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Ye Smudge Pot: By Arthur Pottery

Grants Pass sports an "automotive diagnostician," while the best this town can offer is a "factory trained auto mechanic."

The news yesterday that told about the Hudson Bay trapper, who whacked off his own toes with a butcher knife, and did a good job of it, recalled to many the time they stubbed their big toe.

Link McCormack, former local barrister, now of Smithville, N. Y., is in our midst. He will go back to the modern Babylon in a couple of weeks.

The American Safety society requests that pedestrians run over by an auto, remember the auto because a thick citizen who was assaulted by a California car bearing license No. 1-78960-34, lacked mental capacity.

Hon. B. Anderson, enclaved across the continent yesterday, and anchored the Timpany floor in the tail, with a fountain pen.

A 16 year old girl was noted driving down the Main Stem on the 10th, proceeding at a moderate speed and in a cautious manner.

Gum-chewing is getting another foothold in this community.

Senator Curtis of Kansas will be notified tomorrow that he is in the GOP, candidate for vice-president. The senator has Kaw blood in his veins, and it is hoped there will be no more crowing about it.

The Yawter boys have caused their spondulicks (depository) to be the exposure of all lights, causing the austere beauty of the edifice to loom up in a farmhouse in the fog. The main ingress is now always glaring with light. This puts a quietus on the custom of the fair sex scouting into this late hour to adjust the roll in their socks.

In the rural areas turkeys are abundant. The gawkiness of this fowl in August is enough to make the angels and Walter M. Pierce weep.

The gasoline, which looks like a girl had dropped her lipstick in it, is meeting with increased favor among owners of go-carts.

Nature has started giving the leaves a brown tinge.

Binco-artists (after the cash, instead of votes) are operating a state with a high degree of efficiency and luck. The main victims are farmers who will get robbed anyway. It was Mark Twain, who wise-cracked learnedly: "Man is the only animal who can be skinned more than once."

July 28—Department of commerce says certain manufacturers believed to be Asiatic. (Press dispatch.) Another kick in the shorts for the Chinese.

Be specific. When you say you subordinate religion in politics, say which religion. (Chalmers, Cal., "Main Dealer" Ouch! don't you hit me with any more truth.

ALSO, THE DEATH THEREOF: It is usually customary for the life of the party about the middle of the evening to put a lampshade on his head and give an impression of Mary Garden, after which he tells a joke that is not meant for mixed company. At this his wife snaps and says "Did you ever see such a person?" and all the other women snail and say "Isn't he killing!"

What Do They Do? NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The popular notion of a life guard—a bronzed, muscular amphibian—received a rude shock here when after an inquiry, it was announced that 15 guards at city beaches could not swim a stroke.

THEY SHOULD FOLLOW THE LEADER

THE best rebuke to those Hoover supporters who, like Dr. Dieffenbach of Boston, are attacking Governor Smith because of his religion, can be found in the acceptance speech of the man in whose principles they are supposed to believe.

Here is what Secretary Hoover said last Saturday: In this land, dedicated to tolerance, we still find outbreaks of intolerance. I come from a Quaker stock. My ancestors were persecuted for their beliefs. Here they sought and found religious freedom. By blood and conviction I stand for religious tolerance both in act and in spirit. The glory of our American ideals is in the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

Fortunately, Dr. Dieffenbach represents a decided minority. Ex-Secretary Daniels declared yesterday that even in the South religion is not an issue.

It shouldn't be, and won't be, if the followers of Mr. Hoover follow out the high-minded and broad-minded course he charted for his party at Palo Alto last Saturday.

RULES FOR POLITICAL WRITERS

YESTERDAY we printed two political communications, of about equal length, but divergent views, one from Bert Anderson and the other from Colonel E. E. Kelly.

As this promises to be a pestiferous campaign, and in a short time a perfect flood of political outbursts will be headed toward this office, we hasten to make the following announcement:

FROM THIS TIME ON the Mail-Tribune will publish in its "Letter Box" no political communications which are: Over 300 words in length;

Not signed by the name of the writer;

Contain irrelevant or libelous personalities.

