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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Idaho barber and Ford owner,
who tried to commit suicide because
of the mullishness of the vehicle,
should have murdered the car.

1924 tomorrow. A new deck, but
the same old dealer.

Miss Clara Johnsting, who resides
three miles east of town, is the proud
possessor of twin calves. They are
beautiful and sprightly. (San Jose,
Calif. Herald). Oregon girls have
'em, too.

SOME NEWS BOBS UP

(Ashland Tidings)

Before the sun has set tonight
Ashland will have added at least
three bobbed haired maidens. The
Misses Isabel Silver, Edith Dodge
and Dorothy Gebauer are said to
have shorn their locks this morn-
ing. Yesterday found Miss Mabel
Trott with white apron and shears
playing tricks with her curly
locks. Frances Pratt, Margaret
McCoy, Margaret Hammond,
and Bernice Yeo are a few of the
returned school girls that sur-
prised their friends with finding
a short cut to the breakfast table.

Owing to the slippery condition pre-
vailing, a number of sidewalk curbs
skidded recklessly this am.

Some of the gravelled roads on the
floor of the valley are liable to be
warpaths, before the battle of the
ballots.

THE CHAMPION

(Coos Bay Times)

The woman who weighs over
225 pounds screamed and fought
La Pointe when he attempted to
take her to jail and it was neces-
sary to get a taxi from Gorst and
King to take her to jail. Davis
is very small, weighing about 125
pounds, but seemed to make a
good job of handling Irene.

The rumpus in the churches, now
raging, is called a "schism." Schism
is a dignified name for a fuss. The
schism seems to be caused by argu-
ments arising from the proposition:
Salvation is free, if you believe like
me, otherwise you can go to hell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Sprenger hired
a traveling man last Friday after-
noon. Mr. and Mrs. Sprenger went
to Corvallis that afternoon and when
they returned their man was gone.
(Albany Democrat). Of them drum-
mer!

A LADY TALKS

She said, "You toe in." So does the
front wheels of a Packard. The boss
was awful mad. That insurance agent
trying to sell the customers insurance
while they were eating. I ask you to
take a squint at the job he did. She
thinks all she did was put a golden
glint in her hair. She ought to settle
down and be a blonde or brunette.
New Year's goes but one year. I
trimmed my own claws, and saved
four-bits. I got a half moon on every
fingernail. Best people all have 'em.
I got one of them long skirts. I
never felt worse, except the time I
walked down the streets of Yreka, in
a pair of soldier pants. Can your
system stand another shot of that
Java. I'll give the other one some-
thing to fight with. Well, the lady
got in at half past four, from staying
all night with a girl friend at a coun-
try dance. Can't do a thing with the
kid. Slapped her Ma, spit at her Pa.
What shall we do with our daughter?
they said to your humble servant.
said, "I don't know. The reform
school has closed up, and there's not
a pine board in the world. Nothing
doing anyway.

ON BELIEFS

Human nature has changed a great
deal since our pollywog days. Man is
becoming a reasoning animal. That's
what modern business is based upon.
Business is a suspicious affair, in
which beliefs count less than nothing
and the rattle of the cash register
provides the test of success. Some
day life will be measured from a
similar reasonable if more symphat-
etic basis. When some of these ardent
believers in righteousness take their
eyes off the mountain tops and train
them upon the selfish ways of mod-
ern life and the fierce terrors of mor-
ern war, they begin to point the
finger of scorn at the folks whose
beliefs are at zero. When I search
among the prisoners recently par-
doned by Mr. Coolidge, to find the
Christians and priests and ministers,
my beliefs register ten below. (New
York World).

A PUBLIC CALAMITY.

THE DESTRUCTION of the Page Theatre with the death of Amos
Willits and the serious injury of Fire Chief Roy Elliott, comes
as a stunning shock to the entire community.

In larger cities such tragedies frequently occur and are soon for-
gotten in the metropolitan maze of crime and disaster, but in a smaller
place like Medford, where we are all, more or less, like one large
family, such a tragedy comes close to every home, and the calamity is
therefore a poignantly personal one.

Amos Willits was one of our most promising young business men,
and heartfelt sympathy from the entire community is extended his
bereaved family. He died as a volunteer fireman in the path of duty,
and while words at such a time mean little, there may be to his fam-
ily and friends a certain consolation in the fact that he died in the
service of his city.

