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REGISTERED MAIL

Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

When out across the valley
The engine's yell rolled free,
To echo out to Coker Butte,
And westward to the sea.
The toot that woke the babies
Did the same to you and me.

Astride the Main Stem crossing,
The iron horse does repose,
And every time the brakie coughed
The fireman up and blows,
Until the irate citizen
Knows not just what he knows.

And so the blats continued
For years and years and years,
Unmindful of the agony,
The ceasing and the tears.
Their efforts all were thwarted
To still the engineers.

Long postered then the public
Meekly arose en masse,
To launch a drive or movement
To get a quiet day,
When the engineer all grimy
Got up to softly say:

"This whistling you're complaining of
Is not agin' the law;
Each toot is just a note of love
I'm calling to my Maw;
And who in all this motley throng
About such things should jaw."

The engineer then squatted,
And not an eye was dry;
The heartstrings were a' twanging
At such an alibi;
And all the crowd was walling
And wandering off to die.

And then a citizen popped up
From out behind the door;
Longlegged, gray, and very mad,
And evidently sore,
Who cleared his whiskered throat
And spat upon the floor.

"He's calling to his aged Maw,
Which is quite good and proper;
But that's not all—the big galoot,
Is bawling for his Popper.
His girl's eloped with another guy;
By whistling he would stop her."

"How long!" the crowd is snarling,
A squeal! a rush! a grunt!
The speaker's back was twisted round,
His head was up in front,
And never again as long as he lives,
Will he pull that selfsame stunt.

And so it goes, and so it goes,
Forevermore the engine blows;
And any issue big or small
Wins if the masses up and bawl.

BOOST FOR THE FAIR—(C of C ad). Hurrah for the brunettes!

REGISTER JOY, CLAUDE

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
C. E. Ingalls, editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times and secretary of the state republican central committee, has received an appointment as postmaster of his own home town. The selection is appropriate. Mr. Ingalls is recognized as a man of letters and he would be at home on any stamping ground.

150 Greeks Drowned
ATHENS, Mar. 12.—Approximately 150 Greek naval officers and men were drowned when the Greek transport Alexander capsized last night and foundered off Piraeus.

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THE STRANGE CASE OF FRED STONE.

WHY ALL THIS excitement about Fred Stone, the famous comedian getting religion? There is no more reason why a man who earns his living on the stage should not give ten per cent of his income to the church than a man who earns his living off it. Thousands of business men give as liberal sums to the church. Mr. Stone is essentially a business man. He has merely capitalized his ability to produce laughs, as other men have capitalized their ability to produce shoes, or cakes of soap. Nothing more natural than that he should feel the spiritual urge, sooner or later, and do his bit to advance the efforts of the ministry.

Probably the sensation caused by his action is due to the fact that the Puritan tradition dies hard. One of the strongest Puritan traditions is the wickedness of the stage. This proceeds largely from the conviction that to be virtuous one must be somber, that righteousness can only thrive in an atmosphere of gloom. In this direction it is interesting to remember that the early Puritans did not oppose bear baiting because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

Consequently when a man who has made a conspicuous success of making the people laugh, shows a disposition to take as much interest in the church as he does in the Red Cross or Actor's Relief fund, there is a tremendous sensation and all the editorial scribes promptly fall to work to comment on the marvel.

As we see it, there is no marvel. Fred Stone has always been a clean living, hard working, decidedly conscientious citizen. He has been a devoted husband and a loving father. There have been hundreds of actors, vaudevillians and circus performers very much like him. Only those unsophisticated persons who still believe no man or woman can find success on the stage without losing their morals, have any reason to be unduly impressed by the "Scarecrow's" present conversion.

When Mr. Stone abandons his vocation and takes up preaching there will be some cause for moralizing. But until then, there is no more reason to be amazed at his putting a big roll in the contribution box than if John Drew or Charles Dana Gibson or Herbert Hoover should do the same thing,—which undoubtedly all these men have at some time or other done.

Quill Points

"They shall not pass" was a good war slogan, but it's a nuisance on the highway.

A philanthropist is a man who takes it from one set of people and gives it to another.

No wonder the Israelite pedestrians got over the Red Sea safely. It was a one-way crossing.

At any rate, the interpretative dancer correctly interprets the public's fondness for the nude.

* If the cashier is speculating and the market drops 200 points, how much will the depositors get?

If an alien curses the country, that's Bolshevism. If a native does it, that's political leadership.

