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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Governmental efficiency in Prohibition enforcement is still amazing. Landing of huge cargoes of rum is being discovered, with deadly accuracy, after it has been landed, distributed, and the landowners have set sail for the port of embarkation.

Dear Editor:

I came into this peaceful valley intending to open a gas sile, or run for office. I find most of the population minding their own business without the aid of imported agitators, so I will move on. I find all on the verge of murder, or a bass solo. New settlers who have been here for years get a bad impression. I am disgusted.

Yours truly,
John J. Markwell,
Hot Dog, Mont.

WHY WILLAMETTE "U" TEAMS ARE CALLED "BEAR CATS"

(Salem Capital Journal).
One of the best things about Willamette University is that it has no winning football team, and probably never will have, to demoralize its students who have a serious purpose in life and attend to secure an education and not to play games or witness spectacles.

A closed in back, suitable for milk wagon, separator and several Jersey cows. Address Adam Kolb, city reservoir.—(Baker Democrat.) Very near a load.

It's about time for a well-known student of the University of Oregon to get his best girl in a canoe, and tip the canoe over.

4ds with "buzz saw attachments" are now on the market. If the 4d don't get you, the buzz saw will.

Some of the prominent excuses are as thin as a slab of beany butter.

NOTICE—Colored girl does hand laundry; also goes out by the hour. Call 980 Front st., phone 613-J.—(Cooch Bay Times.) Admirable candor.

MERCHANT BREAKS UP HOME. DEPARTS—(Marysville, Cal., Appeal.) Good judgment, and what is the lady's name?

A HEARTLESS CORPORATION (Yreka, Cal., Journal).
TENNANT, Cal., May 4.—(Special to the Journal.) On last pay-day, April 25, all employees received a medal made of copper attached to a card in commemoration of the Long-Bell Lumber company's 50th anniversary.

East side, West side, All around the town, Little Mrs. Riley, Knocked her neighbor down.

While riding down the Main Stem Wed., Willie Green was run over by an auto. This rising young trick bicycle rider had his hands on the handle bars at the time.

The menace of the pussy willows on Bear Creek, is balanced by the dog fennel on Holly street.

On Monday evening a jovial crowd proceeded to the paragon to "chivaree" Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phelps. Treats were brought out and after building a bonfire, the evening was pleasantly spent. To finish up the company went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Plunkett and proceeded to tune up their musical instruments again, but Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett had escaped to the home of a neighbor.—(Corvallis Gazette-Times). Next time they'll not be so lucky.

THE BUSY CITIZEN
I have not time to hear the birds, The seasons bring along, For I must run to operas, For prima donna songs.

I have not time to notice stars In galaxy at night, For I must hold my steering-wheel And watch with all my might.

I have not time to cast my vote On next election day, For I have dates at our golf links—I must take time to play.

I have not time to be a friend To those whom I should cheer, For I must use my time to pick When Mammion's plums appear.

I have not time for folks at home, I think they ought to know, For why should I wait for their talk And miss the radio?

(National Republic)

THERE IS AN ELECTION SATURDAY, ALSO.

ATTENTION is called to the fact once more, that there is an important city election not only tomorrow but the day after. Tomorrow the voters will decide whether or not they want the new high school built on the Holly Street or P. and E. site, and it begins to look as though this matter might be settled without bloodshed.

On Saturday, the day following, the people of Medford will decide, whether or not, they wish to extend the corporate limits east and north of the city, and the residents in the districts affected, are to vote upon the same question.

The Mail Tribune believes an affirmative vote on Saturday will be of mutual benefit to the city and to outlying districts.

Enlarging the taxable area will reduce the per capita city tax at a time when such reduction will be most welcome.

On the other hand, for the residents of contiguous territory to vote for annexation, will not only be good citizenship, but good business.

Siskiyou Heights is the logical district for the extension of Medford's east side residence district, while the other sections are logical extensions north. But development in these directions will be impossible unless the districts can offer the prospective buyer city advantages,—water, good streets, police and fire protection,—but particularly water.

A vote for annexation means a solution of the water problem. And such a solution is worth far more than the increase of taxes involved. In fact, we believe that any property owner involved who will analyze the situation will find his payment in city taxes will not be an expense, but an investment that will yield him a large profit at once and steadily increasing profits through the years to come.

It would be extremely unfortunate if this annexation election should go by the boards simply because of the concentration of interest in the more thrilling, but not more important school-site election.

So The Mail Tribune urges the people of Medford and outlying districts to remember that they have a duty on Saturday as well as Friday. Then on Sunday the voter who has "did his duty" can,—after attending church,—go to the highways and byways, with a clear head and a clearer conscience.

