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YE SMUDGE POT By Arthur Perry. Mr. Kip Rihmelander of New York, involved in a scandalous divorce, and who let a fountain pen run away with his brains, is in a bad way.

The esteemed Portland Oregonian is 75 years old next Friday. No deduction has been made from the year's growth accrued out of it in 1922 by the Ku Klux Klan.

THE UNMUTUAL KNOCK (Iola, Kas., Register) At the first parish supper to be held next Wednesday evening at 6:30, the Rev. Robert M. Pickles will be the principal speaker.

14-wheel locomotives are now used by the railroads. The bigger they are the farther they get knocked off the crossings.

Rain is falling like it was the opening day of the county fair.

No doubt the Galshevskis believe the barbers when they murmur: "I never cut a finer head of hair; it is so thick and soft."

The first Hosanna of the Yuletide season has been emitted by a husk solist.

Quite a number are causing the tax collector to buy a \$27.70 shut car, F.O.B. Detroit.

GIVE 'EM THE AXE! (Oregon City Enterprise) Mrs. L. Lehnfield discovered one of her turkey hens that had disappeared was merely sitting under a log in the woods and doing her best to bring forth a block of 14 young "turks" which will likely arrive in time for Christmas presents.

It is estimated there will be 5000 head of people in the football corral next Sat.

G. Washington Maddox was down to see the 7:40 pull out Sat night. He had a smacking time.

Gold Hill was not considered important enough by the Medford attorneys to even have the office of a justice of the peace.

The commonwealth hurled a soul into eternity today, legally, the barbers being conducted in a clean, competent and clever manner.

"Old Oregon" is in need of both a president and a football coach. As there is no politics involved, the president should be a democrat and the coach a republican, one from Portland and the other from east of the Cascades.

Land adjoining the Specific Deway is being sowed to wheat, having failed as an auto camp and a watermelon patch.

The hi school football squad is going to raise whiskers if they get beat by Salem. Thank goodness they didn't go entirely mad and decide on C. Chaplin mustaches.

The next social event is the annual C. Wig Ashpole hog hefting contest.

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE Comes a rumor from distant lands Borne on the rhythm of marching feet.

Trumpeted far in shrill commands— Never was music half so sweet As the brazen strains the hills repeat Singing adventure elsewhere.

What thought the end be value meat? Some must go where the bugles blare.

Whence the lure of these alien strands Parched and burnt in the desert heat Wear with leagues of crunching sands.

Little to drink and less to eat And a savage foe when saviors meet, Richer in tokens of peace than there, Who would rot in a market street?

Some must go where the bugles blare. Swollen with opulent conceit Of a tawdry name that time will cheat.

Death is the end that all will share, Some may wait in a chimney-seat, Some must go where the bugles blare. (New York Times)

THE TEXAS PREDICAMENT.

THE POLITICAL situation in Texas is only what one might expect, after the nonsensical campaign which precipitated it. Mrs. Ferguson was elected Governor of Texas, not because she was in any way fitted for the job, but because she happened to be the wife of a former Governor who was impeached, and sought personal vindication.

The issues of the campaign had no more to do with the proper selection of a chief executive than the sinking of the Maine. Thanks to the Ku Klux Klan, religious intolerance and racial hatreds were injected to further becloud the murky waters, already a mess of irrelevancies, having to do, if we remember correctly, with a husband's unjust shame, a mother's dishonor and sanctity of the home.

"Ma" Ferguson won, not because she convinced anyone she was fitted for the place, but because, by a maudlin sob-story campaign, she apparently convinced a majority of the voters, that she was a kindly unpretentious home body, who had suffered enough already and should not be further humiliated by a political defeat.

Sentimental irrelevancies and human interest absurdities decided the Texas election, and now the people of that extensive commonwealth are merely suffering the result of their own folly.

The election of a governor of a state is, or should be, merely a cold-blooded business proposition. Character and fitness should determine the result and nothing else.

The governor of a state is in fact merely the business manager of the state. His duties are almost entirely business duties, demanding a person of executive ability and administrative experience.

