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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Consider Herrin, Ill., whose cussedness was flaunted from front pages, and whose recent redemption was relegated to the innards of the press. Herrin after months of killing, boozing, Klan-bred hellraising, and lesser sinning without end, has reformed, and will behave. A revivalist came to Herrin. He preached from Holy Writ, exclusively and convincingly, and without political significance. In running Satan out of Herrin, he did not combine with it a conspiracy to get a new sheriff. No recommendations for the legislature, or constable were uttered from the pulpit. He left without forming a semi-political-religious organization, to meddle and mess in civic affairs. So it will not take Herrin, three years to recover from the after-effects of his meetings. As a result, Herrin folks do not hate each other. Instead, they are neighborly and human and happy, and the town a tough egg, in its day, a bright and shining example of the power of Right, when not contaminated with politics.

FEMALE FOXINESS.
(Chico, Cal. Enterprise.)

There are ladies who stand for moments with bare arms extended high over their heads and then rush hurriedly out to escorts and to their tables. The idea is to achieve an alabaster effect for their arms. By holding them high over head the blood leaves and when they appear in the brilliantly lighted room the arms appear swan white.

Charles J. Wall has returned from Anaheim, Calif., where he is building a winter home, and is looking over his Asotin interests. His 2000 acre wheat ranch southwest of Asotin, will record a heavy yield, he says, but the price for wheat makes it hard for the wheat growers to break even.(—Waitsburg, (Wn.) Bulletin.—So it seems.

Boys continue to shoot each other with "unloaded guns." (Mothers fret about the lack of proteins in son's oatmeal, while the lad is fooling with a .30-30 rifle.) Lads of tender years should become accustomed to firearms, so they can grow up, and plug somebody for a deer.

All the Southern states, and, at least one Pacific Coast state, will have anti-evolution bills before the voters in 1926—(Press dispatch.)—Either Washington, or California.

THE RIFF GROWS WISER.
(Baltimore Sun.)

Most persons picture the Riff as a boundless waste of land tenanted by primitive tribesmen and remote from those refinements of life that go under the name of civilization. In fact, it is the alleged backwardness of these people, that, in the eyes of the enlightened world, has justified the extension of French occupation and influence.

It appears, however, that the Rifflans are not so backward, after all. Suspicion was aroused when Abd-El-Krim talked some time ago of national aspirations, a highly civilized term employed to advantage at Versailles. That suspicion grows after a perusal of the peace terms which Krim is reported to have submitted to his adversaries, for in Article 7 he proposes that:

The League of Nations should undertake the floating of a small loan to allow the Riffs to organize as a modern state.

When the Riff asks for a loan it is high time for the states of Europe to accept it as an equal. The only other requirement necessary, it seems, is that when the loan has been made the Rifflans shall lose no time in letting it be known that they have no intention to pay. Modern civilization demands no more.

THE LITTLE ROADS.

The little roads you frown upon
When you must motor there,
Because perhaps a bridge is gone,
A highway needs repair,
The little roads not very wide,
With dandelions at the side,
And rutted by the farmers' loads,
To you are only little roads.

But, oh, the little roads are great
To someone, I am sure;
They always lead to someone's gate
Across the hill or moor.
Perhaps down this one walked away
Some soldier of some other day,
Perhaps some evening through the gloam
A weary man came limping home.

Down ev'ry road some maiden gazed,
A lover to discern.
Perhaps some mother heaven praised
To see a son return.
This road is part of someone's life,
A father, lover, mother, wife—
Yes, after all, life's largest loads
Are carried on the little roads.

—Douglas Malloch.

Water Board Statement Regarding Local Situation and Also Remedy

That Medford must have more and better water is conceded by all and the water commission, in connection with the mayor and city council and Engineers Dillard and Henry, have been making a thorough study of the same for a long time and on Monday evening they called in a number of citizens and representatives of different organizations, including the planning commission, for a discussion of the proposition.

Mr. Walther, president of the water commission, made a detailed statement of the present water system, told of the plans for bringing the newly acquired water from Big Butte springs and asked whether those present favored a 15 second feet or a 20 second feet proposition.