QUILL POINTS

Americanism: Subscribing for the magazine to get a set of books.

What the farmer needs most is a government bulletin telling how to raise the price.

Opportunity knocks but once. It must seem a great relief to an umpire.

After all you can't judge a man by his clothes or a woman by her lack of them.

The proof of a forgiving spirit is to weep when you read that a roadhouse has been robbed.

After all, all France needs is some way to extract money from herself without pain.

The objection to falling in love with an ankle is that an ankle knows so little about cooking.

There were bad manners, even in the old days, but they were not called a "dominating personality."

Life is simpler to Frenchmen. They needn't keep hunting up new things to view with alarm.

Once it was a joy ride when the horse felt his oats; now it is a joy ride when the driver feels his rye.

The rest of us could economize as well as Mr. Coolidge if we could see the ball games for nothing.

Once make the Christian peoples into Christians and it won't be necessary to talk to them about morality.

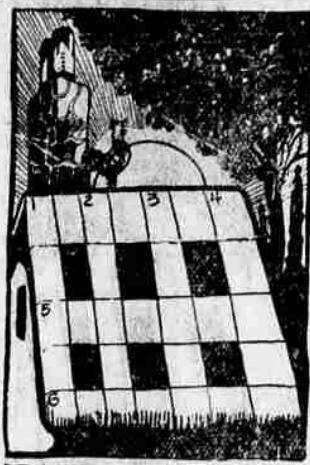
At this divorce rate, the years of connubial bliss after the first will soon be classed as extra innings.



THE GARDNER.

I GAZE about me in the dawn, and mutter, "What's the use?" Smith's cow is parked upon my lawn, and Johnson's hens are loose. James Jimson's seven Airedale pups have frolicked here and there, and ruined all my buttercups, and filled me with despair. And cats and geese and guinea fowls have scratched and dug and clawed; and so my anguished spirit howls, with chaos thus abroad. My rare verbenas all are torn, my cockleburrs are dead, and I can only dumbly mourn, with ashes on my head. The men who own the geese and ewes, and cats and crocodiles, and bandicoots and kangaroos, will greet me soon with smiles. They all are pleasant, friendly wights, who have no moral kink; they would not trespass on my rights if they'd but stop to think. All carelessly they let their swine their wombats and baboons infest this pleasant lot of mine, and spoil my growing prunes. They would not wilfully destroy a shrub or rhubarb tree; it doesn't give them any joy to put a crimp in me. They simply do not give a thought to others' rights or wrongs; their minds are on the battles fought amid the market's throngs. The carelessness of cheerful guys who have no dark design has brought to countless human eyes all kinds of scalding brine. Methinks I'd rather have a foe who'd dump me in the soup, than have a friend who works me woe, and doesn't care a whoop.

JUNIOR CROSS WORD PUZZLE



HOW TO SOLVE PUZZLES.
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. Across are keys to the other words.

RUNNING ACROSS
Word 1. The first appearance of the sun in the morning.
Word 5. The ropes and chains that are attached to the masts and spars of vessels.

Word 6. A dish. Also a position on a baseball team.

RUNNING DOWN

Word 1. What you like to have on pan cakes.

Word 2. Opposite of day.

Word 3. What people from Ireland are called.

Word 4. Earnest; keenly desirous.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Abe Marlin



By far the greatest reform the Coolidge administration has put over was making the postage on souvenir cards almost prohibitive. Now, if it'll rule cocoanuts out of the mails northern winters won't be so bad. Elmer Moots, who traded for a car that'd only gone 150 miles, is back on his feet again.

COMMUNICATIONS

Silliman Answers Anderson.

To the Editor:
In answer to P. S. Anderson's communication in regard to my letter the other day will say:

1. That the school board never came to me for a price on block 62, or consulted me in any way.

2. Mr. Franklin dropped into the store and in the discussion I told him that if the board would secure suitable lots for me and move my houses onto them that I would trade even up and felt sure the same could be done for not to exceed \$2000. This he refused to consider and stated that the board could not go and buy lots and move houses, etc.

The following day they sent a real estate man to see me with an offer on my property for 60 days, me to pay 5 per cent commission for making the deal and wanted a cash price on the whole block. It was then that I stated the price would be \$6000, but I refused to sign the option or pay 5 per cent commission for closing the deal.

After the board had refused my offer, I went to Mr. Boggs as chairman of the planning commission and gave him the option as above stated. Mr. Boggs has no lots in that locality that I want, so can not profit by the trade.

On Sunday afternoon, before several people, including two members of the school board, I made the same offer again and agreed that if the school board would give me the \$2000 that I would buy the lots

and move my own houses and I will stand by my word.

