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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Many people would like to know why the Republicans have not organized a "smudge" party, and why the Democrats are not wearing brown derby hats.

King Katuria had to stay in after school yesterday, owing to being caught in a whispering campaign.

Mr. Frank Rythe, the plunderer of the sea, was in town. With a hole in the back of his coat. This is the hole Mr. Rythe has been alleged to be in the coat of his pants, owing to the farmers being opposed.

SOMEBODY BEHIND HIM

(Kansas City Star)

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Sept. 24—Services at the First Baptist church came to a stirring climax here last night when a stranger, who dared defy the pastor in an attack on Governor Smith, failed, and in falling struck his head on a cushion.

The feminine telephone and the morning temperature are not mixing any too well, it is noted.

An obese pumpkin has laid down in the front window of the City, in accordance with custom.

The spring crop of newsworthy are returning. The grocers are wearing chic coming-back suits.

Mrs. Saccharine wanted the dishes for the last time this morning until the votes are counted.

Lady Fort-Coupe of the local imitation British set, failed to put her luncheon cigarette, as she was back in the corner where nobody could see her.

The duck hunting season opens Monday. Who will be the first to lean on a shotgun and let an arm blowed off, is the question.

A 17-year-old lad went down the Main Stem at a moderate rate of speed, and the driver had his hat on.

THE FEROCITY INCREASES

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

For Senator Curtis, he took care of his own case, but if Hesse should come out to Kansas and make the charge that Curtis had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket at a race track or anywhere else, we doubt if Hesse would go out of Kansas in any other way than in the baggage coach ahead.

H. H. Flower, the rising young scholar, was seen tapping the earth with his foot yesterday.

The John Mann store is 18 years old, which is how the proprietor feels.

Millions of baseball fans have been praying for the Athletics to beat the Yankees in the pennant race. Prayers were heard, when used for sport and victory over the enemy.

A couple of head-banging youths got everybody's know they were after last evening.

The H. Von Hovenberg engagement had been scrutinized thoroughly and pronounced a credit to Hollywood.

CLIMAX CLATTER

Andrew Johnson, and daughter Nelly, were in Medford Saturday.

Mrs. Mabel Weir and daughter, Miss Elvira Blair, and their husband visited Mrs. Morgan at Des Moines on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Charley were Medford editors yesterday. E. C. Hurd is attending to business affairs here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Weir entertained the following at a six o'clock dinner Monday.

Mrs. H. K. Hampton and son Jay and Carl and Doreen Lively.

The evening was spent at cards and card pulling.

A Keweenaw is doing some fall playing with his tractor. The farmers in this community feel the need of rain and until one comes very little playing can be done. However, in spite of the prolonged dry season the springs and creeks used for irrigation are holding out very well.

Classified advertisement gets results.

AN EXCELLENT SELECTION

THE selection of Alex Sparrow as County Judge to fill the place caused by the recent regrettable death of W. J. Hartz is an excellent one.

Mr. Sparrow is admirably fitted for the position, and his final decision to accept the post is a tribute to his spirit of unselfish public service.

His appointment by Governor Patterson is assured, and his subsequent election to the place should be certain.

Mr. Sparrow represents that unusual combination—a pleasing personality, and unquestioned ability. He knows Jackson County, not only the rural but the city, problems. He is a practical farmer and stockman, and, at the same time, appreciates the value of those humanitarian and cultural elements which, in recent years, have taken such an important part in the social and economic development of essentially agricultural communities.

As a former army man he knows how to handle men, and as a former superintendent of Crater Lake National Park he knows how to build roads.

Jackson County would indeed be fortunate to have a man of Alex Sparrow's type to administer the affairs of the county during the next six years.

HOOVER GAINING STRENGTH EVERY DAY

THE second installment of the Literary Digest poll points more certainly than the first one to a decisive victory for Secretary Hoover.

Over 250,000 votes have been counted from 13 states, and in every state the Republican candidate leads Smith by a vote of nearly two to one.

The most interesting—and from a Hoover standpoint the most encouraging—feature is the trend of the respective party defections. Approximately 40 per cent of the total Democratic vote is going to Hoover, while only 20 per cent of the total Republican vote is going to Smith. True, there are more Republicans voting for Smith than Democrats—nearly 4000 more—but if this proportion should be maintained during the next four months the conclusion is obvious:

Hoover will win by a tremendous majority in the electoral college in spite of a very large popular vote for Smith in the country at large. We can see no other outcome.

