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REGISTERED MAIL

Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The proprietors of full gasoline
tanks all last summer, are now con-
fronted with the empty cupboard.

Science has succeeded in restoring
youth to 1012 convicts in San Quentin
prison, and all are well situated to
enjoy it.

Regarding the turkeys with a tooth
for pebbles, there is always plenty of
gravel in a sack of beans.

A PUZZLED PRINTER
(Marshfield News)

J. A. Edlund, pastor, Sunday
school at 10 a. m.; services in
Swedish at 2 p. m. The pastor will
dwell on the life and character of
the late Rev. Peter (you've got
me) the founder of our church on
the Pacific coast, coming to the
Coos Bay country in 1884. He was
born in Sweden, December 7, 1822;
came to America in 1854; came to
Portland, 1879. Ladies' Aid 2 p. m.

A LADY TALKS

My boss is a great believer in fresh
air—for the other fellow. He opens
the back door, he opens the front door,
he opens all the windows, puts on the
overcoat he brought from Minnesota,
and goes down town. I said to him,
turn on the electric fan, it's stuffy in
here, and besides it might get com-
fortable. He never said a word. I
know his wife. I live in a house that
has steam heat. It would freeze out
a hardy mountaineer. The boss was
not feeling well. Coffee went up three
cents. He bought a barrel. He told
old whippers, "that Java is fit for a
king." Between you and me, it's too
much punishment. I'm stuck on him.
He reminds me of Wally Reed. I wish
Santa Claus would bring me a 3-
cornered wristwatch. Elsie's kid went
to Sunday school, without a plea to
the jury, last week. Mother blistered
him from force of habit, and to keep
the record for the year perfect. I read
in the papers where the dances in
Seattle are three inches from hell.
When I was there I went with a civil
engineer. They don't always figure
right.

Harold Warned returned home this
morning from Portland where he has
been all week.—(Pendleton East Ore-
gonian). He went anyway.

The governor-elect has made a good
start. As his private secretary he
appointed a citizen never mentioned
for the place.

GET YOUR SPARE PARTS AT
THE PEARLY GATES GARAGE
(Walla Walla Times)

The Mahdi is to Mohammedans, the
expected messenger of Allah
to complete Mohammed's work by
converting the world to his reli-
gion or exterminating unbelievers,
and equitably to divide all man-
dane goods. Look over all parts
of the car before taking a long
trip.

Towns that have been razed by
devastating evangelistic meetings,
know how to sympathize with Astoria.

WANT good used piano, will pay
cash for a good used piano, price must
be right. Address Box W care Journal.
—(Salem Capital Journal). He must
want a good used piano.

Congress has refused admission to
1,100,000 Greeks, who possess nothing
but a desire to come to America, and
ought to apply the same treatment to
the same number of European orators
and writers, headed this way.

ANOTHER TIGER LADY
(Klamath Falls Herald)

Blair alleges that his wife was
given to rages in which she would
hurt stove lids, stove lifters and
flat irons at him, and he further
sets forth that he feels his life is
endangered by living with her.

The engineer of a southbound
freight fell out of the cab yesterday.
He was screeched at by a jitney bus,
the horn of which puts back to sleep
the dead awakened by locomotive
screams.

EX-PRESIDENT WILSON'S COME-BACK.

EX-PRESIDENT WILSON must appreciate that old maxim "Silence is Golden." For two years and more the former president has maintained silence, he has even resisted the temptation to dictate his Memoirs and as a result he today enjoys what approximates a return to his former prestige and popularity.

When ex-Premier Clemenceau addressed a mass meeting in New York City a few days ago, his mention of Wilson's name brought the greatest spontaneous demonstration of the evening.

According to the "Movie News" flashing President Wilson on the screen today brings "tremendous applause in nearly every section of the country."

This phenomena is interesting in showing the volatility of popular favor. Every public man in a Democracy has suffered a similar experience, from the days of Aristides, through Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt, to our contemporary political luminaries, Taft, Harding and Wilson.

Democracies are proverbial ungrateful. But sooner or later—usually later—something akin to justice is done. In this direction the letters of Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior under Wilson, throw an interesting sidelight.

