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UNION LABEL

Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The burg is full of robbed farmers, making believe they made money on their crops.

Barstrop, La., is in the news again, and an organization that impudently boasts it is no different from any fraternal order, will need all the alibis and Biblical quotations they can think of, in a hurry.

THE HEREAFTER

Every man is the center of a circle whose fatal circumference he can not pass. Within its narrow confines he is potential, beyond it he perishes; and if immortality is a splendid but delusive dream, if the incompleteness of every career, even the longest and most fortunate, be not supplemented and perfected after its termination here, then he who dreams to do the should fear to live, for life is a tragedy more desolate and inexplicable than death.—John J. Ingalls.

Several tireless fishermen, who survived all last summer with fishing pole in their hands, are continuing the fast without the fishing pole, in accordance with the law.

FIX THAT BRAKE!

(Albany Democrat)
A pleasing event of Sunday took place at the J. W. Propat home when a host of relatives drove in unexpectedly.

A LADY TALKS

I generally get up with the birds, but this morning I woke up the birds. Elsie went away. Packed in a hurry. I just know I'm short that pair of gray socks that New York drummer from Sacramento gave me. Elsie is so emotional. Poor girl. She's kept me the same way. What care we, the world is full of drummers and gray socks. I've been thinking—I don't do it often—of going blonde. Lord you ought to see the gray hairs around my ears! See that gentleman over there. In a minute he'll stick a little finger in his ear, and then shimmy the hand from the elbow south. Big argument in here yesterday on evolution. Man sprang from a monkey. Some of 'em couldn't jump, don't you think? This feller is a good talker. Knows his book. When I went home last night I turned up my nose at every tree I passed. That's how good he is. The cook quit. All I heard was the boss yell: I bought it to put in the mince meat, not you!

YOU TELL 'EM, WALLY

(Salem Statesman)
"Later in his address the speaker turned to Governor Pierce who occupied a seat on the platform, and said:
"I'll tell you when taxes will be reduced. Never."
Governor W. M. Pierce, who declared that "there must be a more equal distribution of the rewards of labor or the ship of state of this great republic will strike upon the rocks which are just lying around the bend."

The valley is going to observe Apple Week. This is appropriate, but keep quiet about buying most of the vinegar from Pittsburgh.

A nice thing about the income tax election, is the absence of the traditional state-wide blubbing, that marks Oregon voting. Also there is no religious fervor, or liquor issue involved.

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THE RESIGNATION OF RAWLES MOORE.

THE RESIGNATION of Rawles Moore as prosecuting attorney calls into sharp relief a serious condition in American government, not only locally, but throughout the country.

This problem has to do with our treatment of public officials all along the line. We elect men to office and proceed to expect the highest service, with the lowest material remuneration.

This demand might be justified, if there were a public disposition to co-operate with and assist public officers so selected, or if, as in some countries, honor were connected with the discharge of public duties.

But the reverse is true. In nine cases out of ten, a public official once in office is left alone except when some complaints are to be registered. When he does good work, there is silence, when he happens to make a mistake,—as the best officials do,—everyone raises a howl.

Unless we are willing to have our positions of public trust and responsibility filled either by incompetents, who have nothing to lose; or crooks who see a chance for private gain, there must be a complete change in public sentiment,—a thorough-going revolution in the attitude of the people, toward officials whom they have called upon to serve.

There is another point in the present local situation, which renders the position of prosecuting attorney unendurable to any person of sensibility or self-respect.

A recent state law was passed which allows the governor to name a special prosecutor in any district, where in his judgment, the incumbent is not discharging the duties of his office satisfactorily.

We are not familiar with the exact provisions of this law, but if the procedure in Jackson county has been legal, then the law should be repealed.

If a public prosecutor is not doing his duty, then he should be removed. If he is so crowded with work that he needs assistance, then he should be given assistance.

But to appoint a special prosecutor over the protests of the regularly elected official,—the official whom he is supposed to assist,—in other words not only to divide responsibility, but to inject dissension into the office of law enforcement itself, is so preposterous, so unthinkable that one can't believe any person would seriously propose it.

The prosecuting attorney who succeeds Mr. Moore should be the PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. If he fails to do his duty he should be removed. If he does his duty, he should be aided and supported. Only on such a basis can satisfactory service be expected.

QUILL POINTS

When dresses look longer, men don't.

A real home is a place where the children come to the fire to dress.

Little Dorothy never again will enjoy anything as she now enjoys using the word "whom."

It is comparison that makes social unrest. A jitney would satisfy anybody if nobody had a twin six.

If only we could bear one another's burdens as cheerfully as we bare one another's faults.

Of course, Mr. Ford isn't a candidate, but wouldn't his love for farmers go good if he were?

The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow; and what will the golfer do then, poor thing?

Hardship can't be avoided when it takes almost two thousand bushels of wheat to buy a decent automobile.