There are going to be a great many who can't express themselves in 300 words or less,—or think they can't.

As a matter of fact, very few communications exceeding that length are read through by anyone, and of course the editorial watch-dog. So brevity is not only good for this paper but good for the respective disputants.

These rules are to be strictly and impartially enforced until November 6th. Those who can't abide by them will have to hire a hall or consult the business office, as far as we are concerned.

MARK A STRAW BALLOT,—NOW

THE straw ballot is going very nicely but thus far it is all going one way.

We don't feel it would be quite right to say which way, or to appeal to one side or the other to get busy. That would hardly be cricket.

Perhaps the condition would be remedied if we merely urged all voters to mark the sample ballots,—NOW and send them in AT ONCE.

The Mail-Tribune doesn't want this straw vote to be a testimonial to any one candidate or any one party; it wants it to represent as nearly as possible a cross section of political opinion in this county, as it exists today.

So if you haven't marked a ballot, do so and send it in. The larger the vote the more representative, and therefore the more valuable it will be.

QUILL POINTS

This is the first time a political issue has been defined as something nobody likes to talk about.

The future of the Italian nation will depend on whether Mussolini proves to be a disease or a symptom.

Those people who think the art of conversation is lost should get hooked up with a party line.

When they decide whether the tomato is a fruit or a vegetable, perhaps they will tell us whether the cantaloupe is a melon or a myth.

Still it's no harder to make people loaf on the seventh day than it is to make them work on the other six.

A 10 percent tip means you are sophisticated; a 20 percent tip means you are scared; a 15-cent tip means you are rich.

Correct this sentence: "The more important the event being broadcast," said the radio fan, "the better my set seems to work."

Dies on Third Rail. CHICO, Cal. (AP)—While running to help fight a stubble-field fire, Peter Vertz, 40, fell on the third rail of the Sacramento Northern railway tracks and was electrocuted. He is survived by a widow and eight children.

Beef Stew Causes Illness. VALLEJO, Cal. (AP)—Fourteen children were taken from the U. S. S. Procyon and transferred to a Mare Island hospital for treatment for ptomaine poisoning. Officials believed the illness was caused by a warmed-over beef stew.

MUTT AND JEFF—What Can You Expect From a Dead Brain?



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.

ONE FAMILY HAS HARD LUCK. A man resident in a city of the near west contributes this interesting observation:

If my memory is correct, in one of your recent articles, you expounded the theory that cancer is not heritable. If you have a few moments to read this letter the facts set forth may interest you.

My grandmother died in 1882 with cancer of the breast. Her second daughter died in 1893 with cancer of the intestine. Her oldest daughter, my mother, died of cancer of the liver in 1906. Her third daughter was cured of a cancer on the back of her hand by Dr. — of this city by radium treatments. Her fourth daughter is now in a hospital, where she has a cancer of the breast removed. Her third son died in 1925 with cancer of the bladder. Her grandson, —, died in 1926 with intestinal cancer, exactly the same as his mother had in 1898. Last month another grandchild, Mrs. —, died in —, Kingston with cancer of the breast. Another grandchild, Mrs. —, is at present in a hospital in —, suffering with a cancer.

If cancer is not heritable, then this family history is certainly a curious coincidence. You may well imagine that I am very deeply interested and would be pleased to receive any advice you see fit to offer. By the foregoing you see that I have lost my grandmother, my mother, one aunt, one uncle and two cousins through cancer, besides having at this present time a cancer.

We don't know anything about the inheritance of cancer. We don't know the nature or cause of cancer, and we can only base a surmise upon the characteristics of the disease or diseases we call cancer. That surmise, the consensus of medical opinion is that cancer is not inherited. In the overwhelming majority of cases, cancer appears to be a casual happening, though the malady is universal and a case occurs now and then in every family.

Were it available, the family history of the grandmother would be illuminating. Were her forbears afflicted with cancer?

