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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

The Swiss livery stable prop. of 47 winters, has had his marriage to Mathilde McCormick of 16 summers Ok'd by her folks, and the international cradle robbing will be solemnized in May.

An epidemic of bronchitis is reported in Russia. Nothing tears the tender lining of the throat like a Russian word on a cold day.

Spring is here. Young men are driving the family 4d with one hand, while the lady watches the road.

A LIKELY ORATOR (Oregon City Enterprise)

Grant Mumpower, one of the well known residents of Carver, was among those to transact business in this city on Friday, and also to visit among some of his old time friends.

Princess Mary will be married tomorrow to Viscount Lascelles, whose first name is Henry. All good Englishmen will throw a fit, and the dukes and counts will be hank to the front end of a royal truck and throw shoes at him, and make him set up the smokes.

The present crop of lady murderers have drawn the line at entering the movies, if acquitted.

T. Bill Isaacs' east window ran into an aged Ford Sun, and was wrecked in thorough manner.

OIOI M-V-Y-Y CO-U-N-T-REE-MEN!

Governor W. D. Stephens addressed a mass meeting in Portland. He spoke on different things, but not on the most important to a farming community, that is a reduction of taxation and cutting down the extravagance of the present administration.

North Dakota is going to take another whirl at the soviet form of government under the Non-Partisan League alias. This is a good thing, and leaves nothing for addicts of the nutty idea, in this state, to do but write fool measures for the primary ballots.

Want work—can drive Ford—can come same day. Box 351, Hermliston, Oregon.—(Pendleton East Oregonian). It can't be done.

Self confessed candidates for office are breaking out with virtue, noble purposes, patriotism, religion, equality of mankind, and a desire to kiss a baby.

JOYS OF FARM LIFE (Eugene Register)

Mrs. Fannie Witte was surprised, to put it mildly, when she returned a few days ago from a visit with a neighbor to find that during her absence her bossy cow had walked into the kitchen and was making herself quite one of the family.

Senator Borah charges that the newspapers "do not print the truth." The senator has attended a home talk at show and read the paper the next day.

L. A. M. Crater Lake Chapter No. 32 Royal Arch Degree, No. 262 Feb. 28th, 7:30 p. m. Refreshments. Visitors welcome.

290 A. F. NOTH, Secy.

Pigeons are used extensively in forest fire fighting.

THE MUCK RAKING HABIT.

SOME politicians live perpetually in a naughty world. They find devils in trees, crooks in the running brooks, serpents in stones and bad in everything. With decadent eyes they see everything decayed.

Politicians of this type are now sharpening their battle axes for the four-power treaty, and kindred products of the Washington conference. Johnson, Reed, La Follette and Watson lead the brigade.

And they will make some progress. There is a deep trait in human nature to see the evil in the picture rather than the good, and every politician knows that to throw bricks and tear down is far easier than to manufacture bricks and build up.

But with the exception of Borah, who in our judgment, is a perfectly honest and sincere, though misguided opponent of all so-called entanglements, these solon-soldiers promise to ride to a fall.

Johnson, Reed, LaFollette and Watson, all reached Washington via the muck-raking route. By tearing into the railroads, by being for the government, by shouting imprecations at the status quo, they attained the political eminence they now enjoy.

Deficient in real convictions, and lacking in imagination, they are incapable now of changing their course. Like Battling Nelson, they have only one style, that of "boring in."

So the second battle of the bitter-enders doesn't promise to amount to much. There will be a great lot of noise and fury, but little damage. While the League of Nations was built abroad, and imbued with the foreign spirit, the Washington pacts were built in America and are instinct with the spirit of America.

Here is a vital difference which it will take more than ranting and verbal rioting to overcome.

Quill Points

Another eternal triangle consists of hooch, flivver and coroner.

Culture doesn't guarantee success. Many a polished man has a dull finish.

Backbone won't get you far, however, if the knot on the upper end of it is solid bone.

Treaty advocates shouldn't worry about Borah. There may be another vacancy on the bench.

All the pedestrians ask is a little more co-operation between horse-power and horse sense.

That beauty specialist who married his best patron isn't the first man to be married to his art.

Well, if the treaties are ratified, it will be another example of the triumph of mind over matter.

Too many people think hospitality consists in forever nagging at guests to make them have a good time.

A writer says much of our progress results from a sense of humor. So that's what persuaded people to use rugs on a polished floor.