Selecting a governor, therefore, on sentimental grounds, brings the same result as selecting a business manager on sentimental grounds,—disaster. How long would any business endure, if its executive head were chosen, because he belonged to this church or that, had this sort of wife or some other, or could shake hands and kiss babies more impressively than his nearest competitor? Perhaps two months, not more.

So with the state of Texas. A movement is on foot now to impeach Her Excellency. From what we can learn she should certainly be recalled. But there will be no permanent improvement, until the people of Texas refuse to be exploited by demagogues and sob sisters, and vote for their public officials with something approaching cool judgment and common sense.

QUILL POINTS

Savage people are those that wear few clothes only when it's hot.

Soft coal isn't really soft. The adjective fits only the cinch it now has.

Enemies aren't such bad scouts. They don't tell you what to do for your cold.

You can tell, if it's a blow-out instead of a pistol, the next sound is profanity.

It's a funny government that protects citizens abroad and risks them at home.

Good times are those in which people make the debts that worry them in bad times.

Among the many unimportant things in the world is an important citizen fifty miles from home.

What will it matter if evolution is taught in the schools? Do you remember any of the algebra taught in schools?

If Oxford really invented the Oxford bag, England is adequately avenged for American comedy reels.

And yet, if you are good enough to win in a boom country, you can do it right where you are.

Law isn't effective unless it expresses the will of the people. Notice how well the unwritten law works.

Correct this sentence: "The men all think her wonderful," said the gossip, "and the women never knock her."

Give private citizens a chance to make enormous fortunes out of law enforcement and there will be another story.



WISE POLICY.

TUR village grocers, Span & Spiek, resort to no unseemly trick to sell their wholesome wares; they tell the truth about their peas, about their prunes and rice and cheese, canned soups and boneless pears. How often housewives are incensed on finding they are up against a lot of wilted greens; they ordered things at Dingbat's store, and they will deal with men no more who send them mildewed beans. This Dingbat of delivers things, like onions, rhubarb, beanless strings, which are not fresh and fine; and when you call to roast the works, he blames it on his bonehead clerks, and makes a mournful whine. Excuses are not what we wish, when we have ordered kippered fish, or berries in a box; we want the goods for which we pay, and do not care to list all day to wild, impassioned talks. Today I called up Span & Spiek requesting them to send a brick of Limburger cheese and they replied, "We have a brand that some consider fine and grand, but you it may not please. It's not sufficiently decayed to suit the best, the cultured trade, to offer to a friend; you'd better wait a day or four, when we'll be getting in some more, a brand we'll recommend." Now I endorse this honest course; I sing the praises, till I'm hoarse, of Messrs Span & Spiek; until my stand-off fails again I'll patronize these worthy men, who scorn the piker's trick.

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.

Except Boric Acid.

In our little journeys in the Aseptic Era, it just now occurs to me, I neglected to caution you, children, to save the boric acid when dumping your stock of "antiseptic" nostrums in the sink. Boric acid is an antiseptic, though not a nostrum. No fanciful or unreasonable claims are made for it. No appreciable share of your good money is appropriated, by the boric acid merchants, for keeping you well misinformed about the remedial value of boric acid in your domestic establishment. No element of mystery surrounds the use of boric acid. Boric acid hasn't a very impressive odor. It looks like so much sugar or salt. Nobody issues free Almanacs or publishes amazing testimonials about cures wrought with boric acid. Seldom, indeed, does the ambulance make a hurried call or the coroner sit on the remains when boric acid is accidentally put to wrong use. These are the good reasons why boric acid is cheap. I promised you that I would save you some money if you joined me on these little journeys in the aseptic era. Maybe you don't want to save money. A child never thanks his elders for telling him there is no Santa Claus.

Add to tincture of iodine as a first aid disinfectant for minor wounds, boric acid is the only antiseptic a well-arranged family medicine cupboard should contain. It will meet every requirement of an antiseptic quite as well as any other agent, in my opinion. Eye drops, ear drops, nasal spray, mouth wash, gargle, solution for antiseptizing a wet dressing, antiseptic solution for bathing an infected wound, douche, bladder wash, bowel wash, or as a dusting powder for the relief of foul sweating, boric acid is an excellent first choice.