The remarkable frequency of cancer in this family may indicate some unknown factor or cause to which the family has been peculiarly exposed. Three of the cancer victims have resided far from the home community, at least lately, but that would not exclude the unknown local factor, for it may be that cancer develops only after the lapse of an interval.

If all of these victims of cancer had suffered from diabetes or tuberculosis or lead poisoning instead of cancer, the family history might not seem so impressive as a manifestation of bad inheritance. We should rather deem that the family traits of living, customs, habits, probably had something to do with it. We are not warranted in taking on the basis of our present knowledge of cancer.

Dr. Mand Syle has shown that certain families of mice inherit cancer, and certain families inherit a degree of immunity against cancer, that is, mouse cancer. Her work is of great value, but we have no good reason to believe that the condition called mouse cancer is the same thing as cancer in man. Without scientific proof of the identity of mouse cancer and cancer in man, Dr. Syle's studies cannot be accepted as an only human cancer, and so far as I know, no medical authority on the subject has

accepted Syle's work as applying to man.

Of course we may be wrong about it—it is only our theory. Cancer may be heritable, though surely it must be only feebly heritable, for otherwise the disease would annihilate the race in time. Maybe it is fortunate for the race that cancer does not develop, as a rule, until the victim has had sufficient years of adult respite to raise a family.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Question: Radium Affects the Mind. I am enclosing a sample of tablets sold to make fat women slender. Please tell me whether the constant use of these tablets by a woman for over two years would have any effect on her mental or nervous temperament. My wife has been using the stuff, and she refuses to listen to her pastor, her doctor or to her own relatives. She is suing for divorce, and demands the custody of our three children.

Answer:—I cannot make analyses of specimens for correspondents. This preparation, when examined by health authorities in America and in England, was found to be a thyroid extract concoction. It might well be that a woman taking a small dose of thyroid habitually over a prolonged period would suffer mental as well as physical impairment. I should say that a woman or a man either who persists in taking such a remedy over such a period of time betrays a mental aberration to begin with, the time for arid rain. Nothing he may do can save him from reproaches dark and loud; and the filled-case watch I'd put in some expert testimony along this line in answer to the suit, if I were in your place.

Don't Marry. The father of a young man I go with is an epileptic. My people object strenuously to my marriage. Please tell me your opinion of such a match. — R. C. H.

Answer:—My advice is "Don't." Twenty-Four. I am a young man of 24. Having obtained the consent of the young lady, we have decided to brave modern economic pressure and start our lifelong adventure. Have you any advice for a young man entering matrimony? — S. E. S.

Answer:—Well, son, I can advise you that it is not a heroic thing to get married. The "modern economic pressure" you mention is more accurately called selfishness. When your wife acquires the title of Mrs. send me a stamped envelope bearing her address, and I'll mail you such advice as I have for young married people. Possibly some of the books recommended by the American Social Hygiene association, 376 Seventh avenue, New York City, would interest you. Remember, though, that in marrying you are doing only what every man of your age should be required to do or show cause why not.

Pink Lips. My lips are almost white, though I have color in my cheeks. A doctor advised me to use mercury-chrome instead of rouge, and it is satisfactory, but a friend says it will rot the bones. — M. R.

Answer:—Your doctor is your best friend. (Copyright, John F. Dibel Co.)

Press Comment

Hoover's Acceptance Speech. Herbert Hoover's speech accepting the republican nomination reveals a new type of statesman, the engineer, the planner, the builder, without bullhoo or hokum, just an administrator who can do the job and expects to do it quietly and effectively. Surely his appeal is to the intelligence rather than to the emotions, though he reveals an idealism for the future of America not different from the dream that actuated the great men of days gone by. Only the method of describing it is different. The matter-of-fact Hoover phrases are in direct contrast with the noble words of Roosevelt or Wilson, but the practical effect is about the same if the sentiments come from the heart as we think they do.

