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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

Somebody will get shot yet, maintaining the alluvial deposits of one site for a schoolhouse, is germane to the geological formation of the other.

The dull thud of barrel stave against a parlor rug is heard in the residential districts.

OR A LASS ABOUT 40

(Roseburg News-Review) A COWBOY from Montana, 35, would like to write to Oregon girls. I prefer maidens about 39. Address Victor Graham, 1854 Pacific Ave., Santa Clara, Cal.

The old fashioned miner, with a spoonful of gold in a liver pill bottle, is back in the diggings.

A horse and buggy went down the Main Stem this morning. The driver had a hoof dangling over the edge of the seat.

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (By the Associated Press.)—Three nice murders and a fourth stabbing affray are the outcome of the latest flare-up of a feud between Mexican and other convicts at the state prison.

A postoffice pen either squirts ink like a grape fruit does juice, or makes tracks like a ten-penny nail.

TAX ISSUE SIGHTED

(Coos Bay Times) He went after art, science, music, literature, husband, wives, war, pacifism, socialism, flappers, jazz, automobiles, politics, morality, France, education, cards, dancing, unsanitary conditions of the home-brew industry, thirty-two societies working for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, modernists in religion, evolutionists and Christian Science.

Also, could you tell me how to keep leather-seated chairs from sticking when you sit in them? In the summer they stick so badly that some of them look like the leather has been pulled off.—Mrs. E. S. T.—(Portland Telegram.) As long as the occupant escapes disrobing, and the attendant embarrassment, don't worry.

What the country needs is a Carrot-In-The-Soup Week.

A rope was about the man's neck and a piece of the same rope hung from a small tree directly over him, showing that it had broken after the man threw his weight on it.—(Oregon City Enterprise.) Sounds plausible.

Humdinger, tolling for the civic good, balked at bringing in the wood.

HHad no time to mow the lawn. Last new notions fail to spawn.

Now he has the slow consumption. Due to rash display of gumption.

For his wife he turned the wringer; Now he is the club's best singer.

LEARNED COUNSEL AGAIN

(Chico, Cal. Enterprise) By the assertion that there is no direct evidence that the victim in the Bennett murder case is dead, effort is made to prove that the attorney for the defense at least is alive.

HOKUM

Another woman whose age lies close to one hundred years has been interviewed. She says praying and not worrying is the secret of old age. She also recommends work.

This reminds us that heredity has much to do with the question, and after that there is the element of luck in having been trained how to eat, sleep, exercise and so on.

In the old days there were many advertisements of whisky, and usually whenever a picture of a Christian was run, with temperance as his receipt for old age, the whisky companies would run some old 'rum demon' photo, with his testimonial that he had been a drinking man for 70 years.

The same applies to tobacco, tea, coffee and many other habits that are supposed to affect human longevity. We have about come to the conclusion that the undertakers will continue to thrive in spite of any and all theories that may be advanced and that one person will die young, another at middle age, and others will hang on until old Tutankhamen will have to look to his laurels.—(San Luis Obispo, Cal., Tribune.)

HERE AND THERE.

IN THE excitement of a High School controversy, the people of Medford should not overlook the fact that there is another election the day following the school election. On Saturday, May 16th, the voters will be called upon to decide whether or not a section of Siskiyou Heights adjoining the city, should be taken into the city, and the same question will be voted upon by the residents of the district affected. This is an important question, and according to supporters of the movement, will benefit the city by enlarging its taxable area and benefit the outside property owners by increasing the value and salability of their holdings.

The difficulty of constructive achievement in international conferences is shown by the reactions to the United States proposal that the exportation of poison gases be prohibited. The larger nations, equipped to do their own manufacturing, do not need importations, while the smaller nations, in case of war, would be put at a great disadvantage by such a provision. How to accommodate these differences, inherent in the situation provides one of those complicated and knotty problems which render marked progress through international conferences, next to impossible.

The present situation in Oregon regarding the referendum demonstrates the need of increasing the signatures required to secure popular action on measures duly passed by representatives of the people. Under the present arrangement any interested minority, and minorities are invariably interested—can hold up legislation by initiating a referendum even though the people of the state as a whole are in favor of such legislation. A provision restricting a popular veto on legislation, to changes backed by unquestioned public demand, would go far toward correcting one of the obvious abuses of too much direct political action.

QUILL POINTS

"I appeal to your intelligence" usually means: "Now I'll try a little soft soap on you."

Perhaps the easiest way to acquire a dominating personality is to be born feminine.

Still, man's inhumanity to man doesn't compare with woman's inhumanity to woman.

Well, a man has a right to call his bald area a "spot." Think how large sun spots are.

It must seem a dull political discussion in the Balkans if the bomb fails to explode.

