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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Parry. It is freely predicted by eminent gents that Prohibition cannot be enforced. There has been no earnest effort to enforce it, but the greatest moral issue of all time, has been nothing but something for politicians to yell about during a campaign.

The man who gave the world the lowest form of whiskers, is slated for matrimony with Pola Negri. The legislature has accomplished nothing during the first three weeks of its session, and in the next three weeks will do the same, only more so.

People who do not believe in miracles, are referred to the Main Stem crossing, where every day, in every way, automobilists endeavor to determine if the cowcatchers of iron horses are on tight.

A HARVEST OF PIPPINS (Chico Enterprise) Miss E. Apple, daughter of Urfin Apple, of Bloomer, married Alva Apple, son of William E. Apple, also of Bloomer.

Considerable comment is going on about the name of the President of Poland—23 letters mostly zees. He should have a pronounceable name like the leading Chinese general—Ng. Even a child can pronounce it.

The electricity expired Sat. night, between wrestles at the shindig, and dancing was suspended until the power was restored. Russia has offered to provide a refuge for Armenia, which will not interfere in the slightest, with America acting as her meal ticket.

FRAND AND CANDID (Albany Democrat) That fossilized old humbug, Sam Colver, recited his ribald rhymes to a scant audience at the Court House last Wednesday night.

The Portland Journal publishes an editorial entitled, "As To Hell," and dwells learnedly upon its existence, and its abolition. Like many other things, it is badly needed, but indefinite. Its location has been kept a secret, otherwise auto tourists would try to drive there next summer.

The speaker desired to convey the impression, that he was in a position to stay awhile. Hell has always been an effective, but tabooed word indicating action and seriousness. The refined say, "a deplorable state," the uncouth and vulgar, "Hell to pay and no pitch hot." A long journey has often been designated as "Hell to breakfast." It is a custom among newspapers, to print the locality thus: Hill, under the belief that women and children will never be able to guess, whether the missing letter is an "h" or an "l". A move is on foot to change the name of the locality to Taxes. It will be awkward for a time to ejaculate: "Get to Taxes out of here!", or "Taxes, yes!" The proposed alteration takes considerable of the manly vigor out of orders and observations. Hell exists in many forms, the worst being "the quaintness of hammered Gibenna." One-half the world says, "there ain't no hell," and the other half says, "the hell there ain't."

SLEEPLESS SERMONS (Engene Register) A gentleman present made the remark to this correspondent that the evangelist was such a rapid talker that sleep was out of the question. I'll say it is.

THE NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE.

THE MAIL-TRIBUNE is indebted to the Oregon Voter for the following startling prediction. No one who has carefully studied the political situation in this state, or has delved beneath the surface of the recent election returns, will dismiss this prognosis as preposterous. Oregon today is psychologically a fertile field for the Non-Partisan league agitator, and what many people foresee as a calamity can only be averted by such a reduction in taxes on land, and such a constructive improvement in general economic conditions, that the prevailing discontent will not lead to political extremes and at least temporary disaster.

"That certain radical leaders will rejoice should the Oregon legislature fail to pass a state income tax bill is becoming more and more evident. These radicals will oppose a conservative income tax bill. They want a measure that hits hard in the upper brackets and exempts liberally in the lower brackets. They do not seem to care whether the legislature passes their kind of a measure. Should it fail to pass it—well, the Non-Partisan league is ready to come in and run the state. Or if a conservative income tax measure is enacted, the Non-Partisan league is still ready. The league has friends, many friends, in Oregon, and several of them are active in the statehouse. Some of these have not lost faith, but that they can swing Governor Pierce back into line, and anything that might tend to create a rift between governor and legislature is quietly fostered. So far governor and legislature are in harmony, each trying if possible to work out a program that will be acceptable to the other without too great a concession on principle. But the breach is predicted and with it goes the prediction that the legislature will triumph temporarily, that the people will repudiate the legislature wrathfully, that Pierce will be elected United States Senator four years from now on the strength of a breach with the legislature and that Charles E. Spence will succeed him as governor—the Non-Partisan league being the main factor in bringing all these about. This sounds pretty wild at first, but there are some close observers who think that something equivalent to this is likely to happen. Only a tax reduction by the legislature—an actual, visible reduction—can save the situation politically. Can the legislature do it?"

Quill Points

Those who fear no evil, either trust in God or have new easings all around.