It seems to me that the whole proposition is to make the Holly street ground cost as much as possible in order to defeat it and not for the best interests of the school or people.

With 500 to 1000 high school pupils going down Main street for the next 50 years means business for some one. The almighty dollar speaks louder than words.
E. C. SILLIMAN.

Play Fair, Phipps Urges.

To the Editor:
I think Bert Anderson is getting a little over enthusiastic about his Holly street site, but we all know Bert. Yet I do not think it is fair for him to try to smear Miller and Wilson's reputations, since it has been the custom to apportion the buying of merchandise to the various merchants of the town.

The superintendent of schools was buying the greater part of the school supplies out of town until Miller showed him he could furnish them for less.

As for Wilson, who is a clerk at the M. F. & H. Co., whose financial interest in that concern is so small that it doesn't figure much for Wilson when we give the M. F. & H. Co. their share of the patronage of the school district.

These men have given a great deal of their time to the schools and I don't believe they have taken one cent unjustly. All bills have been carefully checked by the clerk, superintendent and full board and there is absolutely no chance for robbery.

Let's play fair.
J. D. PHIPPS,
Chairman of School Board.

Urges Voters to Settle Down.

To the Editor:
It seems a shame that after raising all these pretty flowers and fine lawns, removing rubbish, unsightly buildings, etc. and the fact this valley was once a lake,—as everywhere there is evidence that it was once under water,—that we have no safe and slightly place to build this schoolhouse.

It appears to me that our children need a little more thought given to the effect of some of the latest styles, pictures, papers, etc., and fewer illustrations of our ability to put over something rank and get away with it by law or have a special officer to relieve us.

Don't be timid and get bluffed by this long range stuff intended to settle this matter. Get down to normal by Friday noon and vote with the same apparent foresight and good judgment you did on the bond issue is the best that can be done now.

W. J. MESSENGER.

Don't Blame School Site.

To the Editor:

We have read the letters pro and con about the location of new high school.

But the letter that aroused our indignation the most, was where the morality of our young were attacked. One site is no better than the other when it comes to rendezvous for immoral purposes. Shame on any one suggesting any argument of that nature.

Put the two places in the balance, and one will balance the other, either right or wrong.

Immorality is extant we all know, but are the older ones more to blame for such conditions than our children?

Why lay immoral purposes at the door of our schools? Go search, you may find them in your own dooryard dear mother.

Many parents have the idea when children start to school their work is done for the twenty-four hours of the day. All depends upon the teachers who have the children eight out of the twenty-four under their supervision and the atmosphere may be purer in the school room than in the home or wherever the child may be the remaining hours of the day. If a child falls by the wayside, how easy to blame the school. They may be of high school age, but the high school is not to blame for the downfall of your child.

Mothers tipping the glass, smoking cigarettes, keeping late hours, coming home in condition not fit for her child to see, breaking the laws of our land as if they meant nothing, is it any wonder children go astray?

Place has nothing to do with this. Let us work to give our young people clean, pure thoughts and ideals and examples and raise them in our homes to love God and obey the laws of our land. Then you need not worry over the location of your new high school.

EDITH MILLER.
Medford, May 14.

To the Editor: I arrived in the Rogue River valley sixty-five (65) years ago, at the age of fifteen (15) years, and slept the first night under the old oak tree now standing on the south side of the Natatorium.

I have been here ever since. I have hunted ducks all over the northwest side of town where they stayed in the potholes, as the water would stand there and would not drain off on account of the hard pan. There never has been any water standing on the grounds where the P. & E. was located. I have lived at 119 Almond street for twenty (20) years and am still living there and have never been bothered with high water.

The creek channel is now about four feet deeper and several times wider than it used to be. There is absolutely no danger of water on the P. & E. location.

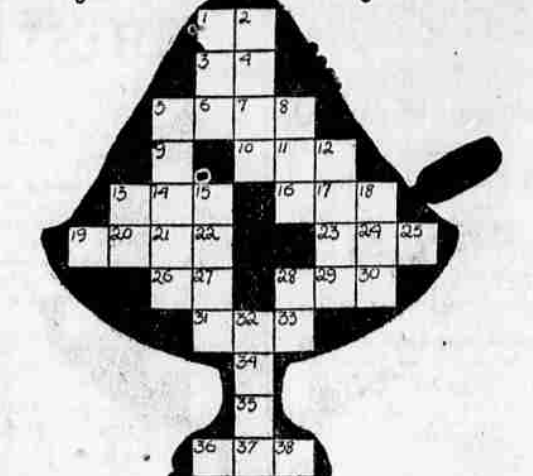
I dug a well on Almond street 18 years ago, dug twenty feet to water and only four feet of water came into the well. The well is still there as proof of my statement.