We're all alike. People who feel too sophisticated to enjoy a circus get excited about a political campaign.

Correct this sentence: "Mother, make Bob behave," wailed little Willie; "he won't let me do his 'rithmetic for him."

"JUST TOWN TALK"

Copied Right By Mike

HE'S A reckless driver

AND HE'S what's known

AS A "hard guy"

AND HE admits it

AND YESTERDAY morning

HIS CAR was parked

OUT IN front

OF THE postoffice

AND HE came out

AND JUMPED in his auto

AND RACED his engine

AND SHOVED in the clutch

AND WITH a bang

HIS CAR shot out

FROM ITS parking place

AND BANGED a fender

OF A passing Ford

AND IT was his fault

AND HE started in

TELLING THE driver

OF THE damaged Ford

THAT CARELESS driving

WAS COSTING many lives

EVERY DAY in the year

AND HE went on to say

THAT HE had a notion

TO TAKE the law

INTO HIS own hands

AND BEGAN to eulogize

HIS "FLINT-LIKE" qualities

AND THE little man

WHOSE CAR was damaged

WAS ABOUT to explain

HIS VERSION of it

BUT THE "hard" man

INTERRUPTED HIM, saying

"I'M A hard guy

"I'M SO dern hard

"I CAN drive this flivver

"THE LENGTH of Center street

"AND NOT lose a tooth,"

"WELL," SAID the meek man

"YOU'RE HARD all right

"—HARD to believe."

I THANK you.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Noted Physician and Author

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

A Broken Vein

The layman's language is often veiled in mystery to prevent a meaningless to the doctor as the doctor's is to the layman. For instance, I haven't the remotest idea what kind of wart a "seed wart" is, though I gather from the queries of readers that it is a very common variety.

And with 20 years of more or less intensive study of lay medical parlance, I am still uncertain what the layman means by "bad complexion," though it must have some definite significance, for so many readers wish to know what would be good for it.

It was only recently that I stumbled on the solution of another lay term which had always mystified me, and I experienced a thrill like that of the chap who achieves the solution of an acrostic. The term was "weak ankles." The difficulty was that I had fallen into the bad habit of thinking of the ankle as a joint, whereas I had been more attentive, I should have known that "ankles" include pretty much all of the calves or legs up to the tibial tuberosity or thereabouts—and that is what gave "ankles" such a vague in the recent past. "Weak ankles" are promoted feet, the potential or earlier or functional stage of flat feet.

A broken vein is another lay term which has no certain meaning. Sometimes it signifies a dilated vein or venule, which shows thru the skin; sometimes it means a raw spot or ulcer such as the common varicose ulcer on the leg of one with varicose veins; sometimes it means an actual break or rupture of the vein with hemorrhage.

The little dilated venules (they are little veins, not capillaries, which often occur about the cheeks or the wings of the nose, may be obliterated by electrolysis, but a physician or surgeon of skill should be consulted when such treatment is required.

The actual breaking or rupture of a varicose vein, an accident much feared by persons with this trouble, is certainly a very rare one. Should it occur, there need be no great bleeding. Elevating the limb above the level of the body and direct moderate pressure upon the bleeding place with a clean folded handkerchief or pad of gauze or the finger will stop the bleeding; the pad may be kept upon the spot by a simple bandage or a few strips of adhesive tape or adhesive plaster. The use of a tourniquet is of little value in the control of such hemorrhage, since the blood flows thru the vein to the bleeding point from below, and if the tourniquet were applied below the bleeding point the blood would flow back from above because the valves in varicose

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THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD

By Laurel Gray.

Friendships Under Suspicion

In granting a divorce to an aggrieved wife in Chicago, the other day, an elderly judge made this astounding remark: "No married man seeks the acquaintance of a single woman for any good purpose." Then this ancient fossil—yes, I mean the honorable judge—granted the wife a divorce, the custody of the youngest term, and hinted that he would, later on, allow her a spanking good alimony award after he had a chance to think the matter over. Fancy such a riddle! What in the world is there in the human make-up which views all decent things as suspicious? Why cannot two human creatures, sex complexion out of the question, be friends, without some absurd busy-body seeking to find something wrong, unclear, evil, about the association? It is altogether too bad that there exists this taller streak in the human consciousness. For a pompous old party to set himself up as a judge of motives, when he probably hasn't the least notion of what a decent friendship means, is a sad commentary on the flippant, casual way we have of perpetrating the divorce fetish. Actually, our divorce ideas are as grotesque and as elemental as the sun-dances and the devil-worshipping stunts of the aborigines, whose ignorance and low mentality we profess to patronize from our superior intellectual plane. If an honorable friendship cannot exist between two human beings of opposite sex, without the suspicion of an immoral influence, it's pretty near time for this weary old world to shut up shop and call it a day! If you are shocked, my children ascribe my revolt to the weather or the high price of fur coats. Both upset me today.

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