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YE SMUDGE POT By Arthur Perry.

FORECAST FOR 1923 A New Year is upon us, and it will consist of 365 days, following each other in rapid succession. The following events will occur, transpiring in the order of their chronicling: Cheerful optimism will prevail, arousing the suspicions of the Prohibition Enforcement officers.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

THE BEST thing about the New Year is that it is new. Just as there is nothing preposterous in seeing a potential President in a new baby, so there is nothing preposterous in seeing unexampled prosperity and happiness in a New Year.

So as 1922 passes from the stage and takes its place with the departed spirits of the ages, there is a precious interval when all humanity can indulge in dreams of the happiness and contentment that is to come.

Of course it may not come. No one, fortunately, can read the future. But as Apothecary Coue has demonstrated, it does no harm to feed the subconscious mind on sugar plums, for whatever befalls, the sensation of swallowing sugar plums is a pleasant occupation in itself.

Moreover, there is always a certain justification in predicting a good New Year when the Old Year has been particularly bad. All human events are apparently subject to the laws of action and reaction, of ebb and flow. Nature not only abhors a vacuum, it can't tolerate life played in one key.

The world, as a whole, has had a sorry time of it the past twelve months. There has been a devastating epidemic of discord and bitterness and strife. No community on the planet has apparently been immune. Even the East Indians have been having their family squabbles, while the Eskimoes have been pestered by soviet propagandists.

So what is more likely than this bouncing new Baby 1923 should bring a change. Secretary of State Hughes indicated last night that the Harding administration is anticipating one. A new business men's conference is proposed.

That sounds better than a conference of diplomats. For as Babbitt maintained, what we all need is "a good business administration." So Optimism on Monday next is entirely warranted, and everyone should indulge to the full. And as an overture to that delightful performance The Mail Tribune does once more the startlingly original thing and wishes everybody in reach of its circulation manager, a happy and prosperous New Year.



PITTSBURG TEAM IS FAVORITE IN TODAY'S CONTEST

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 30.—Pittsburg's Panther football team meets the Stanford Cardinals here today in what promises to be a hard fought, low score game. Unbiased observers expect the easterners to win but Stanford fans hope their team will wear down the Panthers, whose strength may have been weakened by their transcontinental trip.

Table with columns: Name, Position, Stanford. Includes players like Williams (RE), Gaurley (RT), Sack (RG), Bowser (C), Clark (LG), Simpson (LT), Sauter (LE), Winterburn (QB), Anderson (LH), Flanagan (RH), Hewitt (PH).

Final Penn Workout PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 30.—Final workouts by the Penn State college and University of Southern California football teams were to be held today in preparation for their game at the Rose Bowl Monday as the sports feature of the annual Tournament of Roses.

Both Coach Hugo Bezdek of the Nittany Lions and Elmer C. Henderson of the Trojans planned light workouts. The cooler weather seems to be adding vim to the Penn State warriors.

Coach Henderson said Chester Dolly quarterback, was the only Trojan player who probably would not be in good condition for the fray. Dolly still is suffering from an injured knee, Henderson himself is suffering from a bad cold.

Corvallis Losses Rough Game SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The basketball team of St. Ignace college opened its season here last night with a victory over Oregon Agricultural college. The score was 17 to 15.

The game was called a rough exhibition with the winners doing most of the roughing. Wedins, an Aggie forward, left the game in the first half, with a sprained ankle and Steel, one of the Oregon guards, was picked up unconscious after he was thrown against a post by a member of the Ignatius team.

The visitors led by a score of 11 to 8 at half time and held their advantage until late in the second, when their opponents staged a spurt and gathered the winning points.

Joie Ray Must Pay CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Joie Ray, distance runner for the Illinois athletic club, suspended from amateur competition because of an excessive expense account, must pay a \$100 fine by midnight tomorrow to escape danger of being forever barred from amateur athletics.

A check for that amount has been sent to national A. U. offices at New York by the Illinois Athletic club but whether it will be accepted was not known here today. The club made its aid in the nature of a loan. Should the check be accepted, Ray's ineligibility would end Monday.

