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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

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ATHLETIC prowess must move with the sun. With the defeat of West Point by Stanford, and Notre Dame by Southern California; practically all honors in amateur sports are now held on the Pacific coast.

California University defeated the best crews of this country and Europe last summer; Stanford swept everything before her on the field and track,—as she did the year before,—and not to be outdone the Oregon Aggies walloped the New York University champions on Thanksgiving Day.

The Pacific coast has good reason to crow. There must be something to the claim that a superior physical type is being developed along the shores of the "Sun-down Sea."

At any rate we can see no other explanation. The Pacific coast colleges, have no advantage in numbers, coaches, or extent of the playing season.

It must be that man for man, the Pacific coast product is superior to the product on the Atlantic seaboard. At least that is the only conclusion we reach after scanning results of the 1928 football season.

The ancients wondered why a chicken crossed the street. Moderns wonder how he ever contrives to get across.

If a man comes out of a booth with his head up, you know he really voted as he told his wife he would.

They say parrots were registered for the late election, but maybe it was just a rumor based on the fact that parrots repeat.

An alligator lives to be very old, and you never saw one enervating around just for exercise.

A NEW YORKER AT LARGE

By G. D. Seymour

NEW YORK—The bright lights of Broadway have been augmented by 14,800 new bulbs, in a sign five feet high and 380 feet long which runs clear around the triangular New York Times building in Forty-second street.

The 1936 square feet makes it the biggest sign in the area. In Times Square, although not all of it is visible from any single point because it belies the building on which it is mounted. It is to serve as a news ocean board for The Times, and it got its initiation on election night, when its moving letters and figures were legible to crowds eight blocks away.

The sign embodies the same principle of traveling characters which is incorporated in automobile signs above Times Square, over Tremont street, Boston, and over Michigan boulevard at Randolph street, Chicago, and in a motor oil sign on the Atlantic City pier.

The letter in Times Square sees a word begin to spell itself out, moving across the Seventh avenue face of the sign. Then it turns a corner and moves along the Broadway facade, and finally it completes its circuit along the Forty-second street side. Whereas other such signs repeat the same sentence or sentences over and over, this one carries a constantly changing stream of news bulletins. Behind this parade of letters in lights are complex mechanisms assembled on the fourth floor of the Times building, 15 years of experiment, and the story of a nervous breakdown which led to its invention.

Ripples in a Pool.
Frank C. Kelly, the inventor, was recuperating from a collapse in 1913 in a sanitarium near New York. One day, sitting on a bench beside a pool, he got to watching ripples in the water. Why, he wondered, could not electric light move in ripples across a field of lamps, with moving brushes making and unmaking contacts which illuminated the bulbs?

At first his moving-letter sign needed several men to operate it. It is automatic now, except where the sentences constantly change, as in The Times sign, which requires one man to compose the sentences from slim fabricated strips called "letter elements." When letters and spaces have been arranged, the frame holding them is inserted in a magazine which runs along a narrow track. Brushes force contacts, which spell the words in lights.

The lamps are 25-watt bulbs filled with special gas to enable quick extinguishment. It will be necessary, it is estimated, to replace 1,600 to 1,700 lamps each month.

Whatever became of Umberto Noble of Italy, who exposed his yellow streak over the Arctic regions last summer?

WE HAVE HORSE BLANKETS FOR YOUR FORD? Had Butte Valley Times? We have spare parts for your horse.

There is no abatement among Humdingers, Inc., of the use of the word "visualize," and unless the childlike is stamped out, the upstanding, downstanding, two-fisted, two-footed civic cynicism will start out the national anthem with: "Oh! say can you visualize?"

SALESMANSHIP
The Columbus (Q.) Dispatch tells of a real estate promoter of the Ohio capital who laid out a suburban addition, built a number of small houses, but failed to interest his prospective purchasers. He had provided a small garage for each house as a special inducement. Finally he concluded to furnish each garage with a fairly good second-hand motor car. He sold all the houses.

(Kansas City Star.)