Mr. Walther said in part:

"The present water pipe line to Fish Lake, laid in 1909, is practically worn out, would probably last until a new system was installed and the maintenance will be heavy from now on, estimated at $16,000 per year. During the past 16 months the repairs on the pipe line have cost $34,000.

"Bonds voted for the present water system have not been retired as they should have been, and there are now $321,000 of bonds outstanding that are being retired at the rate of $20,000 per year. There will be $10,000 paid off this year and $10,000 in the first part of 1926, which would leave about $300,000 bonds outstanding before the new issue would start bearing interest, should the people vote the proposed issue to be submitted to them about October 6.

"The water commission will positively provide in this election that not only shall the present bond issue be paid off but also the new issue must be paid in 40 years, within the life of the new system.

"The cost of the pipe line for 15 second feet would be $840,000 and 20 second feet would cost 15 per cent more, or $966,000 if put in now. Some think 15 second feet, which is two and a half times more than the present supply, would be sufficient for a city of 20,000 to 30,000 and would be plenty for a number of years while others think 20 second feet should be put in now. We want to know what the people think about it.

"The new system, if voted, would provide for a new 16-inch main from the reservoir to the west part of the city, in addition to the present, which would double the pressure on the west side and increase that on the east side and would be amply sufficient for all purposes. This would cost approximately $40,000.

"The bonds, if authorized by a vote, would be serial, not to exceed 40 years with provision to pay at least $30,000 or more each year, according to the amount issued for 15 or 20 second feet. The interest would not be over 5 per cent, and we believe the bonds could be sold at four seventy-five and possibly four sixty.

"In order that the people may thoroughly understand the present condition, we will publish full reports of the engineers, Dillard and Henry as soon as they are completed, early in August."

Following this statement of Mr. Walther those present entered into a general discussion of the whole proposition, including the effect the issue of bonds for 20 second feet might have on the sale of the bonds and a large majority favored putting in the 20 second feet, provided the bonds would be acceptable to bond houses and the commission is now investigating the same.

Some of the things brought out in the discussion were:

No city ever has too much pure, wholesome water.

The present system, when put in, was said to be sufficient for a city of 15,000 to 20,000 and is very inadequate for our present population. Don't make a mistake again and have to lay another pipe line in a few years to meet our present growth at greatly increased cost.

"With plenty of water we can secure new industries.

Medford is noted as a city of beautiful homes, lawns and flower gardens, and with plenty of water these would be greatly improved and more put in.

Good schools, churches and plenty of pure, wholesome water are three of the necessary things to build up a city. We have provided for the first, have the second, now let's have the water.

Those present showed they were unanimously behind the mayor, city council and water commission, would heartily support the proposition when presented and would do all they could to help carry the same.

Medford is certainly fortunate in securing such an abundance of pure, spring water as their recently acquired primary right to 30 second feet of the Big Butte springs gives them, which is said to be an abundance for a city of 30,000 to 40,000.

The Big Butte supply is the only available gravity supply of water left in southern Oregon, is pure, coming direct from mountain springs and will not be allowed to flow in open ditches or conduits but will be piped direct from the source, 39 miles from Medford to the reservoirs.

The city also has provided for the purchase of the land surrounding the springs, eliminating all chance of contamination.

QUILL POINTS

The right to use cosmetics will improve almost anything except the vaccination mark.

You never realize how big America is until you observe the manners of its diplomats.

The real parking problem is how to get out without scratching the fenders on adjacent flivvers.

Those who don't know what the French are fighting for in Morocco should wait and see what they take.

The shorter wave lengths are more successful. Now if the radio orators could learn something.

Now that China has decided to keep out aliens, there should be a good opening for a klan organizer over there.

If one Dawes plan should tame Heinie and another the senate, there'll be little left for him to tackle except the weather.

When the first effort was made to discard tails, doubtless there were reactionaries who objected strenuously.

