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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The major virtues are spontaneously combusting in our senatorial candidates 3 months earlier than usual. This year they will all be angola by Thanksgiving. Hereafter, the transition from an ordinary human to a saint, was never noted until Ground Hog day, winding up the campaign with a burst of righteousness. All apparently are on a furlough from Heaven. A lovable sinner entering the race might do well against a field of such self-confessed goodness. The jr. seedender would have been an admirable choice, but he kicked down his own mischance, by becoming "militantly dry," when caught.

After dinner, Rev. John Wilson preached from the text, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Later ice cream was served.—(Harrison County, Ark., Times.) Proven.

There seems to be less glue and cement in the beany pancakes this fall than of yore.

FESTIVE CAMPUS SPIRIT

(Salena Statesman) It seems that a general good time was planned at the university the other evening, with the program consisting of roping Dr. F. G. Franklin, university librarian, in his office.

One of these days the ring will produce a champion who started his fighting career at a country dance.

Native gypsies returning from summer rabling, comment favorably on the home-like appearance of the poor farm.

"The mighty University of Oregon eleven plowed through Idaho at will," Saturday, but never reached the end of the furrow. The plowed eleven, harrowed "the mighty University of Oregon eleven" with the only touch-down of the contest. The "outcome," or "reverse," as a loyal grad designates the defeat, is "more valuable than a victory." It gives the coach "an opportunity to diagnose the minor weakness of the squad." However, Idaho is given credit in the records, for winning the game, not uncovering "an opportunity to diagnose the minor weakness of the squad."

WHY squabble until death do us part? Aug. 26, 1927, Fred.—(Kansas City Star.) "It was a pretty but quiet wedding."

GUSH! (Bakers, Cal., Searchlight) Will Doudle and Mrs. Doudle entertained with a chicken dinner party Sunday afternoon and afterward an enjoyable party was held on the lawn. Several readings, both artistic and humorous, were given by Mrs. Doudle, who is as charming a host as Mr. Doudle is a merchant.

It is gathered from offhand remarks of Jville citizens and citizenettes, that the courthouse will be moved about the time Mt. Pitt is whittled down to the size of Ruxy Ann.

This is the day C. Columbus discovered America, but the barbers did not find it out in time.

Those of the party who were not thrown out by the force of the check, were soon out to make an investigation and found a good looking cow had invaded the road and now lay dead.—(Eureka, Cal., Journal.) A pulchritudinous heifer.

An outstanding, far-reaching, vital, pertinent, and significant fact in connection with the last election is that not a worker on the winning side wore puttees.

Some of the Galshevskis are spending the long evenings in futile attempts of hit high C.

Now do the little by-ids.

To fend the chilling winds that make The blood in us congregate, The cold seeps through their thin defense.

As though they weren't there at all; They leave us to an icy fate As if they didn't care at all.

Though once, when summer heat obtained They seemed to weigh a ton or more, They now could weigh hardly weigh as much.

What, we're told, friend Adam were. (Baltimore Sun.)

WHEN IS NEUTRALITY?

PORTLAND must maintain a neutrality in the present war between the Hill lines and the Southern Pacific, says the esteemed Portland Journal.

Following this pronouncement the sapient editorial board pounds the following out on the cooperative typewriter:

"One of the railroad programs contemplates a one-line domination in the Central Oregon section. Its proponents object to competition. Another railroad program seeks to provide competitive service, but not to prevent other railroads from extending their service into the same territory. Neutrality does not imply silence. It might be a misunderstood silence. It might be a neutrality that would do the very thing that ought to be avoided.

But precisely what should be avoided? The Journal does not say. True neutrality is defined, however. True neutrality, it seems, means:

"That Portland will be positively recorded in favor of railroad extension and free opportunity for all concerned under terms to be prescribed by the Interstate Commerce commission."

As Silas Lamptree might say, that is about as clear as a London fog at ten-time.

If this editorial means anything—which is doubtful—it means that the Portland Journal favors the Hill lines application, but for some reason hasn't the nerve to say so.

Certainly the obligation of neutrality can't be the cause. For the Journal by this pronouncement knocks the spirit of neutrality into a cocked hat. To determine the real cause one must go further, into the psychology of Big City Journalism.

PUT OVER THE BOY SCOUTS

A DETERMINED drive will be started tomorrow to put over the Boy Scout fund in Jackson County. About \$2000 has been raised. To make this movement a success, at least \$1500 more must be subscribed.

With the election over and Medford starting on its prosperous march, all steam ahead, this business should be cleaned up in record time.

The Boy Scout of today is the citizen of tomorrow. There never has been a time when this work was more essential, not only for our young men, but for our young women.

An investment in the Boy Scout movement is an investment in good citizenship. That should be worth all the good citizen can afford.

QUILL POINTS

Is it really an investigation of the air service or an invigoration?

