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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Now Mr. Arbutuckle realizes that he
should have staged his Scripture-
quoting-returns-to-custard-ple-heaving
last fall, when the order of the day
consisted of an irate female shooting
a preacher.

Among the minor blessings of Pro-
hibition (so-called), is the eradication
of the citizen who was forever telling
the world, that the late Jack London
had this neck of the woods in mind,
when he wrote, "The Valley of the
Moon."

The Produce Survey, as proposed, is
a wise move, but the surveyors do not
want to overlook the never-failing pro-
ducts—Hill, Hair, and Hysteria. They
always want to determine why crops
that interfere with the fishing season,
fail to mature in this climate.

England is sending a mission to this
country, to get out of paying the war
debt. The same conduct on the part
of Germany, would be reprehensible,
and knock a speech out of King
George.

A sad tale comes out of southern
Idaho, relative to the condition of the
agriculturists stranded there, but when
war prosperity smote them, they started
chasing jackrabbits through the
sagebrush in Pierce-Arrows.

50-50

(Pendleton Tribune)

Two married men lodged in the
city jail and who were serving
small sentences were released yes-
terday, by Chief of Police Taylor
under the condition that they
would spend Christmas at home.

The copious downpour is beneficial
only to Messrs. B. Thierolf and S.
Richardson, who have a new pair of
redtopped rubber boots. Both are
filled with a passionate desire to have
water run over the top of them.

The weakchinned damsel, who
peeped through a knothole, and told
the Portland police, she viewed a
sordid murder, now admits everything,
but the knothole was imagination.
The authorities are at a loss to find
a proper punishment for the venal
tongue that might have sent a father
and his son to the gallows.

OFFICIAL COYNNESS

(Seattle Record)

Proprietor came out of an office.
"What's the matter?" He rested
his hand on the policeman's shoulder.

"A man has been shot up-
stairs!"

"The hell with him. Let him get
shot," replied the light haired man
sweetly. The policeman walked
away.

Bedlam broke loose on the Esplanade
last night about bedtime, and
the C of C 4-um has not even sang a
song to stop the atrocities, committed
in the name of efficiency.

ABUSE OF A RIVER, AND
MAKER OF THE FLIVVER

(Congressional Record)

Here comes a man, when he reads
that report, who says in substance:
"From what I can hear of Muscle
Shoals, such a course would be an
outrage on decency and a travesty on
justice. I will go down there and take
with me a man in whose judgment the
whole people have great confidence";
and he takes the wizard of the electrical
world, Thomas A. Edison. They go
down and look at it, and marvel at
what they see—this water singing the
song of wasted strength as it winds its
way to the sea because of maltreatment
and neglect on the part of the Republi-
can party.

How old is Henry Ford? Does any-
body know? He is 60 or perhaps a
little more. He is going to organize a
corporation with a capital stock of
\$10,000,000. It is that corporation and
Henry Ford with which the govern-
ment deals. He binds himself, his
heirs and executors, to what he has
agreed to do in the contract, and that
is to organize that corporation. When
he organizes it with a capital of \$10,
000,000 he has complied with his pro-
position. He is not liable any further.
Giving him credit for all of the good
qualities that are claimed for him by
anybody, I have never yet heard any-
one claim that he is such a super-
human being that God is going to let
him live 100 years to control his cor-
poration.

THE PARTISAN COMPLEX.

WHY CAN'T politicians be human? Today is ex-President
Wilson's birthday. In the senate, a resolution was introduced
expressing the pleasure and joy of the senate upon the recovery
toward health of the former democratic standard bearer.

According to press dispatches there was a chorus of "ayes" from
the democratic side and silence from the republican side, while the
presiding officer announced the resolution passed.

Why "silence" from the republican side? No one believes the
individual Republican senators are not pleased that Mr. Wilson's
health has improved. Why couldn't the entire assemblage rise to the
occasion and do the courteous thing, as a tribute not necessarily to
a party leader, but to a former president as a fellow citizen and
as a man.

The answer is that the partisan habit has become so strong in the
upper house, that all sense of proportion has been lost. If the condi-
tions had been reversed, and a Republican birthday had been before
the senate, the result would undoubtedly have been the same.

There is something about attaining high political office that seems
to destroy what is ordinarily known as sanity. To view men and is-
sues in the light of reason and commonsense, seems to become auto-
matically impossible.

Such a spectacle is amusing. And yet it has its serious side. For
this inability to act and think rationally, when party is concerned, is
one of the most discouraging features of the American political sys-
tem, today. When real issues arise of genuine moment to the country,
it is this sort of stupid narrowness and bigotry, this silly habit of the
partisan-grooved mind, that so often leads the ship of state close to
the rocks of disaster and tragedy.

Quill Points

The only effective speed limit is the one built into the car.

Europe carries a very small stock of cabinets, but think of the
turn-over.

Still, the gifts you don't want may now be sent as return gifts to
those you forget.

If congress is to convene on January 1, what substitute shall we
use for "Happy New Year"?

Wives are people who keep wondering if the davenport wouldn't
look better against the other wall.

The age of discretion is that at which a man begins to suspect that
not all the nuts are in one party.

Wonder what Leonard Wood thinks when he hears Pershing
preaching preparedness and getting away with it?

Oddly enough, the age that does most to prolong life is doing the
most to make it not worth prolonging.

It is a fine thing to give a woman a seat in the house. She seldom
has time to sit down in her own house.

To the car owner, auto-suggestion means: "Every day, and in
every way you're bringing me nearer the poorhouse."

A feminist says the ideal husband doesn't smoke or go out at
night. She's talking about a fire, not a husband.



THE GREATEST BOON.

"IF I HAD health not fame nor wealth nor grandeur could
allure me," said Hiram Hick, "but I am sick and all the
does can't cure me. A dark green taste like rancid paste is in my
mouth forever; I'm growing worse, say doc and nurse, in spite of
their endeavor. One thing alone is fit to own," sighed Hiram,
heavy hearted: "I speak of health; and now by stealth that bless-
ing has departed." This Hiram Hick was pretty slick at raking
in the plunder; by day and night he used to fight, and tramped
his rivals under. In marts of trade his wad he made, and would
not rest a minute; "I can't afford to rest," he roared, "there is
no profit in it." And then one day his strength gave way, the
doctors gathered round him, and he was packed in ice, nerve
wrecked, and rules of diet bound him. And now he's prone to
talk and moan about his bygone blunders; "Health is," he cries,
"our noblest prize, the greatest of all wonders. Of what avail
are heaps of kale if one has got bone spavin, if he must spend long
hours on end at rubbing beeswax salve in? A cheap john game
is human fame if one has got lumbago, and has to drink some bit-
ters pink, and live on bran and sago. Good health's a graft at
which I laughed when I was chasing riches; now I'm half dead
and in my head the sawbones sewed nine stitches."

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The death list resulting from the col-
lision here last night between a Great
Northern freight train and a street
car was increased to two this morn-
ing when Alexander McDonald, a
street car conductor who was riding
as a passenger in the wrecked elec-
tric car, succumbed to his injuries.
The other victim was H. J. F. Duthie,
accountant of Seattle, who died of
shock shortly after the collision.
Twelve persons slightly injured

were reported to be recovering.
Responsibility for the accident had
not been determined, but it was said
the train had backed into the street
car at a level crossing.

BIG BOOZE SHIPMENT TO
NEW YORK FOR HOLIDAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Alexander
Williams, who said he was an investi-
gator for the department of justice,
said today that more than \$40,000
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into New York through New Jersey
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