A woman who has four kids and the housework doesn't worry about her husband's understanding her.

The great are quickly forgotten, and the only remaining trace of Wales' visit is an occasional blue shirt.

Middle age may be defined as that period when you realize that a pain doesn't indicate anything in particular.

Correct this sentence: "He lost his money," said the gossip, "but everybody continues to treat him with respect."

Who's Who

Rep. William E. Hull

Appreciating the fact that the commercial development of South America is directly related to the road conditions there the International Good Roads Association is to hold its conference, drawing representatives from practically every nation, in Buenos Aires late this year.

A year ago a delegation of civic leaders from South America came to the U. S. for the purpose of inspecting roads, road-building methods and general road problems here with a view toward starting a road expansion program. The selection of Buenos Aires for the convention was a direct result of this visit.

President Coolidge has named Rep. William E. Hull of Peoria, Ill., as the official representative of the United States at the conference.

Hull has been a champion of hard roads for 15 years and is given much

of the credit for obtaining \$160,000,000 in bond issues for road improvement work in his state.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Highway Improvement association.

He was born in Lewistown, Fulton county, Illinois, Jan. 13, 1866. He cut short his college career at Lewistown and Illinois college to begin work as a government gauger. Later he entered the hotel business and now is president of a large chemical company.

His first public office was that of postmaster at Peoria. He was elected to congress for the first time two years ago.

Tobacco Firm Fails NEW YORK, May 8.—The American Sumatra Tobacco company, a \$17,000,000 concern, was declared to be insolvent in a petition in bankruptcy filed against the company in federal court today by three creditor concerns. The tobacco firm was placed in equity receivership Thursday.



ENDURANCE CONTEST.

"JIM TEAZLE is a dreary scout; into my house he drops, and talks for long, long hours about the weather and the crops. I strive to lead him from his theme to one of higher class; I'd talk of cars propelled by steam, of cars that burn up gas; I'd talk about the bench and bar, about the traffic cops, but Teazle won't be led afar from weather and the crops. I'd tell romances of the mart; the epic tale of steel; I'd talk about the nation's debt, of statesmen spinning tops, but Tim refuses to forget the weather and the crops. When I have chattered till my throat's so sore I have to quit, I hear him saying, 'Both the oats and wheat are badly hit. That hot wind, followed by a freeze has ruined all the hay, the bales are souring on the trees, the corn is dead and gray.' And so he struggles bravely on until the midnight nears, while I suppress the anguished yawn, and wipe away my tears. And when he takes his hat and cane, as though to go away, 'Don't hurry thus, a while remain, the evening's young,' I say. Politeness makes its stern demands on every gent at times, and every gent convicted stands of lies and kindred crimes. 'Ear better lie a bit,' thinks he, 'than make some bosom sore, although that bosom's owner be a crops-and-weather bore.' So I remark to poor old Tim, 'Be sure to come again; your discourse, sprung with force and vim, buoy's up the souls of men.'"

JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLE.

The words start in the numbered squares and run either across or down. Only one letter is placed in each white square. If the proper words are found each combination of letters in the white squares will form words. The key to the puzzle—the first word—is given in the drawing. Below are keys to the other words.

- RUNNING ACROSS Word 1. The low lying land in the picture. Word 5. First person singular indicative of the verb be. Word 6. To accomplish or perform. the world. Abbreviated. Word 9. A low singing voice. Word 7. The greatest country in Word 10. The first man. Word 11. An exclamation or sound of mirth. Word 12. Sound of pain. Word 14. Direction toward. Word 15. In the sewing basket.

RUNNING DOWN

- Word 1. What we all long for in the summer. Word 2. Same as word 5 running across. Word 3. Man's name. Abbreviated. Word 4. America's most picturesque valley. Word 7. A western state. Word 8. What all children like to buy. Word 13. Us. Word 14. First name of a popular governor of an eastern state.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Poems That Live

Wint' might have been, So many things there might have been, Had our dear child not died, We count them up and call them over.

We weigh the less against the more— The joy she never knew or shared, The bitter words forever spared, The dangers turned aside, Heaven's full security—and then Perplexed we sigh—all might have been.

We might have seen her sweet cheeks glow With love's own happy bloom, Her eyes with maiden gladness full, Finding the whole world beautiful; We might have seen the joy once full.

The dear face faded and grew pale, The smiles gave into gloom, Love's sun grew dim and sank again, Either of these it might have been.

We might have seen her with the crown Of wifehood on her head, A queen of home's fair sovereignty, With little children at her knees; Or, broken-hearted and alone, Bereft and widowed of her own, Mourning beside her dead.

This thing, or that, beyond our ken, It might have been, it might have been.

