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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Aerial science is now able to take some silesia, charged with electricity, and twist the tail of a tornado, or remove the bans notes from a thunder shower.

"The criminal elements of Jackson county" are gathering "in the cosmopolitan vice," to "crucify the moral candidates with the and of the liquor ring."

Our football team got a fine trimming from the Umatilla boys last Friday, the score being 36 to 6.—(Pendleton East Oregonian.)—Another case of where the score, failed to indicate the superior strength of the locals, who were defeated, but unconquered.

Many compliments have been rendered on the quality, quantity, and wetness of the rain, and the efficient manner in which it was distributed. It wet the feet, but failed to dampen the ardor of gossiping forces, spreading campaign smut.

And if you think John W. Davis stand on hooded bigotry and shirt-tail-righteousness was here, take time to peruse Calvin Coolidge's fearless endorsement of the work of the Red Cross of America.

WHAT NEXT? WHAT NEXT? (U. of O. Emerald)

Rolled hose for men, fast becoming popular on the campus, are no widespread at the University of Kansas that it has been suggested by student authorities that they be limited to upper-classmen.

The time is ripe to import a lecturer, and get back to reformably.

The culture of beauty continues unabated in the henna-houses.

Next Wednesday, Mr. LaFolles will stop sulking long enough to allege: "I was robbed in a flagrant manner by Wall St." The Wild Man of Montana, his partner in Bunk, will meet a similar fate, though the final count, will reveal the primary cause was an insufficiency of votes.

A. Conan Doyle, the famed spiritualist, says he has reliable information from a departed friend, that there are Ford cars loose in Heaven.

THE PROPER SPIRIT (Orange, Cal.) News

Mayor Whitsell today was in receipt of a letter by C. B. Sleep, secretary to President Coolidge, in which he conveyed thanks for a recent telegram dispatched by the Orange City Council endorsing the Colorado River project."

HURRAH FOR BRYAN (Salem Capital-Journal)

To the Editor:—Just a few lines. Now when Daniel knew the writing was signed he went into his house and prayed three times a day and the lions' mouths were shut.

Well, the recorded damage of \$41,252,350 is nothing more than an income tax threat and fine voters will show to you too, C. C. Chapman, on November 4, that they have heard the owls hoot before. Cheer up income taxpayers. The vast sums of timber and wealth that has disappeared from Oregon in the last few days will return on November 4 with the election of Davis and Bryan. Then on the 4th of November the voters will shut the lions' mouths forever, so far as the repeal of the state income tax is concerned.

Marjorie Lovett has "it" on that idol of the unburnished millions in the Mid-west prairie regions, in a late number of Poetry—declaring with forty-horsepower causticity that Edgar A. Guest is the poet laureate they deserve. Besides syndicalizing his machine-ground standard verses to millions of readers costing fifty to a hundred thousand dollars a year, he presides over a page of children's verses each week in the Detroit Free Press—children from six to ten years, systematically being made to believe they can write poetry and millions made to believe it is poetry of some sort.—(The Lariat.)

Slide on Astoria Highway. SEASIDE, Ore., Oct. 31.—A slide of some 800 cubic yards of rock and earth closed the Seaside Tillamook highway two miles south of here Friday morning. Road crews by noon had opened the road for one-way travel. A steam shovel will be put on to clear the road Monday morning.

THE INITIATIVE MEASURES.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE'S advice on the initiative measures is to vote "Yes" for the Income Tax repeal, Literacy Test and Oleo Bill, and "No" on all the other measures.

By this we do not mean that all the other measures are dangerous or even undesirable, but we do believe, that most of them are not properly matters for popular referendum, and the only way the injudicious abuse can be remedied, is for the people to serve notice that only measures involving some clear-cut distinct element of public policy have a chance of receiving popular endorsement.

As we have previously pointed out, the state income tax should be defeated, because Oregon more than any other state in the union, needs outside capital for its agricultural and industrial development, and the income tax is now keeping out capital, and if retained, will simply divert capital from this state to Washington and California.

