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Ye Smudge Pot

More candidates are coming into the field, but they won't stay in the field.

ARRESTED FOR OLD DEER—(Eugene Register Herald.) Better than getting shot for one.

ARK ON THE ROCKS (Marshfield Times) I will not after this date be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife. EARL NOAH, Dated February 25, 1924.

The 605 autos that flitted back and forth on the J'ville road in one day, were counted from a given point, and some think it was a fixed point.

OIL INQUIRY BROADENS—(Herald Portland Telegram.) Also flat-tens.

SLOGANS You're full of prunes. Sweet essence of prune juice. You poor prune. Stone Jars, All Sizes, For Sale.

Paying of the tithe is the order of the day.

A chance to recover your lost article if you fall to place a "lost" ad in the Times classified columns.—(Coos Bay Times.) Frank and candid.

The hoof and mouth disease is raging among the cows. The bovine affliction is no relation to the human trick of opening the mouth, and putting the foot in it.

YE SCRIBE FLEETH (Montague News) Mr. W. Halbert Smith of Fort Jones was a caller in town Saturday, leaving in the early evening with one of our fair chickens. They headed for Yreka and haven't returned yet.

The news that an Austrian ex-duke spends \$10,000 a year for cigarettes, is good start for a drive for the relief of starving children in Vienna.

Objection to paying veterans who fought in France, about one month's pay of a shipyard worker, is based on the supposition that the veteran would probably spend it.

It's about time a serpent-tongued female came along, and toned up the community haters.

ATTRACTIVE FIGURES IN FORD CARS—(Ad Yreka Journal.) Where they belong.

The usual Sunday rain is being formulated.

1800 girls went astray in 1923 in the Pacific coast states. Something is wrong with the police. Parents pause for reply.

Una Faney is a schoolma'am at Sixes, Calif.

SWEET HOME, Ore., Feb. 23.—The nice moonlight evenings have been very enticing lately. Some people even forgot to go to dreamland.—(Albany Democrat.) The sparkling season has opened.

GRAMMAR Be careful of your grammar. Don't let nobody find You ain't been taught how you had ought.

Them grammar books will learn you How English should be spoke. So you won't make no bad mistake Like crude uncultured folk. Don't never talk like they does. There ain't no reason why You couldn't be as smart as me And learn to talk like I.

Us educated people, Wherever we have went, Finds others whom fills us with gloom Because they are content To speak the English language Without no kind of care, Though if they looks, they's grammar books To learn 'em everywhere. (Chico Enterprise.)

THE PROBLEM OF THE DEMAGOGUE.

"All the ills of this country can be traced directly to the professional politician. By the professional politician I mean the aspirant for office who appeals to the prejudices and passions of the people to get votes, who sacrifices principle for selfish advantage, who advocates something he knows to be wrong, but which because of mob psychology and mass emotion, he can make appear right. In short, the wind-jamming, arm-swinging, bull-headed demagogue. Get rid of him and there is no problem, social or economic which the people of this country can not solve."—R. L. Babson in Rotary Magazine.

THERE IS a tremendous amount of truth in that. The irresponsible self-seeking demagogue, with his fluent tongue, his plausible sophistries, his subtle appeal to unworthy human passions, is far more dangerous to this republic than hundreds of our sincere, but misguided radicals, who fight in the open, and therefore can be controlled.

But the demagogue is not a demagogue because he likes the job, but because demagoguery pays. In short, he is not a spontaneous creation, he is the product of our political psychology. The ranting professional politician will stop his flubdubbery the moment he finds that the people as a whole see through it, and not until then.

The obvious remedy for the disease, to which Mr. Babson attributes all our ills, therefore rests with the people. When the average man or woman takes enough interest in politics and politicians, to appraise both, when a certain habit of discriminating between noise and fury, and sense and fact, is acquired by the people as a whole, then the demagogue will disappear because he will find that his special line of bunkum doesn't sell.

But until there is a keener political consciousness, until there is a more general political awareness and sense of responsibility,—until more than twenty or thirty per cent of the people, for example, take enough interest in public affairs to go to the polls,—there is no hope of bettering the conditions, Mr. Babson deploras.

The problem is absolutely up to the people,—here, there and everywhere. The trouble goes back, not to the demagogue, but to political indifference and popular inertia, when public affairs are concerned.

QUILL POINTS

At any rate nobody accuses Daugherty of vindictiveness.

It isn't much of a reform wave that deletes hops and substitutes hop.

Just a little while ago the fellow smeared with oil was a mechanic, not a statesman.

Great Britain recognized Russia, but at this distance it seemed little more than a nod.

At any rate Jesse James never raised a hood and tightened a spark plug and charged \$3.85.

The rooster is the only genuine feminist. He eackles approval of the hen's accomplishment.

The old-fashioned family head who asked the blessing before meals had meals that were worth it.

An old-timer is one who can remember when the first sign of spring was sulphur and molasses.

