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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The government has declared war on the narcotic evil, which is fully covered by the Harrison Drug Act. Unlike the Volstead Act, the enforcement of the Harrison Act, creates no political controversy, so nothing which is ever done about it.

It will soon be Christmas, and 10 days later, girls will appear in their spring hats.

The citizen who started to starve a cold, has left for Armenia.

Hundings, Inc., with a mania for saying "visualize," has transferred their vocal efforts to "envision."

The Brophy boy who went to Canada for some cows for the Moran boys, has returned, with nothing but the cows.

Yesterday was a rainy day, and there was a general gathering of the Yuletide tree, hauled in from the front of the family auto.

Several of the very young men are filled with the urge to work, and this generally lasts until they get out of high school.

If the present rain keeps up for a month, the farmers will not be able to allege it is too dry, too plow.

Sam Kizer, one of the leading habits of this state, has been batted for driving with a bum light.

Several smart looking couples have laid themselves liable to shivers.

The accuracy of the Oregon press is increasing. Window unweaving is widespread throughout the state, and not once has it been spelled widow.

You Do, But Don't (Heath Bullittin)

Take plenty of exercise and avoid fatigue.

Keep habitations well ventilated and avoid drafts.

Don't overeat.

Don't cut down diet to the point of lowering your resistance.

The OAC, alias ORC, football players returned from New York wearing derby hats.

Algerian cats are now all the rage. The Algerian cat has the facial expression of a wildcat, with none of his wildness.

THE COMPLETE HAWL-OUT (Kansas City Star)

But this, you say, is treating women like children, and so it is—in political science they are children, save for an exception here and there, and there is no other way to treat them.

Boys Fight Body.

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The 'Speaker' Sex.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Women start to out-talk men early. Tests made by a member of the faculty of Columbia on kindergarten pupils show the girls do two-thirds of the conversation, whether their parents are from east side or west side.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

THE Pan-American Conference which opens in Washington today promises to be a production of Hamlet with Hamlet left out.

For President-elect Hoover will not be there, and without him, any far-reaching commitments are improbable.

As has been frequently pointed out, Mr. Hoover is essentially an engineer. He would no more consider formulating a definite South American policy, without securing all the fundamental facts, than he would consider building a bridge without them.

This present trip to South America had undoubtedly a two-fold purpose:

First and foremost, the securing of the fundamental facts regarding this southern section of the western hemisphere,—political, racial and economic—and:

Second, the securing of a rest and breathing-space, during which he can prepare himself physically for the intensive work before him, and also decide, free from interruption and the importunities of office seekers, upon the make-up of his cabinet.

There is every reason to believe that when President-elect Hoover returns, he will have accomplished these two major purposes of his South American tour.

That he will keep in close touch with the Washington conference is certain, but that this conference will determine the definite policy of the Hoover administration toward South America, is not likely—in fact, one may be reasonably certain this will not be done.

MR. HOOVER'S FUTURE

IT is interesting to note in this direction, that when Mr. Hoover completes this South American tour he will have a personal knowledge of every important section of the world—every important section as far as the foreign relations of this country are concerned.

He already knows Europe, from London to Vladivostok, as probably no other American knows it. His knowledge of China and the Far East rests upon many years of residence and work in that section of the world.

Certainly no President in American history will be as well fitted to intelligently direct the foreign policy of this country, as he will be.

When a foreign problem presents itself, President Hoover will not have to depend upon the advice of others; he will have his own "expert," he will have the knowledge, and he will have the facts,—not based upon hearsay, but upon personal contact.

And what is true of foreign relations is going to be true of other departments of the forthcoming administration. Mr. Hoover is not only going to be his own President, he is going to be literally the general manager of the United States, not in this department or that, but in ALL departments.

There will undoubtedly lie both the strength and weakness of the Hoover administration. The strength will consist of undivided responsibility and unprecedented administrative efficiency; the weakness will consist of the excessive and unrelieved burden which must rest upon the chief executive's shoulders.

It will not be long, for example, before the Democratic opposition in the Congress begins talking about "Boss" and "Czar" Hoover. As mistakes occur,—and mistakes in any human organization are inevitable,—they will not be party mistakes, or "subordinate" mistakes, they will, by the very nature of things, be Hoover mistakes.

As President, Mr. Hoover will be obliged to meet these charges alone. Sooner or later he will have to fight his fight, practically alone.

Can he win, against such odds? This is a very momentous question. And the answer, to our mind, depends very largely upon the matter of physical fitness.