When Oregon's neighbor states adopt an income tax will be time enough for Oregon to follow their example.

To keep Oregon burdened with an income tax now is simply to throttle legitimate economic development, at the very time, that encouragement to investment and enterprise, is most acutely needed.

The Voters Literacy amendment is a matter of good public policy. It would disenfranchise citizens who can neither read nor write the English language. Several other states in the country are said to have similar laws, and while there are valid objections to any legislation that will further complicate our election machinery, we feel that the benefits of such a measure would outweigh the disadvantages.

With the exception of a few elderly people, this provision would only eliminate the illiterate voter, or the voter whose interests and sympathies are so foreign to the United States that he refuses to talk or think in the language of his own country. To lose such a vote would be to contribute to and encourage good citizenship.

The next measure would amend the constitution—as if Oregon did not have too many constitutional amendments already,—adding "water for beneficial use or drainage" as a public use. The measure sounds harmless on the ballot, but there is too much danger, in our judgment, of the latitude such an amendment might allow. The measure should be defeated. Vote 303 No.

Next on the list is a state bonus for female employees of the war department during the World War and veterans of the Spanish War, secured by an amendment to the present soldiers' bonus statute.

This is an important piece of legislation, laudable in purpose and designed to correct an obvious injustice, but with the present tax situation in this state, we do not believe this is the time to increase the bonus obligation, or further complicate the administration of the present bonus.

Voters who study the initiative measures, conscientiously, have undoubtedly found more difficulty in reaching a decision on the Oleomargarine Bill than any other. For here is a measure, concerning which much may be said, both for and against.

If this bill proposed to do what many people we fear, have thought it would do,—prevent the sale of butter substitutes in this state entirely,—The Mail Tribune would be unalterably opposed to it.

But this is not the effect of the measure as we understand it. The bill merely would make it illegal for the manufacturer of Oleomargarine to use milk in that manufacture. In short, vegetable oils or animal fats may still be used as butter substitutes, but they can not be camouflaged as butter, by the use of milk.

There is no industry in the state and particularly in southern Oregon which needs assistance more than the dairy industry. Under the circumstances, although we are in general opposed to any more prohibitory legislation, we favor this bill.

No. 5 is entitled a "Naturopath Bill," and would create another state commission and another opportunity for some more commissioners to get on the public payroll. If we remember rightly a similar measure was defeated by the legislature and its fate should have been settled there. Any ailing person who desires Naturopathic treatment, may secure same under present laws. This measure should be defeated.

Last, and in some ways, most important of all, is the so-called "Workmen's Compulsory Compensation Law for Hazardous Occupations," all in all the most extraordinary piece of legislation that has ever appeared on an election ballot in this state or anywhere else.

Several times The Mail Tribune has urged its readers to study this bill for themselves, realizing that the only thing necessary for its overwhelming defeat is for the people to thoroughly understand it. We can comprehend how a person might prefer compulsory compensation to the present system of voluntary compensation in this state, but we can't comprehend how any sane person could be for this measure which in addition would create a super-government with sole control of compensation insurance, above the courts, the legislature, and, at least between elections, above the people. Such a law would place both the employer and the worker entirely at the mercy of three men, appointed by the government. The entire proposition from the standpoint of free government and common sense is simply preposterous. Vote 311 "No."

To sum up the initiative measure recommendations. Vote: 300—Yes. 303—No. 305—No. 306—Yes. 309—No. 311—No. 312—Yes.

QUILL POINTS

We must keep the national sport free of the national weakness.

The cross-word puzzle that gets the goat of the average child is "Don't."

A hyphen is on the level, thus differing from the politicians who appeal to it.

Telling bed-time stories to the kids is great fun, if they get in before you go to bed.

If little Willie can't add, don't worry. He will make a great golfer some day.