When Chauncey Depew Hobnobbed With Queen Victoria

NEW YORK, Feb.—Days of hobnobbing with Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII, and other notables of England, are recalled by Chauncey M. Depew in the fifth installment of his "Leaves From My Autobiography" nobbling with Queen Victoria, the Scribner's Magazine.

The famous New York railroad man, ex-senator and raconteur tells of a conversation between Queen Victoria and Queen Lilioukalani of Hawaii during the former's jubilee, told him at that time by a court officer.

At a dinner the dusky queen said to Queen Victoria: "Your Majesty, I am a blood relative of yours."

"How so?" was the queen's astonished answer. "Why," said Lilioukalani, "my grandfather ate your Captain Cook."

Mr. Depew recounts many dinners, luncheons and talks with the Prince of Wales, and tells how the Prince's equerry awakened him one night at Homburg, a German watering place, saying the prince was on the terrace and wanted to see him. What he desired was to discuss American affairs, and Mr. Depew conversed with him until daylight at a table lit by one candle.

Once Mr. Depew went from Homburg to the nearby nerve-cure of Nauheim, where Mark Twain was on a vacation with Doctor Joseph Twichell of Hartford, Conn., his hometown pastor. Doctor Twichell was a bright humorist, and often "furnished in the rough the jewels which afterwards in Mark Twain's workshop became perfect gems." Mr. Depew reports.

The famous after-dinner speaker invited Mark Twain to a dinner, and the next morning the humorist, attired in his tramping suit, met the Prince of Wales. They talked and walked for an hour, but the humorist was absent from Edward's dinner that night.

"I would have invited Mark Twain this evening, if I thought he had with him any dinner clothes," the Prince explained to Mr. Depew. Upon being told that the humorist had some dinner clothes, the Prince invited him to dinner the next evening.

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

STILL LEARNING.

I KEEP on reading, reading until my eyes are sore; my dome of thought I'm feeding with new and ancient lore. I read the grand old masters, the poet and the seer; their thoughts like porous plasters, to memory adhere. I read the modern feller the "Main Street" type of scribe whose book's the foremost seller among the human tribe. I read the thoughts of Caesar, the works of Harold Bell; I buy of every geezer who has a book to sell. One cannot grind forever with any sort of mill, if he makes no endeavor the hopper part to fill. So many brilliant striplings start out to conquer fame; they'll all be newer Kiplings, and beat him at his game. That they are grandly gifted no person can deny, who marks how they have lifted their lyres and lutes on high. They make a brave beginning, their fiery spirits soar; we say, "They'll soon be winning the wreath that Milton wore." They dash off something clever, they glitter for a day, and then wink out forever, and cease to put up hay. They do not read or study, their minds they do not school, but chase where lights are ruddy, to play a game of pool. No mill can function proper, or turn out flour, I wist, unless into its hopper you put some sort of grist.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1—What will make children's dresses non-inflammable?

2—Why was Harry Lauder knighted?

3—When did New York City pass the million population mark?

4—How many popes were put to death?

5—Who is the poet laureate of England now?

6—What will the water pressure be fifty feet below the surface?

7—Is there any coal in Central America?

8—Which way does a nail hold better, driven straight or slanted?

9—How many telephones has New York City?

10—What will be the income for the United States government in 1922?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions

1—Is Seven Falls in Colorado higher than Niagara Falls? Ans. The height of Seven Falls is 266 feet. The height of Niagara is 164 feet.

2—In what measure is a hand used? Ans. In the measure of horses' heights.

3—What river separates the state of Michigan from the Province of Ontario? Ans. St. Clair river.

4—When was the first Italian opera sung in the United States? Ans. In 1825 in New York City.

5—How many provinces are there in China? Ans. There are 18 political provinces divided at present into 14 military provinces.

6—Is it proper to congratulate a bride on her engagement? Ans. No.

7—What was the Indian population of America at the time of discovery? Ans. Accurate figures are not possible but estimates place the population at more than one million.

8—Does a zebra have a split hoof? Ans. The zebra has a hoof similar to that of a horse.

9—Who invented checkers? Ans. The origin of the game is not known. It is mentioned, however, by early Greek writers.

10—Why do they not have mufflers on airplane engines? Ans. Because of the extra weight the muffler would make and because of the loss of power caused by restricting the exhaust.

COMMUNICATIONS

Answers Exempted Man.

To the Editor:

In regard to the communication of the 25th inst., Mr. X. Y. Z., has only his side of the story.