ROSTERING—Bills called for equipment for new county courthouse under construction at this place.

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. Only one letter can be made to answer and containing no instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

VITAMINS FOR GASTRIC ULCER
In nine years practice among Himalayas, McCarrison, famous British army surgeon, performed 2600 major operations, but never a case of gastric or duodenal ulcer, appendicitis, or colitis arose. These primitive people, and he became convinced that the undernourished food, natural raw milk, whole grains, eggs, fruits and vegetables are accountable for this remarkable freedom from infectious conditions. He specifies vitamin B and vitamin C as the special factors that protect the digestive tract from such infectious diseases. Infectious means caused by the invasion of the tissue or organ by germs, not necessarily contagious or communicable.

It appears that in a great many cases of gastric or duodenal ulcer, or cases in which this lesion is suspected, patients have been urged to adhere to certain diets that have not included adequate quantities of these two vitamins, and since our knowledge of these mysterious unidentified substances in foods has been advanced by the discoveries of such scientists as McCarrison and McCollum, progressive physicians are prescribing less stringent dietary restrictions in the treatment of such patients, with rather extraordinary results.

I have repeatedly urged here that victims of mucous colitis should, as a rule, include an ample variety and quantity of the coarse fresh fruits and vegetables in the diet that they should eat, even such an "irritating" thing as bran or if that is not desirable, then take a few spoonfuls of whole flaxseeds every day. Some of the old timers, both general practitioners and specialists, have hopped into print here and there to warn people against this "very thing." It reminds me of the doctor who directed an innocent patient to take no food after 5 p.m., and a few weeks later, apparently unmindful of her former vice, he advised her to lay in a good lunch before retiring. He appealed the lady's mystification by assuring her that medicine is making rapid strides these days.

Dr. McCarrison prescribed for gastric or duodenal ulcer patients (note I do not say for gastric or duodenal ulcer, for that can't be done intelligently) usually contain vitamin A, which is present in cream, milk and butter-fat.

Whole wheat bread, fresh fruits and fresh vegetables contain vitamin B and should be included in the diet of the gastric ulcer patient, not necessarily every day, but in direct or indirect manner, in the ordinary diet. It is the best source of vitamin B, and also of vitamin C.

Here is a specimen diet as prescribed by Dr. Seale Harris for the third day of treatment of a case of gastric ulcer:

Every hour from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., inclusive, 1/2 ounces of a mixture of 1/2 cup of cream or cream and 12 ounces of milk. One and one-half ounces of strained orange juice after the milk and cream at 7 a. m. and 7 p. m.

In the fifth week of treatment Dr. Harris includes in the diet such items as these: Strained oatmeal or shredded wheat biscuit, whole wheat bread toast, strained tomato or vegetable broth, turnip greens, spinach, string beans, mashed through a sieve or thick purée of peas or beans. After the sixth week, McCollum's diet should be heeded by the patient, that is, the normal person needs a pint or more of milk, at least one raw fruit and two cooked leafy green vegetables every day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
I find it soothing because of my duty occupation to watch my eyes frequently. I use a mixture of equal parts of saturated borax acid solution and camphor water. Is this all right? The camphor water seems to give the solution the soothing effect.—H. S.

Answer: For routine use I should recommend normal salt solution in preference to the medical lotion. Dissolve a rounded teaspoonful of ordinary salt in a pint of boiled water. A borax acid solution is all right for temporary or occasional use.

Farm Pointers
Weak, porous concrete results from a very sloppy mixture, and the ingredients will separate when too much water is used.

Ladino clover and Reed canary grass are proving to be valuable pasture plants in parts of Oregon where soil and climate favor their growth. The seed supply is limited this year.

Pigs need adequate shelter in Oregon during the winter months. The farm management department at the experiment station. A dry feeding platform to eat from induces the pigs to eat more and thus fatten more rapidly. A well balanced ration will also carry them through the winter in better shape.