According to Mr. Lane, the anti-Wilson tide set in with the President's appeal to the American people to elect a Democratic congress.

It seems President Wilson did not favor the move, and at a cabinet meeting talked against it. But former Postmaster General Burleson, one of the administration's hard-boiled politicians, favored it vehemently.

"What the Democrats want," said he, "is a leader with GUTS!"

This somewhat colloquial remark, it seems, made a great impression on the President. He made no reply, but the doubt regarding his intestinal capacity, apparently struck home. The following day the manifesto was issued, and President Wilson's greatest political blunder was inscribed on the pages of American history.

The interesting feature of this incident is that a foolish personal pride undoubtedly led Mr. Wilson to do what his judgment condemned, led him to act a part, to be untrue to himself.

But there is reason to believe Mr. Wilson learned his lesson. Undoubtedly the temptations to break his silence since 1920 have been many, the pressure at times from some of his best political supporters must have been intense, but through it all the former President has kept his own council, let the world of friends and foes slip by, firm in his belief that ultimately his faith would be fulfilled, that justice would be done.

In this attitude Mr. Wilson has been true to himself as a gentleman and a scholar. In public or private life, this is one of the hardest things to do, but most serious troubles, political or domestic, could be avoided if one had the wisdom and the steadfast courage to never falter from Horatio's advice:

"To thine own self be true,
And it must follow as the night day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Quill Points

It isn't that the pulpit knows less than it did in the old days. The pew knows more.

The first time Eve gave him a call-down Adam probably referred to it as a rib roast.

"This Government will do nothing for the wets," says a congressman. Doesn't he mean vets?

About all some girls know about a needle is that one has to change it after each record.

The common herd, of course, is composed of those people who make a little less money than you make.

The nice thing about being cultured is that you can act common without being considered low-brow.

Anybody who has a book of etiquette telling what to do when you spill the beans might lend it to France.

There are two kinds of people: Those who have tender feelings, and those who are not quite so selfish.

Correct this sentence: "I am so glad you smoke a pipe," said the bride, "it gives you such a nice man taste."

Isn't there some elderly gentleman we can send over to scold France in the interest of a better understanding?

There are two things that will make you stop worrying about world problems; sound philosophy and the tooth ache.



OMINOUS.

LAST night a dog, in mournful tones, the gibbous moon was baying, and then I felt through nerves and bones a sort of palsy playing. For I was taught when I was young (what tales I used to swallow!) that when a bow-wow thus gave tongue, disaster soon would follow. "An evil sign," the beldames said, my sweat of terror marking; "and some one will be lying dead when moonlit dogs are barking." Some fifty years have gone away since first these tales were told me; yet when I hear the black dog bay the old time fears enfold me. I know such fears are empty things, that dogs are not prophetic, but knowledge gained in childhood elings—and is it not pathetic? The grownup's heart in darkness quails, or breaks like something brittle, because of fierce and frightful tales he heard when he was little. I lay in fear a little while, I sweated and I shivered, and then I said, with ghastly smile, "Am I not chicken-livered? Shall that cheap band-dog bay the old-time fears enfold me. I know such fears are soaked him with a brick and slept in peace till morning.

Tongue Twisters

(To be read aloud)
By C. L. EDSON,
Author of the Gentle Art of
Columning.

THE CHATTAHOOCHEE HOCH

Nat La Touche, a rich Apache,
Down beside the Chattahoochee,
Made a match with Toot Cherokee,
she

Was a beaut from Coosaw-
hatchie.

In his hut o' thatch, La Touche, he
Had a batch of hoch, you
betchie;

When his Toot had had some
hoch, she

Did the Apache hochie coochie.

Pat G. watched the rich Apache,
(Pat G. Hatch from Salkehatchie
He was a revenue grouch)

And to snatch a batch o' hoch,
he

Drew the latch and said: "I've
gotchee!"

Nat La Touche said: "I won't let
yuh

Take me to the booby hutch, youh
Snooty, snitchy, grouch Pat G.;

If you move an inch, I'll shoot
yuh."