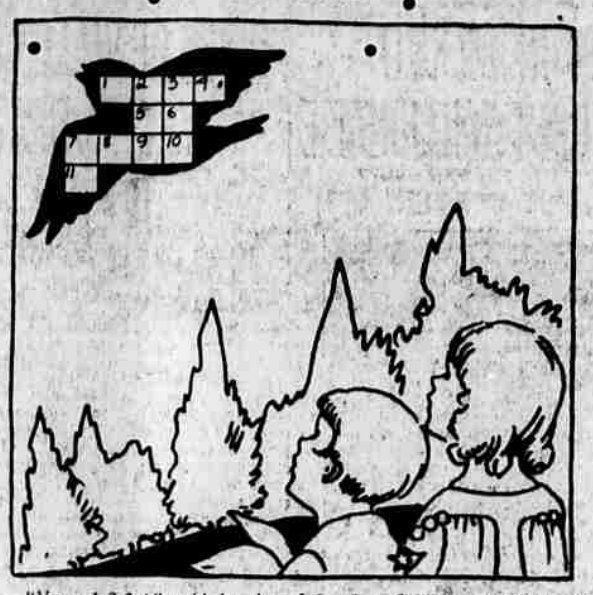
Perhaps we should give the national forests to some capitalist who will guarantee to provide tent poles for the next war.

MAKING IT EASY.

I NEED a firm and steadfast mind if I from debt would flee, attractive goods, of every kind, are sprung each day on me, and dealers, handsome and refined, say, "You need no bawbee. Your credit's good for any wares on which your eyes may fall, so buy yourself two teddy bears, a classy basketball, a carpet for the cellar stairs, a bird cage for the hall. We have some spotted kangaroos that we can sell on time, and we've a stock of bearded gnus with pedigrees sublime, and cummerbunds and canvas shoes—you do not need a dime. Pick out whatever goods you like, a cheese, a churn, a chair, don't worry, for the love of Mike, because your purse is bare; just go kerwhooping down the pike, without a fear or care." In olden days when I applied for credit at the store, the merchant viewed me eagle-eyed, and looked my record o'er; and my appeal was oft denied, which made me sad and sore. The merchant asked how much I earned, how much I salted down, and had my patronage been spurned by any store in town; and when the sad details were learned he canned me with a frown. He would not trust me with a red unless some wealthy wight would stamp approval on my head, and say I was all right; old times, old ways, are gone and dead, and planted out of sight! Now salesmen chase me through the park, pursue me near and far, and cry, in sunshine and the dark, "How diffident you are! You do not need a German mark to buy a motor car!"

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE STORY

OUR BIRD



"Very 1-2-3-4," said brother 5-6, "Our 7-8-9-10 will 7-11 big enough to fly away!"

"How 3-6-10 it will seem to the dear little birdie to fly 2-5-9 the tree tops and up into the blue sky!" cried little sister Nellie.

Answer To Last Puzzle

2-9 (in), 2-3-4-5-6-7 (lights), 9-9-10 (one), 6-11-15 (top), 2-8-12 (low). 1-4-10-13 (ages), 13-14-15-16 (sips).

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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.

Hypothetical Pores Closed.

Our reiterated assertion that practically nothing but salt water is excrted through the skin and nothing whatever is absorbed into the body through the unbroken skin has brought many warm rejoinders from folks who are enthusiasts on self-doctoring, but shy on physiology. A Colorado man says that although he has been helped at times by our teachings in this column, when we assert that neither waste matter nor poison nor foul substances of any kind are thrown off by the skin or in the sweat in health or in sickness, he is forced to conclude that our mental fibre is becoming somewhat disintegrated. If our blunt assertion is correct, the Colorado man would like to ascertain why, oh, why does a corpulent colored woman on a hot humid night remind one of the deluge at low tide. But our Colorado critic will find that we invariably qualified the very blunt assertion with some such term as "practically." We have also pointed out that every species has its peculiar odor and man is no exception. The agreeable or disagreeable character of such odors is apart from the question. Harmful or poisonous matter often enough is odorless or of a pleasant odor; and every intelligent person should know by this time, that mere bad odors have no particular pathological significance.

A Chicago man tells us that he is not referring to Ben Told, but to a perfectly good authority, and he sends along the authority in the shape of a pamphlet entitled "The Need of Frequent Bathing," by S. Dana Hubbard, M. D., reprinted from Domestic Engineering. In this propaganda for the plumbing trade Dr. Hubbard gets off the following bit of high calibre hokum:

"To perform its required physiological function the skin must be clean."