Canker sores in the mouth, sieges of which a correspondent described as "hell," are best dealt with after this fashion: Give the toothbrush and your favorite dentifrice a well-earned rest. Touch each canker once daily with a mixture of equal parts of tincture of iodine and glycerin which smartens momentarily, then seems to relieve. Then gently rinse the mouth many times a day, especially before and after taking food, with warm saturated boric acid solution. Saturated solution of anything means simply all the water will dissolve. I take canker sores merely as an example of the use of boric acid as an antiseptic—yet this is the aseptic era. Have I not said repeatedly that no known antiseptic is worth a hoot as a germ checker or even a germ discourager after the germ has penetrated the tissues, that is, after infection has taken place? I have, and I stand by that assertion. But here in the mouth affected with canker sores the boric acid serves another purpose, namely, the discouragement of germs which are given off from the canker sores, and which, if not discouraged, may set up other canker sores. The warm saturated solution does this without irritating or injuring the mucous membrane of the mouth and with-

out interfering with the natural healing processes. At least, I believe it does. Boric acid solution may be used for moistening a dressing on an infected wound or sore of any kind, the antiseptic in this instance again serving the purpose of rendering the germs given off from the infected wound or sore harmless. Some such protective dressing over Boil No. 1 would render No. 2 a hell less inevitable eventually, if people only knew about the aseptic era and the way not to handle boils.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Born Nervous. Which of these two doctors would you recommend for an operation—Dr. — or Dr. —? Is there such a thing as being born nervous and no help for it, as one doctor told me? Would displacement of the womb cause such trouble?—M. M.

Answer—Either of the doctors you name would be competent to operate. Some defectives are born so. I do not think displacement would cause any general trouble. Knowledge of a displacement, unless you are also aware that many women with displacement suffer no ill effect, might give you considerable worry.

Great Expectations. Please inform me where I may obtain the following books: Prenatal Care and How to Feed an Infant.—J. T.

Answer—I do not know of books with those titles. A recent book by Dr. Frank H. Richardson covers the ground in the simplest and most practical way. It is called "Simplifying Motherhood" and is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, and mirable dictu, it sells for only \$1.75.

Sarcoma. Is there any cure for sarcoma? My cousin has this disease and the family doctor gave up the case because it is incurable.—Mrs. E. R. M.

Answer—Sarcoma is the most malignant type of cancer. Unlike the more usual type, carcinoma, it occurs often in early life and it spreads through the circulation rather than through the lymphatics as the ordinary cancer does. If diagnosed before a secondary tumor has been started in a distant part of the body by this embolism process, the radical surgical removal of the sarcoma may save life. Otherwise no cure is known.

Applesauce. A utensil demonstrator cooked meat in a vessel having only a loose cover, but cooked it in its own juices without adding any water and out driving off any steam vapor (moderate heat). He claims this preserves the mineral salts in the meat and also that it does not destroy vitamins in vegetables or fruits, as does pressure cooking or ordinary boiling. The meat certainly tasted fine. I would like to have your opinion of this.—E. C. M.

Answer—Such a method of cooking saves considerable of the mineral matter which is dissolved out by water and perhaps discarded unless the housewife is better trained than ordinary cooks and utilizes this water in soups and otherwise. As for the vitamins, I do not think it matters materially—they are destroyed or diminished by any cooking, except in vacuum.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across. Word 1. How many bars of wool did Sam, the black sheep in the picture have? Word 4. One of the months. Abbreviated.

Word 5. A fairy or sprite. Word 6. To take something without leave.

Running Down. Word 1. An athletic game. Word 2. The last name of a popular Revolutionary hero. Word 3. The name of a famous tower in Paris.

SATURDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



Timely Views on World Topics

"European Affairs Would Become U.S. Threatening if U.S. Were a Member of the League," is Belief of Sir John Povers.