The latest word from Fire Chief Elliott is that his injuries while
painful, are not as serious as first feared, and his prompt recovery
is practically certain, which will be welcome news to his relatives and
many friends.

While loss of life in such a tragedy, renders other losses scarcely
worth consideration, the fact can't be denied, that the loss of the Page
Theatre is a genuine public calamity. While it is too early to know
the plans of the Page owners or management, it is to be hoped that the
playhouse will be reconstructed at the earliest possible moment.

Probably the fire and loss of life, came as a particular shock to
Medford because this community has been exceptionally free from
such disasters in the past. We have had large fires, but no extensive
ones, and this is the first fatality in the local fire department for over
a decade.

The obvious lesson is to abandon the idea that Medford is lucky,
and doesn't need to take such precautions and make such prepara-
tions as other modern cities, regarding the fire hazard. An efficient
fire fighting force is not enough. It should be given everything it
needs in the way of the best fire fighting equipment.

QUILL POINTS

No. 1924. Due at 12 midnight. On time.

The remarkable quality about most of the candidates is their opti-
mism.

England is a funny country. It takes only one election to repu-
diate a policy over there.

It won't be such a hard winter after all. There is very little
"sheik" literature in sight.

Mrs. Malaprop says at this rate the veterans will all be veterina-
rians before they get the bonus.

A peaceable country is one in which the army of jobholders is 643
times the size of the regular army.

A green congressman is one who proposes a scheme that would
cost the country less than ten million.

Correct this sentence: "I don't like this photograph," complained
the pretty girl; "it flatters me too much."

It may be that girls go to the devil because they go to Hollywood,
and then it may be the other way about.

Correct this sentence: "He'll be six years old," she said to the
conductor, "on his next birthday."

It isn't the untruth of it that makes a woman see red when Friend
Husband intimates that she proposed to him.

And so many of the doctors' diplomas are fakes. Well, so are
many of the ailments they are called to cure.

The funny part is that the parent who thinks himself faultless,
still condemns the old-fashioned methods of raising children.

A sufficient commentary on mortals is the fact that the knocker
always has a larger audience than one who throws bouquets.

The reason the pioneers were hardy was because they didn't sit
down to a dish of cereal and a vase of flowers and call it breakfast.

When your wife reads over your old love letters, that's an effort
to treasure romance; when she reads them aloud, that's an effort to
start something.



HORROR LITERATURE.

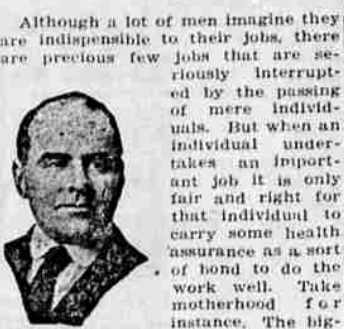
THE NEWS stands groan with magazines which are a mad-
house feeder; they introduce to ghastly scenes the young
and tender reader. Grim yarns of traffic with the dead, of orgies
demon-plotted, foul tales of ghosts and vampires dread, set down
by scribes besotted. For these the small boys spend their cash
when they go magazineing; their minds polluted by such trash,
will need a good dry cleaning. I think about the stuff I read when
I was young and tender; the scout who left his trail of dead, the
damsel fair and slender; the Injun chief with painted braves,
along the war trail drifting; and, though here was a string of
graves, the moral was uplifting. I always felt my spirits rise,
when with such books I tarried; the wicked drew the booby prize,
the virtuous were married. But now we have no Beadle yarns for
little boys upgrowing; they read of ghosts in midnight tarns, and
vampire blood a-flowing. They read stark tales of grisly grief,
of phantom-fests informal, acquiring thus a bleak belief in foul
things and abnormal. The men who print, the men who write
the rot that fumes and festers, should have their padded cells
tonight, among the madhouse jesters.

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.

These Classes Carry Health Assurance.