Bermuda grass is a warm weather grass, and is not recommended for Oregon. It makes an excellent summer growth in the southern states, and some few strains of it will survive Oregon winters. The experiment station. It is, however, too shallow rooted to be an effective pasture grass in the dryer sections of Oregon, and as it turns brown early it is not effective as a lawn grass.

Paralysis is becoming quite a severe disease of poultry in Oregon, reports the veterinary department of the state college. The disease is widespread being observed in most poultry sections of the United States. Most of the flocks affected are young stock, but all ages seem susceptible. The exact cause of the disease has not yet been definitely determined.

Vision Nearly 200 Miles.
How far can the human eye see over the surface of the earth? Engineers on the French Mediterranean coast are reported to have sighted lights atop the mountains of Corsica, a distance of 135 miles from the coast of France, says Popular Science Monthly. In the United States 12-inch mirrors on Mt. Shasta, in California, were recently seen from Mt. Helena, 192 miles away.

Under Three Flags.
ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Dr. Jean Mageret, one of the University of Michigan's new professors, saw service during the World War in the air forces of Canada, Great Britain, France and the United States.

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason.

APPROACH OF WINTER.
Full soon the bitter blasts will blow, and there'll be storms we won't forget, and there'll be every kind of snow that nature has invented yet. The records show that winter's due whenever mellow autumn dies, and hosts forget that this is true, and don't provide the helpful pies. It is unpleasant to be broke in winter, and to sit around a stove that doesn't lead up smoke because no cordwood can be found. It is unpleasant to be flat at any season, we'll agree, but when grim winter comes to bat, the grief is multiplied by three. The prudent man, therefore, ahead, prepares for winter every year, lays in large stores of jam and bread and wienersurst, and Volstead beer. And when the tempest raves and pants he sits beside his aunts such victuals as their hearts desire. And through the long cold winter nights he shows the shiftless how to live, surrounded by all these delights that radio and books can give. The spring invites the idle fays to spend their time on errands vain; and in the golden summer days the thought of work gives them a pain. They give the autumn up to dreams at industry they smile and scoff; and when the wintry tempest screams a woe, it is then that they must get off. The prudent man does not forget that winter always keeps its date, and, working to keep out of debt, he lays in stores of custard pies, and coffee, to assuage his thirst, then proudly looks around and cries, "Now let old winter do his worst!"

Screen Life Hollywood
By Wade Werner

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—Even the stars who a few months ago flatly announced they would have nothing to do with the new-fangled talking movies are shrugging their shoulders at fate and preparing to speak on the screen.

Adolphe Menjou, who was polished and suave, but nevertheless firm in letting it be known that he did not choose to talk, is going to make his next one a talkie.

Raymond Griffith, Dolores Del Rio, who laughed musically but distinctly at the very idea of working for an inquisitive microphone, has returned from her European tour recalcitrant to making at least one talking picture before going on with her silent career.

More surprising than either of these decisions, however, is the news that Raymond Griffith's next screen appearance likely will be in a talking picture. Few film fans know that the silk-hatted comedian cannot speak above a whisper, but in Hollywood the fact is so well known that it was rather generally taken for granted he never would attempt a talkie. But those who have heard his voice tests say he is a better comedian whispering than silent, and the latest information is that he will follow Harry Langdon into the Hal Roach comedy organization, which is just now aflame with enthusiasm over sound.

Studio Apron Strings
Some of the talking picture cameras here are making frequent excursions beyond Hollywood, tied to their home studio with telephone wire. Football games are being photographed in sound, the telephone wire carrying the noise of the game back to the studio sound stage for recording while the camera stands away in the stadium itself. Microphones thus connected with the home studio even have been used with cameras operating in the Mohave desert, more than 100 miles distant. Self-contained portable recording plants also are used, but few studios have these as yet.

New Aristocracy
Such the strictly silent screen player won't have a friend in the world. The latest thing published in casting directories boasts on its cover that it contains no names or pictures of players who have not had the stage or talking picture experience presumably qualifying them for a modern movie career.

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MUTT AND JEFF—The Little Fellow Plunges Into Wall Street Speculation