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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Ferry

"Aggravated by the weight of \$200 in silver dollars, in his trousers, Johnson threw the money away" — (Press Dispatch) Mr. Johnson should have thrown away the trousers, and then bought another pair.

The high school band has returned from Corvallis, where it won the state title, in a hard-fought and bitterly contested struggle. A well timed high-around right end, cinched victory. Medford won by 5 of a point and, according to "Live Wire" Walter should have gone into a stall sooner.

BEST WIRECRACK OF THE WEEK—You can understand why men being men will fall for beautiful but tame Doris, but why some men have married the wild cats they have is simply beyond comprehension. —(Cincinnati Enquirer.)

CAUGHT—By John Jones, Sunday, April 15, 1928, in the teeming waters of the Rogue, a 27-pound salmon. The proud performer of this half-raising achievement will strut the Main Stem, at an hour to be announced later, totting the apple of his eye, with one finger rammed through its gills. All will be given an opportunity to see the hero, so there is no need of launching a panic. The Atlantic flyers are sulking in their hangars.

The program, with musical numbers, was followed by a lingerie review with loving models. (Wichita, Kan., Beacon.) This gay world.

All last week Klanmen, who had regained their sanity, testified to the ferociousness perpetrated upon sinners by the outlawed order. Implicating the Imperial Wizard thereof, who has made sufficient to keep him from being forced to return to his original occupation of pulling teeth. A judge of the federal court, declared "the Klan came with filthy hands..." and is an enemy to the rights of the people. "This is the sweetest scented outfit that few years ago so enthralled any number of Oregonians, and terrified the Portland press, now boasting of its fearlessness, into abject silence. For every condemnation there were 99 apologies. In the light of the court disclosures, somebody should be enroute to prison, but nobody in the witness stand did not commit perjury, the atrocious were. As a red hot political campaign is coming on, it is predicted that Justice will be shy and diffident, and the matter dropped.

SHINES  
A shoe-shine is a convenient method of making a pair of shoes look less old than they actually are. Shines may be classified as commercial and domestic. The commercial operation is performed in what is known as a parlor by virtue of the fact that it contains chairs and ornate weekly which would be a delight to any Bertillon expert.  
A commercial shine ordinarily costs a dime, with a nickel added, which entitles you to three swipes with a whiskbroom and a word of thanks. The industry represents a monopoly shared by Greece and America. You may make your choice of listening to repartee that inspired the two black crows or of seizing an opportunity to brush up on the classics. An invitation to a friend to come and have a "shine on you" is always a welcome though modest attention.  
The domestic shine, on the other hand, is performed in the sanctity of the home by the person wearing the shoes. It, therefore, provides a test of skill not unlike that of a surgeon attempting an operation upon himself. The process of getting round to the heel requires no little technique, to say nothing of abdominal muscles that are not readily given to exercise. The domestic shine also is useful for solving the problem of what to do with old tooth brushes. The professional appearance of a home-made shine has become increasingly difficult to acquire with the popularity of bright socks that show up every false stroke. However, such errors may be made less conspicuous by smudging in the strokes with the fingers.  
It should not be forgotten that leaving a tin of polish open causes its deterioration. Therefore, after each use the top should be pressed down, affording no little interest in the puzzle of getting it open again.  
In view of the fact that you yourself furnish the labor, the domestic shine is much cheaper than the commercial. That is, if you don't get polish into the best rug instead of on your shoes. —(Baltimore Sun.)

Editorial Correspondence

PORTLAND, Ore., April. — At Paradise, Montana, one changes from Mountain to Pacific time. Here again is a provincial sense of humor displayed. This bleak little town in the mountains is as near a paradise as Upton, Wyoming is near the "best town in the world."

The "North Coast" limited is an excellent train, the dining car service being particularly good. This morning at breakfast the car looked like a flower shop, large bouquets on each table, flowers at the sides—very refreshing and attractive. Food is above the dining-car average, and prices very reasonable. If the S. P., as claimed, loses \$10 a week on each dinner, the N. P. must lose at least \$1000. (Why, hello, Rosey!)

With over two hours in Spokane, we had dinner at the Diner hotel—where one probably gets more for his money than in any other first-class hotel in the country. They serve an excellent table d'hote dinner for \$1.25—with so many choices that a carte service is only excusable for those unfortunate persons who have an uncontrollable aversion to buying anything that is cheap.

