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Ye Smudge Pot

Science has managed to separate the hormones from the abracadabra, and many would like to see the smoke divorced from the snorter.

None of the contestants for the \$25,000 prize for the best plan for the enforcement of Prohibition suggested that the newspapers quit writing it up, after the manner of a wedding or amateur theatricals.

The President hunted deer an entire day, and was not shot for one.

The social lions, with the holidays, resumed diplomatic relations with their female admirers, and the social whirl has started to whirl anew.

The flu is not as rampant in this vicinity as it was.

The Treasury Department reports that the dollar is shrinking, a trick that amounts to evaporation in many instances.

Mustaches have broken out among our young men again.

What will the tourists say, when they see a fully adorned clothesline within a stone's throw of the big area? It will not be known for sure what they will say, but they will do what they do when they see a garden.

Hon. John Carlin has returned from Portland again, and as he did not wear his long black coat, the tax problem of the state is exactly where it was. The Tax Commission convening daily on the sunny side of the Bill Gore bank, yesterday expressed its abhorrence of all varieties of taxes for everybody but themselves.

The shortage of hay in the valley last fall, as usual is assuming the proportions of the usual January surplus. Stockmen report they may have to help the cows eat it.

Spring hats have appeared upon the up-and-coming-and-noting Gal sheikhs. They are shaped like a pie pan, and set at a rakish angle, and unlike the prevailing headgear, hide no gray hairs around the ears.

Merchants have finished the annual counting of their beans, calico, and clerks.

There will be no investigation of the burning alive of a negro in Mississippi, as about 2600 voters were concerned.

The city has a new burgomaster, and G. Fabrick a new vehicle for the distribution of the washing.

A patriarch of the horseshoe-pitching arena has to stay home, as he used language he heard at a marble game.

A number of blind drivers were out in a blinding rain last night.

A local survey shows that three women and a male have not recovered from cross-word puzzle epidemic of 1924.

How Far Do You Walk?

The convenient arrangement of feed bins, silos, cow and calf stables makes a great deal of difference in the time and labor required in doing the chores.

Investigations carried on by the Ohio University showed that one farmer walked in doing the chores 170 miles in a month, while another walked thirty-three miles. On two farms where the number of cows was the same, the difference in the distance traveled in looking after them was sixty-six miles. The average distance traveled by all farmers investigated was ninety-nine miles.

Walking at the rate of two and one-half miles per hour, the man who traveled eighty-six miles farther than his neighbor who had the same number of cows, used thirty-four hours more time than did his neighbor doing the same amount of work. This was time lost. At ten hours per day this is a loss of 10 per cent of the time. A little thought in rearranging the barn might pay well.

Washed Eggs

The price of eggs is limited quite largely by the cleanliness of the shell. Carefulness in allowing the eggs to become soiled in the nest means that they can not be marketed as No. 1's or Specials. They must be cleaned, which of itself impairs the quality of the product and then it is practically impossible to clean a soiled shell completely.

MAYOR PIPES STARTS OUT RIGHT

MAYOR PIPES' inaugural address, delivered last night, shows a firm grasp of our pressing civic problems, and a quality of leadership which augurs well for the success of his administration.

We particularly like Mayor Pipes' freedom from any sentimental illusions. He realizes that any public official who tries to please everyone, usually ends by pleasing no one. He intends to welcome advice and suggestions from any quarter, give equal consideration to all, but once convinced of what the proper course of action is, he doesn't propose to be swayed from such a course, simply because everyone does not agree with him.

This is the only practical policy to pursue, and it is such a policy that this city needs. As Mayor Pipes points out, a better solution of the traffic problem is imperative, and the first step toward such a solution is the strict and continuous enforcement of traffic laws now in force. Not only will such a policy convince the people of Medford that the city administration is serious in its intentions, but it will also reveal weaknesses of the present regulations, and make clear changes that are essential.

We heartily agree with Mayor Pipes regarding the importance of a municipal airport, and the desirability of Medford taking advantage of its natural advantages in this direction. There is also no question that the problem of a better park system should be considered. For the time to map out a park program is before congestion renders such a problem acute, not after.

Mayor Pipes' address in full is printed in another column of this paper today. We believe it is worth careful reading by every resident of this city.

TAX HASTE WILL MAKE WASTE

AS the tax situation, politically and economically, becomes more and more complicated in this state, it becomes increasingly certain that the best way out is for Oregon to go slow, and make every effort to march side by side with the states of California and Washington.

Such a policy is not only advisable from the standpoint of those who oppose a state income tax, but from the standpoint of those who favor one.