Mr. Hoover is voluntarily assuming the role of a modern Atlas. Not from any motives of personal ambition, not from urgings of pride or passion for power, but simply and solely because, with his character and theory of government, such a role cannot be avoided.

If his strength is sufficient, we are convinced he will win, that he will not only prove to be a great President, but a reasonably popular one. But sheer physical stamina will not be enough. There must be political skill,—a certain amount of practical adroitness and legitimate manipulation—to reinforce it.

So here one comes to the acid test. There is no doubt in our mind that Mr. Hoover will prove to be a great statesman, but will he prove to be sufficiently great—that is sufficiently resourceful—as a practical politician?

The correct answer to this, only the future can disclose.

If Mr. Raskob returns to the automobile industry, we venture to say the way a car runs will not be printed over his signature.

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. A reply can be made to queries not containing instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

WHY GIRLS FAIL IN MINNESOTA

Among 30 percent of the population of the United States in 1926 4,748 girls and 2,176 boys 15 to 19 years of age died of tuberculosis. Allowing for inaccuracies in the death certificate figures give a fair idea of the relative prevalence of tuberculosis among girls and boys. Nearly two to one.

In Minnesota in five years from '23 to '27, 412 girls and 190 boys 15 to 19 years of age died of tuberculosis. Nearly three to one.

Why should girls in their teens be nearly twice as susceptible to tuberculosis as are boys in the whole country and nearly three times as susceptible in Minnesota?

We can only speculate about that. I quoted here recently some speculations of Dr. Adolphus Knopf, one of the foremost authorities on tuberculosis. He cited as factors the use of rouge and lipstick by schoolgirls, and I think he is right about that, but he went on to blame the flimsy and insufficient clothing they wear nowadays, and I am sure he is wrong about that.

The girl who relies on rouge and lipstick is pretty likely to be ill-fitted to any falling off or falling in her own health; she simply dangles on a heavier coat of paint or powder or resorts to more powerful dope of one kind or another, and lets everything slide. She even looks with a degree of pity upon the poor simpatons who go to so much trouble about their swimming, gymnasium work or other physical education, and she feels a kind of scorn for the boys who think they must get into bed at a reasonably early hour nights, and all that.

Dr. Knopf does cite some other physician's opinion as to why the prevalence of tuberculosis among girls is so high. He says that girls find any scientific evidence of insufficient clothing or exposure to cold, renders anyone more susceptible to any disease. I have recommended a suitable iodine ration for Dr. Knopf. It seems to me he is in danger of going stale.

Every schoolboy or schoolgirl who is not strong or seems "anemic" or "neurotic" by remains constantly underweight or thin, plains of being tired, or cherishes any fancied "weakness" that interferes with physical education, should have a proper physical examination of course with chest x-rays, and a Pirquet tuberculin test, and if the tuberculin test is positive, then an X-ray picture of the lungs. The majority of cases of tuberculosis begin in the teens, and only by these methods can physicians recognize these cases in their incipency, when the natural tendency of the disease is toward recovery—provided the patient has intelligent care.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Keeping Open After Closing Time

I have the habit of sleeping with my mouth open. I had tonsils and adenoids removed years ago, so it can't be that. (Miss K. D.)

Answer.—Simple chronic rhinitis or other low grade abnormalities in the nasal chambers, most frequently explain mouth breathing. Then there is another common factor, a flabby pharynx, due to neglect of physical training. So I would advise first, examination of the nasal cavity by your physician and treatment of whatever abnormality this discloses; and

second, a year of physical training, under the direction of a competent physical instructor, such as the physical education teacher in school or the physical director in the Y. W. Beware of the mail order "physical culture" sharks.

The School World Do Not Move.

Our home economic class in high school has a dispute as to whether canned goods left in the tin after opening become injurious or poisonous if eaten. (L. C.)

Answer.—"Home economics" seems to be a futile effort to combine a smattering of many sciences in one course. Any food will keep well in a tin can as it would in any other container. That is all the answer the question requires. That there is a "dispute" over such a question in the "home economics" class is good evidence, I think, of the truth of my contention. Every high school pupil should be required to study physics not less than one year, and chemistry not less than one year. As for physiology and hygiene—the school people will never learn that these are essential and fundamental subjects in a sensible common school course.

