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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Parry.

Complaint is made throughout the world that France is stubborn at the Genoa confab. It is an old trick of France to be stubborn. For instance, at Verdun.

A light rain fell o'er the vale Thurs. eye doing no damage aside from taking the friz out of the Robbed hair acreage.

Compelling bootleggers, when accidentally caught, to drink their own products is barbarous cruelty, and may lead to beanery props, being forced to swig their own coffee, and candidates to vote for themselves.

HEAD-ON COLLISION (Oregon City Enterprise)

Miss Lena Wilhelm had an argument with the McCully goat recently and it is reported that the goat had the best of the controversy.

There is something to the credit of Peggy Joyce, the world's greatest vampire. She never went crazy over a uniform.

Mons. Wig Ashpole is threatening to go up Lake Creek and pick up Tom Parlow's yearlings.

AN INSPIRED PRINTER (Corvallis Gazette-Times) PATRIOTIC SERMON VICE AT OLD FORT HOSKINS MAY 30

A grand jury report charges that students of Spokane get drunk during school hours. This is quite a jump from the days when it was the height of juvenile cussedness to hit the teacher with a paper wad. No wonder parents in a California town want to fire a schoolm'am for brazenly powdering her nose in public.

Several gubernatorial aspirants are suffering from a congestion of virtue in the oratorical region.

WHISKY DISPLAY (Sandy News)

Chas. Scharnke was glad to get home for a few days vacation from jury work last week, and get out with his brush again.

The testimony in the Stillman divorce suit is so full of gents and ladies peeking through keyholes, that the world wonders why somebody didn't get jabbed in the eye with a hatpin.

The sun is shining with all its might, and a drive to buy old Walt Bowne a hat is in order.

It has been two days since Woodrow Wilson has called Sen Jim Reed of Missouri, a name, to send the rank and file of the democratic party to the dictionary.

MERRY WIDOWS ANSWER (Pendleton Oregonian) WANTED—Housekeeper who can play piano with violin for dances, who is neat and wants a good home where she can be her own boss.—R. L. Bewley, Guler, Wash.

FOR JIGGS FANS (Continued from Wed.)

"He never would pray with an earnest sim, Or go to revival, or join in a hymn, While I the pins of my neighbors bore He gadded about with Dinty Moore. He made a practice of staying out late, Which is a sin all women hate; But at last when he did come home The rolling pin went straight for his dome.

"I know him, St. Peter, know him well; To escape from me he'd go to hell; But, St. Peter, I need him here, And hope you can see your way clear. On earth I bore a heavy cross; Give me in heaven still Jiggs to boss. I've brought my rolling pin, plates and jars, To keep him dodging among the stars.

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HOFF COMES TOO HIGH.

THE PUBLIC memory is short when politics are concerned. If it were not O. P. Hoff, Republican candidate for state treasurer, would hardly allow his heroic-sized lithograph to be posted on bill boards of Medford, pledging economy, efficiency, and claiming he has saved the tax payers of this state thousands and thousands of dollars.

We have no quarrel with Mr. Hoff. He is, we believe essentially an honest man. But he is no more fitted to handle the finances of this state, than the cinnamon bear in the Portland Zoo, and his record demonstrates the fact.

This record is not a matter of politics. It is chiefly contained in a report of the grand jury of Marion county, which investigated Mr. Hoff's dealings with Mr. Etheridge of Morris Brothers a little over two years ago. An extract from this report follows:

"State Treasurer Hoff purchased from Mr. Etheridge from Jan. 6, 1919, to March 15, 1920, bonds of the par value of \$1,106,629.09 at a cost to the state of Oregon of \$1,172,225.12, which bonds cost MORRIS BROTHERS \$1,088,147.03, giving the enormous profit to Morris Brothers of \$84,078.09."

"The records further reveal that bonds which were not in existence had been sold by Mr. Etheridge to the state treasurer at an exorbitant profit and payments in full made thereon by the state treasurer.

