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Ye Smudge Pot

The Oregonian editorially comments upon William E. (Pussyfoot) Johnson, who in always going to some strange land beyond the horizon, and ponders upon the why of his wanderings.

The Ben Plymale kid was down town yesterday, and is infatuated with the public tick-tock of the Vawter boys.

The writer will decide tomorrow whether to swear off bridge in 1929, or purchase a bullet-proof vest. We have skin-guards.

By this time next week, the leading thoroughfare will be logged off, and denuded of its fir growth.

Harvard professors have discovered there was more space in the infant than the first survey showed. Maybe there is more parking space than suspected.

It would not be a bit surprising if some long-headed member of the legislature would propose a tax on home brewers.

The fish industry is at a standstill in this vicinity, as is the golf industry, and here is just enough loafing on the Bill Gore count to hold the charter.

If the local citizen who is still flaunting a Hoover placard from his back seat window, is not appointed to something, he ought to be.

A number of farmers were in town yesterday, threatening to plow.

Colleagues and representatives of legislators, home for the holidays are exposing suspenders in gay hues. These new-fangled galluses assume no responsibility and will not snap, and have lost all their ambition; their work being done by a series of lady-like tucks around the manly waist.

Correct this sentence: "My Christmas gifts always delight me," said she, "so it never is necessary to pretend."

The Power lobby is sinister, but the people are not entirely helpless. Congress opens with prayer.

How to Avoid INFLUENZA

Advertisement for 'ND TO NIGHT' medicine, featuring a cartoon of a man fighting off germs and a list of ailments it treats.

WHY IS IT?

Each of us knows what is wrong with him and what he ought to do. Each of us do it. Nations know what they ought to do. None of them do it. Europe ought to stop fighting and can't. We ought to mind our own business and can't.

THERE is considerable wisdom in this oracular utterance by "our correspondent," Arthur Brisbane, yesterday. We do, as individuals and as nations, know what we ought to do, but we seldom do it.

Wouldn't it be more sensible, to admit, that as human society is at present constituted, absolute independence of action, either by the individual or the nation, is impossible? Whether we like it or not, the individual is a part of the nation, and the nation a part of the world.

Far better then to accept the world, not as we might like to have it, but as it is, and from the common starting point, ask why it is we so seldom, as individuals and nations, do what we know we should do.

The present situation regarding our relations with Europe, and particularly with England, might be taken as an example. According to the latest information from Washington, the Kellogg peace treaty is to be scrapped, and the naval cruiser program is to be carried out.

This is obviously the thing not to do. Such action can't fail but lead to trouble. Even a man as experienced and intelligent as Senator Gillette of Massachusetts declared recently that, while he previously voted against the bill for new cruisers, he now intends to support it.

As the New Republic well says, "Nonsense, Senator!" Every country has its fire-eaters, who make a habit of talking recklessly, but Dean Inge no more represents the sober sense of the British people than does Admiral Plunkett that of America.

This is absolutely true. To pass the cruiser bill and also accept the Kellogg peace pact could properly be interpreted as notice to the world that, while the United States wishes to do everything possible to promote international peace, it intends to be prepared for war, if its peace efforts should fail; but to pass this bill, and then renounce the Kellogg pact, would be interpreted by every foreign country as a challenge to force, and the intention of this country to rely upon force.

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. Using 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.

FOOD ALLERGY IS A MYSTERY

Find the woman, says the French detective maxim, and one gathers from the fiction that the French detective could never carry on without a mysterious, elusive woman in the background. The yarn would seem as dull as a vaudeville bill without a black-face artist imitating Al Jolson or singing Old Black Sun or whatever it is.

French mystery story is no more so than the food protein the doctor has to search for in numerous cases of allergy or anaphylaxis, as we glibly call what plain folk will probably understand better as idiosyncrasy. Just to give you an idea of how intriguing it is, let me run over some of the more or less familiar forms in which food allergy manifests itself, but remember, you can't draw any immediate conclusions about the matter if you happen to be subject to any of the troubles I mention.

One means the medical detective employs to elicit testimony when his suspicion is aroused, is the skin scratch test—a wee scratch is made on the cleansed skin, and a minute quantity of the suspected food substance applied. If the patient is sensitive to the particular food substance a characteristic hive-like reaction appears at the site of the scratch. If the patient is normal in reaction to the particular food substance, no reaction appears.