For as we see it, there is no question that ultimately the three Pacific Coast states will adopt some form of state income tax. California, in its adoption of an excise tax, is already on the border line. Washington is moving in that direction. But the tax experts of both neighboring states are opposing the presentation of an income tax NOW, because they fear that such action would defeat their tax programs entirely, and result in a deplorable condition of tax chaos and confusion.

We believe they are absolutely right in this contention. And we further believe that if this "income tax or nothing" hullabaloo is not curtailed, and a better spirit of accommodation and conciliation exhibited on all sides, this will be the result in Oregon.

In other words, the state faces a situation in which haste will almost certainly make waste. There is nothing to be gained, on either side, by trying "to bulldoze the thing through." There is everything to be gained by trying to secure a uniform system of taxation on this coast, and joining our competing states to the north and south in a determined effort to secure a common solution of a common problem.

Never yet has a man earned a monument by scorning the common people.

Government plans to make bills smaller this year. But it isn't talking about those of January 1st.

Many a flower is born to blush unseen because it doesn't look up with a live wire who can attend to the selling end.

If he says environment means more than blood, he means to say: "My people were common, and look at me."

"Boys are learning to cook, also." Yes; but why drag in that last word?

O, for the good old days when Cupid used a bow and arrow instead of a pistol.

Some have a militant modesty easily insulted, and some have nice clean minds.

The cynic doesn't believe in love or religion for the same reason that a cat doesn't fly. He isn't equipped for it.

A normal man is one who glories in the fact that he is more prosperous than the man who bullied him in school.

Double the penalty for each conviction and let the criminal himself decide when the price is too high.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff'll Never Be Able to Keep This a Secret



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 stamped, self-addressed envelopes 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.

ON THE TRAIL OF ANAPHYLAXIS

This is another chapter in our medical detective story. Anaphylaxis is not the mysterious Russian princess, the ravishing beauty in distress who manages to addle the already muddled brains of the chippy chaps of the piece. Ana is merely an alias for allergy, and I told you all about it in my column "Food Is Poison."



"Food Is Poison." "Food Allergy is a Mystery." and "A Medical Detective Story."

Having cornered the suspect, and determined by skin scratch tests with say, three or four dozen common food proteins, that the suspect reacts to one or two of them, the next step will depend on which way the quarry seems likely to jump. If there is a sharp spell of asthma, hives or dermatitis on, we might try the "therapeutic test"—that is, administer an intramuscular injection of adrenin, which ought to give marked, if not marvelous relief to whatever ailment the victim, if it is of an allergic or anaphylactic origin.

On the other hand, if we come upon the quarry at a moment when there is no particular urgency, say between seizures of migraine or in a comfortable interval of angioneurotic edema, then the usual procedure among the best medical detectives is to confirm or corroborate the presumptive evidence of the skin scratch test by means of the "elimination diet." In other words, the patient confines himself for a sufficient period to a diet from which the food substance or substances to which his skin reacts are excluded, and on such a diet the patient should experience relief if his trouble is due to food allergy.

If the patient has given no indication of milk sensitization, it may be well to begin with an exclusive milk diet. To this may be added, one item at a time, almost anything the patient prefers, say from day to day, except, of course, the foods to which the patient is sensitized. In some cases it is necessary to make the intervals longer, say a week from one new item to the next. It is well always to remember that what, eggs and milk are more frequently responsible for allergic troubles than other common foods, and to be particularly vigilant when these items or dishes containing any of them are added to the diet.

Sometimes a patient reacts to several foods when the skin scratch test is applied. That means simply that the patient is out of luck. The most worry along somehow on a diet that eliminates every one of the foods to which he seems sensitized. In time, if it seems necessary, such a patient may perhaps be desensitized to a particular food by means of a prolonged series of gradually increasing homeopathic hypodermic doses of the food in question, or even by a similar course of treatment by mouth. But beware of any home made experiments in this line! When I say homeopathic I don't mean homey-pathy!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Puffs and Specks.

What causes black specks before the eyes and a puffy appearance under the eyes?—Mrs. N.

Ans.—Sometimes dizziness will account for it. Anyway, it might be worth looking into. Is there no doctor in your neighborhood?

The Purity of the Blood.

In a conversation with a friend of mine the question arose whether persons who have acne have impure blood.—G. C. J.

Ans.—Another question that sometimes arises in such conversations is whether the earth is round or flat. There are still some folk who like to believe it is flat. Likewise, there are still some mean, narrow-minded, unprogressive folk who, happening to us at the moment free from blackheads and pimples, like to imply that the condition spells "impure blood." If all of us had blood as pure as the blood of the average young person with a crop of acne pimples, this would be a pretty healthy world.

That Patient Leather Effect.