Almost any country is broad-minded enough to accept the findings of a commission that favors it.

Europe has reached the point where she is willing to accept almost anything from America except advice.

Surrendering liberties in time of war is much like bobbing hair. The hard part is to get them back.

Correct this sentence: "She was old and poor and ugly, and seven men arose to offer their seats."

Another difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't soak you harder when you work hard and prosper.

You can't get ahead in a world where this year's earnings are needed to pay the tax on last year's income.

In their efforts to straighten out the world's affairs, governments appear to have thought of everything except dollar-a-year men.

Indicted profiteers probably wonder at times if they were mistaken about the "dough" sound in Daugherty.

Statesmen could more sanely adjust boundaries if they didn't have to worry about their political fences.

An employer of labor works with his head; a laborer works with his hands; a labor leader works with his mouth.

You may tip your soup plate the wrong way and yet escape the waiter's sneer if you tip him the right way.

Correct this sentence: "I like the new neighbor," said the wife, "because she is friendly and wishes to borrow everything."

The grief at parting is explained by the fact that the American army of occupation was the chief occupation of the residents.

Rippling Rhymes Walt Mason. Illustration of a man and a woman.

OUT OF JAIL.

I WAS sorry when my niece killed a lady with a rock; sorry when the fresh police put her under key and lock; but a jury of her peers, moved to pity by her tears, let her down with seven years, and she smiled and left the dock. Clara—that's my niece's name—was in luck, we must agree, and she should have played the game, but she hankered to be free; so she sawed her prison bars while her jailers smoked cigars, and beneath the midnight stars she went romping o'er the lea. Had she journeyed to the pen like a pious, moral maid, she would soon be free again, for the years so swiftly fade; and her sentence being done, she could buy herself a gun and enjoy all kinds of fun, of the peckers unafraid. Now she is a hunted thing, like the coyote on the hill; while the weary years take wing, Clara will be hunted still; when her foolish head is gray she will dread the light of day, and the cop across the way will impart a deadly chill. Take your biters when they're due, for postponement is no friend; though they be a ghastly brew, let the noxious draught descend; you may, with a heedless smile, dodge old Nemesis a while, but the biters, sour as bile, must be taken in the end.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Eternal Vigilance Necessary.

To the Editor: The expression "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty" may be a hackneyed phrase, yet it is a short method of pointing to a very important attitude. We are in the habit of giving extravagant attention to any new and startling appearance on the political and social horizon, only to throw it aside for something else that newly arrives.

I think, however, that we should not lose sight of the dangerous situation resulting from the aggressiveness of the Ku Klux Klan. Among the many disturbing factors that now, in the hope of self-preservation, are attracting attention, the most insidious and dangerous is the Ku Klux Klan. The following extract taken from the editorial utterances of the Review of Reviews, in its February number, it seems to me, is worthy of reproduction and wide distribution, "Lest we forget."

"Governor Perkins of Louisiana has often in times past shown himself to be a man of independence and courage. But just now these qualities have been more than ever apparent, as he has taken the lead in trying to rid his state of the terrifying influence of secret orders that set themselves above the law, and attempt to regulate the private as well as the public affairs of communities. The exposure of the Ku Klux Klan methods in a single Louisiana county must embolden good citizens to resist and expose such methods not only in other counties of Louisiana but also in several other states. There are times when newspapers give for too much space to sensational cases in the law courts, but it can hardly be said that the open grand jury inquiry in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, conducted by Attorney-General Cocco under orders of Governor Parker, has not justified the extraordinary fullness of the press reports as published throughout the country.

For this is not simply an exposure of the misguided and evil conduct of certain individuals or groups in one or two Louisiana neighborhoods. It is, rather, the unveiling of a danger to which thousands of neighborhoods in many states have been subjected by the rapid growth of an oath-bound secret order setting up an "invisible government" superior to the laws of the land, endangering the rights of citizens who do not choose to subject themselves to the authority of headstrong men imagining themselves fit to dictate and to rule. There should be no confusing the nation-wide publicity that is proper in the Louisiana case with the wholly morbid and improper attention given by the newspapers to the details of ordinary criminal trials.