He wants to know "where he comes in at." He had the same chance as the rest of us, but claimed exemption; therefore, has no one to blame but himself. There were many boys in the service who had dependents, and they were taken care of.

When I was discharged I was allowed \$30 worth of clothes.

As to the Oregon bonus and the federal bonus, the ex-service men of Oregon cannot take both of them, so that deducts \$30 from the \$30, which leaves only \$0.

During the war a civilian was getting \$5 per day or \$150 per month at the very least. Most of them were getting more.

So with \$40 for board and room, he has \$90 left for clothes and other things. (mostly other things). They get theirs at least twice per month, and they also got all that they had earned while the service men only got part of theirs at the time they were in the service and now when they are getting the rest of it someone has to kick about it.

We didn't have to work to earn what we were paid. All we did was to go out and sit in a hole in the ground, half full of water and mud, for two or three days at a time while the shells were flying overhead and gambling with that guy they call death to see if the next shell was going to get us or not.

Or we had to hike twenty or thirty miles between supper and breakfast (if there were such things) knee deep in mud and in rain that had been in an ice chest for a month or more.

Just because some people were afraid to do those things they kick because we are getting some of our back pay.

There were 150,000 men who never returned, but their dependents will get \$57.50 per month for 20 years.

We have not asked for any money and are only trying to get what we have earned, so I don't see where we are losing any of our Americanism. It seems that it is visa versa. But, of course, some people think that a living coward is worth many dead heroes.

Yours Truly, E. F. H.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Thos. H. Simpson, of Ashland, authorizes his announcement as a Candidate for the nomination for the office of County Commissioner of Jackson County, subject to the decision of the Republican voters of said county at the Primary Election, May 19th, 1922. Adv.

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U. S. Engineer Tells Why Diamond Lake Should Be Included Crater Lake

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Tourist travel to Crater Lake will be increased and people will stay longer if the Diamond Lake area immediately to the north is added to Crater Lake National park, in the opinion of George E. Goodwin, chief civil engineer of the national parks service, who is stationed in Portland.

The measure before congress proposing the extension of Crater Lake National park is in the public interest and that no interest will suffer by its enactment, is engineer Goodwin's position, stated in part, as follows:

"The enactment of senate bill 269, covering the proposed Diamond Lake extension to Crater Lake National park, which was introduced by Senator McNary of Oregon, July 13, 1921, would be of considerable benefit to the people of Oregon and to the people of the nation, in that it would increase to them the value of Crater Lake National park.

More Area Proposed. "The Diamond Lake extension will supply additional needed area to Crater Lake park, add another distinct objective for tourists, provide a greater use for the present roads, supply a - supplementing attraction which Crater Lake National park at present lacks, keep the people longer in the park, and give them a greater understanding appreciation and liking of Crater Lake that will result in the sending others to see it.

"The new physical developments, such as roads, trails, camp site improvements, camp and hotels, will require additional federal appropriations for Crater Lake park and at the same time will not reduce or jeopardize the forest appropriations. Thus, the forest service would be permitted to develop Crescent or Summit lake, which I understand as fully as scenic and valuable as a forest recreational area.

Benefit to All. "Any development of the Diamond lake area as a part of the Crater lake park would be in conformity with the national park service, policy which is that our parks are owned by the citizens and must, therefore, be developed so that they can be used and enjoyed to the fullest by all classes alike, and that no special privilege or benefit shall be given to any person or class of persons, and that its protection and development shall be not

only for us but for those that come after us. The hiker with his pack on his back will have the same privilege and as much development benefit as tourists that visit the lake in automobiles and transportation buses.

"As a part of Crater Lake National park, Diamond lake would have advertising value and attraction which it cannot have otherwise, and it would receive much more railway and other advertising.

"It is admitted by the forest service that the grazing value of the Diamond lake area amounts to but little. There is but little if any merchantable timber on this area. The objection by people who wish to locate summer homes on the shore of the lake is selfish. As a part of the national park, all would have equal opportunity to camp along its shores.

"The lake's potential value as a reservoir would still be retained, and should its feasibility as a reservoir be determined no doubt congress would enact the legislation necessary to permit its being put to such use, and the major permanent development of the area as a national park could be so arranged as to make this possible, even though such use of the lake would, in a large measure, destroy its recreational value."

