, practical, or impractical, but can it be made to pay? Hamilton made it pay. Hamilton worshippers are pretty nearly correct when they say "Had there been no Hamilton there would have been no United States."

In spite of his prestige and high standing, however, Washington was subjected to the most malignant personal abuse during his second term. And in spite of his entering office with a unanimous vote, and before there were two opposing parties, he was in a short time the victim of the most bitter and vindictive partisanship.

In fact of all Presidents, Washington was perhaps the most bitterly opposed to the political partisan. No better analysis of partisanship dangers has ever been made than Washington made in his Farewell Address:

"I have already intimated to you the danger of parties in the state. Let me now take a more comprehensive view, and warn you in the most solemn manner, against the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally."

"This feeling, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments."

"There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the administration of the government, and serve to keep alive the spirit of liberty. This, within certain limits is probably true, and in governments of a monarchical cast patriotism may look with indulgence, if not with favor, upon the spirit of party."

"It is a spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural tendency it is certain there will always be enough of that spirit, for every salutary purpose, and there being constant danger of excess, the effort ought to be by force of public opinion, to mitigate and assuage it. A fire not to be quenched, it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest instead of warming, it shall consume."

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW? 1. Is the population of Alaska increasing or decreasing? 2. What town in Africa was once captured by the U. S. Navy?

Stage and Screen Katherine MacDonald, Rialto For the first time in the career of either star, Wesley Barry has been cast in a production with Katherine MacDonald, in her starring vehicle, "Stranger Than Fiction," which will be shown at the Rialto theatre commencing today.

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