If a town is so big that a church row doesn't affect politics, it is called a city.

The best way to gauge the worth of religion is to observe how men live who haven't any.

It's funny. Man will spend a week's wages for something he wouldn't work a week for.

Nature is rather cruel. How many muskrats and minks and cats must die to make one sealskin.

Adam wasn't an American or he would have brought out some Garden souvenir for posterity.

It must be fine to be so important that you can afford to speak courteously over the telephone.

It is hard to distinguish between one's conscience and the fear that the neighbors wouldn't approve.

It isn't a bad world. Wilhelm and silk shirts and marathon dances have been eliminated.

Never cuss a bonehead employe. If he had your wit, he'd have your job.

Nobody really knows just what's the matter with a used car, but it always costs you \$68.50 to learn that nobody knows.



Rippling Rhymes

AN airship falls a mile or three, succumbing to a wrench or strain, its parts are scattered on the sea, some men are injured, some are slain. Men cry, "It is a heastly shame, the worst offense we ever saw; we'll have to stop this airship game—there surely ought to be a law." When first the auto hit the pike it scared the farmer's old gray mare, and men invoked the name of Mike, and gnashed their teeth and paved the air. "The horseless carriage is a crime," men said, before the synagogues; "it sears our horses all the time, and kills our chickens and our dogs. It tears along with frantic speed from far Beersheba clear to Dan; the old time gig, the sway-backed steed are good enough for any man." When first the locomotive burst upon men's view, friend said to friend: "Of all cheap fakes this is the worst! When will inventive folly end? Our curse is on this freak bestowed, it is a crude and ghastly jest; the blamed thing's certain to explode, and blow the train crew galley west." When first we had electric light, some people kicked up quite a fuss; "We'll still use candles in the night, they served our dad, and they'll serve us." The world moves on, inventions sweet are daily coming to our view, and, calling on the name of Pete, buick numbers say they will not die. Now autos through the public ways, the locomotive's still in front and lamps and candles only raise a horse laugh when they do their stunt. Above us, in a few brief years, the airship hosts will surely play; perhaps they'll visit distant spheres, with station on the Milky Way.

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.

Arrested Mental Development.

Over a million of the flower of the nation drafted for military service in the world war were feeble minded. Probably there are 20,000,000 morons in this country today. Morons make excellent soldiers; in fact a feeble minded population makes a warlike nation. Morons make good servants. Morons make good industrial workers—what did the playwright call them, robots or something like that? A moron is a high grade fool, a person whose mental capacity fails to develop beyond that of the normal child from eight to 12 years of age. Our moron population might be considered a section of the population of some country of the middle ages transferred to the twentieth century. Idiots are the lowest grade fools—their mental age is not over two years. Imbeciles are middle grade fools—their mental age does not exceed eight years.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

No Hope to Kill Bunion. Is there to your knowledge any medicine or treatment which will kill or check the growth of a bunion (Mrs. S. E. F.) Answer.—Bunion is not a growth. It is a partly dislocated great toe joint, with more or less thickening of the dislocated ends of the bones and usually an inflamed or infected bursa pad over the joint. There is no cure for bunion short of operation on the joint, involving as a rule the removal of the thickened end of the bone and straightening and reduction of the deformity of the joint. Of course, bunion is caused by improper shoes which turn the great toes out away from the straight inner border of the soles of normal feet, and the trouble may be prevented if this abuse of the feet is stopped before the joint has become disorganized. Shoes with the straight inner sole lines or slightly incurving inner borders keep the feet in the comfortable, normal position.

Odors Are Harmless. Kindly advise whether working beside a person who appears cleanly enough but whose body emits a terrible odor endangers my health. (H. G.) Answer.—No. As a rule foul odors are not associated with any communicable disease, and communicable diseases usually cause no foul odors, so there is nothing to fear.

Hereditary Otosclerosis. My deafness was diagnosed by one specialist as otosclerosis, and he says people with otosclerosis should never marry as the trouble is hereditary. Another ear specialist shrugs his shoulders and says he is doubtful that it is transmissible to children, and he says that my condition is not likely to be made worse by child bearing. No other case of deafness can be found for three generations back on either side of my family, after conscientious effort. (G. I. M.) Answer.—Otosclerosis (hardening or rigidity of the little bones (hammer, anvil and stirrup) in the middle ear cavity, is a form of deafness often developing toward middle life and apparently running in some families. In your place, however, I'd take a chance and marry. Two pairs of ears are better than one, even if they work well for only 30 or 40 years.

Poems That Live. Where did you come from, baby dear? Out of the everywhere into here.

Where did you get your eyes so blue Out of the sky as I came through.

What makes the light in them sparkle and spin? Some of the starry skies left in.

Where did you get that little tear? I found it waiting when I got here.