Although a lot of men imagine they
are indispensable to their jobs, there
are precious few jobs that are seri-
ously interrupted by the passing
of mere individuals. But when an
individual undertakes an import-
ant job it is only fair and right for
that individual to carry some health
assurance as a sort of bond to do the
work well. Take motherhood for
instance. The highest job in the world,
the noblest service, the highest calling—when a
woman undertakes this job it is but
fair and right for her to have health
assurance, which at least saves her
from the perils of superstition. It is
never too early for the prospective
mother to have the counsel and
guidance of the physician. In these
days, even the poor man's wife is
entitled to health assurance in her
preparation for maternity if she is
a person of intelligence or spirit she
will get this first aid to maternity,
even though it costs friend hus-
band the price of a tire. In many
communities some kind of pre-mat-
ernity care is furnished by the health
department gratis to those who are
unable to pay. The state considers
even free pre-maternity service good
business.

Commissioned officers in the army
are required to have a physical ex-
amination annually. The govern-
ment provides the examination as a
means of protecting the health of its
officers. The government assumes
that health assurance pays.

According to government figures
the annual expenditure for medicines
in the United States is five hundred
millions, of which rather less than
half goes to purchase medicines which
are totally necessary. The other
\$250,000,000, or a large part of it,
must then be spent for medicines
which are not really necessary—by
folk who are trying to get along with-
out health assurance and who like
to imagine they can manage real or
fancied minor troubles without medi-
cal advice.

Many big industries which provide
good working conditions and fair
wages now require a physical exami-
nation of applicants seeking work;
some concerns are introducing at
least for certain groups of employees
the custom of a periodic physical ex-
amination, very much as the govern-
ment does for army officers, the com-
pany generally standing the expense.
Finally there is that ordinarily in-
conspicuous, unimportant, insignif-

cant individual, the prospective bride-
groom, who approaches father now-
adays with a health certificate in his
hand or gets the gate.

Soon or late everybody will carry
health assurance. It is a cheerful
feeling to know just how you stand
physically. The cost of such assu-
rance is lower than most of the lux-
uries poor people think they can af-
ford.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Damp Rooms.
Our rooms are so damp that water
runs from the walls and clothes are
moist from the dampness. Can any-
thing be done to prevent this damp-
ness? Moving is out of the question.
—A. B.

Answer—Something can be done
probably, to remedy the trouble, but
I do not know what it is. In any case,
aside from the discomfort of it, the
dampness has no ill effect on health.

Latin for Nurses.

Does one wishing to take up nur-
sing have to learn Latin?—N. K.
Answer—It is not necessary for a
good nurse to know Latin, but you
will find that a year of Latin will help
you in the study of various subjects
in the training course.

Prenatal Care.

I would appreciate any literature,
government or otherwise, which you
have available on prenatal care and
infant welfare.—M. M. H.

Answer—Send 5 cents for a copy of
Mrs. West's "Prenatal Care," issued
by the children's bureau labor de-
partment; or 10 cents for her "Infant
Care." Send the money to the super-
intendent of documents, government
printing office, Washington, D. C.,
and name the pamphlet you desire. I
have a general letter of instruction
and advice which I am glad to send
to any expectant mother who re-
quests it and furnishes me a stamped,
self-addressed envelope to carry it.

It Has a Dirty Look!

What condition of a person's sys-
tem causes a solid gold ring to turn
the skin black under a ring? An op-
tical doctor hinted that it shows one's
blood is tainted and that right living
people never show this stain.—T. P. C.
Answer—Urge him to tell it to the
marines. The discoloration happens
in the best families and with the best
jewelry, and when one has the best
of health and morals—their skin does
have a dirty look. Suppose the ring
is 18 karat gold. That is good gold,
three fourths of the alloy being gold,
one fourth a base metal such as sil-
ver, copper, or lead or zinc, or com-
binations of these. The sulphur com-
pounds normally present in the sweat
and oil of the skin react with the
base metal to produce a black sulphid
which stains the skin.

"JUST TOWN TALK"

Copied Right By Mike

MR. JOHN D. Rockefeller

PATROLATUM, NEW York

MY DEAR John:

I WANT you

TO DO me a favor

AND AT the same time

HELP A lot of fellows

WHO FROM time to time

RUN OUT of gas

I WANT you

TO WRITE a letter

TO ALL oil stations

AND INFORM them

TO THROW away

ALL CANS that leak

OR HAVE them fixed

OR ELSE get up

A SNAPPY slogan

SOMETHING LIKE this:

"A CAN you love to rush"

