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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry.

Oregon reformers, announce the in-
jection of "honesty into politics," and
while they are about it, they might
shoot some refinement into the
hoochie-kootchie. Nothing counts in
politics but votes, under the present
system, and confessions by politicians
of saintly attributes, are solely for the
purpose of befuddling the lady voters,
who, sad to relate, fall for it. An
officeholder, who is not a Shakespearean
actor, and slick enough to register
all the ennobling virtues with one
twist of his face, has no chance.

It was quiet, just like Tolo,
When the engine sang a solo,
That awoke a sleeping Bolo
In the far-off Philippines.
And, it's tough upon the babies,
While the Espee, full of maybes,
Suffers from the tooting rables,
And disturbs their childish dreams.

Telephone poles along the Specific
Dileway have been warned for the last
time, not to run into any speed idiots
on the Pot.

The season for getting shot for a
deer has been made uniform all over
the state this year, the game commis-
sion gamely announces.

AND, IN ONE
(Albany Democrat)
"Billy" Hammock spent one evening
the patter part of the week in
southern Sweet Home.

So far only 75 initiative petitions
have been discovered to be placed on
the ballots at the November election.
There is still plenty of time for the
remaining 883,164 residents of the
state to take some action.

The Illinois mine massacre is being
boiled to a point where it will be de-
finitely decided whether the Constitution
or the by-laws of the Mine Workers of
America comes first, despite the diffi-
culty of federal and state officials to
find out who was responsible. The
public is blandly informed that "the in-
cident has been exaggerated." This is
the favorite yip when cussedness is
exposed, and, in this incident, all the
tricks of sawdust were practiced ex-
cept cannibalism.

Veterans of the Great War, all
scarred and wounded, in convention
assembled, marched amid cheers from
the sidewalks of San Francisco yester-
day. They marched down streets be-
fore, but this time they appraised the
cheers at their true value.

The Portland coroner's jury in the
case of the 64-year-old man, who died
from a fractured skull as the result of
a blow from the fist of a 23-year-old
bookkeeper, in an argument over 30
cents, absolved the youth of all blame.
They might have recommended that
the next time chivalry gets the best of
the young man, he tackle somebody
his own age.

ZEPHYRS AND HEIFERS
(Sweet Home News)
Mrs. Feigum accompanied Mrs.
V. Butler and son Jack, and Char-
ley Gosser on an evening drive
Tuesday; they passed through
Foster and viewed the river after
which they went up part way to
Cascadia. The flowers in the door-
yards in the evening shadows
made the air smell full of perfume,
and the ripple of the river brought
their minds to wonderful things
the great Creator had made. Gen-
erally some excitement follows a
trip, but the only thing they saw
and kept seeing was cows, and
cows, and cows, coming home to
be milked, and everyone seemed to
take charge of the right of way.

Williams Isaacs and Vawter had
their heads together Tues. noon. It
was not learned whether the couple
will sing or fish.

The fire dept. successfully fought a
fire and crowd Mon. pm. The specta-
tors suffered from the heat and re-
morse at inability to get in the flames.

A drive will be launched next winter
"for sociability in church circles."
There is one thing about sin—it is gen-
erally gay and neighborly, while ruin-
ing.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH AMERICA?

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, who made his reputation by telling
what was the matter with Kansas, answers the question above
in the current Collier's.

The chief trouble in Bill's view is the big city with its foreign
population, which is gradually producing a type that is destructive
to the fine old, rural Anglo-Saxon type.

All our grand national policies, all our pompous parties, all
our crucial issues—all the flubdubbery of politics, are subsidiary to
this fundamental clash of ideals: The Puritan ideal and its fe-
lows, that shrugs a gay shoulder, denies our brotherhood, re-
jects our cold justice, and giggles out of our homely duties.

That is Bill's conclusion. It may be a good one. We don't know.
But we do know the trouble with America at the present moment
can't be blamed on the cities, nor upon the flappers, nor upon those
who can't be recruited under the banner of 100 per cent Puritanism.

In plain English the trouble with America appears to be
a general cussedness. It breaks out here and there and everywhere,
—in the little rural communities like Herrin, Illinois, in the big cities
like New York, Boston and Chicago, in foreign districts, in native
districts. There is no general geographical classification possible, no
ethnic classification, the virus is not on Uncle Sam's skin, it's in his
blood.

And as we dope it out Uncle Sam does not need a change of health
so much as a change of heart. Distrust, suspicion, intolerance must
somehow be removed before Mr. White's regeneration can be at-
tained. There must be a little fresh air in the national mind.