NEW YORK—Tex Rickard announced that a bout between Louis Firpo, South American heavyweight and the winner of the coming Bill Brennan-Floyd Johnson match, was being arranged.

ATCHISON, Kas.—Jeff Smith, Bayonne, N. J., middleweight, won a newspaper decision over Billy Britton of Kansas.

MILWAUKEE—Johnny Dundee, the junior lightweight champion, outboxed Tommy O'Brien, California, in ten rounds, newspaper men said.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS By A. C. Howlett

Among the diners at the Sunnyside last Friday were J. A. Black of the Medford Grocery Co., Frank Rhodes, our county surveyor and one of the leading contractors, John Howard, one of the Civil War veterans, who staid overnight and went up to his home on the stage the next morning; Loris Martin of Trail, one of the leading rock workers in the force engaged in the canal and laterals now being constructed by the Eagle Point Irrigation District; Miss Lovena Law of Central Point, and Miss Irene Green of Butte Falls, two of the high school girls who came out to spend their vacation.

The Eagle Point enterprising citizens assisted very materially by the school children under the direction of our two teachers, Mrs. Josephine

Holmes and Miss Ruth Wiley, gave a Christmas entertainment Friday evening. Although I was unable to be there myself through the kindness of a friend I secured a copy of the program and from what I can learn from friends who were present and judging from the program that lies before me, they must have had one of the finest entertainments we have ever had here, and we have had some that would have put to shame some of the larger towns. Omitting the introductory part of the program will call attention to the play, Mrs. Santa Claus' Christmas reception.

Act 1. Children's Home. Act 2, Mrs. Santa's Workshop. Cast of characters: Mrs. Santa Claus, Virginia Reid; Good Will, Gwen-dolyn Brophy; fairies, Lois Robinson; Bertha Winkle, Margaret Brophy; Reva Davidson and Loomis Davidson, Brownies; Rudolph Weidman, Dorothy Pierce, Dorothy Detrick, Ira Winkle, Hall Reid, Myrtle Rigby, Zetta Rigby Wilber Jacks and Kenneth Jacks. After the play which was greeted by signs of approval, there was unveiled the Christmas tree and the numerous presents distributed by five girls. The whole school joined in singing Silent Night and the audience was dismissed. Those who were there report that it was one of the finest entertainments we have had in our little town for several months.

Among the passengers on the Medford-Butte Falls stage Saturday were A. E. Hildreth of Oakland, Calif., a brother of Al and Buel Hildreth of Butte Falls, he was on his way up to visit his two brothers and family. Other passengers were Mrs. Caroline Pool, Mrs. Myrtle Tucker, one of the teachers in the Butte Falls school. The following were in Eagle Point on business: Elsa Betts, W. C. McKinis of Butte Falls, W. W. Driscoll, Butte Falls, Fred Nolan of Butte Falls, Claude Hutchinson, Thomas Given and Pearl Stowell, W. P. Hollbrook. Miss Susan Cornell who is teaching in the Brophy district came out on the stage took dinner on her way to her home on the Applegate to spend her vacation.

Last Saturday evening as I stepped out of the postoffice, it was a little dark so that I could not see to distinguish who they were. I was met by a group of boys and young men and a tall young man approached me with the remark: Say, Mr. Howlett, those fellows over there in the jail in Jacksonville say that they want you to quit writing about having them put to work for sawing wood would make them tired and Mr. —, one of the inmates of the jail, says he wants you to quit putting his name in the paper, calling him by name, and after reflecting a moment I replied that I had made the suggestion to have those who were convicted of a violation of the law put to work on account of their health, for a husky young man, especially those who are accustomed to work, to lay in jail for any length of time with little or no exercise, they would become unhealthy, and so far as Mr. — is concerned that I had never mentioned his name in any of my letters, out of respect for his family, and for the same reason withhold giving the name of the young men who delivered the message, as I considered him an object of pity and entitled to our sympathy, and sincerely hope that the experience that he and his associates have had will influence them to change their habits and in the future become law-abiding citizens.

George A. Sanders who for several years was in charge of the Antelope orchard but now living on his own place near McLeod on Rogue river, came out Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. Muskopf and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenthia Hazelwood of Central Point, were among the guests Sunday and so was J. D. Patrick, formerly of this section but now of Ashland, who came up to look after his landed interests here.