A good vocabulary of cuss words doesn't help you much, now that so many of the book agents are females.

Well, it's a fair division. When you sign his note, he borrows the money and you borrow trouble.

Women are braver than men. No man would dare try on \$125 garments if he had only 15 cents.

Few can be archaeologists, but all of us can get the thrill of hard adventure by digging up the rent money.

We can't remember having heard of a man who held the plow handles until he was a nervous wreck.

What people really mean by "free speech" is the right to insult the strong without getting their just desserts.

As a general thing, the first business of those who investigate an automobile accident is to look for the bottle.

In literature we are reaching the point where a man's degree of erudition is estimated by the number of things he cusses.

Fable: Once there was a man who had been so perfect as a boy that he didn't worry when his daughter went out with other boys.

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason AT FIRST SIGHT.

THERE'S a story most romantic in the Morning Blade today, telling how young Andrew Antie married Jane Augusta Hay. They were strangers in the morning, and at evening they were wed, with a bridal veil adorning Jane Augusta's queenly head. After seven hours of wooing he had won her for his bride, and they're off, their flivver chooing, honeymooning in their pride. "Love is surely most compelling," I remark to Gaffer Brown; "when in human hearts it's dwelling, prudence cannot turn it down." "Lovers still will go their courses," sadly Gaffer Brown replies, "though they wind up with divorcees when the primal glamor dies. Love is full of deadly dangers, and said dangers must prevail, when a pair of giddy strangers gambol to the altar rail. For a man should know the failings of the sweetest maid on earth, and a girl should dodge white veilings till she knows a lover's worth. But the words of wise old gaffers never can persuade the young, they are scorners, they are laughers, at the germs that leave my tongue. And they go their silly courses, looking not an ell ahead, and we read of more divorcees, with the searchheads done in red."

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.

Capital Compromise

It's a poor sport who won't meet pain once in a while. Have I cause for alarm? L. M. B. Answer—Cancer is uncommon at 20 but sometimes occurs even earlier. Such a pain, without swelling or lump, is probably not a serious matter. In most cases of actual cancer there is no pain in the earlier stage. But you're old enough now to have good sense and undergo an annual health examination, and the doctor will advise you whether your trouble is significant.

Another of Those Damp Flats I am the mother of two children aged 1 year and 2 1/2 years. We recently moved into a flat and found it to be very damp. As I have some lung trouble, also chronic bronchitis, I wonder if this dampness will make my condition worse. Or if it will harm the children. (Mrs. M.J.V.) Answer—I do not think it will. The dampness may be a source of discomfort and annoyance, but it will not injure health.

Developing the Calves I am plump, except from my knees down my legs are so skinny. Is there any exercise or anything I can do to make my legs larger? (L.A.) Answer—Ballot or toe dancing is an excellent exercise to develop the calves.

Shrinking Fast I have been reducing at the rate of three pounds a week by having one Karelle day each week and substituting fruit for one meal every day. I have also cut out all candy. But I find my face looks somewhat drawn and wrinkled. The I feel wonderfully well, some people say I will look lots older if I try to reduce at my age. I am 39. (Mrs. W. W. E.) Answer—Fat deposits melting away perhaps a little faster than skin can accommodate itself. Advise cheer up, let friends enjoy sour grapes, and try to get in plenty of exercise every day. Pretty soon friends'll worry because you are not getting old as fast as they could wish. Main thing is cheer up and stay that way. You see, skin has probably been overstretched several years and takes time for it to come back.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Excellent Excuse for Health Exam. Kindly give me a little information about cancer. I am nearly 30 years old and for several years I have worn a light brassiere. Lately, I have occasional sharp pains thru the breast and I am frightened. There is no swelling or lump, but just a rather kniflike

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LAUREL GRAY LOVE GOSSIP

THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD by Laurel Gray

"Member that innocent little article yesterday? I got called down for it. Oh yes—right hard too. 'What's the idea?' demanded a feminine voice, (my guess is about 16 years). 'Are you getting old or what?' 'M'f'ry didn't I say I was care-free? 'Life is what you make it,' went on this venerable friend, over the telephone. Oh, goah, how I do yearn to slap people who say 'Life is what you make it.' You might just as well sit upon an ornacular throne and solemnly boom this: 'Hocus Pocus Mumbo Jumbo Pie.' It means about as much. LIFE IS NOT what you make it, dear. YOUR life is what you make of it by your attitude toward those about you. That is why the reflection of love is the true expression of love. It may be that I wander far from my usual discourse, and that I stray beyond my depths, but I can't help but feel that all the unhappiness that is visited upon us is only the reaction or rebound of unhappiness that we have, wittingly or unwittingly, inflicted upon others at some other time. The sublime flexibility of love is its greatest force and greatest vital ingredient. One never actually sacrifices for love's sake, for love is made up of all the virtues of human character. Nay, life is not what we make it. We are what love makes of us.

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