A woman doesn't really need a baby to fuss over and tinker with if she has a wrist watch.

Correct this sentence: "Oh, Mamma," wailed the small boy, "I'd rather be dead than have my curls cut off."

The motor knocks worse while going up hill; but the worst knockers among men are those who are going down hill.

If she wears a seven and requires a D last, about the only thing the poor salesman can do is brag about her instep.

There are few miracles now, except in the case of the rich prisoner who has an incurable disease and gets a pardon.

And now Wm. H. Anderson is in trouble. "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the wicked and ungodly appear?"

Success is just a matter of having a wife who will brag on you enough to make you enjoy keeping your nose on the grindstone.

A cook says the addition of a little lemon will improve coffee. If it's boarding house coffee, the addition of a little coffee will improve it.

Correct this sentence: "The speedometer is broken," said the used-car dealer, "but this car has been driven only two thousand miles."



DOGS OF WAR.

THE DOGS of war I do abhor, wherever they are roosting; for doves of peace I'll never cease my energetic boosting. Beneath my vine I now recline my trusty briar smoking, and I refuse to peddle news and gossip rage-provoking. In other days I went my ways the latest gossip bearing, and told sad tales of dames and males which set my hearers staring. And often guys would black my eyes and split my beak asunder, and break a slat and spoil my hat and bid me go to thunder. The gossip's trade has never made for peace and friendly feeling; the gossip's life is full of strife until he hits the ceiling. A tale I told of William Mold, that proved to be a fable, and William came and climbed my frame and spoiled my northeast gable. I lay in bed with pontified head, and there reviewed my labors, and there I swore to spread no more punk stories of my neighbors. And since that vow my bulging brow has no contusions on it; in peace I sit and calmly knit, or write a cheer-up sonnet.

State Parks and Why

WASHINGTON, D. C.—What is a state park?

Announcement that the third annual conference of State Parks will be held at Turkey Run State Park, Indiana, May 7, 8 and 9 gives rise to the question.

"You will search most reference books in vain for any information about state parks, an important fact that every thinking American citizen should know," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society, "though there you will find ample mention of national parks and city parks.

Five-Foot Park Shelves

"State parks are pocket editions of our great National Park system.

"They are the stop-over places of the motorist.

"They perch on barren penks and preserve tree-bordered lovers' lanes beside running brooks.

"They take in such shrines as Lincoln's birthplace and James Whitcomb Riley's 'old swimmin' hole.'

"They perpetuate far older history than that to be found in history textbooks. Starved Rock Park, Illinois, commemorates the time when America's inland was a sea; when the cosmic happenings of millions of years ago deposited the shells and precipitated the lime which formed the magnesium limestone layer of this region.

"Prairie Land to Fairland"

"Iowa invited its citizens to an hour's auto ride from 'prairie land to fairland.'

"In Wisconsin you can rent an island for ten dollars a year.

"State parks save the open play spaces amid dense populations of the east and they keep out encroaching farm lands of the middle west.

"Rip Van Winkle sought succor in skittles from a shrewish spouse, but the city man today, harried by a hundred worries, can take wife and children for a 48-hours' rest to the hills where rip retreated.

"If this sounds like rhapsody—that's what state parks still afford to routine-ridden city dwellers.

"Our own parks bear evidence of our new governmental ideal. Originally a park, says Noah Webster, was 'an inclosed piece of ground stocked with beasts of the chase, held by prescription or the king's grant.'

"Today a park might be defined as 'an uninclosed piece of ground stocked with beasts, not to be chased or killed, held by prescription of the people for their own use.'

Many New Editions

"Nobody knows exactly how many state parks there are in 1923. Two years ago a survey by the National Park Service showed that 26 states had state parks. The movement has taken such a hold within the last few years that the park areas within those states has expanded materially and other states have embarked upon park programs.

"Niagara Falls is nationally known as scenery, Niagara is a precedent. It was the first public reservation in the United States acquired by condemnation and purchased with public money for the sole purpose of preserving natural scenery; a proceeding which was thereby accounted a legal use of public funds.

"Hartford has a park which is an early example of the best sort of civic publicity and also established a park precedent. Search your memory and see whether you have not forgotten most of the statistics and slogans which greet you upon huge signboards placed along the railway tracks by trade bodies of many enterprising cities. But nobody who has entered Hartford by train, in daylight, is likely to forget the sylvan beauty of Bushnell Park, which adjoins the station with the tree-shaded Connecticut Capitol building set on its central hill.