Two large dining rooms, both with good orchestras and redolent with flowers. Both crowded that night, so service was not so good. Wonder of wonders! the hat-girl refused a ten-cent tip—not because it was too small, but because she is not allowed to take tips. (Mr. Dayton, on his annual trip to New York, gave a Manhattan hat-girl, and was cursed out by that beauty scandalously. At least, that is what "they say," so he decided

to eat out the graft entirely in his own hotel.)  
Another novelty. In the wash-room they have no hand-towels, but several brass funnels. There is a foot pedal beside each funnel with an invitation to hold the hands in front of the spout and step on the pedal. A steady blast of hot, and not very pleasant-smelling, air is the result. Don't think much of this strain after 100 per cent sanitation.

Too bad more people couldn't have taken the trip from Montana to southern Oregon when we did. The contrast was almost unbelievable. From mid-winter—bleak, bitter, chilling—to late spring—blossoms blooming, bees buzzing, a flower garden plunged in sunshine!

Never realized before what a difference there is between the climate of Oregon and the climate of northern Washington and Montana. The ride of the Shasta from Portland to Medford was a perfect delight from the observation car platform. Twenty-four hours before, five minutes on the observation platform of the North Coast resulted in a frosted nose and considerably snow in the left ear!

Business in Spokane is reported excellent and if the Columbia river basin improvement bill goes through, the Spokane boosters declare it will be a city of a million people in five years.

Yes? We lived in Spokane for over two years, when buying an apple orchard on the great Appleway meant an assured income, and annual payments from between the rows. But perhaps the boosters today aren't the liars they were 20 years ago.

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.

AN OUTLINE OF HYGIENE

No. 26—A Long Way From Microbes to Infection.

In rendering the perennial spring song the other day a good friend of mine who writes editorials gave customers the customary warning about venturing forth these sunny bland spring days in habiliments appropriate to settled spring. He reminded me that you never can tell when the fitful spring weathers will turn suddenly cold or sleety and catch unwary victims with their defenses down, so to speak. At this point my friend suffered a qualm, so he went on to opine that notwithstanding Dr. Brady, or something to that effect, results seem to bear out the popular belief that germs and microbes lurk under the edges of smudgy snowbanks. Then my editorial friend called it a day.

To my mind this was delightfully humorous. There were so many deft touches in the thing. First, I wondered how the girls would take it. I've studied the problem long and earnestly, giving every case the up and down or at least the once over, and I have not encountered more than two or three instances among the reckless sex to bear out my editorial friend's theory. These two or three girls who apparently had their heavy underwear on seemed quite well at the moment. If, though they looked unhappy. Then, too, there is something comical in the thought of germs and microbes furtively hiding behind snowbanks; the juxtaposition reminds one of salesladies graciously associating with saleswomen. But the funniest thing about the 1928 spring song was the way the pathogenic bacteria, as we doctors call 'em, were dragged into the picture by main force and as a sober afterthought. If the poor sap ventures out in the tricky spring sunning without his galoshes, chest protector, muffler, ear muffs and belly pad on, and the cruel cold steels get him, oh, slush, why bother about any micro-organisms? Well, these germs and microbes with which my editorial friend besprinkled the situation, are susceptible of various explanations. They help to fill the void, for one thing. They serve as dust to blind customers to the absurdity of the song. And they tend to soften the impact of the slipper when Old Doc Brady discovers the disaccordance.

Quite seriously now, I believe most of the lathy and too many physicians fail to take a vital fact into consideration when thinking about the prevention or treatment of infectious disease, and this faulty or erratic reasoning leads to much disappointment, unnecessary danger and useless expenditure of money. The vital fact so often left out of the puzzle is simply that it is a long, long way from germs to infection. It calls for special emphasis, because otherwise it will be dismissed and soon forgotten.  
Most intelligent persons now know that the presence of diphtheria germs in one's throat or one's throat or nose does not prove that one is ill of diphtheria. Everybody has heard of healthy disease germs "carriers." Evidently one may harbor disease germs on a mucous surface without suffering from infection—that is, the germs may not enter the tissues at all, to set up infection. But very few laymen and too few physicians bear this danger and useless thinking of "sanitary precaution" and commercially inspired "personal hygiene" grows out of this common misunderstanding. The very idea of disease germs "lurking" and the ways and means the quillible housewife adopts to deal with them, is an instance.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
Ab, Nawty! Nawty!  
What is the cause of Bengel's disease? What are the symptoms? If the tissues are gone —  
H. S. M.  
Answer—Whoa and back up! What is the doctor here anyway? I'll have to tell a story with a moral. Once there was an old reefer who had a wooden head. He had no tobacco but his nerve was not quite dead. He paused one day—in fact his life was a long pause—in the old potato patch and said to his companion "Have you a pipe and some tobacco handy? I think I have a match." This Bengel's disease is a new one on me, and even if I could find any

principle, reaching a speed of 60 miles an hour from a standstill in six seconds.

