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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Oscar W. Underwood, a southern democrat, who became violently irrational over Wilsonian ideals, in the days when fool notions were fashionable, announced, "that he is ignorant of the peace pacts," when nobody expected him to be otherwise.

The Russian soviet, waxing fat on American grub is planning on a revolution in America in 1924. The public service corporations are putting up new poles every day, and ropes is quite plentiful.

"What will the tourists think if they find our paved highways barren of shade trees?" asks the Portland Telegram. The tourists are pretty mad about it, and the farmers are learning to put their gardens and their hen houses away back from the road.

AN ENRAPTURED DIRTIST

(Roseburg News-Review)

BUCK FORK Valley Tracts, ready for home builders—Here is an opportunity unparalleled in the history of the state, considering quality of soil, irrigation privileges, lumber for building, wood, water, fish and game. This project is launched on the golden rule principle and fostered by a spirit of philanthropy.

All was quiet in the Whispering Forum today, there being a lack of 2xi matters of no importance to fight about. The city council is considering opening a new alley to take care of new agitation.

The Coia Bay candidate for governor is after the "upstanding vote of Oregon." The patriot passionately desiring office who gets the "sitting down vote of Oregon" has a better chance.

An elderly Galsheviki in terror of fat, reports after a week of corrective eating, a 7-pd. increase in heft. Another submitted to the same punishment and lost plumpness no place except in the face.

EFFICIENT CONSISTENCY

(Paoli, Kas. Spirit)

A special car of the State Board, in charge of a richly gowned and jeweled woman, unmarried, came to town not long ago, and mothers were commanded to hurry to the depot and take instructions of how to raise their babies and instructing the mothers the sort of infants they must give birth to hereafter or quit the business; and now farmers are notified that they must pay a specialist from one of our higher institutions of learning, to tell them how to feed the hogs.

Madalynne Obenchain, on trial for inspiring one sweetie to admit daylight into another one, is getting in some good licks between movie scandals, with the publication of a letter written by the departed.

Born, at Junction City, March 5, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Ratio Skages, a daughter.—(Eugene Register). A ratio of 2 to 1.

The Iowa doctor who dropped dead at the amount of his taxes, never saw one of his own bills.

ON WITH YOUR MASKS

(Pendleton Tribune)

During the last month our gas loss has been excessive, due to a gas leak somewhere on our main distribution system. Every effort on our part to locate same has failed, therefore we would consider it a great favor if anyone smelling gas in a certain locality would report same to this office. Phone 49, or call at the office.

The local hoppers beat Ashland by a whisker last eve, and now some of our leading sopranos are basses.

William Jennings Bryan's arguments, against the Darwinian theory, that man sprang from monkeys, proves it.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN—A GREAT ARTIST.

EMERSON once said something about a mouse trap. Whether it is a mouse trap or a flivver, if it is the best of its kind the world will wear a path to the builder's door. That was the idea.

So with Charlie Chaplin, Charlie Chaplin has written a book, entitled "My Trip Abroad," and it shows most convincingly the truth of this saying.

Charlie is the world's most popular comedian, and to our mind, the best, so when he went abroad the world literally wore a path to his door, and disturbed the great film star mightily.

Not in the usual way of the irritable celebrity. Charlie didn't mind the crowds. He loved them. He didn't object to having his private plans and personal convenience interfered with. He recognized a certain public obligation. But he felt unworthy. The amazing demonstration, instead of going to his head, made him humble.

"If I could only do something," he writes. "Solve the unemployment problem or make some grand gesture in answer to all this. They are in rags, the same rags only more ragged. They are looking into my face and smiling, showing their blackened teeth. Good God! English children's teeth are terrible. Something can and should be done about it. But their eyes. Soulful eyes with such wonderful expression. What a lovely people."

In spite of it all Charley never lost his sense of proportion. He maintained throughout a marvellous self-detachment. In Paris the French cabinet came to greet him, with Ambassador Herrick, Carpenter, George of Greece, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Duchesse de Tallyrand, Marquis and Marquise de Chambrun and so on. President Millerand's representative decorated Charley (at the performance of "The Kid") and the throng in the streets was so large the gendarmes "had their hands full."