There is no need of question now, No doubts or risks or fears; Safe fought in the eternal care, Grow fairer each day and more fair.

With radiance in the clear young eyes Which in cool depths of Paradise Look without strain of tears, Reading the Lord's intent, and then Smiling to think what might have been.

We too will smile, O dearest child! Our dull souls may not know The deeper things hidden from mortal sense, Which feed thy heavenly confidence, On this one sure thought can we rest.

That God has chosen for thee the best, Or else it were not so; He called thee back to heaven again Because He knew what might have been.

—Susan Coolidge.

Abe Martin



"I feel like I'd jest confessed," said Late Bud, this mornin', as he bright-eyed up an' busted off 't work. I don't know what's meant by a bumper crop unless it's th' great number of dead pedestrians.

COMMUNICATIONS

Fears Floods at P. & E. Site. To the Editor: Eleven years' residence in an irrigation district, instilled in me a mighty respect for the power of water.

I have seen a tiny stream start from a sage rat's burrowing in the big lateral, and grow in a few minutes into a raging torrent that swept ditch bank and roadway into the spillway.

I have seen exhausted men work without rest for twenty-four hours sandbagging the dam at the intake to save the valley from ruinous inundation.

Last winter we all saw pretty little Bear creek transformed into an ugly stream, and if Emigrant dam had not held, a wall of water many feet high would have roared over the P. & E. site.

"But," said an engineer, "dams don't break these days."

Henry Ford's dam, the best that money and engineers could construct, broke less than a month ago.

Vale, in our own state, was almost washed away last winter when the Bull Creek dam broke.

Thompson, Seattle's city engineer, said the two million dollar City Water dam at Cedar river would not break. But it did, and washed one town off the map.

Tiffany, one of Spokane's big engineers will carry a bad facial scar to his grave, because he guessed wrong and didn't jump far enough.

Those who are childless, or not interested in children, may feel that a school site is a matter of small consequence, and in event of guessing wrong, they can always express regret and send flowers.

But surely all voting mothers will protest against housing their children in the path of a possible disaster. They would rather be safe than sorry, even though both regrets and flowers be available.

MRS. EMMA RALLEN MOORE, Medford, May 8.

An Answer to Bart Anderson To the Editor: The barren lands of Kansas might do for sheep raising, but we are not in Kansas, neither are the people of Medford sheep.

Medford wants a high school site where we can grow fine trees and lawns, the proper setting for a beautiful high school building, and playground for our young people. Not a manufacturing site surrounded by woodyards and smoke stacks, and where you have to blast holes to plant trees, make lawns by hauling real soil from east of Bear creek.

Sounds to us like some folks have real estate in that barren section they wish to dispose of.

We think it quite fitting that some of our public buildings should be where they can be seen from the Pacific and Crater Lake highways so that tourists can see we have such buildings in Medford.

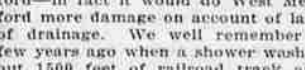
Regarding flood possibilities, engineers have said if the irrigation dam should break, the creek would rise very little, as the laterals would carry off the surplus before it reached Medford—in fact it would do West Medford more damage on account of lack of drainage. We well remember a few years ago when a shower washed out 1500 feet of railroad track and blocked traffic on the west side.

Cost of Sites Four acres on Holly street were purchased for \$5000, \$2000 is owed on that and eight additional acres to cost \$33,000 more, five properties to be condemned, perhaps going to law, and time wasted, our bondage only \$135,000, site costing \$35,000, leaving only \$15,000 for the building.

The P. & E. site will cost \$25,000, with 12 acres, near enough to the old high school which could be used until the new high school could be finished. Vote for the P. & E. site and eliminate danger of children drowning in Holly Hill basement.

MRS. WM. MILLER, Taylor St. May 8th.

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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY DRESSMAKING

Very soon it will be 1-2-3 weather again and we 4-5-6 7-8 want to be kept sewing when it is so warm, so let us get all our sewing 2-6-10-15 with a now while the weather is cool!

Get your thimble and 4-9-13-17-20-24-29 and thread, too! Let me 27-32-34 what you have to sew. I see you have already 29-30-31-32-33 your initials on your clothes. "8-12," for Rose Tucker. In 19-23-28-33 I think that is a very good idea. I marked all my clothes with indelible ink. They say you cannot 24-25-26-27-28 it.

21-25-30 you sure brother, 18-19, is not about, 1-5 is such an awful 3-7-11-16-18. Yesterday he put Fido right into my 20-21-22 and Fido put his dirty 23-31 upon my shoulder! Edward said Fido was begging for something good to 10-11-12, but I think Edward was just trying to vex me. He 13-14-15-16 greatly in making Fido behave so badly.