Selfishness, that is the master ill,—the one which in a sense in-
cludes all the others. There is too much thinking only of what is
good for John Smith and not enough thinking on the part of John
Smith of what is good for Bill Jones. Smith says you do as I do,
you think as I do, you vote as I do, or you take this in the neck!

There is the fundamental trouble. No biological, not physiologi-
cal, but psychological. America is all right. She is essentially
sound. She has far more good citizens than bad ones. All she needs
is a new orientation,—mentally and spiritually.

Toward this end, this article of Bill White's will help, no doubt,
but the only master worker, we fear, is Doctor Time.

Quill Points

Civilization isn't cradled on political bunk.

One way to get back your health is to take more rest and less
advice.

If an easy prosperity encourages vice, posterity will be a vir-
tuous set.

We are still waiting patiently for the soda fountain clerk who will
say: "This one's on the house."

The greatest density of population is north of the equator. Also,
we fear, north of the ears.

It may be that some men are descended from monkeys, but others
reveal a considerable strain of bull.

It is strange, however, that nobody discovered Daugherty's sins
until there was talk of prosecuting war grafters.

After fifteen years, girls devote all their thought to getting a hus-
band; but you wouldn't think it after seeing what some of them get.

The candidate with his head in the clouds may get the most cheers,
but the one with his ear on the ground gets the most votes.

The reformers would feel better if they realized that few on the
beach are as attractive as the bathing-suit girls on magazine covers.



THE WONDER CAR.

MONTH after month she goes a-chooing, and all she asks is
oil and gas; along the pike, speed cops pursuing, you see
her like chain lightning pass, pedestrians and farm stock strewn
in heaps upon the wayside grass. Month after month, through
mud and gravel, on errands vain I make her fly, and nothing
seems to rip or ravel, she's always full of pep, and spry; and
speed cops, worn by ceaseless travel, crawl under some tall tree
and die. Month after month, without repairing, without a wrench
among her works, I send her whizzing, scotching, tearing, up
mountain roads where danger lurks; and speed cops, tired and
vainly swearing, resign, and hire as grocer's clerks. Month
after month my ear goes swinging, the envy of all other chaps, along
the road, her rear wheels flinging the mud in chunks, the clay in
seraps; and speed cops stand, their worn hands wringing, or tear-
ing whiskers from their maps. And then some day she breaks a
casting, she stops, a helpless also ran; and some day I must wait hours
everlasting, before there comes the fix-it man; and dreading I
stand dogdastig the man who made so punk a van. Her long,
long service all forgotten, I cuss, a symbol of despair: "The stuff
they use in cars is rotten," I say, with cold and stony glare;
"when once a car is sold and boughten, the makers have no other
care. This auto graft sure makes me tingle and long to wield a
snickersnee; I'd like to warp a tight surecingle on those who wish-
ed this wain on me." And speed cops gaze from dell and dingle,
and chortle in unholy glee.

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1. Why does paint keep iron from rusting?
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3. What is the only domestic insect?
4. Who pays the expenses of baseball players while traveling?
5. How many salable heads will an acre of lettuce yield?
6. What were the casualties at the Battle of Waterloo?
7. How many eggs can the average setting hen cover?
8. What is an overture?
9. What are two synonyms for the word address?
10. When did baseball players begin wearing the present day uniforms?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions:
1. How much of the book of Genesis is given in the story of creation? Ans. Twenty-six verses.
2. How long did the Cubans fight for independence? Ans. From 1868 to 1899.
3. Where did high schools originate? Ans. In this country.
4. How much did the Hessian forces during the revolution cost Great Britain? Ans. 1,770,000 pounds.
5. Do women vote in the Philippine Islands? Ans. No.
6. What are moth balls made of? Ans. Camphor, tar, creosote and naphthalene.
7. What states have more women than men in their population? Ans. Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.
8. What other names has a porch? Ans. Veranda, piazza, stoop, gallery.
9. Who is governor of Alaska? Ans. Scott C. Bone, former Washington newspaper man.
10. What is Mona Lisa? Ans. A painting by Leonardo da Vinci now in the Louvre.

Bible Questions and Answers

- Questions**
1. Was John the Baptist ordained to be great?
 2. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
 3. Who was Esther before she became queen?
 4. Who reared her?
 5. Of what disposition was Saul?
 6. For whom did Saul feel a strong affection?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions
1. Omega denotes the end of any-
thing, being the last letter of the
Greek alphabet.
2. Job bore with patience the many
trials passed upon him.
3. Moses' mother hid him in a bas-
ket among the bulrushes.
4. Moses' life was endangered be-
cause Pharaoh had ordered all male
children killed.
5. God let the devil tempt Job be-
cause Satan boasted that he could lead
Job from the paths of righteousness.
6. Job was faithful to the last.

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stomach trouble, and I started to feeling
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