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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The Utah doctor, who was fined \$5 for possession of whiskey which he testified he used to combat the flu, so he could make his calls upon patients suffering from the same ailment, gave them pills, and consequently was not fined enough.

Outside of Argentina anarchists threatening to kill him, and Paraguay and Bolivia on the verge of war, and the chief executive of Chile kissing him, the good-will visit to President-elect Hoover to South America is a stem-winder.

THE MOST POTENT MOUTHFUL IN A LONG TIME—If every-buddy was afraid of dry officers an' traffic laws as they are that th' pope 'll come over here, we'd have a pretty fair country. (Abe Martin.)

The Portland ball team has started selling its best players, in order to avert the catastrophe of winning more than 26 games next season.

DRABSTIC BUT LOVING
Wife Says (Hale Democrat) Believe Husband Innocent of Killing Woman If He Were Hanged.

Charles A. Lindbergh has received the Harmon trophy for his Atlantic trip and other aviation feats. It was about time the country gave him a medal.

A citizen invaded this sanctum this am, and when he got through sneezing and coughing, wanted to know how the King of England was coming along.

The sunshine yesterday afternoon reduced the blitheness of the wood dancers, as if by magic.

Nothing slows up a speed idiot at an intersection, like getting his car painted.

University girls are returning from the campus flaunting fraternity pins where policemen wear their stars. It is predicted that some of these get more loose from their moorings, during the gay Yuletide season, by getting caught on the coat button of an unscrupulous local social lion.

It is again published that there are 250 ways to cook a potato, and as we said years ago, once is enough, if done right.

If anybody has lost a dog, with the hide barked off his snout, look in this office, instead of the butchershops.

Several of the young people, who are in the habit of attending Christmas Endeavor, were missed Sunday night from services, and upon inquiry found that they had mistored to Springfield and had been in a wreck. (Eugene, Ore. Guard.) "And the daughters of Hanam went forth in the chariot of the prince."

FANCY WRITIN'
(Hon. Kan., Register)
Mrs. Harry Bookken, Mrs. J. W. Baker, Mrs. Charles Saunders, Mrs. Holder, Mrs. Parker, we our callers a Saturday.

Mrs. Russell Henderson remembered us with the nicest of eats, many thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hans went up from Ira to attend the funeral of C. Saunders a Sunday. He reports Judge Miller of using fine, he has a cabin in the timber and his yard full of shrubbery. Will said Ella sure had a flood that you read about.

Two boys were sent behind prison bars.

One looked out and saw the stars The other had sat down in his bed.

And said: Say, this boots—but I won't tell.

Was written years ago.

Well, someone helped themselves to over a hundred dollars worth of Mrs. Arthur Bookkens turkeys. Too bad, after a summer of hard work ran up to nothing. The day will come when ever thing will be brought in to judgment and the one that thought he was getting a big deal will find in that day your sins will be up before you and the ones that lost will be the best off. Prepare to meet your God.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adameson came over to see us a Sunday afternoon but owing to the fine did not come in, which we sure hoped for they have returned here in our busy hours.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

THE forming of a commission to so regulate rivers in this state that both the legitimate rights of the power companies and of the sportsmen may be maintained is a step in the right direction.

In the recent election the Mail-Tribune opposed the "four river bills" on the ground they went too far, and were too complicated and intricate in scope, to be properly determined by popular vote. We were in entire sympathy with the purpose of these measures, as far as the conservation and protection of scenic, recreational and fishing assets were concerned, but questioned the wisdom or necessity of prohibiting, as these bills would have prohibited, further development of power and irrigation projects.

These measures were defeated in the state, but passed in Jackson County. No, under the resolution adopted at the Portland meeting, the Legislature will be asked to pass a bill providing for the appointment of a commission to be given complete authority over:

(1) The diversion and use of water, (2) the placing and maintenance of any dams or obstructions in streams which materially interfere with the free flow of water therein, (3) the safeguarding of streams from pollution, (4) and any other matters which affect the rights of the state of Oregon in the waters of its streams.

Obviously the success or failure of such a program will depend upon the quality of men selected to serve as members of this commission. They should not only be men familiar with both the power and wild-life interests of this state, but they should be men big enough and broad enough to enjoy the confidence of both the extreme partisans in this controversy, and the people of the state at large.