The start is made by exploding a charge of gunpowder. The idea is relied on to carry men, some day, to the outer limits of our atmosphere in a "flying sky rocket." The return journey would be made by parachute.

Men have dreamed of escaping the earth's power of gravitation in a rocket ship and going to the moon. That is called the Jules Verne fantastic dream of today. The submarine was once the Jules Verne fantastic dream of yesterday.

An attempt to murder the king of Italy took the lives of 18, but fortunately did not injure him. The attack proved to the world how deep an attachment the Italian people have for their king, descendant of the brave men who, with Cavour and other great leaders, established and made permanent the freedom and unity of Italy.

Another Indanny bank wuz looted yesterday, this time by bandits. Love at first sight often turns out party good, unless the wuz clubbin' in a rumble seat.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One)

"I really believe you play poker better than I do."  
Our bolshevist friends have made a similar remarkable discovery. The "Pravda," official organ, says workers in the United States are "so cool to communist propaganda because they are prosperous and get such high wages."  
The learned bolshevist editor says the "paradox" of America's hostility to communism is the one word "PROSPERITY." Correct. To discourage vice, make it expensive. To protect men and big fortunes at the top, take care of the people at the bottom.  
German genius invents an automobile that starts on the "rocket"

Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason)

BIOGRAPHY.

The lives of great men always form a high and valued branch of art; such chronicles are bound to warm the cockles of a reader's heart. The youthful student reads such books, portraying genius in its rise, and he remarks, "Gee whiz! Gadzooks! I, too, shall strive to gain a prize." But nowadays the wise and great have no monopoly of "Lives"; bloggers choose frenzied skates who flourished guns and butcher knives. Bold Billy, who was called "The Kid," becomes the hero of a book; and all the ghastly things he did, and all the lives he fiercely took, become the subject of a tale that reeks with carnage fore and aft, that makes the reader quail and wonder at this Billy's craft. And Wild Bill Hickok also struts, majestic, through a ringing book; upon his guns were many cuts, each standing for a life he took. I turn from Gladstone's moral "Life" to old Calamity H. Jane, who was the boarder's common wife, exulting in her list of slains. The Earps and pale Doc Holliday now figure in an epic tome describing how they went to slay, when there was naught to do at home. The floors all swept, the dishes washed, adown the Tombstone streets they swung, and in red blood they gayly sloshed until the curfew bell was rung. There is a deluge of such books, exalting gentlemen who slay if they dislike a passer's looks, his whiskers or his necktie blue. Will they teach children to be mild and let the tools of strife alone? Will they inspire the ardent child to go forth gunning when he's grown?

Who Can Tell?  
I have had Bright's disease for about 10 years. I would like to know what I can eat and what not to eat —  
A. C. S.  
Answer—No one but your physician is in a position to tell you that. As a rule one with Bright's disease should take an ordinary mixed diet, not excluding any wholesome item or kind of food, unless some individual condition leads the doctor to advise doing so. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

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APALLING FAMINE IN CHINESE PROVINCE

A cable message from the Famine Relief commission of Peking just received by the Federal Council of Churches, New York, states that according to reports from missionaries in the northeastern part of the province of Shantung appalling famine conditions prevail. The situation, which has been growing worse for many months, is now so bad that nine-tenths of the population are reported to be eating unwholesome food substitutes. A half million people are actually starving and 4,000,000 more face similar conditions in the next two months. Deaths are increasing. Men have abandoned their homes and have gone to Manchuria in search of work. Children are being offered for sale, boys of six selling, in some instances, for twelve silver dollars, the equivalent of \$2.00 American currency.  
Some hundreds of thousands of dollars, which have been available during the winter for carrying on relief work, are now completely exhausted, so that relief agencies find themselves without funds to carry on even the meager relief work which has been conducted by various missionaries at their own stations and by other agencies.

Latest Dope on the Big Leagues

PITTSBURGH, Apr. 16. — (AP) — Earl Smith, chatting backdrop of the Pittsburgh Pirates, is lost to the team for at least 10 days. A badly sprung leg tendon and ruptured blood vessel caused him to be sent here from Cincinnati to recover.  
Smith was injured Saturday when he attempted to field a bunt laid down by Dreschen.