"The most flagrant example of excess profits is the sale of \$100,000 water bonds of Reedport to the state treasurer. The bonds were purchased by the state treasurer at the enormous gross profit to Morris Brothers of \$16,919.90. On June 19, 1919, Reedport was incorporated. August 25 following Morris Brothers entered into a contract with said city for the sale of \$100,000 bonds for \$82,320. Morris Brothers sold them to Treasurer Hoff on October 28, 1919, for the sum of \$108,329.90, and paid Etheridge that amount on said day. On November 10, following the city voted to issue said bonds and on December 24 following issued and delivered them to Morris Brothers.

"We criticize the right apparently given by the correspondence between Treasurer Hoff and Mr. Etheridge whereby securities sold to the state were offered for sale by Morris Brothers while they were yet held by the state treasurer. There should be no strings upon any bonds purchased by the state of Oregon.

"We condemn the policy of the state treasurer in investing such large sums in one investment; also CONDEMN his PRACTICE of buying bonds that pay a high rate of interest regardless of the value of the property that must redeem the principal. SAFETY FIRST should apply to investment of public funds."

We admire the nerve which allowed Mr. Hoff to seek re-election with this report a matter of public record, but hardly believe the Republicans of this state will care to reward such nerve with renomination.

Mr. Hoff makes a further bid for votes by declaring he is agreeable to a salary reduction. Mr. Hoff could take office without salary and still cost the tax payers more in a month, than a competent state treasurer could possibly be paid in a year.

Honesty and good intentions are not enough in this position. There must be business competence, or the tax payers pay.

Quill Points

A kiss is just the triumph of nature over the germ theory.

The difficult part seems to be to love your neighbor as your self.

Beauty is only skin deep, and frequently its brains are equally shallow.

At any rate, the man who called these early ones strawberries, was a good judge of straw.

If a man has never made an ass of himself, it is probably because Nature beat him to it.

A man has arrived when the little fellows call him Mister and the big fellows call him Billy.

"Higher education" is the sort gained in the College of Experience. "Higher" refers to the price.

Strange that Bryan doesn't believe in evolution. The Democratic party was originally the Republican party.

Whatever happens, the girl who accepts a ride in a stranger's automobile is an accessory before the fact.

After long and careful study, we are convinced that artistic temperament is just a chronic case of ingrowing selfishness.

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. JOKING BARRED. MY OLD FRIEND Volstead looked so sad. I asked him, "Are you feeling bad?" And he replied, "It's pretty raw, the way they joke about my law; I'm weary of the ribald jeers of journalists and pamphleteers, of tinnish lawyers in the courts, and all the cheaper grades of sports. The Volstead law is too sublime to stir up laughter all the time." "Oh slush," I answered, "likewise pshaw! I've backed you and your well known law. I've urged the people to abjure their forty drops of spavin cure, and make your law a shining light by which to guide their steps aright. But if your law can't stand the gaff, and shrivels when the people laugh, it will not do for mirthful skates who dwell in these United States. Your law with me has made a hit, and yet it is not Holy Writ; it is not sacred, you must own, like those famed tables made of stone. We are a jocund, jesting band, we people of this spangled land; we see the funny side of things, and we must have our little flings; and when you write a heavy tome, or hand us out an epic poem, or frame a law forbidding gin, you must expect to see us grin; and if your law or poem or book our little jesting cannot brook, drag it away from joking souls, and have a tinsmith patch the holes."

Safe Milk for INFANTS and INVALIDS ASK FOR Horlick's Malted Milk the Original Avoid Imitations and Substitutes For Infants, Invalids and Growing Children Rich milk, malted grain extract in Powder The Original Food-Drink For All Ages No Cooking - Nourishing - Digestible WITH MEDFORD TRADE IS MEDFORD MADE.