The earnest thinking man will not be drawn aside from what he recognizes as a real danger by the injection of bait, or camouflage. There are many good honest men who have been seduced into this thing, as fast as the real truth is made clear to them will abandon and denounce the fraud that has been practiced. His seducers have relied upon a natural human pride as sufficient to hold him to the oaths he took with no full knowledge of the purport of them. It is a well settled proposition of law that "Fraud vitiates every transaction." If I take an oath without a full comprehension of its full purport and purpose, one that had I known, I would never have subscribed to, then and in that event I may of right treat it as having been obtained from me by fraud and, therefore, not binding, for in reality I never took such an oath. Medicine is often sugar-coated to hide its bad taste and the child made to take it in the belief that it is candy. These K. K. oaths have thus been sugar-coated by the terms in which they are couched and men who would never have taken them at all if they had known the real contents have been deceived by the fraud.

Pride, honesty and a sense of injury, together with the higher sentiment of patriotism and love of country demands that those deceived and defrauded men, come out from among the deceivers. C. B. WATSON. Gold Hill, Oregon, January 27, 1923.

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett. George Klinge of Lake creek was a business caller last Thursday. Mr. Sam H. Harnish and Robert Harnish, Roy Harnish, Joe Moorman and wife, and Mrs. Fred Dutton went up to Williamsburg to attend the funeral of Elder J. Moorman, he being the father of Mr. S. H. Harnish's first wife and Joe Moorman and grandfather of the Harnish children, last Thursday. Mrs. Thomas Stanley and her mother, Mrs. M. L. Burdick were business callers Tuesday. Mr. R. L. Heryford and his mother Mrs. M. L. Heryford of Butte Falls came out with a team Tuesday, via the Obenchain road, via Brownsboro and report that the road is far superior to the road via Rose creek. They went on to Medford the next day on the stage, leaving the team with S. H. Harnish, returning the same p. m., and spent the night on their way home.

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The Stage

Merry Widow, Page. The hit of two continents, during the days of preposterous hats, trailing skirts and Bronx cocktails, will be revived at the Page Theater, Monday night, Feb. 5th by Henry W. Savage. "The Merry Widow" has never been seen in musical stock productions, or in motion pictures. A costly scenic background has been provided for the revival of the fascinating "Widow" by Joseph Urban, painter of Ziegfeld Folies scenery. Costumes have been designed by Peggy Hoyt. The role of the Widow will be sung by Marie Wells. The cast will include the famous comedian Jefferson De Angelis, James Liddy, a talented baritone, Fred Easter and Ruth Hazelton, dancers, and Warren Proctor.

SCREEN

Harold Lloyd Big Hit, Page. Harold Lloyd in "Dr. Jack," his latest mirthquake, is the current attraction at the Page theater. This is a happy conglomeration of everything one could hope for in a super-comedy. And it contains a strikingly large number of new things. One never knows what to expect next, except that the next laugh will be greater than the last. There is no question of Lloyd's ability as a funmaker and one of the clean variety. But in this comedy feature he introduces romance and also makes his debut as one of the screen's finest lovers. Some of his love scenes with Mildred Davis are delightful. "Dr. Jack" is a comedy-romance that is in a class by itself. If a comparison is to be made of the screen fun business for the season the honors must unquestionably go to Harold Lloyd.

Bebe Daniels, "Pink Gods," Riatio. It is hard to recognize in the Bebe Daniels, who is the Lorraine Temple in "Pink Gods," being shown at the Riatio Theater, the flirty girl who played leads with Harold Lloyd in comedies he affected two or three years ago.

She has grown tremendously, even since her last picture, playing the part of a neurotic creature whose passion with terrifying naturalism. It is an obsession that makes a slave of the poor girl even as drugs might. And as Miss Daniels presents it, is great acting; acting that stirs the emotions and rouses the admiration by its splendor. "Pink Gods" is constructed from a story of South Africa and tells a tale of the Kimberley diamond mines.

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This is to certify that Gim Chung of Medford, Ore., has cured me of rupture of four years standing. F. G. Isham, 413 E. St., Grants Pass, Ore. Medford, Oregon, Jan. 13, 1923.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose herb store is at 214 South Front street, Medford), I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his herbs. (Signed) W. R. JOHNSON. Witnesses: W. Lewis, Eagle Point, W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point, M. A. Anderson, Medford, S. H. Holmes, Eagle Point, C. E. Moore, Eagle Point, J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point, Geo. Von der Hellen, Eagle Point, Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

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