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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Old Oregon plays Stanford on the morrow, and it is hoped they do not function like the line was composed of former members of the Portland ball team.

Try as she would, the lady automobile could not park her vehicle and occupy more space than the super-dreadnought type of auto stage.

The Chinese pleasant season opens October 15. Hunters are cautioned not to mistake a Chinaman for a bowl of chop suey, and wound a laundry.

Charles Curtis, the noble redskin who is running for vice-president (G.O.P.), gibbly informs the nation, "I would rather have you vote against me, than not to vote at all."

Pioneers met and mingled yesterday, and re-crossed the plains behind a pair of brindle bulls, and re-echoed naughtily Indians off the top of Table Rock.

The radio is making rapid strides, and by 1931 will rally round the same, making it unnecessary for anyone to go to the stadium, but the opposing football teams, the officials, and the announcer.

F. Wortman of Phoenix has returned from Nebraska, and will run for the legislature. As the campaign warms up Mr. W. will come to town in his overalls, and in his shirt-sleeves on sunny days.

Mr. Wortman reports that Nebraska has not blown away, though there was a sharp wind from the north, and a gale from politicians. He said his native health would go crazy and Democratic. The writer is thinking some of voting for Frank, as he needs the punishment that will come from being sent to the legislature, and would keep him from journeying to California until well along in February.

He is a leading member of the agricultural community.

A number are laid up with colds, that lay them down. There will be the usual quota who will endeavor to "wear out" a cold this winter, despite the fact that a cold is as durable as the nose of a hog.

So far no "trying needs" have started to bawl, and no "burning issue" burst into flames.

LODGE PINS, ETC., ETC.
"Nothing has happened this week," said a married man, "except that I have annexed another hog as an insignia of an organization which I have lately joined."

Bank Examiner Designs.
SALEM, Ore., Oct. 5.—(AP)—Roy Nelson, a state bank examiner for the last two years, has resigned and taken a position in the credit department of the Ladd and Bush bank of Salem.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE POLITICS MAKES

THE other day we mentioned how political campaigns transform opinions, and how partisanship beclouds the judgment.

As a local example of this our attention has been called to what the Grants Pass Courier thought of Judge Thomas before the election. Now the Courier is lambasting the Judge and railing on all the forces of Heaven and Earth to elect the Grants Pass candidate, Harry Norton.

The Courier seems to think Judge Thomas is N. G. But three years ago it praised the efficiency of Judge Thomas so highly that the leading Democratic newspaper of Oregon, the Portland Journal, was inspired to take this praise as the text of the following very interesting editorial:

AN EXAMPLE
(Portland Journal, October 15, 1925)

This interesting statement is made by the Grants Pass Courier:
"At this time the circuit court docket, according to County Clerk F. L. Coon, is in the best shape, as to cases being tried or cleared from the docket, that has ever been known in the history of the county."

A great deal of satisfaction is being expressed by members of the bar and litigants over the efficient and effective work of Judge Thomas in bringing all cases to an early trial. On leaving yesterday there was not a single matter requiring the attention of the court, of which disposition had not been made.

All the blame for the law's delays is not with the rules of practice and procedure. Not a little of the fault is with judges. Other fault is with the lawyers.

Above is the statement that in Josephine county the court docket, according to Clerk Coon, is "in the best shape" that has ever been known in the history of this county.

Great satisfaction is expressed by lawyers and litigants over "the efficient and effective work of Judge Thomas in bringing all cases to an early trial."

Twenty-two years ago Judge Hamilton made a similar record of prompt dispatch of court business in the second district. Judge Burnett did the same thing in the third district. Neither permitted attorneys to impose upon him with dilatory motions, insincere demurrers and other subterfuges with delay. They imposed fines when lawyers went too far.

The lawyers didn't like it. But the people did. Both Judge Hamilton and Judge Burnett are still on the bench. Some judge is going presently to make a record in his court that will be such an example that the people will require other judges to follow it or get off the bench. It may be that Judge Thomas is now setting that example.

A natural query is:
If these were the opinions held by the Portland Journal and the Grants Pass Courier three years ago, why has the latter changed its opinion so radically since then?

The answer, of course, is obvious. We are now in the midst of that quadriennial brain-storm so destructive to clear vision and fairness—a political campaign.

If what the Courier said in 1925 was true, it is true today. Judge Thomas hasn't changed. If his record was worthy of Democratic praise then, it must be worthy of praise now.

WILL WE HAVE ANOTHER "ROOSEVELT" PRESIDENT?

THE selection of Franklin D. Roosevelt as the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York is a tribute to Governor Smith's political shrewdness.

There is nothing of the super-man about the nephew of the late President Roosevelt, but he possesses, in a peculiar degree, the elements of political strength which Governor Smith lacks.