Run-Off Small. Mr. Goodwin does not, however, believe that Diamond lake is important as a power reservoir as its run-off is comparatively small and most of the surface water in the neighborhood from rain and snow penetrates the loose, volcanically formed soil to appear lower down in the form of springs and streams. He finds much larger, more accessible and more valuable untapped power opportunities closer to Portland. He quotes the City club report, which indicates that the storage consideration of Diamond lake has been reduced from first estimates to 70,000 horsepower. He advocates the site of the area as a game sanctuary, and concludes:

"The real question to be decided is whether or not the Diamond lake area shall be immediately developed by the park service and thus become a valuable, active earning asset of the state of Oregon and to the people of the country, or whether it shall remain in the national forest, having only a potential value as a storage reservoir of questionable practicality."

Bolsheviki Give Their Own Account of the Execution of the Czar's Family

EKATERINBURG, Russia.—(By Associated Press.) A Bolshevik account of the execution of the late Emperor Nicholas and his family which took place here on the night of July 16, 1918, has been made public in a pamphlet written by P. Bykoff, former chairman of the Ekaterinburg soviet.

It was inspired by the communist opinion that the story of the execution should be told from the Bolshevik side. But apparently it did not meet with the approval of the higher officials for, although it was published in the closing days of 1921, it was immediately withdrawn from circulation.

The book was printed by the state printing department of the Ural district government in this city and gives a general review of the labor revolution in the Ural. The last chapter in it records the emperor's death and is entitled, "The Last Days of the Czar."

The book was obviously censored carefully before it was published as it lacks many details of the execution which ordinarily would have been given by eye witnesses. It attempts to justify the execution by explaining that the Orenburg Cossacks were then threatening Ekaterinburg from the south; the Czechoslovak forces were pressing in from the east and letters had been received showing that plots were being formed to deliver the imperial family to the counter-revolutionists. Two extracts from letters are quoted as evidence of the existence of these plots.

According to Bykoff's account the words of the emperor when he and his family were led unexpectedly into the basement of their prison and told that all the Romanoffs must die, were:

"But are we not to be taken anywhere?"

The empress and her four daughters (the Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Anastasia, and Marie) and the little czarevitch and the remaining members of the household of 11 were so stunned that they said nothing when Adveiff, the commandant of the house ordered them to line up against the basement wall and pronounced the sentence.

Bykoff says that a firing squad of four shot the former imperial family with revolvers. The identity of the members of the execution squad is not revealed.

The pamphlet places the responsibility for the execution of the Romanoffs directly upon the Ural district soviet which decided early in July, 1918, that the czar and his family must die and entrusted the execution of the sentence and the destroying of the bodies to Peter Ermakoff, an old workman of the Upper-Issetsy Works.

Adveiff, commandant of the house, read the sentence, according to Bykoff's story, and there were only four witnesses. But it is not indicated whether Adveiff shot or even witnessed the death of the imperial family.

There were no statements in Bykoff's account which indicate that the Ural district soviet carried out the execution under direct orders from Moscow.

The Romanoffs were in their ordinary clothing when shot. It was not their custom to retire until long after 10 o'clock at night. Consequently all were still dressed when the ill-fated group of 11 was unexpectedly ordered to the basement and shot.

Bykoff's story says the guards outside the house and the public were kept in ignorance of the shooting by a noisy automobile outside which drowned the pistol reports.

At one o'clock the next morning the 11 bodies were secretly removed from the house and taken to a neighboring wood. There the clothing was removed. The bodies were burned first and then the clothing. Bykoff says the jewels and fragments of jewelry which Admiral Kolechak's officer later claimed to have found in the ashes were probably concealed in the clothing and overlooked by the men who disposed of the bodies.

In addition to the Czar and Czarina Alexandra and their four daughters and one son, the persons who met death in the basement were Prince Dolgoroukoff, Dr. Rodkin, who was physician to the Romanoffs, a lady-in-waiting and a man who was nurse to the czarevitch. The names of the last two are not given in Bykoff's pamphlet.

Grand Duke Michael, brother of the late czar, was shot at Perm in July, 1918, according to Bykoff's account, and the Grand Dukes Sergius Mikhailovitch, Igor Konstantinovich, Konstantin Konstantinovich and Ivan Konstantinovich were killed about the same time at Alapayevsky, north of Ekaterinburg. These members of the Romanoff family had previously been held as prisoners in Ekaterinburg but were transferred because of the uncertain position of Ekaterinburg with the approach of the Czechoslovaks.

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