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Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason, AFTER ELECTION

The candidates that I supported throughout the long and arduous campaign, were winners all, success they courted, and their desires were not in vain. I whooped for them with tireless ardor, I argued for them night and day, as time went on I whooped the harder, until my bronchial tubes gave way. To every call I answered quickly, I carried banners in parades, although my garden patch grew sickly for want of work with hose and spades. The country's safe since the election, and I put in some lusty blows; and there's no cause for such desolation as Mary Ann, my good wife shows. She says that things all went to thunder around the homestead where we dwell, while I was tearing things asunder, and boasting things awfully well. The well-cast iron, the roof was leaking, and there was none to make repairs; the pigs grew hungry and were shrieking for fodder that was rightly theirs. The brindled cow was always straying in search of something she could chew; the hens got mad and quit their laying, for they were tired and hungry, too. Around our home there is a feeling of indignation and restraint; my wife's sad voice has tones congealing, that once was chipper, blithe and quaint. In vain I tell her that the party required the best I could achieve; she says I was an idle smarty, my proper round of chores to leave. She'd rather see our bulwarks totter, and our palladiums relax, than have to carry pails of water and chop up stovewood with an ax. She doesn't hesitate to harrow my heart beyond the reach of salve; a woman's views are very narrow—she has no Vision, as men have.

Without going to war, you may find excitement and danger in American cities. Leroy Gilbert, police chief of Chicago Heights, was shot dead as he sat at his window. He had annoyed gangsters, and his killing was "in regular course."

Two brothers and friends of Gilbert formed a posse to hunt the killers.

They ordered an automobile to stop. The driver said afterwards, "I thought they were holding me, and yelling to Thomas Scanlan, on the back seat, to duck. I drove through them." Scanlan, newspaper pressman, having nothing to do with the police chief's murder, was dead on his back seat, when the posse stopped firing.

The posse is surly about it, and wonders why the automobile did not stop. The citizen driving a car in these prohibition-hunting days, hardly knows when to stop. The signal may come from prohibition agents, searching cars for whiskey. It may come from highwaymen, from kidnapers, or any one of a dozen criminals. It would seem almost better to have been back again, and not be shot, or kidnaped.

Elections change few fundamentals. The south split, but the same people are taking in washing.

Progressives will find it difficult to form a Liberal party. They haven't much to be liberal with.

Grad thought: If the cotton pills can just survive, another decade, maybe the men will be wearing petticoats.

Communism will come when public service employees leap to serve a nation as the boys do at a filling station.

Evangeline Booth says there are no flop houses where women drop in just to sleep. She should visit the great American home.

How in the world was success achieved by a man who gives his kids wads of spending money and then wonders why they get sassy and wild?

The conservative party in Nicaragua is the one that will enable Uncle Sam to take the canal route without using any more marines.

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VICKS VAPORUB Over 21 Million Jars Used Yearly

Abe Martin



I'd forgotten all about Gen. Casey till I read about Hoover's scheme to raise a fund of \$3,000,000,000 to 'send 'em unemployed durin' slumps an' panics. 'I finally found Dr. Mops, but I had 'em slip on him,' said Late Bud, 'I day, in tellin' about his wife's serious sick spell.'

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LUNG TROUBLE IS IMPROVED, REPORT LATE TODAY SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—"His majesty had a quiet day," said the bulletin issued by the physicians to King George at 8:45 p. m. tonight. "The signs in the lung have improved. The fever persists although it is not so high as last evening and is due to some return of the general infection, which necessarily affects the condition of the heart."

Doctors Hewitt, Buzzard, Holleston and Dawson signed the bulletin.

HOOVER MAY BENEFIT BY SUGGESTION FOR RURAL WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—To Herbert Hoover and other presidents to come may go the benefit of President Coolidge's suggestion that the chief executive be provided with a country White House.

Only a few months before his retirement from office, the president has declared that the health not only of the president but of the mistress of the White House would be benefited if there were some place in the hills near Washington where they might go to escape the heat and tedium of summer.

Writing for the fifteenth anniversary of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, President Coolidge said: "As a president about to retire, I feel at liberty to write of certain phases of that office which one who was entering upon its duties might feel hesitation in discussing."

Women's Rights. FEMINISTS are arguing vigorously for the right of women to be gullotined. Three women are in jail under sentence of death. Lest public opinion become averse to their execution, feminists have asserted that while the death penalty should be abolished, nevertheless, while in force it ought to apply equally to men and women.

More Flu Cases. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Twenty-four new cases of influenza were reported to the city health office today, bringing the total to 144, 120 of which were listed during last week.

