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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Bootleg maple syrup is on the alleged buckwheat pancakes.

BEAUTY HINT—Dishwater will take the nicotine off a woman's fingers.—(Chico, Cal., Enterprise.)

Hobbes S. Deuel has gone from bad to a C. Chaplin mustache.

The esteemed Portland Journal is conducting a fearless campaign to determine if there is a Santa Claus.

A MODEST VIOLET SHRINKS (Grants Pass Times)

Dear Mrs. Thompson: There is nothing attractive about me whatever. I am not good-looking, not even pretty in fact, yet somehow men like me.

The complaint from Frisco that golfers will not vote because they go to the links instead of the polls, is something like the local fishermen who stay in Rogue river all summer, and can't vote if it rains on election day.

Among the presidential mouthfuls of the week, is the opinion that there should "be more religion and less policemen." In other words, the chief executive feels there should be more attention paid to the Golden Rule, than to the political situation.

The plan to father a Municipal Male Quartet, seems to have been abandoned. A Municipal Male Quartet is badly needed, but 17 civic clubs would have one, too.

Dieting Galshevskis say that one box of punchboard chocolates puts on what a bushel of spinach takes off.

LIFE'S IRRITATIONS (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

Mrs. W. C. Smith underwent a little excitement one day last week when she received through the mail a check of large denomination from an eastern investment firm. Her good fortune, however, was short lived as the body owning the check as well as the same name proved to be a transient who had been spending a few days in Corvallis.

The University of California football team passed through Thursday am. "Old Oregon" grads presented them with a large box of Boses.

Religious fussing is sprouting all over the nation. It is inspired by the Italian Mafia, and the anarchists of Spain.

The farmers are crying for rain, and the maasses argue: Try and get it.

SAME HERE

Those who seek my Capra hircus may be broadly divided into two classes. One tries to humiliate me by direct expression of his loathing and disgust. The other goes to my employer in an effort to have me fired. The object of his concern is the newspaper itself. He is invariably surprised that a newspaper of standing, prominence and irreproachable ethics—most of the language is mine—should have a man of my character in its employ. He is disturbed by the fear that I may do it some irreparable injury and hopes I will be detached from the pay roll before it is too late. Letters from those gentlemen who worry over the effect my employment may have on a newspaper in which they have no financial or other interest have given me many's the dry eye.

To pick at somebody else relieves him, in greater or lesser degree, of the sense of his own limitations. And there I stand, gay, cocky, irreverent, insolent—a shining mark.

(From "The Odyssey of a Columnist," by Jay E. House, in The Saturday Post.)

Harvey Hill, a barber of Dunsmuir, driving a large car failed to negotiate a sharp turn just above Wood Sunday evening a little after dark and leaped over a thirty-foot bank landing at the bottom, little the worse off for the wreck except for a badly scared lady sitting at his side, a hole in the gas tank, and a cave in front fender. This is Mr. Hill's second auto mishap in two weeks.—(Yreka, Cal. Journal.) Too much hogging the curb.

Cook with gas.

IS MEDFORD A HOG?

WE note in the Grants Pass Courier that Medford is trying to grab everything in Southern Oregon. This need cause no surprise, declares our northern contemporary, for that is and always has been the Medford way. A policy of ruthless selfishness toward its neighbors, we learn, is a confirmed habit in this community.

The proposal for a Medford highway to the Oregon caves is the immediate cause of this condemnation. A few months ago it was the Gold Hill road to Crater Lake, which Medford was said to oppose.

The Mail Tribune is not inclined to take these animadversions very seriously, and has no desire to enter into a controversy, which can only fan the flames of discord and result in constructive benefit to no one.

But in the interest of truth and fair play, we think it only proper that certain facts should be called to the attention of the Grants Pass and Gold Hill newspapers.

We believe no one will deny that the first move for a paved Pacific highway in this state was made by Medford and the first unit of that highway constructed by Jackson county.

This project was not instituted to benefit Medford alone, but Southern Oregon and the entire western part of the state. More than that. When the first route for the highway from Roseburg to Medford was mapped out, it will be recalled Grants Pass was not on that map. The highway was drawn from Roseburg over Tiller pass to Medford, a shorter route and, according to the highway commission, a better one for the state as a whole.