Farm Pointers

Sloughs and swales often produce heavy crops of reedy grass hardly worth cutting. When not actually swamped, these areas offer a chance for planting alkali clover and running out the coarse grass.  
The outstanding reason for malnutrition among American children is bad food habits. Some-time parents do not know food values but in any case, whether based on the child's "choosiness" or the parent's lack of information bad food habits can be corrected only thru education in what are the proper foods for children and how they can be trained to eat wholesome foods.  
Mail Tribune classified ads reach 20,000 people or more every day.

By SOL HESS

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Changes Address



Sam Swider, nearing the end of a 20-year sentence in the Oklahoma penitentiary at McAlester for perjury, has changed his address. He is now in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth under two years sentence for making counterfeit money while an inmate at the former institution. Moulds for the making of counterfeit coins were found in his possession. Swider is shown above as he appeared when he became a convict at the Oklahoma penitentiary, and, below, as he appears today.

Business in Oregon for the Year  
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TWENTY-FIFTH CHILD BORN TO ENGLISH MOTHER

PRESTON, England.—(AP) Recognition from the king of some kind is expected here by the townsfolk for Mrs. James Pearllett, to whom has been born the twenty-fifth child. The father, aged 56, says he was as excited and as nervous over the story's last visit as he was concerning the first. Fourteen of the children are living—eight girls, two of whom are married, and six boys, all healthy and rosy cheeked. With exception of the two married daughters, they all live with their parents, the eldest a boy, aiding in supporting the family. The father makes about \$25 a week, and the boy about half that amount. Those who are able to do odd jobs about town do so and bring all their earnings to their mother.  
Mrs. Pearllett, robust herself, says the children have never needed the attention of a physician. "It's only cooks they want, not doctors," she remarked. The mother runs a small general goods store in the front room of her house, in this way being able to buy food for the family at wholesale prices.  
A sweet clover crop is of benefit on fields underlain by a firm subsoil in that they strike deep and help to break up the near hardpan.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY  
of St. Louis, Missouri, on the thirty-first day of December, 1927, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:  
Capital.....\$ 200,000.00  
Net premium received during the year..... 563,327.58  
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year..... 31,885.13  
Income from other sources received during the year..... 3,138.32  
Total income.....\$ 604,343.03  
Disbursements:  
Net loss paid during the year including adjustment expenses.....\$ 289,993.18  
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year..... 16,000.00  
Commission and other paid during the year..... 199,000.15  
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year..... 22,472.57  
Loss adjustment..... 15,152.41  
Amount of all other expenditures..... 35,359.48  
Total disbursements.....\$ 588,917.77  
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....\$ 643,950.00  
Loans on mortgages and collateral..... 35,000.00  
Cash in banks and on hand..... 249,578.57  
Premiums in course of collection other than during the year..... 318,298.38  
Interest and rents due and accrued..... 8,568.81  
Total admitted assets.....\$ 1,282,795.96  
Liabilities:  
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 84,204.34  
Amount of outstanding premiums on all other policies..... 569,238.94  
Investigation and adjustment..... 3,300.00  
Federal and state taxes (estimated amount)..... 5,000.00  
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock..... 206,060.00  
Total assets.....\$ 1,076,735.96

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CHURCHES SHOW GAIN OF 573,000 MEMBERS 1928

The Christian Herald of New York, in its annual church review and census, says:  
With the churches of the United States having a total membership of 48,594,163 and showing a net gain of 573,722 members in 1927, their situation is decidedly more encouraging than at the close of the preceding year, when their net increase fell a little short of the 490,000 mark.

The heavy drain, due to the wholesale dropping of the names of absentees and inactive members, made known that year, has stirred the churches to activities to stop that leakage and they now know that it can be done. They understand that evangelistic efforts should be speeded up and that plans for striking the trail of the absentees more quickly and effectively are also necessary.  
"The Roman Catholic group shows the largest single gain for the year—183,889. The Methodist group shows a total gain of 150,910 for 1416 bodies. The 20 organizations which make up the Lutheran group rank next with a gain of 67,879. The Disciples of Christ or Christian church, with two bodies, show a gain of 44,801, while the 14 Baptist bodies show an aggregate gain of 41,712.