The house where Mr. Gaddis lives was built about 30 years ago. There was a basement dug under it at that time and is still there and it never has had water in it. I can convince anyone open to reason. I have been told that Tom Merriman said that he has seen water standing up to Jordan's window sill and could prove it by me. That is false, as I never saw it and he never did, and Mr. Jordan will tell you that there never was water in his yard.

There is no safer or better place for building than on the P. & E. tract.
TOM COLLINS.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

WHO WANTS SOME?



"I-2 joy! 10-11-12 has brought us some ice cream!" cried little sister Dorothy, we call her 18-24-30 for short. 16-17-18 you see the tea 5-6-7-8? I want to ring it 13-20 that 31-32-33 others will come and 32-34-35-37 some ice cream, too!

"Will you 36-37-38 the dog have some cream?" asked Dot.
"3-4 I should 23-24-25 think it were good for him!" replied Dad. The 8-11-16 that lives 15-22-27-31 door 28-29-30 me at the gate. Shall I invite him in to 12-17-23-29 with us? He was all a-19-20-21-22 for every 1-3-6 in his house had gone out.

The big red 13-14-15 was setting and it was 5-9-14-21-26 to become dark for the moon was very small.

"Will you 2-4-7-10 the light for me? I see two letters scratched on our gate!" said Dot.

"26-27, look like Roman numerals!" said I "Five hundred and ten!"

Answer To Last Puzzle

7-8-9-10 (let's), 1-2-4-10 (tops), 3-4-5-6 (spin), 16-17 (we), 3-9-15-20-25-29 (street), 32-27-31 (see), 21-26-30-32 (even), 18-19-20-21-22 (trees), 6-11-16 (new), 7-13-18 (let), 8-14-19-24 (earn), 29-30-31 (tee), 24-25-26-27-28 (never), 13-14-15 (ear), 12-17-23 (hen), 11-12 (Eh!).

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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.

Physicians Seen to Disagree.

Reading your interesting column recently, just after an interview with my own physician, who advised me to practice deep breathing regularly, I am tempted to ask your opinion on this much mooted question of proper breathing. What exercises, if any, should one take for better breathing? I believe you have given your views in print, but I have not the record. (S. N. T.)

Deep breathing is one of several much misunderstood questions which have an important bearing on health and which are essential questions of physiology. As every school boy knows, I am about to say that if the rudiments of physiology were taught in common school these questions would not be mooted or debatable.

Various deep breathing exercises are of value in the treatment of certain disease conditions, particularly certain pleural lesions. But that is an individual medical problem to be left entirely to the individual medical adviser.

Even of the popular books dealing with health or hygiene give the layman any light on the question of deep breathing, though it is common enough for short cut healers and mail order humbugs of various kinds to urge deep breathing as an indiscriminately helpful exercise. A recent book entitled "Personal Hygiene Applied," by Jesse Feiring Williams, A. B., M. D., who is well known as head of the physical education department in teachers college, Columbia university, goes into the question of deep breathing in a painstaking and illuminating way and Dr. Williams shows the unscientific character of so called deep breathing exercises for general health building. Dr. Williams further describes the unhygienic consequences of deep breathing. He reminds the reader that breathing exercises and large lungs or chest expansion are no assurance or protection against tuberculosis. He calls attention to several other points against the absurdity of deep breathing exercise as an exercise and winds up with the sound conclusion that general physical exercise should be used to accomplish everything which the misinformed strive vainly to accomplish with their silly deep breathing exercises. The book is published by W. B. Saunders company, Philadelphia. Deep breathing exercise is not the only popular fable which Dr. Williams disposes of in "Personal Hygiene Applied."

By deeper or faster breathing for a few minutes any one can temporarily increase the amount of oxygen in his blood. But this is of no advantage, and as the associated lowering of carbon dioxide proportion in the blood immediately brings about a physiological counter effect, namely, slower or more shallow breathing for a time, it should be obvious that nothing has been gained by the make believe exercise.

When the breathing becomes deeper or faster as a consequence of active general exercise of any kind, that is a very different circumstance. There is a definite gain in respect to oxygenation of oxidation (metabolism) from general exercise, a gain which is not immediately wiped out by such a reaction as the simple breathing experiment induces.

So, the health sense of it is just this: Never mind your breathing, it is automatically regulated and you can't do anything about it.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS.

The Tattooed Man.

About three years ago my husband had his arms tattooed. That was before our marriage. I don't like tattooed

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