Answer To Last Puzzle 14-15-14-21 (ma ma), 33-34 (my), 16-17-18 (she), 7-11 (it), 4-9-16-23 (dish), 1-2-6-10-18-25 (tureen), 3-4-5-6 (odor), 2-3-32-38-41 (burry), 20-31 (so), 23-24-25-26-27-28 (hunger), 27-33 (Em), 11-12-13 (ten) 39-45 (is), 8-15-22-30 (fats), 36-37-38 (nor), 19-20 (of), 28-34-40 (rye), 20-29-33 (for), 21-22 (at), 31-36 (on), 13-19 (no), 41-42-43 (yes).

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Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

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.

Beware! Poison.

A somewhat overzealous internal revenue agent in a district where illicit drug traffic is a scandal, made the mistake of pinching a reputable physician who had permitted a patient to carry home some morphine to take in divided doses over Sunday.

Instead of giving the whole quantity in one big dose in his office as our wise federal rule insists, but the politician who judges such cases brought some discretion to apply and promptly dismissed the charge and gave the physician a formal certificate showing that there had been no unprofessional conduct.

A reader of this column cut a formula out of the paper and had a druggist prepare it. The formula was for eye drops and consisted of 19 grains of boric acid, one grain of zinc sulphate and one ounce of distilled water, a drop or two to be put in the eyes once or twice a day for a few weeks to relieve the redness and irritation of simple chronic conjunctivitis or lid inflammation.

The druggist pasted a label on the vial which indicated that the stuff was poisonous and the reader was afraid to use it. That same druggist keeps on his shelves and sells to any dupe who cares to buy hokum, at least one nostrum which contains boric acid and zinc sulphate, but he never deems a poison label necessary when he can wheedle the unwise into paying the fancy price for the mystery in the nostrum.

Most of the real poisons, sold indiscriminately carry no poison label. On the contrary the unsophisticated purchaser is usually assured by the manufacturer of the poisonous nostrum that it is perfectly harmless, and too often the unprincipled agent adds his own personal assurance in order to effect a sale. I have known many a case where physicians have to save the life of the victim of this particular line of legitimate trade, when the "perfectly harmless" drop happened to contain more opium or other poison than a feeble person could stand.

Speaking of the free and easy distribution of poisons, here is a startling instance. Minnie McMahon, a factory inspector for the New York labor department, tells in the Industrial Hygiene Bulletin how "new health hazards are substituted for old." The silvering of mirrors was formerly done with mercury amalgam, but today it is generally done with silver nitrate. The workers constantly exposed to silver nitrate may develop argyria, a peculiar silver blue discoloration of the skin which is impossible to remove. But the striking feature is the method commonly used by the workers to remove the black stains which silver nitrate leaves on the hands. It seems that a jar of sodium cyanide is generally kept on the wash room shelf and workers nonchalantly reach in and take a lump of the deadly poison to rub on their hands. So

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

All Milk, No Water. Is it detrimental to the health of a grown person to drink cows' milk and not water?—H. R. E. Answer—If one drinks as much as three quarts of cows' milk daily he will get enough water, at least enough for the requirements of a resting person.

Eat All But the Core. In reply to a query you said that eating baked apple is a healthful habit, especially if one eats the skin with the apple. From this I infer that the skin of the apple has some special virtue. Will you kindly tell me what it is.—D. J. J. Answer—"The skin furnishes a wholesome roughage to stimulate digestion and the peristalsis of waves of propulsive motion in the intestine. The mineral salts lie in or close under the skin and are largely lost if the apple peel is discarded. The vitamins likewise lie close under the skin.

Left Handed. Will a left handed person taught to write with his right hand be less efficient than he would be if he used his left hand? I am the southpaw concerned. A high school graduate, and I was informed recently that I am greatly handicapped by my condition and that it diminishes mental capacity and lowers capacity to concentrate.—E. J. Answer—About 4 per cent of all children are naturally left handed and it is wiser to teach them to use the left hand for fine work, whether the right hand is to be trained or not. In the naturally left handed child the length of the "ulna plus" (from the tip of elbow to knuckle of little finger) is greater on the left hand. Half baked pedagogues are usually prejudiced against left hand training, but they should be firmly suppressed if they attempt to interfere with the child's use of the left hand in school. There is no good reason why one should not use the left hand for writing or other fine work if one prefers. I do not know, but I am of the opinion that forced change to right handedness from a naturally left handed condition does tend to lower the individual's general efficiency.

Decayed Baby Teeth. Three year old daughter has abscesses on the gums above three front teeth. One dentist tells me to leave them alone; another tells me the teeth should be extracted at once.—W. L. Answer—If the dentist cannot save the teeth with a temporary filling, it should be extracted.

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