If a commission with the prestige and standing of the State Highway Commission, for example, could be named, then there would be every reason to expect a satisfactory solution of this important problem in the very near future.

On the other hand, a commission composed of wild-eyed partisans and small-bore politicians would render any constructive progress in any direction utterly impossible.

The responsibility for the success of this project, therefore, will rest upon the members of the 1929 Legislature and Governor Patterson.

When the meek inherit the earth, let's hope it doesn't affect them as a smaller inheritance usually does.

"Man's next great war will be with insects." Who ever heard of a war without?

Outside of town you have the highway, the woods and the meadow. Thus you can choose whether to be hit by a car, bird-shot, or a golf ball.

Al Smith said he was through serving the public and friends, taking him at his word, proceeded to boom him for the Senate.

QUESTION SON IN MURDER MYSTERY

CARBONDALE, Ill., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Victor A. Hundley, son of J. C. Hundley, ex-mayor of Carbondale, who with his wife, Edna, was shot to death in their home Wednesday night, was questioned all night by State's Attorney Fletcher Lewis and Sheriff William Flanagan. He did not vary from his story of being asleep when the fatal shots were fired.

Hundley said he realized there was suspicion against him. He gave a minute account of his whereabouts Wednesday night.

At the inquest, which was begun yesterday, it was brought out that Hundley was worth \$100,000, while other estimates placed it as high as \$300,000.

NORWAY CELEBRATES FEAT OF AMUNDSEN

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 15.—(AP) Friday was Amundsen day throughout Norway commemorating his feat of unfurling the Norwegian flag over the South Pole, Dec. 14, 1911, as well as his recent death in the North Pole regions while on route to bring aid to the stricken Italian crew.

Two minutes of silence were observed at noon; flags were placed at half mast until 2:00 p. m. and church bells toll.

Meetings were held everywhere, the principal one at Akershus fortress being attended by King Haakon, the crown prince, members of the government and high church officials.

MUTT AND JEFF—Easy Come, Easy Go

WHAT A SURPRISE I GOT YESTERDAY WHEN I LEARNED THAT A THOUSAND SHARES OF UNITED MOUSE-TRAP STOCK THAT I BOUGHT IN 1907 WAS WORTH FORTY BUCKS A SHARE



PORTLAND GIRL BEATS OFF NIGHT ASSAILANT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP) Seizing her from behind as she walked along the street near her home in the darkness shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, an unidentified man was beaten off by Esther Robinson, 26, she told police. Kicking and scratching, she fought her assailant until the lights of a passing car frightened the man and he ran away.

Two weeks ago she reported a similar attack. Other women in the same neighborhood have been frightened recently by a man answering the same description. A thorough search of the vicinity by police failed to reveal trace of the man.

BULLET OF SUICIDE DEFLECTED TO WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A 27 year old steel worker was under guard in a police hospital here today accused of the slaying of his wife in a drunken rage early Friday. The man, P. Contreras, police said, attempted to kill himself, but his wife's struggles before she died deflected the bullet, which entered his skull. He will live, it was said at the hospital.

Wool Business Slow

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Business in the wool market was very moderate during the past week and was confined largely to original big territory wool, 64's and finer French combing and Texas wool. Prices were firm on active grades and quotations on other lines were firm.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

So far as I am concerned, I like to explain to correspondents, every letter or communication that comes to me from a reader is confidential. Of course, that refers only to the identity of the correspondent. I reserve the right to deal with the subject of any query as I see fit.

Nice Soft, White Hands. Will you kindly give a recipe,

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 REFINING INFLUENCE OF SUSPENDER BUTTONS.

The physician of a large industrial plant, complaining that white-collar men do not follow his advice about the care of health, says:



These skilled work-dollars three essentials, namely, attention to the cultivation of good posture, brisk exercise every day, and the wearing of suspenders.