The returns for ministers and churches both show decreases. There is a net loss of 1387 in the number of ministers, which now stands at 217,204, while the number of churches has decreased to 235,991—or 1470 fewer than last year. This would indicate that the process of consolidation is assuming larger proportions. The decrease under both heads are truly heavy and the subject deserves attention and study.  
The following is a list of churches having 50,000 or more members, showing the gain for 1927:  
Catholic—Roman, Polish and American  
Old Catholic.....16,854,691.....-182,889  
Methodists, 16 bodies.....9,119,575.....150,910  
Baptists, 14 bodies.....8,712,607.....41,712  
Lutherans, 20 bodies.....2,656,198.....67,879  
Presbyterians, 9 bodies.....2,587,134.....15,580  
Disciples Christ, 2 bodies.....1,789,313.....44,801  
Catholics, Oriental, 10 bodies.....762,425.....8,245  
Later-Day Saints, 2 bodies.....645,158.....8,769  
Reformed, 2 bodies.....553,644.....6,617  
United Brethren, 2 bodies.....412,818.....3,187  
Brethren (Dunkards), 4 bodies.....363,034.....8,268  
Adventists, 2 bodies.....351,862.....824  
Friends, 4 bodies.....313,905.....1,847  
Mennonites, 12 bodies.....97,544.....7,234

U. S. LIBRARY THIRD IN SIZE IN THE WORLD

The library of congress, the largest in the United States and the third in point of size in the world, was established by an act of the national legislature in 1800. An appropriation of \$5000 was authorized to purchase books and set aside suitable quarters in the capitol for a library. In 1814, the capitol library, then possessing slightly more than 3000 volumes, was destroyed by the burning of the capitol by the British troops.  
The private library of Thomas Jefferson, including 7000 volumes, was purchased to form the nucleus for the new collection. This included the first fire in 1851 destroyed 35,000 of the 65,000 volumes to which the collection had grown. Immediate appropriations were forthcoming to restore the library's quarters in the capitol and to replace the books destroyed. By 1865 the total number of volumes had reached 100,000. Later increases have been stimulated by the requirements of the copyright law, which since 1870 has required two copies of each article copyrighted to be deposited in the Library of Congress.  
At present the congressional library includes more than 3,500,000 printed books and pamphlets and is surpassed in size only by the British museum and the national library of Paris. It contains many rare and valuable manuscripts. While intended first for congressional use, it has been developed into a consulting library where the public may use the main reading room and scholars may avail themselves of its more valuable accessories.

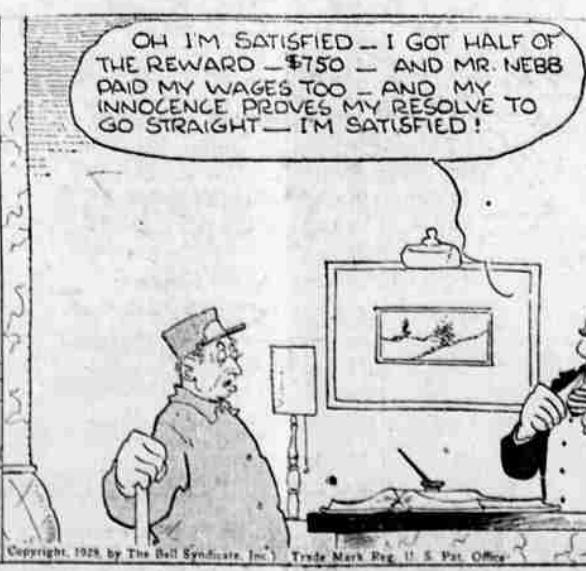
MARTINIQUE SHIPS BANANAS  
MARTINIQUE.—(AP) Banana farmers have organized to promote export shipments and encourage cultivation. The new company plans to build a cold storage plant at Port de France.

THE NEBBS—IS That So?



IT'S TOUGH T'GET ARRESTED FER SOMETHIN' THAT YOU NEVER DONE - I BET IT COST YOU LOTS OF DOUGH AND YOU LOST YER WAGES TOO - IF I COULDN'T GET NO OTHER SATISFACTION I'D JUST THAT COPPER IN TH' MUSH

OH I'M SATISFIED - I GOT HALF OF THE REWARD - \$750 - AND MR. NEBB PAID MY WAGES TOO - AND MY INNOCENCE PROVES MY RESOLVE TO GO STRAIGHT - I'M SATISFIED!



HE PAYS HIM FOR TH' TIME HE WAS PINCHED! AND ME - I WORK LIKE A FLOCK OF DOGS AND DONT GET NO RAISE OR NOTHIN'! I GET FIFTY-TWO DISAPPOINTMENTS EVERY YEAR! I DONT OPEN MY PAY ENVELOPE WITH NO APPETITE - IM GONNA SOCK THAT BABY FOR A RAISE!



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TROWBRIDGE  
LUMBER YARD