The Treaty of Versailles, the effectiveness of which is challenged frequently, has been rendered less effective by America's continued refusal to join the League, avers Sir John Povers, British M. P. In a recent speech he said, "In Western Europe the task that has been thrust upon Great Britain is indescribably difficult. It will be remembered that at the peace conference France was practically forced by the English speaking races to a redrawing of the map of Europe. This was absolutely repugnant to her and against which she protested with the greatest vehemence.

"She was at last induced to agree to the treaty on the understanding that she would be protected by the United States and Great Britain against unprovoked aggression by Germany. As a matter of fact an agreement to this effect was signed by the representatives of the United States and Great Britain simultaneously with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919.

"Great Britain duly ratified the agreement and exchanged documents with France on Nov. 20, 1919. For reasons, political or otherwise, which I need not go into, the United States did not ratify the agreement, which therefore fell to the ground, since Article 2 of the agreement provided that it would not have effect unless ratified by all three parties.

"One cannot but have the utmost sympathy with France in the position in which she found herself. To describe her mental attitude is difficult. She felt that she had been betrayed; that she had been jockeyed into an agreement on matters to which she would otherwise never have subscribed. She felt that the fruits of her victory, that her enormous sacrifice, had all been in vain, and she was embittered with the barrenness of her success.

Fears Germany. "She was not afraid of Germany, reduced to impotency, but she feared the Germany of ten, fifteen or twenty years hence. Her experience with Germany had been terrible. Twice within the space of fifty years Germany had invaded her, desolated her territory, decimated her troops and subjected her to great humiliations by two forgeries. The first was the Ems telegram, and the second time was the tearing up of a solemn treaty.

The militant party in France gained the ascendancy and Great Britain had to stand aside and watch her occupy German towns, one after the other, and take possession of the Ruhr.

"France's hopes that Germany might be reduced into a number of small states, as was the case prior to the war of 1871, were disappointed by the fact that the Treaty of Versailles made the carrying out of its provisions incumbent upon the German Reich, and the treaty by centralizing the responsibility prevented France's hopes from being realized. Every effort had been made by Great Britain during the last six years to induce France to accept the status quo. In 1922, Great Britain offered France a guarantee that she would place the whole of her resources beside those of France in the event of an unprovoked aggression by Germany, but in the then state of mind of France not only was this offer refused, but it was refused with contumely and contempt."

Mrs. Ed Warner of Portland is a visitor in the city for several days with her daughter Ruth.

Abe Martin



Next t' a Chicago hangman Roy Haynes has got th' softest snap I know of. "Oh, yes, we used t' have lots o' rails for mis-tetco, but th' pocket flash has put it out o' business," says Benton Pusey, o' Th' Emporium.

To Blossoms. Fair pledges of a fruitful tree, Why do ye fall so fast? Your date is not so past But you may stay here yet awhile To blush and gently smile, And go at last.

What were ye born to be An hour or half's delight, And so to bid good-night? 'Tis pity Nature brought ye forth, Merely to show your worth, And lose you quite.

But you are lovely leaves, where we May read how soon things fade, Their end, though ne'er so brave; And, after they have shown their pride Like you a while, they glide In to the grave.

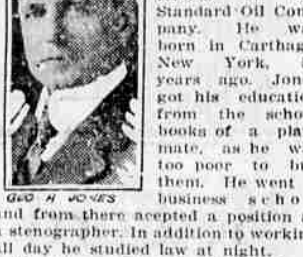
Who's Who. George H. Jones. The new chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company, George H. Jones, of Pelham, New York, is a self-made man. The son of a carpenter, he raised himself to the position of chairman of the board of the company in New Jersey which is the keystone of the far flung interests of the Standard Oil Company. He was born in Carthage, New York, 53 years ago. Jones got his education from the school books of a playmate, as he was too poor to buy them. He went to business school and from there accepted a position as a stenographer. In addition to working all day he studied law at night.

Being connected with the legal department of the Standard Oil in 1907, he has been with that company in the capacity of chief accountant, comptroller of subsidiaries, director in 1917, treasurer in 1919 and vice president, also director and treasurer since December, 1920. Jones is a member of the New York State Chamber of Commerce, and has two daughters and three grandchildren.

THE DATE TREE BY LESTER SEEMAN



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