Not so many years ago nearly every man wore suspenders. He had no particular reason for wearing 'em, only that pants usually come equipped with suspenders. Then came a change of administration. I forgot whether it was the Democrats or the Republicans that got in, but anyway hard times came along, and some great economist in the clothing trade conceived the idea of omitting suspender buttons from certain styles of new garments, and not a few of us were compelled to put our trust in belts for a time, because the very models we affected came that way. It meant a great deal of discomfort and even chafing, but what was the alternative? Could a man ask his wife to sew on six (6) half doz. buttons all at once? Behave yourself, I assume you are a young fellow. There is just one alternative course a man can take. He puts on a belt, pushes out his stomach and prays there will be no disaster. And this tells hardest on the white collar class.

In the next quadrennial effort to determine what is the matter with the country the attention of the politicians should be called to the alarming growth of the lunch club evil. It is getting so prevalent that if you want to see a businessman or any of his departmental heads, you have to catch him out of bank hours, for on Fed-days Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays he is out to lunch at other times. That is one of the surest ways to distinguish an executive from an operative. The operative lunches in from 30 to 60 minutes. The executive lunches from 10 to 3, except Saturdays.

Athletic, physically fit young lads may wear a belt without showing much harm from it for years. But a man past 30, who is not in the habit of making an interest in sixth control, perhaps outgrowing some of his clothes, losing the "wind" he formerly had, making fine progress in an executive position—the less work he does the more money he gets for it—makes a sad mistake when he leaves off suspenders.

Not that it is a bad thing for such a man to push out his belly, but he has to be in order to make sure his belt is fulfilling its purpose, but the trouble is the lack of suspenders unconsciously inhibits any faint impulse there may be left in the man's automatic system to pull the belly in again, since he has got it out there on guard against capture of the belt by his hands. Even if he does feel a conscientious impulse to pull in the belly he dare not try it except in privacy. Executives are bound to look, well, as snappy as they can, and it would be fatal to the man's dignity if the hang of his trousers suggested an early Charles Chaplin film.

Far be it from me to insinuate that a successful dodger, instead of being in order to make sure his waist measurement over-takes and passes his chest measurement, but I do aver he is no longer as good a man as he was before he acquired the near-Palstaffian silhouette.

In case the innuendo annoys the expert work-evader, he may find consolation in the fact that six months of the Third Brady Symposium, a copy of which the author will be glad to provide.

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Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason.

HAPPY HOME

The cheerful home where love abides, that never hears a tyrant's roar, where people sing and no one hides in fear behind the kitchen door; where there are often sounds of mirth, and never sounds of bitter strife—this is the fairest spot on earth, the finest thing in human life. Before I journey home at night to look for hours in easy chairs, I hunt up some "elaborate" wight who's tried to sell me oil well shares. I scarp with some deluded state who bilked me in some recent deals, or climb upon a candidate who fooled me with his smooth appeals. There's always someone who has wrought such evil as I may resent, and I assail his dome of thought, and in that organ make a dent. Thus I work off in splendid style whatever grouch I have acquired, and reaching home, I shed a smile, though I am fatigued, weak and tired. My wife, she meets me at the door, with honest welcome in her eyes, my loving aunts and nieces four are greeting me with joyous cries. Then I take off my shoes and hat and seat me in a padded chair, and even James, the Maltese cat, with sounds of welcome fills the air. There is an atmosphere of peace, a sense of love and kindly tact; there is no need of the police or reading of the riot act. We all have grouches now and then, they are a part of mortal lives; but they're the cheaper sort of men who wear them out upon their wives. When I feel bitter I chastise some man who's sold me phony stocks, and then go home with shining eyes, conveying love, the stuff that knocks.

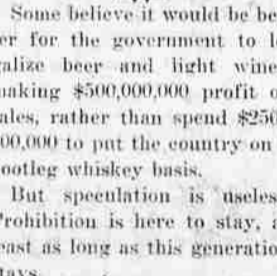
Paper Boy's Itch

If the boy delivering our paper has itch we are in danger of getting it?—Mrs. E. R. G.

Answer—I believe there might be some chance of the conveyance of the affable itch insect by that route. The itch mite often is carried from person to person in clothing.

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Abe Martin



"Eat'n' a big Stark's Delicious apple 'll appease th' cravin' for 'em," writes Miss Fawn Lippinet, editor o' th' woman's page o' th' Weekly Slip Horn. Now, then, right off th' bat, who wuz Hoover's rummin' mate?