In England even greater attentions flooded Charley. He was unable to keep his date with Lloyd George,—poor old Premier,—but he received 73,000 letters on his arrival, and had greetings from bishops and lords at his hotel.

And throughout Charley kept his head,—regarded himself merely as an incident, refusing absolutely to take himself too seriously or allow himself to be spoiled.

All of which furnishes a corollary to the dictum above. Any person who does any one thing supremely well, has certain qualities of greatness. Small men are never supreme, that's why they are small.

Quill Points

As we understand it, the point of this dieting fad is embonpoint.

Twinkle, twinkle movie star; we no more wonder what you are.

Vamp stories teach us that the female after specie is deadly to the male.

In this mad flurry of haste, man has almost lost the gentle art of rolling his own.

A woman prefers a man without riches, judging from the way she quickly relieves him of them.

The income tax blank doesn't seem so complicated, however, after one resigns himself to telling the truth.

The old-fashioned widow who spoke of her late husband now has a daughter who speaks of her latest husband.

Nature is rather unfair. In our teens, when we could most easily learn, she persuades us that we know it all.

It is hard to tell which will astonish the historian more, the great heart of America or the great gall of Europe.

If the picture seems to lack commanding interest, the director can always put in a scene showing the hero breaking up the furniture.

The other man's beliefs and prejudices never offend you, however, if he concedes that you are a man of unusual acumen.

The army says cold steel will always be a deciding factor in war. Cold feet, however, will remain a contributing cause.

Another reason why the doughboy favors a bonus is because he knows the job of paying it will teach his grandchildren thrift.

It may be that itel is common among the lower classes of China, but among the upper classes it is usually confined to the palm.

When a Congressman says he is studying the bill, he means he is trying to decide how it would look pasted on his political fence.

The broken speculators who tried to corner the egg supply, realize now that a speculator should be careful to get the lay of the land.



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

THE TAX GROUCH

MY income tax has now been paid, and when I dug the money I said, "This life's a thing of shade, that once was fair and sunny. The way they cinch an old fat bard is something fierce and bitter; there is no sense in working hard,—far better be a quitter. The burdens thrifty men endure call out for language ranty; true wisdom lies in being poor, and living in a shanty." A beggar stopped me in my tracks; in my kind heart he trusted; I said, "I've paid my income tax, and, like yourself, I'm busted." The pastor asked me for a bone to help to paint the steeple; I said, "My taxes make me groan, I walk with ruined people." My wife declares the friends she meets smile at the lid she's wearing; I show her then my tax receipts, and shed some tears despairing. The village live wires come and say they need some coin for boosting; I sigh, "My roubles are today with tax collectors roosting." This is the way the voter feels when modern laws bereft him; with zealous care he hears the wheels the tax collector left him. But in a while he looks and sees what other lands are doing, marks how the foreign voter flees, with taxes still pursuing; he blushes for his discontent, for tears that he let trickle, and gives the beggerman a cent, the clergyman a nickel.

PREDICTS A BIG BUILDING REVIVAL ON PACIFIC COAST

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—Stimulation of building by re-adjustment of costs in all departments possible was one of the subjects before the meeting here today of the Pacific Northwest chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. Another matter to receive attention was the Kenyon bill, pending in congress, encouraging public building to relieve unemployment.

Belief that the present year would see a complete revival in building and general construction was voiced by Arthur S. Bent of Los Angeles, president of the national body.

E. J. Harding, assistant national secretary from Washington, D. C., declared that there was a general feeling throughout the east, that construction and building are gradually opening up. He said there was a great deal of railroad building in sight as well as a number of large terminals. The unemployment crisis has been greatly relieved, he added.

Contractors from the principal cities of the coast are here for the meeting which will conclude tomorrow.

LAST HOURS OF LATE POPE ARE NOW RELATED

ROME—Some incidents of the last two days of the illness of the late Pope Benedict XV have just become known. At intervals he was delirious and these were followed by periods of lucidity. He talked to the prelates at his bedside about various subjects so widely different with so little pause between them that they were unable always to discern whether he was in full possession of his faculties.