As evidence that the poll is a fairly accurate one, Oregon is included in this week's tabulation as follows:

Hoover 2402, Smith 1137.

We believe that is a pretty fair index of the actual situation in this state. If the poll is accurate regarding Oregon, there is reason to assume it is equally accurate regarding the other states.

Straw votes at best are prone to error, of course. As we said last week, the time has not come for the Hoover forces to celebrate, or slacken their efforts in the slightest degree.

But, considering how close to the final result the Digest's poll was four years ago, Republicans are more justified in their faith than ever that Secretary Hoover will win in November.

The result to date follows:

THE LITERARY DIGEST 1928 PRESIDENTIAL POLL

Vote Received Up to and Including September 18, 1928.

HOOVER

How the Same Voters Voted in 1924

	Rep.	Dem.	No Vote
California	6,081	4,275	931
Illinois	1,071	857	112
Indiana	7,246	5,192	1,057
Maryland	11,566	8,243	1,896
Michigan	2,865	2,221	313
Nebraska	18,244	12,292	3,458
New Jersey	16,481	10,597	4,290
New York	20,814	22,830	2,464
Ohio	13,999	10,987	6,211
Oregon	2,402	1,137	329
Washington	2,899	2,784	437
Wisconsin	21,134	18,524	3,796
State Unknown	1,516	803	126
Total vote	198,292	142,990	23,921

SMITH

How the Same Voters Voted in 1924

	Rep.	Dem.	No Vote
California	5,135	1,710	555
Illinois	560	201	56
Indiana	2,636	1,359	568
Maryland	7,296	1,846	1,428
Michigan	1,800	107	24
Nebraska	8,629	7,459	3,681
New Jersey	17,753	7,459	3,028
New York	12,822	6,111	5,386
Ohio	12,260	7,282	3,089
Oregon	1,137	554	217
Washington	1,820	929	340
Wisconsin	17,014	8,216	3,155
State Unknown	625	220	178
Total vote	92,585	28,817	16,191

RUSSIA SOLICITS FOREIGN CAPITAL

MOSCOW, Sept. 28.—(AP) Soviet Russia today sent another urgent appeal for foreign investment today, the chief economic committee announcing that the construction and operation of public utilities in 60 of the largest cities of the

country would be left open to foreign capital.

In all 100,000,000 rubles (approximately \$200,000,000) of foreign investments are needed for the communal services and foreign capital will be given concessions for installing and operating tramways, motor buses, gas, water, electric and sewerage services, abattoirs and other public utilities.

Grants Pass.—City drains site for proposed new Kesterson sawmill.

Klamath Falls.—Right of way is purchased for Modoc Northern railroad.

MUTT AND JEFF—They Endeavor to Become Herbert Hoover's Trainers

HERBERT, THE BALANCE OF THIS PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS GONNA BE A SEVERE DRAG ON YOUR PHYSICAL RESOURCES AND YOU GOTTA HAVE EXPERT TRAINERS LIKE ME AND JEFF.

BUT MUTT, I FEEL FINE!

COME ON, HERB!

THIS SAMPLE TREATMENT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A WILD CAT!

BUT—OUCH!

THIS KNEADING OF YOUR MUSCLES WILL GIVE YOU THE ENDURANCE OF DEMPSEY IN HIS PRIME!

ONE HOUR! THE TREATMENT'S FINISHED. NOW, HERB, GET UP AND YOU'LL FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN!

GENTLEMEN, I CAN'T GET UP. I'M SO EXHAUSTED I CAN'T MOVE!

THIS MAY BEAR AIL BY DEFAULT!

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 letters not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

THE BAD TONSIL PROBLEM

A physician who had considerable experience gives me this evaluation of a modern method of treating enlarged and infected tonsils:

Endothermy produces a desiccating (drying) reaction. The lymph tissue is quickly dried up and converted to fibrous tissue which is innocuous and does not harbor germs of suppuration. A desiccated lymph tissue is the success of tonsil desiccation.

If pus is present in the tonsil, it is first rendered sterile by the current action and then is completely evacuated by the eurette during the painless removal.