Sunday morning the teachers and superintendent of our Sunday school treated the school to candy and oranges as a Christmas present.

Among the guests Christmas day were A. W. Hubbs and wife, shoe dealers of Medford, Loris Martin, Geo. H. Mehman, Nye Matthews, Chas. Winkle, Mrs. Harvey and family, Mrs. Laurel Davis, one of the high school teachers of Butte Falls, John Simon and Mr. McCoy of Butte Falls.

W. E. Boraker and wife gave a Christmas dinner to the following personal friends: S. E. Cowgill of Eagle Point, Howard Cowgill and family of Medford, Leonard Cowgill and family of Medford, J. F. Stille and J. H. Stille of Eagle Point, making twenty-four in all. These six families just named came in last fall to settle here, but two of them went to Medford on account of being unable to secure houses here to live in.

As we had a Merry Christmas I will finish this letter by wishing the readers of the Mail-Tribune a happy New Year.

WILLOW SPRINGS The January meeting of the Willow Springs Thursday club will be on the fourth of the month at the home of Mrs. A. Benson on the Pacific highway.

The M. F. Young family had a pleasant surprise last Saturday when an auto party of friends arrived unexpectedly and remained over Christmas. The party, who were on their way to California, consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Neal and daughter Edna of Chehalis, Wash., who will make their home in southern California, and Mrs. Grace Hunt and daughter Dorothy of Cottage Grove, who will spend the winter in the sunny state.

Tongue Twisters

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

THE SNYDER-GLIDER Clyde R. Snyder had a glider. That's an airplane. That hasn't any motive power except the human brain.

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When 'twas new— Then Snyder gave a shudder, for his rudder Fell in two! He had a ruder rudder than the reader Would suppose: But he glued her, and he tied her— And he tried her, and she rose. And Clyde, the glider rider of the Oder Rode 'er free, As he put his Snyder-glider o'er The wider Zyuder Zee.

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TALENT TALK

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Davis entertained a large party of young people at their home on Wagner creek Tuesday evening, December 26, in honor of their daughter Esau's birthday. Josephine Doty and their son Dale, who are home from college for the holidays.

Miss Ruth Haeckler is home from her school in Salem to spend the holidays with her parents. Ralph Bowman returned to Hazel creek Wednesday, after spending Christmas at home.

Mrs. Wm. Crosby returned home last week after a week's visit with relatives in Portland and Salem. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gardner entertained at dinner Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Sleepy, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burk, Mrs. Pearl Barrett, Mr. O. Penland, Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Joe Barrett.

Harry Mason returned home from Portland Thursday morning. His health has been falling him for some time and he went to Portland to see a long specialist. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reid have moved back to Talent after five years absence.

Mr. Daniel Stump who has been confined to his bed for four months at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Stites, is in a hopeless condition after suffering another stroke a few days ago.

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Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason

NEW YEAR PLEDGES.

LAST year I made some pledges, and said of them, "Dodgast! They can't be split with wedges; I've built these vows to last; I've cut out basement brewing, and smoking pipes and chewing; no more I'll be pursuing the habits of the past." I went around relating to all the friends I know how I was busy erasing the sins of long ago: on highways and by hedges I showed my dainty pledges, with gold around the edges, as I went to and fro. "Oh, virtue is delicious," I said, to one and all; "my habits punk and vicious are cunned beyond recall; I've dumped the habits dotty that made my record spotty. I've shaken all things naughty, I'm free from error's pall." My friends, who once were legion, full soon were hard to find, and round me was a region devoid of humankind; they hid behind the hedges, they climbed up dizzy ledges, grown weary of my pledges, which seemed to strike them blind. When they beheld me coming an anguished shriek they gave, and I could hear the drumming of feet upon the pave; they entered, helter-skelter, to find some nook or shelter where no old moral peltor could talk them to the grave. "My friends," I said, "are rabbits; my tale they will not bear; so I'll take on the habits I cast aside New Year; with virtue I have flirted, its snowy walls I've skirted, but when a man's deserted life is too cold and drear."