Is vaseline good for the hair if

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason.

THE JEALOUS ONES

I boast the fellow who excels in any craft or trade, who comes among us wearing bells, who's nobly made the grade. I much admire the gifted lads who rise above the crowd, who garner honest fame and acade, who largely are endowed. But I would rather train along with common, garish wights, I'd rather travel in the throng that does not reach the heights. One needs a tough and hardened pelt who plans to walk with kings, or in a while he will have felt a thousand barbs and stings. Some kindly souls will roundly cheer when you have made a hit, but multitudes will gibe and sneer and throw a jealous fit. You won your laurels by a fluke, they'll amply demonstrate, and they will hand you a rebuke for being good and great. If you are built too good, don't care, proceed along the thoroughfare, along your shining way. If you don't care for chunks of coal and bricks and cabbage-heads, proceed sublimely to your goal as every hero treads. If you don't care a tinker's hoot for critics sour and cheap, go on in triumph—I'll salute with admiration deep. Perhaps, alas, you're sensitive, and, hoping to excel, you know you can't in comfort live where kindness doesn't dwell. Then you'll consent to walk with me along the lower trail, where there's no cause for jealousy, where envy doesn't walk. We'll jog together in the mark, secure from goad and gaff, and do our little share of work, and gain an epitaph.

Miss Laura Mae Keeler, a young white woman, who captured the negro murderer single handed. He was hiding in a cabin with a loaded rifle.

Miss Keeler, unarmed, went to him, told him "The farmers will surely get you and kill you," and persuaded him to give himself up. She started for the Parchman prison, but her prisoner was taken from her by farmers patrolling the road and burned on wood soaked in gasoline.

Quill Points

The national habit of buying stocks on margin indicates that the installment plan also affords the most popular method of going broke.

It's wicked to get a postoffice job by contributing to the party houses. Only ambassadorships are obtained that way.

All winter resorts are alike in one particular. The current weather, according to the natives, is very unusual.



A hick town is a place where a light after 10 p. m. means sickness or a marriageable daughter.

Bolshevism doesn't seem so rotten when you see the old employe who built the business trying to curry favor with the squirt who inherited it.

What doughboys the Bolivians will make! Four out of five laborers earn their living by serving as pack animals.

A broker is a man who has a toll-gate where the stream of cash flows from the suckers to the wise boys.

Americanism: Using friend wife as a clothes rack to show the cock-eyed world how well you're getting on.

The telegraph people now have form messages to serve on all occasions except when you are getting a wedding invitation.

A hick town is a place where you are hopelessly ornery if the banker won't let you overdraw.

Nature adjusts it. Parents who

Of Interest to Farmers

(Seymour Jones, State Market Agent).

Teaching Farm Crop Grading. Farmers and others who would like to learn something about the grading of wheat, oats, corn, hay, etc., should attend the short course which will be given in that line at the Oregon State Agricultural college, Corvallis, from January 14 to 26, when the various phases of grading of farm crops, also seed testing, will be fully explained. The entire staff of the farm crop department will be in charge of instruction in this school. In addition, the following state and federal inspection officials will assist: Bertha G. Hite, seed analyst, U. S. department of agriculture; B. W. Whitlock, R. J. Stubbfield and J. P. Welch, Pacific coast board of review; A. P. Nelson, federal grain supervisor; Chas. W. Wright, chief state grain inspection department; W. J. Morgan, federal hay supervisor; J. S. Jones, professor of agricultural chemistry. Registration may be obtained by writing the farm crop department, O. S. C., Corvallis.

Wheat Acreage and Condition. The acreage sown to wheat this fall in Oregon is given as \$89,000 acres, a 3 per cent increase over last year, but the condition of the crop on December 1 was 85 per cent, while a year ago it was 98 per cent. In Washington, the acreage is 1,318,000, a decrease of 125,000 acres, from 1927, and the condition is 70 per cent, against 95 per cent last year. In Idaho, the acreage is 518,000, an increase of 33,000 acres, the condition being 85 per cent, against 95 per cent last year. The acreage in the whole United States is 48,288,000, about 8.6 per cent less than 1927, and the condition on December 1st was 84.4 per cent, the 10-year average being 84.6 per cent. Shortage of moisture in eastern Oregon the past fall may result in the possibility for receding considerable ground.

Wool Grange Bulletin. The Oregon Grange Bulletin complains that a Portland even-

beat their children have progeny who inherited enough meanness to need heating.

Critics are people who discover it is great stuff after the common people have been raving about it for ten years.

would gain nothing in changing to the bulk basis.

HOOD RIVER—Plans progressing for construction of new unit for Hood River community hospital.

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By BUD FISHER