The average case requires eight or 10 treatments. Each treatment begins with the cleansing of the field, that is each tonsil is thoroughly freed of all debris and mucus, by spraying. Then in very sensitive cases an anesthetic is applied to the walls of the throat. Many patients require no such local anesthetics. A suitable electrode is placed on the neck and the active electrode is then applied to the tonsil internally.

The exact amount of current strength, the degree of coagulation and tonsil destruction is different for each case. One must learn by experience how much to remove at each sitting. At first one may attempt too much and give a sore throat unnecessarily. With experience the whole course of treatment may be quite painless and without annoyance to the patient.

This method of treatment is akin to the so-called "radio" kind that was heralded in the newspapers a year or two ago, though the "radio" idea was just a reporter's fancy.

The physician who gave me this description says that he finds the method very satisfactory in the field of adenoids and enlarged, turbinate bodies in the nose. Patients quickly note how much better they can breathe and a great affliction—to those who have to live with "em-snoring," ceases after a few treatments.

My progressive colleague adds this comment:

"I no longer dread hemorrhage or lung abscess. These complications of surgical tonsillectomy in adults do not occur when one employs desiccation. The time required is the chief contradiction to endothermy removal of tonsils, about every five to seven days, but, however much time the course of treatment consumes, patients like the comparative painlessness, safety and general effects. From my experience I believe we may reasonably infer that a tonsil once desiccated by endothermy will remain innocuous."

I am unable to translate the technical description of the method into simple language, because I know little about the physics involved. Endothermy, I believe, akin to diathermy. Diathermy, as I have tried to explain here, is a method in which an electric current is converted into heat deep in the tissues treated, the only means we have of materially raising the temperature deep in the tissue. Endothermy, I gather, is like that only more so—by means of the endothermy apparatus the physician or surgeon can concentrate the heat at a given point so that a wire line or point is desiccated, dried up, or cooked, if that term is permissible. Anyway, it is a method with great possibilities and the general medical profession must beware lest that old fogey which we like to call conservatism blind us to the advantages available in some of these newfangled methods.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Hair Dye Makes 'em Mad

Can the use of hair dye cause one to go insane? (Mrs. J. H. C.)

Answer: This query comes in daily. I wonder how the notion got into circulation. Many hair dyes, particularly nostrums purporting to "restore natural color" and not to dye, contain such poisons as lead, lunar caustic and some of them more dangerous ingredients. But I doubt whether the use of even a poisonous hair dye ever caused insanity. I am reminded of a time when I was young in this work—I ventured to publish direc-

tions for making a hair dye for home use. Several readers who tried it seemed pretty mad, if not crazy, about the results. So, while I'd dye my graying hair if I had enough to make it worth while, and I'd even use a lead and sulphur concoction for the purpose, I regret that I can give no information or advice about the hair dyeing business. Generally, I believe, it is best entrusted to the skill of an experienced barber or hair dresser. If you know the barber or hair dresser as a reliable, honest person, it is safe to let him use on your hair whatever he has found satisfactory in other cases. Nostrums for the hair and scalp have been justly criticized and some of them properly condemned, but after all, as I have said, I'd not hesitate to use any of the scores of lead and sulphur concoctions if I desired to darken my gray hair. There is one poison present in some nostrums for the hair, namely, parajohylenolamin, that should never be used as a hair dye.

The Days of Invisible Ankles

Is it necessary for a high school girl of 14 to wear ankle length woollen underwear in winter? I am warm enough without it, and the ridges at the ankles are so unsightly. But my folks want me to wear that type. (Miss R. E.)

Answer: So far as hygiene or health is concerned, daughter, I assure your folks it doesn't matter what or whether you wear 'em below the knees. There is no question about this in my mind. Your own comfort is the best guide to follow in the matter of clothing in any circumstances.

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Communications

Al Smith and Tammany Hall.

To the Editor: Many old-time Democrats this year will vote the Republican ticket, knowing that Al Smith is backed by Tammany. George Moses was right when he said: "People of this country want a president who will determine the questions to come before him on their merits and not because he is told what to do by a crowd that are not idealists in the game. Al Smith early formed this habit, otherwise he would not have come up as did, and the fact that Tammany is now zealously behind him is evidence that he is still their dutiful servant."

