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Ye Smudge Pot  
By Arthur Perry.

A Fable—Once upon a time a dance  
was postponed on account of lack of  
attendance.

The Main Stem crossing became  
navigable altogether too sudden, so  
the Espee tore it up again Mon. The  
policy of the railroad is to keep it like  
Ireland. 19 baby barges sank to the  
ex, in the morass.

The Turks are unspeakable, and  
everything else degenerate, and  
besides nobody can give them a much  
needed licking.

A FINE RECOMMENDATION  
(Oregon City Enterprise)  
For Sale—Pair of broncho  
horses. Good weight, sound, brook-  
ing. Owner in hospital. Address,  
L. B. Schell.

If Attorney-General Daugherty gets  
out an injunction to make Henry Ford  
start up again, there will be some  
ground for trying to impeach him.

There have been no further develop-  
ments in the investigation of the opera-  
tions of the Order of The Cousins of  
Jesse James, upstate, whose read-  
and-weep policy is under fire, anent  
the late primary.

While ruminating in an alley last  
eve, the ruminator forgot to pull the  
coat-tail over the hipocket, after the  
ruminating.

COMMUNITY SCRATCHING  
(Pendleton East Oregonian)  
Another nice thing about the  
festival held in the city park last  
night is that it entirely rid the  
park of chiggers.

James Middleton Cox of Ohio, who  
recently returned from Europe, is go-  
ing to make a series of speeches to  
save "the United States from her in-  
glorious isolation." The people at the  
last election isolated Mr. Cox so com-  
pletely, that on the return trip he has  
not yet arrived at the North Pole.

The rumor that Charles E. Hall, the  
Koon County Kid, intended to with-  
draw from the race for governor, ap-  
parently died from lack of nourish-  
ment, at the feet of its parent. There  
are some things that even the natives  
of this state will not believe.

It is predicted that there will be  
good mistook-him-for-a-deer weather  
the end of the week.

The junior Galsheviks are skinning  
out for the educational institutions,  
determined to acquire wisdom, and  
membership in the sorority that enter-  
tains the best dancers.

Considerable of the population of  
the land is excited about the outcome  
of the baseball season, when they  
could be utilizing their wind for the  
settlement of age old religious ques-  
tions.

A DRESSY HEIFER  
(Chico Enterprise)  
The animal had a bald face,  
with a white and red pinto body  
and four white stockings.

A clever duck was made by a local  
savior and renovator of mankind late-  
ly. When accused of drinking while-  
key he cleared the atmosphere precipi-  
tately by replying: "I have also been  
accused of drinking water."

School has been going a week, and  
boyish faces are getting back to nor-  
mality.

President Harding's threatened veto  
of the soldiers' bonus is producing  
great agony in spruce and swivel chair  
circles.

Leon Harris is standing up well  
under the cares of the fruit shipping  
season and his high tonnage watch  
chain.

The editorial section of the metro-  
politan press is now handling the evils  
of their own jurisdiction in a tearless  
manner.

WANTED—Family to camp and pick  
berries, will move you out. Call Dr.  
John L. Lynch, 5875 or 1394—  
Wanted (Salem Capital Journal),  
Fair warning.

THE ARGONAUT MINE DISASTER

A TOUCH of danger makes the whole world kin. The frightful  
Argonaut mine disaster, which ended so tragically last even-  
ing, brought out nothing more clearly than the essential kindness  
and sympathy of human nature.

In the search to save lives, the search for gold, which so often is  
cynically regarded as the predominant trait in modern man, was com-  
pletely forgotten. It is perhaps not generally known that a bitter  
law suit had prevailed for years between the owners of the Argo-  
naut and Kennedy mines in that district of California which is per-  
haps the richest depository of gold in the world.

But the moment the news of the disaster was broadcasted, the  
feud vanished like dew before the noon-day sun. The owners and  
employees of the Kennedy mine were the first to volunteer money  
and services for the rescue.

Mine owners and mine workers from all over the country fol-  
lowed this example. There were more volunteers than could be ac-  
commodated. Mine workers came thousands of miles to assist in the  
task of rescue, and offered the results of their experience without  
hope of reward or even adequate compensation.

The same splendid spirit was reflected among the rank and file  
throughout the country. Every newspaper in the land, daily re-  
ceived solicitous inquiries. No tragedy of recent years aroused such  
universal sympathy and interest. Outside of the mining camp none  
of the victims were known. But the feeling could scarcely have  
been more genuine, if the 47 miners had been personal friends, in-  
stead of mere human beings, most of them aliens, suddenly over-  
whelmed by a sudden and tragic fate.

Then with hope at the highest, the press flash came that the  
light was lost. The gloom and sorrow that swept this valley, must  
have swept every city and hamlet in the land. Millions of people to-  
day, in the midst of their engrossing concerns, are giving a thought  
to the sorrowing wives and children at Jackson, and half-consciously  
contributing their bit to the store of sympathy which in a sense  
must be their priceless compensation.