That is not true, as any ordinary observer should know. The skin will perform its physiological function perfectly when it is as dirty as dirty can be. Dr. Hubbard goes on:

"Gatherings of dead cells, dried out oil (cebaceum) admixed with dust and sweat, which when dried coats the surface, stops up the pores and interferes with the normal functioning of the skin. To be specific: We know that the sweat pours out of little tubes, that the skin is lubricated by small oil glands which open onto the skin by means of ducts, that there are many millions of these tiny openings in the skin surface. If sweat mixed with dirt and skin oil is dried and not removed from the skin, these pores are plugged and these necessary glands cease to function."

Dr. Hubbard, at the time he wrote this extraordinary article, was acting director, bureau of public education, department of health, New York city, where considerable sweating is still done by the lower classes, so he ought to know what he is talking about. But we venture to question the applicability of the hypothetical condition he conjures up—the drying of sweat mixed with dirt and skin oil and the consequent "plugging" of the pores." No such thing happens in fact. Why try to scare the lower classes into more frequent bathing with any such argument? Is it necessary to resort to hokum like that in order to market plumbing accessories? Dr. Hubbard's feeble attempt to justify his use of the term "pores" may be excellent plumber's logic, but mere people should not take it too seriously. Even if it were possible to dry the sweat mixed with dirt and skin oil on the surface of the skin, no plugging, obstruction or interference with the excretion of sweat or sebum could occur and no cessation of function has ever been so produced.

Why conjure up such impossible, improbable, hypothetical, impractical notions to encourage cleanliness? It seems ridiculous to me, and it is wicked to waste money spreading foolish propaganda like that.

We must, willy nilly, undergo a body wash now and then, to remove the grime and dust and dirt of civilized life. But there is no reason why we should attempt to make this rite a virtue or anything other than a necessary evil connected with our unnatural mode of existence. One's health is in do demonstrable degree influenced by the degree of one's esthetic cleanliness. I mean by that, ordinary visible dirt has no bearing whatever upon an individual's health or the health of his associates.

The trouble with too many so-called health authorities is that they take these fool notions, these old woman ideas, these little bits of hokum as presented by plumbers, soap manufacturers, toothbrush concerns, pot and kettle dealers, and swallow the stuff without pausing to think whether it is good sense or just good selling talk. That accounts for the failure of a large amount of every day staple public health propaganda to take. Unless some proprietary interests see in a given item a means of taking some easy money away from the public, the material is as good as dead the moment it is published.

Poems That Live

The Bird Let Loose.

The bird, let loose in eastern skies,
When hastening fondly home,
Ne'er stoops to earth her wing, nor flies
Where idle warblers roam;
But high she shoots through air and light,
Above all low delay,
Where nothing earthly bounds her flight,
Nor shadow dims her way.
So grant me, God! from every care
And stain of passion free,
Aloft, through virtue's purer air,
To hold my course to Thee!
No sin to cloud—no lure to stay
My soul, as home she springs—
Thy sunshine on her joyful way,
Thy freedom in her wings!

—Thomas Moore.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ashland, Oregon, July 28, 1925.

To the Editor:

In the extract which you copied from the Oregon Statesman, I notice that the Statesman reported made two mistakes. I was a presidential elector in 1880, not 1888.

I started the Stateline Herald at Lakeview in eastern Oregon. It was the first newspaper in southern Oregon east of the Cascades, not west, as the reporter has it.

Those who had been governors of Oregon prior to my arrival in 1871 were still living and I met them.

Very respectfully yours.

C. B. WATSON.

Mill Burns, Fire Spreads.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 29.—Fire fighting crews were working today to control the forest fire started last night when the Maytown Mill company's plant at Maytown, near Olympia, was razed, according to reports at the state forestry office this morning by H. A. Gregg, a forest ranger for the Washington Forest association.

Safe Milk and Diet For Infants, Invalids, The Aged
Nourishing—Digestible—No Cooking.
Avoid Imitations—Substitutes

Abe Martin

Why flee from anything as slow as justice. Banditin' is purty much like barbecuin'—it looks so easy ever'buddy's gettin' into it.

Timely Views on World Topics

"Britain's Return to Gold Standard Aids U. S. Farmer."