"Horace Bushnell worked for five years to persuade his neighbors to tax themselves to buy this tract. Thus Bushnell Park is a monument marking the first time in history when the people bought a tract with their own money to be used as a public park.

A Reversal of Purpose

"Exactly opposite to the days when feudal barons used a park to keep the public out is the era when the essential element of a park is that King Auto and Sovereign Pedestrian must have easy access. Colorado proclaims that she has a motorists' camp in every town of a thousand or more people. Iowa avers that she has more

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF

The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company

of Milwaukee, in the state of Wisconsin, on the thirty-first day of December, 1922, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law.

Capital.

Amount of capital stock paid up, purely mutual.

Income.

Premiums \$1,828,202.19

Interest and rents 29,491,923.77

Consideration for installment and option settlements 1,996,924.45

All other income 654,629.67

Total income \$110,881,382.00

Disbursements.

Death claims \$21,060,584.27

Maternity endowment 7,241,358.31

Annuities 231,479.27

Surrendered policies 11,038,965.45

Dividends to policyholders 19,622,300.27

Premiums waived on claims for disability 6,102.29

Total paid policyholders \$58,729,087.16

Paid under installment and option settlements 1,619,700.83

Taxes 2,292,000.33

Commission on business 8,985,507.22

Medical examinations and inspections 359,563.41

Compensation of officers, trustees and home office employees 1,417,721.77

Postage, supplies, printing, etc. 494,511.35

Real estate expenses (except taxes) 216,144.94

Mortgage and bond investment expenses 237,111.14

Real estate and bond values adjusted 186,824.37

Agents' advance results, salaries allocated 88,144.41

Rent for occupancy of home office 325,098.00

All other disbursements 248,805.82

Total disbursements \$74,210,881.24

Excess of income over disbursements \$36,670,500.85

\$110,881,382.00

Assets.

Real estate, including home office 2,828,701.20

Loans on real estate mortgages 232,704,690.37

Loans on policies as collateral 81,418,732.80

Premium notes and automatic premium loans 3,054,310.94

U. S. A. bonds, notes and certificates, amortized value 43,028,056.94

Other bonds, amortized value 160,630,932.69

Stocks (acquired at cost, exclusive of market value) 3,375,306.24

Cash on hand and in banks 9,243,238.07

Interest and rents due and accrued 9,078,550.61

Due and accrued premiums 89,567.09

Miscellaneous assets 3,544.40

Total admitted assets \$346,290,308.43

*Bold-faced figures denote decrease.

Liabilities.

Reserve required by law to be held on the company's policies \$170,284,815.00

Reserve for annuities and special contracts 2,647,033.00

Reserve for not due installments 12,131,437.00

Loans and endorsements, unadjusted, etc. 1,547,233.10

Estimated amount of taxes payable in 1923 2,524,765.64

Unpaid accounts, medical fees, commissions, etc. 460,018.00

Dividends due and in course of payment 984,427.04

Unfunded dividends payable in 1923 and thereafter 475,177.93

Annual dividends payable in 1923 20,152,000.00

Other dividend accounts 847,229.63

Reserve for underwritten taxes 900,000.00

Reserve for contingencies (lowest depreciation, mortality fluctuation, etc.) 23,620,640.41

Total liabilities \$346,290,308.43

(1922 figures include \$1,204,968.40 for death losses incurred for which no proofs have been received.)

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Gross premiums received during the year 170,014.23

Premiums, surrender values and dividends returned during the year 285,542.79

Loans and matured endorsements paid during the year 234,008.80

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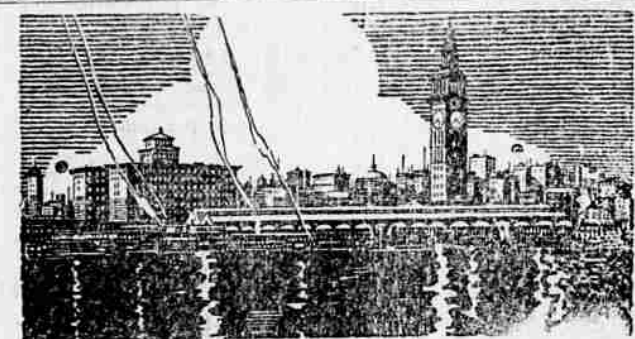
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