Pat G. Hatch was now in Dutch,
he

Knew the Apache was too touchy,
So, 'thout cash or a dash o'
hoch, he

Beat it away to Salkehatchie;
"Out you lout!" said the rich
Apache,

"Leave my hoch on the Chat-
ta-hoochee."

COMMUNICATIONS

Aid Country Schools.

To the Editor:

If a boy or girl is born in a country
community, he has four times the
chance of reaching adulthood lacking
the ability to read and write that he
would have had if born in a city.

In 1920 federal census shows that
there are nearly 2,000,000 native-
born illiterates in our country that
were the direct product of inade-
quate rural schools.

In one state a 1921 survey shows
that on the average, country children
receive less than two thirds as much
elementary education as city children.

The village and rural schools spend
annually \$392,000,000 for educating
12,500,000 children. The cities spend
\$488,000,000 for 9,000,000 children, or
almost a million more for three mil-
lions fewer children and some people
wonder why the city schools are so
much superior to the country schools.

To make the rural schools as good
as the city schools we are told that
the country schools should be kept
open at least nine months in the
year, should be taught by better
teachers receiving better pay, in bet-
ter schoolhouses with better equip-
ment. Money will buy these and all
the other things that now go to make
our city schools better than most rural
schools.

How can money be raised to make
our rural schools as good as those
enjoyed by the rich and poor children
of the cities? This is the leading
question which should be in the mind
of every citizen during education
week. How about the county unit
administrative system.

If the city elementary schools are
taught over nine months in the year
by teachers receiving \$1200 and the
country schools are taught eight
months in the year by teachers re-
ceiving less than \$700, are the coun-
try children receiving a square deal?

The way to equalize educational
opportunity is from the bottom up,
not from the top down.

Let us equalize educational op-
portunity by replacing the worst type
of school we have and giving the
children in it a chance somewhere
equal to that given children in the
best type. About the only good way
to do this is to absorb the little
schools into larger ones, to consoli-
date them. Consolidation has been
tried for the last eighty years and
whenever intelligently and carefully
done, it has been a success in the
sense that it has greatly increased
the opportunities for education that
were being given to the children in
the little school. It is within the
power of the large consolidation to
meet all the requirements of the
finest type of school known to be in
the advance guard of education.

Let all have an equal opportunity
for education.
A square deal for the country boy
and girl.

What Is the Matter?

To the Editor:

Of course taxes are high, but that

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is not all. I was over in California
a while back, and I found conditions
over there about the same as they
are here.

But, I found out something else
that I believe that it would be good
for the people of the Rogue River
valley, to practice for a while as
follows:

And that is to quit knocking and
try boosting for a while. I was
showing some land over in Califor-
nia, and my party says to me, drive
in here, I want to talk with this
land owner. So we went in and my
party said to the land owner, how is
the land around here, do you con-
sider the prices high, and what inter-
est if any will you get, or what in-
terest will the crops pay on your in-
vestment?

Well, we called that day on a doc-
tor or more farmers and they all said
about the same thing. No one did
we find that had any kick coming. I
was there for three days and we
called on people every day, and I
failed to find any knockers, and I
asked one farmer why it was so, and
he said to me, that he had bought a
farm there and that he was stung,
but, said he to me, I did not make
any fuss about it, as every one that
I had asked about the place before
I bought it had all boosted it, so he
said to me, we all boost, it pays.

Now people of the Rogue River
valley, lets try this boosting act for
a while and by so doing I believe that
we will gain by it, we will also get
new people in here to help wipe out
this debt that we have, also it will
sure lower taxes, just look the situa-
tion square in the face for a minute:
We have about 800,000 population
in the state of Oregon, now if we
could increase this to 1,500,000, we
would have just twice as many peo-
ple to pay taxes, and that would
lower the taxes on each one of us.

Then we could soon get in shape
so as we would advance in all kinds
of industry. What say you? Will
we throw away the hammer, and tie
on the top button of our coat a badge
and on the badge have the word
BOOST. C. S. SANDERSON,
Central Point, Oregon, Dec. 8.

Grandchild Had Croupy Cough

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