Like his famous uncle, Franklin Roosevelt is a Harvard graduate, of independent means, possessed of a graceful and effective literary style, and as genuinely a product of Park Avenue as Smith is of the lower East Side.

A staunch Episcopalian, now friendly to Tammany Hall, but never a member of that organization (and formerly aligned with the Democratic group opposed to it) Franklin Roosevelt, with Smith's support, will be in a position to draw votes from practically every political and social group in Greater New York.

He will strengthen Smith in New York, and Smith, of course, with a united Tammany, will strengthen him. They make a strong pair. And as the situation now stands, Mr. Roosevelt is as certain of being New York's next Governor as Herbert Hoover is certain of being the country's next President.

Whereupon an interesting political vista opens. New York Governors have a confirmed habit of being presidential nominees. What more natural than that Governor Roosevelt should be the Democratic presidential candidate in 1932? If he is elected and makes a good record, this seems certain.

And then what do we see? We see the royal mantle of the immortal T. R. descending upon the shoulders of his brother's son, and missing his own sons entirely. A certain touch of irony is introduced here.

Like his distinguished uncle, Franklin Roosevelt would then be a candidate for the Presidency after having been an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, a Vice-Presidential candidate, and a former Governor of New York.

Would the parallel hold through? They seldom do. And the outstanding obstacle would be the matter of health. The late President Roosevelt, of course, was notoriously robust. Less than ten years before his death he felt like a "Bull Moose"—a veritable physical tornado "rarin' to go."

Franklin Roosevelt has never completely recovered from a severe attack of infantile paralysis, which made him a helpless cripple, ten years ago, and, while greatly improved, he is still far from being a well man.

The gallant fight he has made against this terrible disease, demonstrated that he inherited the true Roosevelt strain, and would be an important factor in arousing for him, and holding, public respect and esteem.

But after all, there is no substitute for health. And of all places in this "world of pain" in which it is a "sine qua non,"—that place is the Presidency of the United States.

However, prophecy aside, the selection of Franklin Roosevelt was an excellent one, and, regardless of party considerations, it will be most interesting to watch his future career.

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.

THE RODENT ERA IS CLOSE UPON US.

Ellis Parker Butler's "Tige Is Pug" and an occasional narrative or picture of a jackrabbit roundup in Australia or some section of our own wide west may give one a faint notion of the situation. But here is a more impressive fact couched for by one of the bureaus of the federal government:

The rat is the active agent in the spread of bubonic plague, which disease, in the 28-year period ended in 1923, killed over 11,000,000 people in India alone. Since the Hongkong epidemic of 1894, bubonic plague has been distributed through channels of international commerce to all parts of the world, where conditions favor the breeding of rats and rat fleas. It is the fleas on the rats that carry the plague to man or to other animal carriers. These fleas are likely to infest ground squirrels and peccary other rodents. Ground squirrels infested with plague carrying fleas have been found in California now and then; doubtless, these squirrels harbor the fleas from rats that entered from unguarded ships in port from the orient. Sanitary regulations are now strict, that every cable or rope or other bridge from ship to shore must be provided with a guard to prevent the landing of rats from the vessel. Then, too, fumigation with hydrocyanic acid can pretty thoroughly dispose of all rats in a ship's hold.

If the prolific breeding of rats were not constantly controlled by disease, natural enemies and the cannibalistic habits of the animal itself, the world would soon be overrun and the man would be compelled to fight a losing battle for scraps of food.

The rat is famous for his sagacity, cunning and resourcefulness. To these qualities is due the extraordinary ability of this menace to thrive in close proximity to man without arousing man to the necessity of exterminating the vermin.

Trapping with spring or cage traps, the use of poison baits, hunting with dogs, cats, weasels, ferrets, snakes and fumigation with poisonous gases are all more or less successful in the hands of experts, but only trapping is safe and necessarily employed by householders in the battle against these rodents.

Rat suppressive measures are more effective than destructive agents. The way to suppress rats is simply separate the animals from their food supply. Thoughtfulness and attention to this measure in the handling or storing of foodstuffs in the home, place of business, or wherever food is kept, will most certainly eliminate this nuisance. The basement of a dwelling may just as well be made rat proof as not, when you are building.

In the house, all bulk foods should be kept in rat proof containers. Everywhere about the city rats are invited and cultivated by exposed garbage. The garbage receptacle, even tho it stands out only a few hours, must have a rat tight cover.

No progressive community will tolerate a garbage dump even in the outskirts or in the environs of the poor. These municipal sanitary crimes feed and breed rats by the millions. I should think a resident or property owner in the vicinity of such a nuisance would have an excellent case for substantial damages against the municipality guilty of maintaining the nuisance.

Methods for the destruction of rats are given in bulletin No. 189 issued free by the United States Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason.)