Medford fought that route from the outset, insisting that the highway should include Grants Pass, and touch the main points of established travel. Medford won. Not single-handed, of course, but Medford was a material factor in the victory.

It may also be recalled that the highway commission insisted that the Pacific highway pass up Gold Hill, for a similar reason. The original maps were drawn accordingly. Medford went to the bat for Gold Hill, just as it has gone to bat for the Gold Hill bridge. And here again Medford won the fight in the interest of her neighbor.

Now the Mail Tribune does not maintain that Medford is a paragon of all the unselfish virtues, nor deny that it is primarily interested in its own welfare, which is the case with other communities.

But this it does maintain—that to picture Medford as a chronic hog, trying to benefit itself at the expense of its neighbors and grabbing whatever it can that legitimately belongs to them, is unjust and untrue.

Take this so-called Oregon caves road for example, connecting with the coast. This project is not designed to injure Grants Pass, but is designed to benefit Southern Oregon, by rendering the caves more accessible from all points of the valley. The Medford contention is that the more people who see the caves the better the transportation facilities to the west, the better for all concerned.

In the last analysis this is self-interest. But it is enlightened self-interest. Medford supported the Ashland-Klamath highway for the same reason. For whatever benefitted Ashland and increased the trade with the Klamath Falls district, could not fail to also benefit Medford.

The idea that for one town to get ahead it is necessary to pull down some neighboring town, may have prevailed in Medford at one time, but it certainly does not prevail here today.

Medford realizes that the best way for Medford to develop and prosper is for every district in Southern Oregon to develop and prosper. Medford, by its geographical position, enjoys certain advantages, of which it can not be easily deprived, and it only wishes to make the most of those advantages.

That is why Medford was found on the fighting line for the betterment of Coos Bay and the Crescent City harbors. The big benefit will accrue to these two places, of course, but Medford has sense enough to realize that whatever benefits one section of this state, benefits Medford and every other section.

That is the Medford policy, as we see it, and we believe any fair-minded investigation of the facts will sustain this contention.

QUILL POINTS

Greatness, 1725: A coach and four. Greatness, 1925: A coach and eleven.

The males have at least one monopoly. They alone think tobacco edible.



HARD WORK

I MARVEL when my neighbor, Dave Doodad, is in view; he's doomed to heavy labor that racks the bone and theew. Each day I see him travel, serene and unafraid, to shovel sand and gravel where concrete walks are laid. He toils for hours together without a pause for rest; his hands are tough as leather, and bulging is his chest. Sometimes he wheels a barrow along a runway high; it's dangerous and narrow, if he should fall he'd die. And when the lights are burning, and evening kettles boil, I see this man returning, quite jaunty, from his toil. He whistles as he teeters upon his homeward way, saluting Mikes and Peters with bandinage quite gay. And as the eve advances he dons his Sunday clothes, and goes to long-drawn dances, or to the movie shows. I, too, have wrought and striven throughout the long, long day; much labor I have given to writing ode or play. My easy chair has lining some seven inches deep, and while I'm there reclining I often fall asleep. My task is not requiring an effort worth a cent, yet I am always tiring, and making my lament. I'm too worn out to totter with Sarah to the show, too tired to ply the swatter, or make the ouija go. Most idlers are complaining about how much they do while working men are straining the tendon and the thew.

Personal Health Service by WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

The All Year Parking System.

Let me see, do not I remember some scandalous talk here two or three years ago about certain adventurous young women who established a fad or fashion of parking corsets for a dance? Or was that before the war?



—gladdened the hearts of the corset people by strutting their stuff accoutered in the best Elizabethan manner. One deduced from this fashion show that the corset propaganda is proving a washout.

Speaking from the hygienic viewpoint, I applaud and acclaim the all year parking fashion as a great step forward in the building of better and more beautiful women; better, I mean, physically, and for that reason more beautiful; healthier, easier to look at; more vigorous and more capable of taking care of themselves; endowed with finer figures; less expensive of dress; better qualified for motherhood. The corset opposes each and all of these desirable features.

The corset may be all right, perhaps indispensable, for certain invalids, and in such cases it should be left to the advice of the attending physician. Normal, regular, healthy women need a corset no more than I need a valet. I can shave and dress or even bathe myself, after a fashion; well enough to get away with it. A regular woman can hold herself up without artificial aid.