There is perhaps nothing that handicaps Mr. Smith as the association with Tammany, an organization that has for years been in disrepute. An organization that was the foe of Tilden, Bryan and Wilson. An organization of which Al Smith in his Fourth of July address, said he was proud to be a member.

CHARLES L. CUMMINS, Revere Creek, Sept. 28.

As To Religious Intolerance.

To the Editor: Let us examine this charge of religious intolerance that is being

Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason.)

NO FAVORS WANTED.

My resolution never wavers; I go my way and ask no favors of any living skate. If I need help to grease my motor, I go and hire some worthy voter, and then I pay the freight.

I don't allow a kindly neighbor to come and do a lot of labor just for sweet friendship's sake; for if I showed such nerve unthinking, I know it soon would set him thinking that friendship is a fake.

I have good friends, but I would lose them if I were always prompt to use them, to pull their divers limbs; of friendship now their greeting comes, but if I asked a hundred favors they'd not be sunny jims.

They all would struggle to forget me, they all would shudder when they met me, and wish I were in jail; they meet me now with smiles and jests, but if I borrowed their cash, grin, silver would prevail.

And so my feelings are resplendent; I am so beastly independent, the world's respect I own, men realize, when I am coming that they will not behold me thumbing their lapsels for a loan.

Friends often ask me to abandon the independent plank I stand on, and run for county clerk; they say that I deserve the honor—but then my plank would be a goner, which scheme would never work.

I couldn't go around beseeching my valued friends to break their friendship, that I might win; no, I have enough of the grocer, Perkins, to quit dispensing pence and gherkins, that he might work for me?

How could I ask the busy voters to round up all the bums and flouters, and rush them to the polls? If I did that, my cherished record, which never has been stained or checked, would soon be full of holes.

For a time we were inclined to blame it all on our political prejudice. "If we weren't for Hoover probably we would be letting out a rebel yell too—or at least feel like it." That was our initial explanation.

But when the din was over, and a postful cello had started its soothing melody, we discovered our companion—far from a Hoover enthusiast—shared our mystification.

So we were forced to fall back upon the 18th amendment and defend the abolition of intoxicating liquor, there is something radically wrong with him as a preacher, or there is something fundamentally wrong with his church.

Now if this is religious intolerance, make the most of it. FERT ANDERSON, Medford, Sept. 28.

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Neighbors are like indignation. The better they are, the less you are aware of them.

But you can't split the Solid South by promises to enforce amendments unless you are very specific.

Note to the tightwads: What would be the fun of making money, if there were no women to spend it on?

What's the use? If you can afford all the labor-saving household devices, you can afford to hire somebody to do the work.

Americanism: Being dissatisfied with the one you have because the magazine ad makes the other one seem so much better.

After listening to a steam shovel gang excavating for a skyscraper, it's hard to believe a mere confusion of tongues stopped the work on the tower of Babel.

People who think times are hard should recall the days of Mark Twain.

SAMPLE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT

I intend to vote for _____ for President at the November election.

I am registered as a _____ (Name party)

Signed (Name) _____

Address _____

(Fill out and mail to Straw-Ballot-Contest-Editor, Mail-Tribune, Medford, Oregon.)

Al Smith Over the Radio

We listened to Al Smith's St. Paul speech over the radio last night. It left us completely bewildered.

From the first word to the last, everything was subordinated in our mind to a query that was never answered: "What is that crowd cheering and yelling about?"

Al Smith couldn't get a sentence out of his mouth, before the hall was a perfect bedlam of cheers, whistles and shouts of frenzied approval.

At first we thought we had not heard correctly—that the crucial point had been missed. But asking an equally mystified companion we found that our ear-drums had been functioning normally.

Could it be, the same and supposedly unintoxicated citizens of St. Paul, were going into such paroxysms over what Governor Smith was saying? It seemed incredible.

For the fluent and successful candidate of the Democratic party was saying very little. He paid a tribute to the Scandinavians, reaffirmed his endorsement of the McNary-Laughen bill "in principle," repeated his approval of inland waterways, and cast the usual asparagus upon Herbert Hoover and the Republican party.

But there was nothing new, stimulating, clever, or impressive, in any portion of his address.

And yet that crowd, not once or twice, but almost continuously, yelled their heads off, and at times made such a din, that we wondered if the roof of that St. Paul auditorium could ever survive it.

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Quill Points