THE ONE VICE

Jim Bladd is a saintly soul, a rigid moralist, indeed; save that he likes to fill the bowl of his old pipe with noxious weed, and let the smoke triumphant roll, to no cheap tripartite does he plead. When Bladd's day of toil is done, he likes to smoke an hour or three, and watch the great and glaring sun sink slowly in the western sky, his only kind of fun, his only form of harmless glee. He doesn't drink, he doesn't swear, he doesn't play unwholesome games, or loaf along the thoroughfare to flirt with idle vamping dames; day after day, with ardor rare, he puts his shoulders to the harness. He is so free from faults and flaws, his one small weakness should not scare; the pipe that decorates his jaws should make no human being sore; yet workers in a Sacred Cause assail him daily at his door. There are some pure and spotless folk, impelled by motives most sublime, who see in him tobacco smoke the evidence of "sin and crime; they see Jim puff his pipe and stoke, and then his frame they deftly climb. A moral leper he appears to stern reformers of this stripe, and they bombard his patient ears with language scurrilous and ripe; they view with deadly doubts and fears the influence of his old pipe. "Proop Jim is roasted up and down, and to and fro, and back again; most every day he's roasted brown, and brazed from briars to abstain; yet he's the only man in town who has no habits bad and vain.

An opinion, you are certain to be drawn on the jury.

Americanism: Reminding the fact that the word is printed in French, looking still about it, lest people think you are a leech.

Writing a play is hard work. Think how many you must attend in order to steal your stuff.

Terrible new weapons can't prevent war. When man invented the spear, he invented a shield to stop it.

Young intellectuals would be ideal lawmakers for a country; inhibited solely by young intellectuals.

Note to scenario writers: When the hero turns his back and leaves forever, the deserted female must hold out for arms. It's a law or something.

At forty you begin to realize that a vote for righteousness doesn't change anything except the name of the office holder.

A campaign without mud is one in which the candidates are too dignified to notice the nasty things done by their supporters.

This makes five times in fifty-two years, as all good Democrats know, when the Maine election has not meant a darned thing.

Correct this sentence: "I'm as careful of the furniture in a hotel room," said he, "as I am at home."

Political Talks on Air Tonight

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 5.—(AP)—Local political broadcast from KGW tonight includes: 7:30 to 8 p. m.—Democratic campaign program, National Broadcasting company.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Political speakers on the radio tonight include: Republican Louis Marshall, at 8:20 p. m., eastern time, over WOL and 29 stations of the Columbia broadcasting system.

Democratic Assemblyman Maurice Bloch, New York, at 7 p. m., eastern time, over WJZ network.

Governor Albert C. Biehler of Maryland at 9 p. m., eastern time, over WMCA, Gilbert M. Hittcock at 10:30 p. m., eastern time, over WJZ chain.

Springfield—Contracts let for construction of fills at east and west approaches of river bridge.

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).

Abe Malita THREE GOVERNORS ATTEND MEETINGS OF FIRE CHIEFS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 5.—(AP)—Three governors—Governor C. C. Young of California, Governor L. L. Patterson of Oregon and Governor Fred B. Balzar of Nevada—were guests last night at the annual banquet of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' association, a feature of the convention now in session here. This afternoon the firemen delegates are to be taken on an automobile trip into Placer and Nevada counties, and have dinner and their evening's entertainment at Auburn. The volunteer fire departments of the two counties are to be hosts.

Vancouver, B. C. and Pasadena, Cal., are waging campaigns to win the 1929 convention. The Canadian city was believed by many today to have garnered the greatest number of votes. The convention city is to be selected Saturday.

Fanchon-Marco Revue Sunday

Fanchon and Marco's "Donner Danzettes" idea, the stage attraction at Hunt's Criterion, theatre next Sunday, takes its name from the sixteen Georgia Lane beauties who are appearing in it as the featured attraction.

Next Sunday's act has been staged about the girls giving prominent position to their sensational dance numbers.

Their dancing is noted for its clocklike execution, each of the sixteen girls' jump and kick at the same identical moment, and with equal gracefulness and ability, is said.

The Trade Texts, late of George White's "Scandal" will also be seen in the idea.

Charles D. Stacy For Sheriff

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of sheriff, as nominee of the Republican party, and tender my sincere thanks to the electors in the county who favored me with their support in the primary election. I have spent nearly the whole of my life in Jackson county as a farmer and horticulturalist, am a heavy taxpayer and feel that I know the pressing needs of the county. I have made no promises to any individual or faction in my campaign and in the event of my election will be free to appoint deputies in the local, tax and other departments best suited to serve the taxpayers with a view of efficiency and minimum expense. I also pledge to co-operate with all county, state and national officers in enforcing all our laws, showing no partiality to any friend or relative of the law.

CHARLES D. STACY
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—Paid Adv.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff's Trick Brown Derby Is Almost Indestructible



By BUD FISHER