MELVIN A. TRAYLOR

It is a long distance from the gold vaults of the Bank of England to a Montana stock farm, yet the price which the Montana farmer gets for his products depends largely on the amount of gold held in England, M. A. Traylor president of the First National Bank of Chicago, said recently in an address to the Montana Bankers' Convention at Glacier National Park. Mr. Traylor said that there had been no more important event in the recovery of the farm industry since the armistice than the recent return of Great Britain to the gold standard.

"The farmer sells his wheat to the elevator man," he said, "and yet the real buyer, in many cases, is not the elevator man at all, but an Englishman, a Frenchman, a German or an Italian, whom the farmer never sees, for about one-third of the wheat crop is usually sold abroad either in grain or in flour, and it is this exportable part of the crop, varying from year to year, which is a large factor in fixing the price of the entire crop."

Up to England's recent action, he said, it was just as though an English buyer bargained for our wheat and then said: "I'm sorry, but I haven't any good United States money to pay you with; I'll have to pay you with my English paper money, which isn't worth its face value in gold."

Local Currencies Fluctuate.

"I wonder how many of you would be willing to sign contracts on this basis," he asked. "Yet that is the way most of the world's trade has had to be carried on since the armistice. In practically all countries except the United States the local currencies have had no fixed value in gold, but have changed in value from day to day. Whenever one country sold anything to another country, somebody had to take the risk of losing because the value of the money might change before payment was made.

"Such uncertainty of payment was a deadly foe to trade, and people were afraid to do any larger international trade than they had to do. World trade in 1920, 1921 and 1922 dropped off to a point nearly one-third less than before the war. Exports of foodstuffs from the United States fell from $2,500,000,000 in 1919 to $800,000,000 in 1923.

"But now the recent action of Great Britain in declaring that it will again redeem its paper money in gold means that British buyers of American products can pay them with money which has a fixed value. With the return of Great Britain to the gold standard, a majority of the countries of Europe now have paper currencies equal to gold.

U. S. Bankers Assist Britons.

"American bankers have assisted in the British return to the gold standard by giving a $100,000,000 credit to the British government. But more important than this was the action of our Federal Reserve bank and the eleven other reserve banks in granting the request of the Bank of England for material cooperation. They have, as you know, placed $200,000,000 gold at the disposal of the Bank of England for two years, to be used by it, if necessary, in maintaining the gold standard. England was an important influence in the willingness of the British people to take this all-important step for the preservation of the gold standard.

"The action of the reserve banks was a most constructive step in aid of American farmers and producers, who will benefit greatly by the removal of this element of uncertainty from their export transactions."

Cook with gas. tf*

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Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle

Running Across.

Word 1. In the picture.
Word 5. The instrument that measures the quantity of gas you use at home.
Word 8. Reverence.
Word 9. Severe: harsh. Also the rear part of a boat.
Word 11. To watch secretly.

Running Down.

Word 2. An important city in Belgium.
Word 3. A part of the day. Abbreviation.
Word 4. A steam transportation line. Abbreviation.
Word 6. What we do at mealtime.
Word 7. Poetic form and contraction of ever.
Word 9. A western state. Abbreviation.
Word 10. A negative.

YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE. ANSWERED.

Buy Tru-Bake Crackers in the large Home Size Pack More Economical

—to have a good APPETITE!

"Yes! thank you."

A GOOD appetite means a cheerful disposition.

You may have a good appetite if the blood that goes constantly to your vital organs is pure. S.S.S. purifies the blood—a good appetite follows and you will have a clear complexion and will be strong, cheerful and healthy.

Don't go on feeling up one day and down the next—hardly sick but never well—losing "pep," punch and ambition. Hearty eaters are the red-blooded men and women. Enjoy your food! Get back your strength and energy! Reclaim yourself before it is too late! People in a physically run-down condition are an easy prey to disease.

S.S.S. is what is needed. Your blood needs purifying. Your blood-cells supply the energy which keeps your body well and fit. S.S.S. aids Nature in supplying new red-blood-cells,—the spark that rejogs your system. Carefully selected, scientifically proportioned and prepared herbs and barks make up S.S.S.—the great blood purifier which gives Nature a helping hand.

Get back the lost appetite, the missing vitality, the keen, sparkling eyes, that look of determination. S.S.S. will give you more energy, vitality and vigor and a more up and going appearance.

S. S. S. is sold at all good drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is more economical.

S.S.S. Makes You Feel Like Yourself Again