OR SOMETHING

FOR JUST today

I WAS driving along

OUT CENTRAL avenue

AND SOMETHING sputtered

AND I knew at once

I WAS out of gas

AND I got out

AND WALKED a mile

AND REACHED a station

AND A nice young man

PUT SOME gasoline

IN A galvanized can

AND I started back

AND A little boy

CALLED OUT to me

"YER CAN is leaking"

AND SO it was

AND I made up my mind

I'D HAVE to hurry

AND SO I did

AND ALL the time

THE GAS in the can

WAS GETTING LOWER

AND MY speed slower

AND ANOTHER boy said

"WHATVER YOU have

"IN THAT tin can

"YOU AIN'T going to have

"UNLESS you run"

AND I started to run

AND HE ran with me

AND WE go to the car

AND LOOKED in the can

AND THE small boy said

"WELL, MISTER

"IT WAS a great race

"BUT THE tin can won"

AND SO it had

I THANK you.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Regarding Game Laws

To the Editor: Please publish the
following in order that the readers
of your paper may have a better con-
ception of parts of the game laws that
was published in the Medford Sun,
under date Dec. 30th, under the head-
ing, "Local and Personal."
W. R. COLEMAN,
Deputy Game Warden.
"Oregon Hunting and Fishing Li-
censes."
Sec. 65, Oregon Game Laws, 1923-
24 reads in part as follows:
Resident hunters license, \$3.00.
Resident fishing license, \$3.00.
Resident combination hunting and
fishing license, \$5.00.
Paragraph D, sec. 65, reads in part
as follows:
Any person (a) between the ages of
fourteen and eighteen years upon the
payment of \$1.50 for a hunting and
\$1.50 for an angling license are en-
titled to hunt and angle in the county
where such persons (a) resides during
the season when it is legal to do so.
Paragraph B, sec. 65, reads in part
as follows:
All non-resident hunters license,
\$10.00.
Non-resident angling license \$3.00
unless the applicant is a resident of a
state which requires a higher fee of
non-residents thereof, then in that
case the applicant shall pay a sum
equal to the fee required by his resi-
dential state of non-residents for the
privilege of angling during the sea-
son when it is lawful to do so.

Trout Season

Paragraph B, sec. 32, reads in part
as follows:
Trout, open season April 15th to
Nov. 30th. Provided further, there
shall be an open season for trout over
ten inches in length in the waters of
the Pacific ocean and all the bays,
inlets and streams affected by the
tide water thereof, during the months
of Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar. and April of
each year.
According to the above, all streams
and lakes in Jackson county are
closed to fishing until April 15th, 1924
with the exception of Rogue river,
which is open to fishing; the year
round as by law provided.

LAUREL GRAY

LOVE GOSSIP

THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD

by Laurel Gray



Don't Try to Make 'Em Over
It is no good trying to make your
sweetie over. It is true that the de-
ficiencies of others, even those we
love, often proves irksome by our fa-
miliarity with them. But it is
no good trying to make 'em
over. Mutual tol-
erance is an es-
sential of the
love association.
It is not nec-
essary to be blind
to the short-
comings of other
people, but it is
essential to mini-
mize the effect of
such short-com-
ings on one's self. Your Jill may
drive you to madness by her habit
of nagging; but if she does, there is
probably some slight reason why she
nags. Your own particular Jack may
annoy you very much indeed by his
maudlin vanity—and by the way,
all males are vain, but the female
of the species—but you must not
mind it much. It is no good trying
to make people over. Nearly all the
glittering figures of history are re-
membered for their virtue than for
their virtues. This is curiously true
of historic lovers. We remember
Cleopatra for the manner of her
dying rather than for the conquests
of her life. When we think of Keats,
the most perfect of all poetic lovers,
we think first of his weaknesses and
afterwards of his genius. It is no
good trying to make over other
people—don't try to do it.

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SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candi-
date for the nomination of Sheriff of
Jackson County on the Republican
ticket subject to the voters of said
county at the primaries in May. If
nominated and elected I pledge my-
self and the deputies whom I shall
appoint to enforce all laws including
the 18th Amendment with efficiency
and economy. If you do not want the
laws enforced do not vote for me.
D. A. LYONS, Central Point.

Coroner

I hereby announce myself as a
candidate on the republican ticket,
for nomination at the coming primary
for the office of coroner of Jackson
county.
By virtue of my profession as an
undertaker, I feel that I have every