There is a great inspiration in such a spectacle. Depressing as  
such a tragedy is, it contributes its ray of hope and consolation by  
revealing as it does, the sound and wholesome humanity, which is  
latent in the hearts and minds of our fellow men.

Quill Points

After a vacation is spent, the vacationist usually is.

"We must discover," says a congressman, "what the majority  
thinks." But does it?

In the old days, the "obey" part of the ceremony stuck. So, for  
that matter, did the ceremony.

You wouldn't expect humor in a dictionary, but it defines "allies"  
as persons or states united.

A happily married woman is one whose husband does a little less  
kissing and a little more of the heavy work about the house.

The behavior of some unusually smart children indicates that they  
seldom smart in the right place.

The railway time table may now be classed with those other docu-  
ments commonly described as "interesting, if true."

In the old-fashioned testimony meetings you couldn't always tell  
whether a man was confessing his sins or bragging.

Perhaps a union isn't responsible for what its radical members do,  
but it is responsible for what it doesn't do to the radicals.

Being dead sure of a veto, why didn't Senators open up their  
hearts and promise the doughboys a million dollars each.

Correct this sentence: "I do not care for another piece of pie,"  
said the small boy; "I'm afraid it wouldn't be good for me."

LABORERS VOLUNTARY EXILES  
"One of the most striking features  
of the mining of diamonds by the  
large companies in Kimberly is the  
existence of the unique labor com-  
pounds. Since diamonds are so easily  
stolen, only those native laborers are  
employed who will agree to 'enlist'  
for at least three months and remain  
for that period (when not in the  
mines, or on the 'floors'), within a  
walled enclosure. In the largest  
compound, covering more than four  
acres, 3000 men live. Not only are  
these compounds surrounded by high  
walls, but they are also covered over-  
head by fine wire netting so that di-  
amonds cannot be thrown outside to  
confederates.

"Laborers entering or leaving the  
compound must go through a pro-  
cedure not unlike that when entering  
a foreign country having strict immi-  
gration and customs laws. They  
must pass a health examination and  
if diseased are selected or placed in  
quarantine. Only certain articles  
may be taken into a compound, and  
no boots, shoes or other hard or solid  
materials may be taken out—only  
clothing which has been searched.  
In the largest of the compounds,  
where some laborers have compounds  
to stay for years, are stores, a church,  
a school, a hospital and dispensary,  
athletic grounds and a swimming  
pool. The manager of the compound  
is a sort of mayor and judge rolled  
into one and is called upon to decide  
innumerable disputes."

Rippling Rhymes  
By Walt Mason

THE QUACK.

WITH us he deftly mingles, and asks to save our lives; he  
has his cures for shingles, for bunions and the hives.  
From evils that attack us he'll promptly set us free; he'll stop  
the pains that rack us, however fierce they be. When we are well  
and hearty we laugh at all his claims; he is a brazen snarler,  
and low down are his games. He learned to cure diseases away in  
Yucatan, or where the arctic freezes the whiskers off a man.  
Some desert chieftain taught him his wondrous healing scheme,  
or maybe angels brought him his knowledge in a dream. We call  
him a deceiver, when we are feeling fine, when we've no burning  
fever or kinks along the spine. And then at last we're ailing,  
and getting worse each day, and pink pills, unavailing, seem  
made to throw away. Our doc, Whangdoodle Baxter, can't help  
us much, it seems; then we would have the quackster, with all  
his hopjoint dreams. His tales of Injun wizards who taught him  
how to cure, when we have aching gizzards, don't seem so wild  
or poor. His yarns of Chinese scholars who showed him how to  
heal, will likely get our dollars when colic makes us squeal. The  
marvelous allures us when pains within us buzz, and so the faker  
cures us, or makes us think he does.

How Diamonds Are Mined

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—A  
"rush" such as frontier America  
knew in its free-land days, but in  
this case to peg out claims in a  
newly discovered diamond field was  
mentioned in recent dispatches from  
South Africa. This new diamond  
country opens up possibilities of a  
rival to the great Kimberly diamond  
field in the same general region, the  
world's greatest source of the spark-

ling white gems.  
The methods of mining diamonds  
at Kimberly, which may be followed  
in the new fields if the formation  
proves the same, are outlined in a  
bulletin from the Washington, D. C.,  
headquarters of the National Geo-  
graphical Society.  
Like Needle in Haystack  
"The mines at Kimberly," says the  
bulletin, "are in very ancient vol-

canoes which were lost all sense  
of activity. But during their  
youth the great heat and pressure  
of these volcanoes created gigantic  
laboratories in their depths in which  
thousands of hard white carbon crys-  
tals, which are diamonds, were cre-  
ated. The precious little lumps are  
embedded in a great volume of  
worthless rock known as 'blue  
ground', and under old conditions  
were as hard to find as the proverbial  
needle in a haystack. But just as a  
clever searcher could probably locate  
his needle with a powerful magnet,  
despite the straw, so engineers have  
evolved mechanical means cleverly  
to separate the few tiny diamonds  
from the many tons of dirt in which  
they are hidden.