Dr. Rowe finds that wheat, eggs, milk, chocolate, tomato, cabbage, orange and potato are the foods most commonly responsible for the allergic manifestations listed. If it is fair for me to intrude, I may say that I receive from readers more complaints that seem to implicate tomato as the cause of their troubles than of all other foods. Incidentally, we must credit Dr. Rowe, a Californian, with courage; he tells the world that sometimes orange juice raises havoc!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS We Take a Bow. Your articles are always of interest to me, without making me feel as though I have all the ailments I read about.—A. B. L. Ans.—I am proud to know that I do feel that there is too much alleged "health" stuff printed that is calculated to make folks sick. Yo Ho for a Parcel of Cheese. Here is another recipe for good old cottage (Dutch) cheese, this one by an old printer. I am not sure whether I ought to let this printer propagate his recipe—my experience is that printers are prone to do terrible things to recipes. However, this time we can reverse the table if we wish, so

Advertisement for 'Personal Health Service' featuring a cartoon of a man with a headache and a list of ailments it treats.

Quill Points

Another way to avoid depression, Mr. Hoover. Let the government lend people money to spend in hard times.

Yet if all the magazines and books were printed in Arizona, the country would think of New York as an unimportant mass of aliens.

The dragons feared by our fathers weren't imaginary. They were the dinosaurs of 500,000 years ago, treasured in folk lore while the "educated" forgot.

Well, the next generation won't inherit a taste for stuff that kills a man before he has time for progeny.

An executive is a man who thinks the lunch hour extends from 12 until 2:30.

The "speakers" will fizzle, for the same reason that every presentable stranger seems more important while he keeps still.

"He is honest, but he is slow pay" is the equivalent of saying: "He is truthful, but you must pry the truth out of him."

The modern is efficient, but he can't annoy his whiskers with turpentine and lard to cure a cold in the chest.

Americanism! Making war on germs; carrying a used handkerchief to infect yourself with "bad cold" germs.

People who get trimmed in Wall Street can get even by starting a crusade back home to jail the wicked crap shooters.

If the poor really get the 15 per cent that income taxpayers claim to give, that may explain where the dead broke get their cars.

Vanity attends us all, wherefore the hen cackles when she achieves an egg and man sings when he takes a bath.

An archaeologist is a man who can find an ape's tooth 800 years old and reconstruct the primitive man who chewed with it 500,000 years ago.

Statesmen who can't think up a way to dam the Colorado might consult fluent natives of the Mississippi valley.

Note for future historians: "Colored people" doesn't refer to the great mass of hand-colored ones.

Scientists have found skeletons with a third eye in the top of the head, which indicates that Nature foresaw the airplane and tried to avert stiff necks.

Correct this sentence: "Yeah, the kid is spoiled," said he, "but I don't blame his mother or grandparents."

Hoot Gibson at Rialto Saturday

Hoot Gibson, the daredevil western star, will return here for another engagement of furious, fast-paced fun with the opening of "The Dancer Rides" at the Rialto theater tomorrow.

In "The Dancer Rides" Hoot's personality is said to be more likable than ever. The story depicts the star as the son of a prison warden who poses as a notorious criminal to win the heart of a girl. He displays a number of new and daring horsemanship stunts.

Beware of Diets to reduce

Medical authorities warn that reducing has gone too far

MEDICAL authorities are becoming alarmed at the extent to which American girls, women and men are reducing their weight by starvation diets. This has gone too far, they say, and in many cases is resulting in permanent injury.

One famous doctor says: "Starving leads to anemia, which may become so persistent that the tissues are no longer able to form blood in the proper way, even when sufficient food is subsequently supplied to them, and a state of actual starvation throughout life may result."

"This," he goes on to say, "is because any method which defeats nature, long carried out, produces disease changes in the body which frequently become permanent."

Another error is the belief by some that sugar in the diet is the only cause of overweight. This is not true. Any food that is nourishing is fattening and nature should be allowed to store a certain amount of fat in the tissues as a reserve supply of energy when it is needed. Don't undereat; it is dangerous. Eat enough of a great variety of foods and enjoy them. Remember that nothing adds so much enjoyment to other foods as food. Sweetness is nature's ideal flavor and modern sugar is sugar in its least expensive form. Put one cup of sugar in the water used for boiling ham and notice the improvement in appetizing flavor. Be sure of tasteful variety in food. The Sugar Institute.

Advertisement for 'World's Greatest Saxophonist Coming' featuring a cartoon of a man playing a saxophone and a list of ailments it treats.

Bob Kruse Flattens Norbeck in Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Bob Kruse, Portland wrestler, won two falls and the match from Moose Norbeck, Salt Lake City, in a main-event match here last night.

Norbeck took the first fall with a reverse backlock in 37 1/2 minutes. Kruse took the second in 37 minutes with a Boston crab hold, and the third 30 seconds later with the same hold.

Kruse weighed 260 pounds; Norbeck, 215.

Miller Dixon, 165 pounds, of Grays River was awarded the match with Harry Olsen, 160, Portland, when Olsen was unable to return for the third fall. Each had taken a fall.

A Modern Babel

FRENHAM, Texan—(AP)—Members of the local Rotary club speak eight languages: German, French, Spanish, Czech, Polish, Portuguese, Greek and English.

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