Mr. Hoover declares himself against repeal of the prohibition amendment and against its nullification by indirection. He recognizes the right of the veto to act as a check on changes in lawful manner, but he will stand by the constitution. He recognizes the prevailing abuses and will try to correct them. The differences between Hoover and Smith are that Hoover is in sympathy with the aim of the dry law, while Smith is not, and that Hoover sees the necessity of keeping the constitution intact while Smith would be willing to punch a few holes in it to let the boys have their highballs.

On the farm question Hoover presents his program as a tariff, protection (now lacking in a number of important particulars), cooperative marketing agencies, financed by the government to give the farmer the benefit of the same wise policies of production and distribution that have made industry so prosperous, development of inland waterways to reduce freight charges, and a number of other measures. His program will not satisfy advocates of price fixing or other political nostrums, but Hoover means business and he gets behind a program he is well to stake his reputation on. Farmers will find him a far more valuable ally than the politician whose only aim is to use prevailing discontent as a means of getting into office.

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Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason.) THE BIG SENDOFF.

Jabez Jinkens planned on starting for a village far away, and we spoke about the parting with a sigh and lackaday. He had been a friendly neighbor, he had lived among us long, he had buckled down to labor with a smile and cheery song. So we spoke about his going with a sadness bleak and grim, and we said, "We'll make a showing of the love we have for him." So we organized a party in his honor ere he went; and in language strong and hearty we addressed that worthy gent. We considered him a model for all people on this earth, and the man was speaking twaddle who'd decried his kindly worth. Then this Jabez was presented with a watch of gold-filled case, and a lot of tears were vented from the eyes that lit his face. Oh, we lavished on the fellow every mark of love we knew, and all ways feeling mellow when the Jamboree was through. Then the days went rolling by us, since we couldn't nail them down, and our thoughts were scarcely still when we saw Jabe still in town. "I've decided not to leave you," Jabez Jinkens then explained, "knowing it would pain and grieve you, I am going to stay here. You'll be glad to hear that I've decided not to leave you." "I've decided not to leave you," Jabez Jinkens then explained, "knowing it would pain and grieve you, I am going to stay here. You'll be glad to hear that I've decided not to leave you."

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Opposes Husband



Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, above, Republican national committee-woman from New York, is one of the picturesque figures in the presidential campaign. Her husband, a banker, is a supporter of Governor Alfred E. Smith and is a member of the finance committee of the Democratic national committee. Sabin is below.

knows of a remedy that will work and no candidate will give it the slightest attention this year. The campaign will be fought on other issues. On these issues Hoover comes pretty close to defining the policies the American people will wish to follow. We think he has sensed their wishes and the country's needs pretty accurately. We shall be very much surprised if the people do not endorse Hoover and his program in November. — Baker Herald.

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COAST LINER IS TAKEN OFF ROCKS; RESUMES TRIP

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Aug. 17.—(AP) Freed and bearing but a slight list, the lone evidence of its battle with the treacherous sands of Cape San Lazaro in the early morning hours yesterday, the luxurious passenger liner Ecuador of the Panama mail line today was at sea again.

Late last night powerful tugs released the 5,500-ton liner from its grounded position on the cape's sands, and turning its bow south-eastward, Captain T. D. Oaks, the boat's commanding officer, prepared to sail into Mazatlan sometime today, radio advices reported. At Mazatlan, located half-way down the Mexican coast to Santa Cruz, the liner will pick up its passengers who were transferred to the Mexican steamer Simula yesterday. The Ecuador, radio messages last night said, was in a seaworthy condition, free of leaks and will continue from Mazatlan on its voyage to Central American ports and New York.

MAY INJECT SACCO VANZETTI CASE INTO EASTERN CAMPAIGN

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 17.—(AP)—The possibility that the Sacco-Vanzetti case would be injected into an already complicated election campaign was seen today in the announcement that the socialist party of Massachusetts had nominated for governor Mrs. Mary Donovan Hapgood of North Brookfield. Mrs. Hapgood, formerly an in the state department of labor and industries, became prominently identified last year in the course of which she met and later married Powers Hapgood, a Harvard graduate.

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