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Brisbane's Today

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play, "No, No, Nanette," with music by a jazz band.

Not to spoil the evening, prison authorities kindly decided to postpone "Red's" trip to the electric chair until 3 o'clock in the morning.

To sit in a "pre-execution" cell, while others laughed and music played, then strut and fret along the hall through the little door across the floor to the death chair, seems a strange ending.

If we heard of savages that

machine is now on the other side of the Rhine.

And you are middle-aged if the good old college spirit affects you like swallowing your tobacco.

Americanism: Trying hard to seem sophisticated; succeeding only in resembling a small boy trying to seem tough.

Alas! The only people who believe all they read are people with a natural weakness for fool ideas.

The whispering campaign also makes best sellers of that kind of books.



It pays to be straight. If a leg is straight up and down, for example, the stocking seam doesn't creep to one side or the other.

There are no statistics on the number of near-idiots at large, except the circulation figures of that kind of magazine.

A German colonel is showing the Chinese how to fight, so there's a good opportunity for a go-getter who soils spades.

Another pathetic feature of the season is dad's perennial hope that the family won't charge more than he can pay for on January 1.

Correct this sentence: "War is wicked," said he, "and we can avoid it by using spiteful and insulting speech instead of guns."

Daily Meteorological Report

Saturday, Dec. 15. Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Sunday. Continued cool. Freezing temperature tonight.

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Sunday. Continued cool in west, freezing temperature east portion.

Local Data.

Table with columns for Temperature (degrees), Highest (last 12 hours), Lowest (last 12 hours), Rel humidity (percent), Precipitation (inches), State of weather.

Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1928, 4.71 inches.

Sunset today, 4:41 p. m. Sunrise Sunday, 7:33 a. m. Sunset Sunday, 4:41 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M. 120th Meridian Time

Table with columns for CITY, Highest Temp, Lowest Temp, Weather.

L. W. DICK, Meteorologist.

You are helping yourself when you buy Christmas Seals.

Coughs Stopped Almost Instantly

Doctor's Prescription Relieves Without Harmful Drugs

Almost instant relief for coughs is now guaranteed in the use of a famous physician's prescription called Thoxine which contains no chloroform or dope. It works on an entirely different principle, has a double action, relieves the irritation and goes direct to the internal cause not reached by cough syrups and patent medicines. The very first swallow usually relieves.

Thoxine is pleasant and safe for the whole family. Also excellent for sore throat. Quick relief guaranteed or your money back. 35c, 60c and \$1.00. Sold by Healy's and all other good drug stores.

WEST COAST LUMBER FIRMS FORM COMBINE

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(AP) A \$100,000,000 combine of inter-coastal lumber and shipping interests involving ten of the largest lumber companies operating on the west coast had been arranged here, Morgan J. Doyle of San Francisco, counsel for the organization, announced.

The Pacific Atlantic Lumber corporation as the new consolidation of interests is to be known, plans to start operating about the first of the year, buying, transporting, marketing and financing lumbering ventures, Doyle said today. Arrangements have been completed for the transportation of the entire Atlantic and Gulf consignments of the Pacific coast producers involved and negotiations are under way for the output of other major mills.

The Pacific Atlantic Lumber corporation, with a directorate of leaders in west coast lumbering, shipping and banking, is to be headed by William H. Talbot, president of Pope and Talbot of San Francisco and the Puget Mill company, and director of the Wells Fargo National bank of San Francisco.

Concerns involved in the combine include Sudden and Christensen, Charles R. McCormick Lumber company, Charles Nelson company, Hoquiam Lumber and Shingle company, Hulbert Mill company, American Mill company, Lewis Mill and Timber company, Raymond Lumber company, Crown Lumber company and St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company.

DON'T WAIT—TAKE THEM IN TIME

When Chas. McAllister, Kearny, N. J., reached the point where he had to drag his tired, aching, weary body from a well-nigh sleepless bed, he did a wise thing—bought a bottle of Foley's Pills diuretic, and then "After taking Foley's Pills diuretic for a time, I became all right, and my kidney distress, pain and weakness are all gone." Cost little. Satisfaction guaranteed. Try them. For sale by Jarmin & Woods Drug Store.

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