Bigger and Better. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Better and better become American babies. The infant death rate in 1927 was the lowest in the nation's history, 53 per 1000.

When using grated or sliced pineapple for sauce the juice of half a lemon with sugar and water added gives a delicious flavor.

THREE YEAR PLAY RULE BANISHES BIG TEN MEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Allan Holman, Ohio State's star quarterback, as well as Mages McClain, Iowa's Cherokee Indian fullback, are apparently through with Big Ten football.

While McClain was the only one to be officially declared ineligible for further competition by the faculty committee because of the three-year play rule, it was regarded as a foregone conclusion by the committee and coaches that Holman, too, would be banished.

The three-year rule, reaffirmed by the committee during the annual Big Ten sports convolve here Saturday, limits any one to three years of college athletic competition. Holman played a season on the Parsons college football team, another with Iowa State and one in Ohio State. McClain played two seasons with the Haskell Indians and one with Iowa.

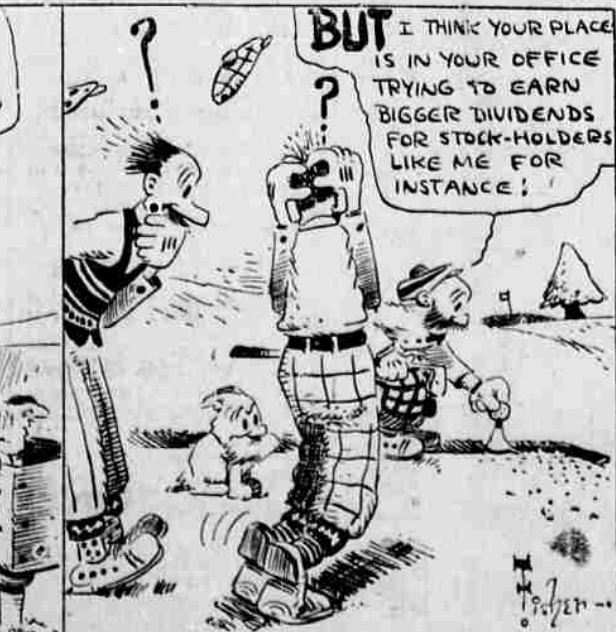
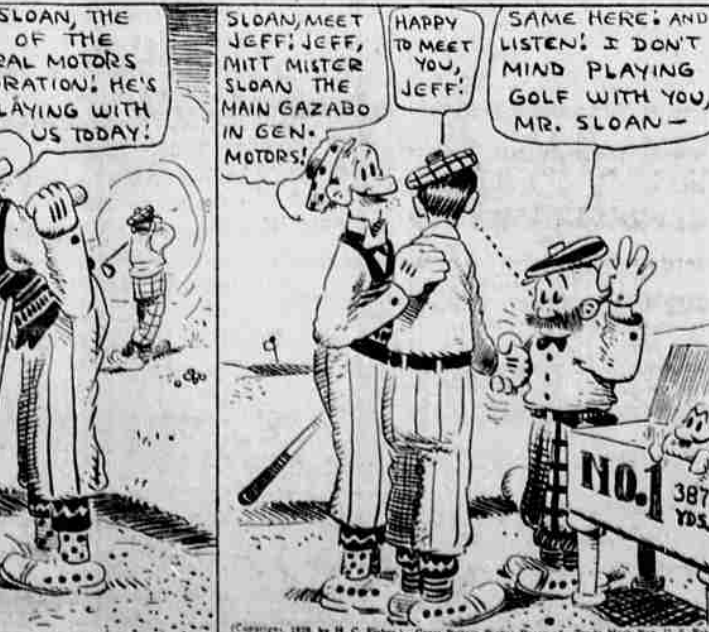
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MUTT AND JEFF—That's Just the Way Jeff Feels About it



NO MORE WILD-CAT SPECULATION FOR ME. I'VE BOUGHT TEN SHARES OF GENERAL MOTORS ON MARGIN. IT'S SPLENDIDLY MANAGED AND I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY.

MUTT, WHO'S THE DISTINGUISHED LOOKING GENT TAKING PRATISE SWINGS?

THAT'S SLOAN, THE HEAD OF THE GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION; HE'S PLAYING WITH US TODAY.

SLOAN, MEET JEFF, MITT MISTER SLOAN THE MAIN GAZABO IN GEN. MOTORS.

HAPPY TO MEET YOU, JEFF!

SAME HERE; AND LISTEN! I DON'T MIND PLAYING GOLF WITH YOU, MR. SLOAN—

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