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 Case of Hyperinsulinism.

The very best surgeons assert that the diagnosis of gastritis or duodenal ulcer may be made in many cases, on the history alone—that is, merely by hearing the patient describe his complaint. The typical picture is—well it certainly is a picture that ought not to be published here, but it is so characteristic that we must admit the surgeons are usually right in the snap diagnosis. Once in a while the bismuth meal and X-ray pictures fail to verify the snap diagnosis. Here is an instance:



An office man, aged 39, about 160 pounds under standard weight, had periodic spells of discomfort for a week or two at intervals of several months. He said it was not pain, but a sense of distress or coldness—he said he could hardly describe it in words—in the region of the stomach. This distress usually came a few hours after meals, sometimes in the middle of the night. With it there was considerable anxiety and weakness, and he found that he could obtain relief promptly by taking almost any kind of food, particularly an orange. Through the interest of a friend to whom he mentioned his trouble he consulted a surgeon, who followed the precepts of the British authority and made the diagnosis of duodenal ulcer on the history. Then the surgeon sent the patient to the roentgenologist, who made the X-ray pictures and felt uncertain about their significance. The surgeon, however, urged immediate operation as the safest and best course. The patient preferred to sleep on the proposition. I believe I should prefer to sleep on it myself, if the trouble amounted to no more than described. In his sleep he returned to his old family doctor. Old but not fossilized. The family doctor listened to the history recited by the wayward patient (the jazz age of specialism makes a lot of 'em backward) and, not to be outdone by the fast workers, advanced a tentative or snap diagnosis of hyperinsulinism. That may sound like insouciance but it means over secretion of insulin by the pancreas. When an excess of that internal secretion is poured or injected into the blood, the amount of sugar in the blood is lowered far below the normal, and the individual suffers certain characteristic effects which are quickly relieved by almost any kind of carbohydrate food, say some orange juice or candy or a sweetened beverage, or milk chocolate, or ice cream. The amount of sugar normally present in the blood is remarkably constant, even in a fasting individual, and a blood sugar test is readily and accurately made by the clinical pathologist today. The normal figure is about one-tenth of 1 per cent, and anything between 0.99 and 0.12 per cent of glucose (sugar in the blood is considered within normal bounds. In this particular case, in the course of a spell of distress the blood sugar was found reduced to 0.65 on one occasion and 0.654 on another. "Aha," observed Officer Squiller, as we might designate the old F. P., entering a charge of seven fifty for swaying the patient from an exploratory operation. He prescribed six small

Abe Martin. Questions and Answers. Vaccination. Is vaccination compulsory? Has any doctor the legal right to vaccinate a person without his consent? (I. J. M.) Answer.—No. No doctor has a legal right to vaccinate or apply any other treatment against the will or without the consent of the individual treated. But of course the state has the right to exclude an individual from school if the individual is not vaccinated, for the unvaccinated individual may be a menace to others, since he is more likely to contract and infect others with smallpox. At least this is the argument on which the matter is upheld at present. I think it would be more reasonable and just to offer the protection of vaccination to every individual without expense, and let those who do not desire to avail themselves of it go their own way—we who believe in vaccination certainly have nothing to fear from smallpox. If our public health administration were established on logical grounds there would be no question of compulsory vaccination. That is really an absurd practice for a public health guardian to advocate. But public health administration in the country generally is a weird combination of bad politics, superstition, paper work and red tape, all of which tends to keep the better kind of men out of it. The tricky method by which vaccination is made practically compulsory in some communities is a thing the health authorities should be ashamed of—I mean the scheme which arranges one law to compel attendance at school and another to exclude the child that isn't vaccinated. That's an illustration of the unworthy methods of bad public health administration. People who back such legislation are too shiftily to entrust with the guardianship of public health. Wrapping paper, cut to fit any size paper holder, from white print paper, at this office at prices much below the regular wrapping paper price. Call at once or phone 75.

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