A few minutes after he had told Professor Battistini, "I would gladly give my life for the peace of the world," he turned to Cardinal Gasparri and said: "One of my greatest regrets upon leaving this earth is that I shall not live to see the completion of the statue to Harpoclia, my great master."

At another moment, evidently thinking of his nephew, Della Chiesa who had insisted upon seeing the Pope in spite of his own serious illness, he kept repeating, "Poor boy, poor boy, who knows whether he has enough money to pay the cab to bring him here."

The Della Chiesa are considered to be fairly well-to-do. The Pope had taken the initiative last year of having a statue erected in the Vatican grounds to Cardinal Rampolla, had examined the plans and drawing himself and often called to watch the sculptor at his work.

20 Saloons Closed in Hudson, N. Carolina

HUDSON, N. C., March 30.—Police Chief John Cruise, Jr., was under suspension, twenty saloons and hotels were closed and state troopers had assumed police duty here today as the result of raids by more than a dozen prohibition agents.

Ten men were arrested but City Judge May refused to hold them, on the ground that specific charges were not preferred. The Hudson public safety commission ordered the suspension of Chief Cruise, charging neglect of duty.

6-Foot Lawyer Looked Like Pumpkin

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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.

CERRO

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

- 1—How many savings banks are there in the United States?
2—What state was first to ratify the prohibition amendment?
3—What census is the immigration law based on?
4—When does a full moon occur?
5—How old is the former Kaiser?
6—From what country did oranges originally come?
7—Who invented silk?
8—How many streams are there in Maine?
9—What is the bonded debt of the Philippine Islands?
10—How many soldiers are there on the Mexican border?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions Who will take the part of Christus this year in the Passion Play? Ana. Anton Lang. He played the part twice before.

2—What is a roed bird? Ans. In America the name is given to the bobolink.

3—How recent is the origin of the word "normalcy"? Ans. The word has been in the dictionary for years.

4—What states produce the best water-melons? Ans. Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, California, Indiana and Illinois.

5—How is the weight of rails reckoned? Ans. By the yard.

6—What is the amount of the last wage increase granted to coal miners? Twenty-seven per cent.

7—When was the \$60 cash bonus bill passed? Ans. February 24, 1919.

8—On what cruiser was it that Lord Kitchener was sailing when he lost his life? Ans. The Hampshire.

9—How many letters were handled last year by the dead letter office? Ans. 19,683,259.

10—Of this amount how many pieces of mail were circulars and advertising matter? Ans. Fully one-half.

Darwinism Bill in Kentucky Is Defeated

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 16.—The defeat of the Ellis evolution bill by the Kentucky house of representatives yesterday is considered by leaders as having finally disposed of the evolution question at this session. A similar bill in the senate was re-committed and the rules committee thus far has refused to allow it to be reported.

The Ellis bill would have forbidden the teaching in the University of Kentucky, the normal schools and the public schools of "Darwinism, atheism, agnosticism and evolution as it pertains to the origin of man."

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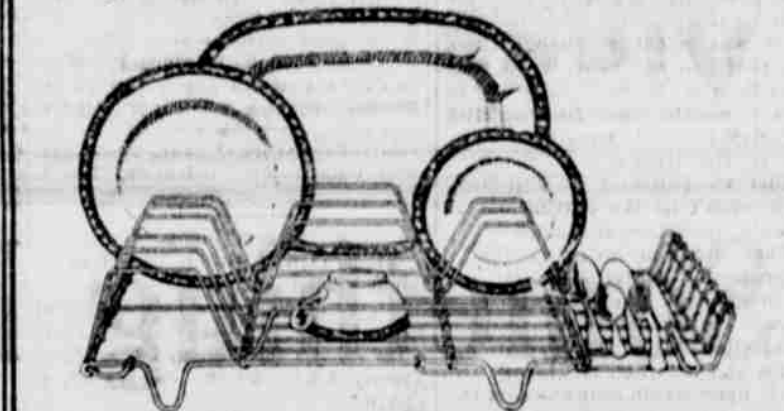
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