The hypothesis that a female is delicate or weak or something like that, and therefore must have the support of some kind of abdominal appliance in order to keep her figure graceful and so on and so forth, is one industrially fostered by people who have abdominal splints to dispose of, and not by physicians or physical educators who have nothing but health advice to offer.

Wearing any kind of supporter is an indulgence or a compromise which may easily become a fixed habit, like

chewing tobacco. When the habit has become fixed on the victim, the victim is prone to see that it is more or less necessary for comfort or health. That is why some men chew tobacco habitually and some women wear corsets every day.

Out side of the female nostrum literature, which is still as voluminous as hoop skirts, there is really no ground for the morbid notion that a young woman is in any sense weaker than a young man today. Inch for inch and pound for pound the reasonably well educated girl today can and does hold her own with the romantically speaking, stronger sex. She's as hard as nails and yet as sweet and womanly as ever. She laughs at the old female weakness hokum and she lives a darn sight more wholesome and normal life than her prototype did. In fact she is rapidly getting out from under the bunk that almost finished mother.

Flapperism has contributed one big blessing to the general health and well being of the sex if flapperism is responsible for the all year parking of supporters for weak women.

Every girl comes completely equipped with the most perfectly fitting, elastic, efficient corset conceivable, in the form of well arranged layers, bands or girdles of muscle, and this natural support will keep her figure slender and flexible if she is given a fair physical education.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Vegetarianism. What are the benefits of a strictly vegetarian diet? According to Genesis the original diet prescribed for man contained no flesh foods. Would we be better off if we did not make cemeteries of our stomachs? (D. L. L.)

Answer—Races subsisting on a diet from which flesh food is practically excluded do not seem to thrive well. Some individuals are benefited in general health by practicing vegetarianism or near vegetarianism for a while. It would be interesting and instructive if a considerable group of people of fair intelligence and dependable character would adopt a vegetarian diet for a year or two and demonstrate the effect. A great many seekers after notoriety or advertising purport to be "vegetarians," but they

do not exclude butter, milk, cheese, eggs, fish, fowl and flesh is practically the same food. Most of us can make good economic use of a reasonable amount of flesh food; perhaps meat three or four times a week is a fair average ration; the competent scientific authorities in nutrition seem to agree that a mixed diet is the best for man, but they agree also that in this country the tendency is to consume too great a proportion of meat and too small a proportion of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and fresh milk.

Water and Fat How could you explain a marked gain in weight in the case of a growing youth from drinking plenty of clear water? This fact has been found to be true. (Mrs. H. L. R.)

Answer—A pint of water weighs a pound. Plenty of water improves digestion and nutrition. Every fact will be found to be true. It is a fact that

THE DATE TREE BY ERNEST REEMAN



October 23, 1892—33 years ago —The World's Columbian Exposition was dedicated in Chicago. Opening on the 400th anniversary of the landing of Columbus, this exposition surpassed any international gathering ever before attempted. From the most remote lands came visitors—Esquimos, Fijians, Zulus—who doubtless took home with them discoveries more surprising even than those of Columbus. Among foreign exhibits, Spain furnished replicas of the three ships of her great navigator.

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a pound or two of weight may be quickly lost in a sweat bath of any kind—and the weight is regained in a few hours as a rule. Hair Is Integument.

Is the hair considered part of the epidermis (L. D.)

Answer—The hair and the nails are structural modifications of the epidermis.

First Aid for Frostbite I noticed that you advocate warm applications instead of ice or snow as first aid for frostbite of the ear or cheek. Here in northern Michigan we have always been told to use snow or slush to rub the blanched spot. Will you say whether your opinion is based on theory or on experience? (S. G. A.)

Answer—You misunderstood. I advised moderate kneading of the blanched spot, using any simple lubricant to prevent friction and injury to the skin. Snow and ice is neither necessary or more effective than tepid water or plain talcum or other lubricant. Experience, chiefly, I base this assertion on.

Abe Martin



The farmer is just about as fed up on promises years as a tailor is on promises young men. Who ever that th' time would come when th' innocent bystanders would be about th' safest thing ther' is?

Cook with gas.

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