COMMUNICATIONS

Colvig Replies to Lampman

To the Editor: Mr. H. H. Lampman in his reply to my request that candidates for public office should make known their position in re the Ku Klux Klan, seems to think that my objections to this order rest entirely on vague suspicion; and that I make an invidious distinction between it and other orders? I will admit that the K. K. K. comes into this community under a cloud of well earned suspicion. There were more than forty outrages committed on private individuals in the state of Texas during the year 1921, and in every instance the newspapers of the state charged these outrages to the activities of the K. K. K. The perpetrators in each of these Texas cases wore white masks and hoods, and thus concealed their identity. Suspicion? Yes, I am always suspicious of a man who parades the streets in the night time with a mask on his face and his person otherwise disguised. In several instances the victims of these Texas outrages, and others in the United States during 1921, were branded "K.K.K." on the forehead with powerful acid. Mr. Lampman, will you please observe that none of these outrages were charged against the Elks, the Masons, or any other order than the K.K.K.s; and that none of the victims had burned into their flesh the symbols "B.P.O.E.", "A.F. & A.M.", "I.O.O.F.", or "S.C."

The recent Inglewood tragedy in California is not charged against the Elks, Masons or Odd Fellows. You say, "Why single out the K.K.K.s as the goat?" What person with a thimble full of brains would have reason to suspect any other order. Robbers, burglars and midnight assassins go out into the darkness under cover of a mask in order that they may not be identified. A great fraternal society (?) should not copy after outlaws in the matter of regalia. Masons, Elks, Odd Fellows, and members of the other great fraternities are always pleased to let people know that they belong. They have nothing to conceal in the matter of their activities. But members of the K.K.K. conceal their identity. Their real work seems to be mostly done under cover of darkness, disguised and hooded features. In the matter of giving alms they make a notable exception to this rule. In order to advertise their donations to charity they go in the day time, wear hoods and robes, so that the public may see what order it is that is helping the widow and orphan. There were two notable instances of that kind in this city within a few days following the Hale outrage and last Sunday in the city of Portland members of the K.K.K., completely hooded and robed, went into more than a dozen of the churches of that city and in each left a small contribution to charity. I would recommend that if they have a chaplain that he read to them what Christ said about the giving of alms as recorded in Matthew, Chap-

ter VI, wherein he says: "Take heed that you do not your alms before men, to be seen of them. * * * Therefore, when thou doest thine alms do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do in the synagogues. * * * but when thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." WM. M. COLVIG, Medford, May 11.

Kelly Answers Anderson.

To the Editor: Bert Anderson's communication so grossly misrepresents my attitude in the unfortunate controversy that is now stirring the public mind that I cannot pass the same unnoticed. The position I have taken deplores and denounces mob violence and the fostering of religious and racial hatred as being wholly un-American. Mr. Anderson's reasoning is so illogical as to raise the suspicion that it has been influenced by his intense partisan feeling. I have always regarded moral courage as one of the highest of American ideals. The editorial columns of your paper, supported by stalwart citizens, whose patriotism and citizenship are above criticism have demanded of the candidates for office that they declare themselves on this vital issue that strikes at the very root of law and constituted authority. To refuse to take a stand on such vital issue is to my mind an evincement of moral cowardice unfitting a candidate for public office.

Mr. Anderson's statement that he is in such "fortunate position" as to know that certain candidates do not

belong to the K. K. K. can lead to but one conclusion. That organization, as I understand it, is oath bound not to divulge the identity of its members and to deny for them membership in the organization. In view of which Mr. Anderson's denial that his candidate is not a member would seem to require some further and more specific explanation. Very Truly, E. F. KELLY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for representative in the state legislature at the May primary. JOHN H. CARKIN.

I announce myself as a candidate for Representative in the Legislature, on the Republican ticket, subject to the primaries in May. RALPH COWGILL.

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.

I am a candidate for the nomination for County Commissioner of Jackson county, on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary to be held May 19th, 1922. Adv. GEORGE ALFORD, Phoenix.

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