The effectiveness with which Na-  
ture has concealed the crystals is  
evidenced by the fact that the 'blue  
ground' brought up from the depths  
of the mines and carrying its price-  
less gems, is spread out in the open  
for four months to a year to the  
weather. The diamonds are perfect-  
ly safe, for officials who have walked  
over the weathering 'floors' for many  
years assert that they have never  
found a diamond in this way. As  
the 'blue ground' weathers it crum-  
bles, and great hawms like  
those used on the bonanza farms of  
the West are dragged over it to fa-  
cilitate the process.

Gems Trapped in Grime  
"Eventually the material is broken  
down into relatively fine particles.  
It is then taken in truck loads to the  
mechanical plant of the mine for  
treatment. The ground is mixed with  
water in great mixing machines and  
passed over screens of fine wire  
meshing.

"When as much as possible of the  
foreign material has been removed  
in this way the coarse residue, con-  
taining the diamonds, is passed over  
sloping, vibrating tables covered with  
thick grease. Because of some little  
understood physical property, di-  
amonds stick to the grease while the  
worthless material flows over the  
edge of the tables. The grease with  
its load of crystals is then scraped  
into a perforated container and  
heated by steam. The grease melts  
away and leaves the small but highly  
valuable object of these months of  
work.

"How widely spaced the diamonds  
are in their matrix of earth can be  
shown best perhaps by a comparison  
of volumes. The earth taken out in  
a year by the largest mining com-  
pany in the field, would form a  
cube more than 430 feet in each di-  
mension. This would fill a large city  
block to a height of more than thirty  
stories. The diamonds found in this  
vast amount of earth would fill only  
two or three desk drawers or a  
cubical box less than three feet in  
each dimension. But these few pecks  
of stones for which a mountain was  
moved were worth perhaps in excess  
of \$25,000,000.

Answers to Yesterday's Questions  
1—What is the Rialto in New York?  
Ans. A meeting place for members of  
the theatrical profession.  
2—What coast of Europe does the  
coast of Alaska resemble? Ans. Nor-  
way.  
3—What is the roulette limit at  
Monte Carlo? Ans. 6000 francs.  
4—What is the name of the rock  
which gives out a bell-like sound when  
struck? Ans. Phonolitic.  
5—What was the diameter of the  
rope on which Blondin walked across  
Niagara Falls? Ans. Two inches.  
6—What is a sea anchor? Ans. A  
float to keep a vessel from drifting  
to keep its head to the wind?  
7—Who said genius is only two per  
cent inspired? Ans. Edison.  
8—Are all parts of the ivy plant po-  
isonous? Ans. Yes.  
9—Why is the petunia so named?  
Ans. The plant is a species of tobacco  
and the name comes from the old  
names, petum or petun, for tobacco.  
10—What is the real name of Alan  
Dale, the dramatic critic? Ans. Al-  
fred J. Cohen.

Answers to Yesterday's Questions.  
1. David immediately had Solo-  
mon proclaimed king, when he saw  
his son, Adonijah, showing intentions  
of claiming the crown.  
2. Saul spared the life of Agag,  
king of the Amalekites, which was  
against the will of Jehovah.  
3. John is known as the disciple  
whom Christ loved.  
4. Abishai rescued David from the  
hands of the gigantic Philistine, Ish-  
bi-benob.  
5. Ishmael was the name of  
Abram's and Hagar's son.  
6. The Book "Acts of the Apos-  
tles" covers about 33 years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Opposes Prohibition Law  
To the Editor: Kindly donate me a  
small space in your valuable paper.  
One amongst the causes of our high  
taxes is the law of prohibition. The  
largest source of income to our gov-  
ernment was the revenue on the manu-  
facturing of intoxicating liquor. This  
income has to be made good, directly  
or indirectly, by taxing the people to  
maintain prohibition. We are forced  
to pay many hundreds of prohibition  
officers, and all comes off of the tax-  
payers. All violators of this law,  
when arrested and tried in our courts  
is a further expense, for courts cost  
money, and the people have to foot the  
bill. There always were liquor law-  
breakers, but prohibition is a bigger  
inducement to them to make moon-  
shine for they can get ten times more  
for their product, and ten times as  
many people will engage in the in-  
dustry, hence we get about five hundred  
per cent more lawbreakers, more jail-  
birds to feed.

The gravest of crimes are commit-  
ted by men who are sober and cool-  
headed, men who drink themselves to  
death do so just the same under our  
present law. I ask, wherein has pro-  
hibition improved the moral status of  
our country? Has it lightened the  
burden of taxation on our people?  
Have we got prohibition? There is  
many a good man today in our com-  
munity who will take a drink of whis-

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pair springs, mattress, novelty fold-  
ing bench and wringer, bookcase, fine  
collection books, clothes basket,  
china toilet set, box couch, 2 stands,  
pictures, porch chairs, small rugs, 1  
small heater, washing machine, 2  
tubs, dishes, cooking utensils, 1 Eng-  
lish tree saddle, new, and many other  
articles not mentioned in the above  
list.  
Come in early Tuesday morning and  
look the goods over. Sale starts at  
1 p. m. sharp.

NOTE: If you really want to sell  
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