What makes your forehead so smooth and high? A soft hand stroked it as I went by.

What makes your cheek like a warm white rose? I saw something better than anyone knows.

Whence that three cornered smile of bliss? Three angels gave me at once a kiss.

Where did you get this pearly ear? God spoke, and it came out to hear.

Where did you get those arms and hands? Love made itself into hooks and bands.

Feet, whence did you come, you darling things? From the same box as the cherub's wings.

How did they all come just to be you? God thought of me, and so I grew.

But how did you come to us, you dear? God thought of you, and so I am here. —George Macdonald.

Temperaments in Vienna. VIENNA.—Susanne Lenglen and Count Von Salm had quite a time on the courts. They were partners in doubles. Susanne tried to do all the playing. The count let it be known he didn't like that. Susanne threw down her racquet and left. But she's forgiven him.

Panther Loose in Pinchot's State. WILKESBARRE, Pa.—There's hunting on the Pocono mountains for a panther that roamed in a circus wreck two years ago and has been killing cows and deer ever since.

Cook with gas. 4th

Easy Lessons in AUCTION BRIDGE New Series by WYNNE FERGUSON Author of "Ferguson on Auction Bridge" Copyright 1925 by Hoyt, Jr.

ARTICLE No. 2 One of the best liked members of one of the New York clubs is an old professor of Greek, one of the local universities. He has read every thing that has been published on the game but has never been able to become a good auction player. Every once in a while he has a bad night and when he does his partners try to grin and bear it. The following hand is an illustration of the professor's game:

Hearts—Q, 10, 9 Clubs—9, 4, 2 Diamonds—Q, 10, 4, 1 Spades—10, 6, 5

Hearts—K, 4 Clubs—A, Q, 8, 5, 4, 3 Diamonds—A, K, J, 10 Spades—A, K, J, 10

The professor's contract was five spades and A led the ace of hearts and then a low heart which the professor won with the king. He then took out the trump and led a small club from dummy and finessed with his queen. The king was in A's hand so that the professor failed to make his contract as he subsequently lost the king of diamonds which was also in A's hand. After the hand was over, the professor said to his partner, "Well, partner, if the king of clubs had been on the right side, I would have made my bid." His partner, a very good game player, replied: "You could have gone game without taking the finesse. After you had taken out the opponents' trumps, you should have led a low diamond toward the queen in dummy. A had the king so that your diamonds were set up and on the last two in your hand, you could have discarded two losing clubs in dummy." This criticism was correct and the professor apologized for taking a finesse when it wasn't necessary. Study this hand carefully and see that you don't make the same error. Count your losing tricks and don't finesse if you don't have to do so. About an hour later the professor bid one no-trump, all passed and A opened the three of clubs. The professor's hand and the dummy's are as follows:

Hearts—J, 8, 7, 2 Clubs—A, Q, 7 Diamonds—A, K, 3 Spades—A, Q, 4

The professor should have sized up the hand as follows: "A can only have four clubs for he has led the three and the deuce is in dummy. Therefore, AB should only make two club tricks and two heart tricks. If the diamonds are evenly divided, I can go game without finessing the queen of spades. If they don't break, then I will have to finesse the queen of spades." Unfortunately, he failed to figure out the hand as outlined, and as soon as he got dummy in the lead, led the spade, finessed the queen and A won the trick with the king of spades. It was now impossible for the professor to go game as he had to lose two club tricks, two heart tricks and one spade trick. To play the hand correctly he should have set up his hearts and then have played for the drop in diamonds. They were evenly divided so that in this way he could have made game. His partner was silent for a minute and then said: "Well, professor, it looks as if anybody can teach Greek but auction seems to require a head."

Answer to Problem No. 1 Hearts—none Clubs—8, 5, 3 Diamonds—6, 4 Spades—Q, 8, 6

Hearts—K, 8 Clubs—J, 9 Diamonds—K Spades—5, 3, 2

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can YZ win six of the eight tricks against any defense? Z should lead the nine of spades. If A covers with the jack, Y should play the queen and then lead the three of clubs. If A refuses to cover, Y should also play low. Z should then play the king of clubs. In either event, Z would win the second trick with the king of clubs. He should then lead the four of clubs. A can either (a) win the trick with the queen or (b) allow B to win with the jack. (c) If A wins the trick with the queen of clubs, he can lead a club which Y will win and

plans to have an advisory cabinet composed of the speaker of the House and Senate, heads of several state departments and at least three Texas women leaders.

THE DATE TREE

October 12, 1492—433 years ago—Columbus discovered America. Landing on Guanahan (now called Watling Island), one of the Bahamas, he planted a cross in token of gratitude to the Divine Mercy, which, after guiding him safely through a perilous voyage, had at last, in the discovery of a Western World, crowned with success the supreme ambition of his life. Copyright, 1925, Premier Reprint, Inc.

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