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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
The hullabaloo over serving members of the legislature pure water is a great waste of wind, as ginger ale is recognized as the best chaser these days.

MARRIED MEN LIVE LONGEST, STUDENTS TOLD BY EVERETT—(Hillside Corvallis Gazette-Times) We rush, with 10 million others, to remark: "They don't." It just seems that way.

F. Ferguson Health is now a Dad, and William Heath an uncle.
The President has signed the treaty prohibiting war. It will be as effective as the law prohibiting flirting.

Found—Three human skulls. Owners may have same by proving property and paying for this—(Herald Bluff News) They'll be right in.

Plans for the re-regulation of humanity, via the tail of a night-gown, at the same old dues but with the members behaving themselves, are underway, with the main offices in the great Republican state of Texas.

IS THAT SO? (Ashland Tidings)
At Medford the snowfall continued through the day, with ground for nearly half the day, according to reports received from that city today. (Humboldt, Ore., released and three snowfalls at each other.)

The piece of kindling that used to fly up and hit a citizen in the eye, or now flamed on backing of the flu.

One sensational murder on the first page of a newspaper, is worse than the contents of four lurid and cheap magazines, with the covers torn off to fool mothers.

The fair sex is in the midst of a mania for washing their dishes in a lotion that makes them white, instanter.

BEST WISECRACK LAST WEEK—An Englishman named Pilegia has crossed the ocean 150 times. One of the early Pilgrims, perhaps, still looking for religious tolerance.—(Lantern, Ind., Times)

Means are sought for speeding up the legislature. Make them stay in Salem over Sunday, instead of leaving Friday afternoon for the week-end in Portland.

LACK OF FUNDS ANNOYING—(Hillside Salem Statesman) It comes close to being exasperating.

Mrs. A. Dime Loner, and a cup of tea, were upset unexpectedly during the brides hour.

AN EDITOR SPEAKS UP (Olathe, Kan., Democrat)
In a bluntness letter dated Brownell, Kan., wherever that is, a woman signs herself "Mrs. Oabel," a granddaughter of W. W. Oabel, who died in the Johnson county prison, recently at the age of 102, and orders the Democrat discontinued to her mother.

The Democrat is in full sympathy with fine, sensitive nature which feels great indignation that a newspaper should state, in the account of a centenarian's death, the place where he died. Of course, if an able-bodied granddaughter felt so sensitive over it being known that her aged grandfather had been taken to the poorhouse and there died, her sensitive nature could have saved the shock of the legitimate publicity by giving the helpless old man a corner in her home and a seat at her table.

Academy Burns.
DEVON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The Valley Forge military academy, formerly known as the Devon Park hotel, was destroyed by fire early today with loss estimated at \$500,000. A fire was called to sound assembly. More than 100 cadets and military instructors piled out of the building in their pajamas and sought shelter from the cold in nearby homes.

PARIS, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Jean Laforge, restaurateur and clarinet soloist, has a prodigy in the form of his 13-year-old grandson. The young boy plays the violin and nine other instruments. When 14 months old he hummed.

QUILL POINTS

Police permission to carry a gun affords protection if you can devise a way to carry it up where your hands are when you need it.

If man's next great war is in insect pests, we want first shot at the one who never quite closes the door as he goes out.

Americanism: A rich man giving away dimes, a poor clerk giving the hat-check girl a quarter to make her think he's rich.

"Church treasurer \$40,000 short." Perhaps it wasn't just a coincidence that Judas carried the money.

The objection to marrying a boy for his dad's money is that some other woman may marry the old man for it.

Democrats can at least rejoice to see a Republican with the look of a worm.

A hick town is a place where the car parked in front of the fire hydrant belongs to the banker's wife.

The meanest thing about flu epidemics is that they never occur during the baseball season.

Being a go-getter requires no original investment, unless they really are required to carry those three fountain pens in the breast pocket.

"Pat" may be a polite name for Dad, but it wasn't in common use when the woodshed was a place of instruction.

Now, Mr. Durant, offer \$25,000 for perpetual motion. No plan will work, but it will be amusing to see which one fools the judges.

Correct this sentence: "Her house is spotless," said the gossip, "but she never draws attention to the fact by making apologies."

The trend of literature, now as always, is in the direction of the paying teller's window.

Republic: A form of government dedicated to the job of making cities behave.

Correct this sentence: "The good resolutions I make after going to bed," said he, "still seem reasonable next morning."

Who ever expected to see a Republican with seven hound dogs?

FOOTS CREEK MEN TAKEN TO DOCTOR ACCOUNT INJURIES

FOOTS CREEK, Ore., Jan. 18.—(Special)—On Tuesday, John Short took Clay Hiles and Ed Prefontaine to Medford. Both men had to see a doctor. Clay Hiles reports that he must lose his finger below the first joint. He has been suffering with blood poisoning for weeks. Mr. Prefontaine had an eye badly injured from giant powder dust. It is probably not a serious injury. The yearly report of the Sunday school was given last Sunday. The secretary, Mrs. Marian Lance, reported that the average attendance for last year was 23. The treasurer, Chas. Wohl, gave a detailed report of the expenses and income of the Sunday school. He found that the financial report of 1928 was the best in the history of the school. Under the leadership of Mrs. George Lance considerable supplementary work was done by the pupils. This work consisted of memorizing the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. Mrs. Henry Henderson of Rogue River called on Mrs. Dale Norton this week. John Short reports that his mother, Mrs. Ella L. Short, is able to be in her wheel chair again. Mrs. Short has been sick with a severe cold. Eert Zimmerman of Butte Falls is helping his sons at the saw mill. Mr. and Mrs. George Lance and Miss Amy Koster ate dinner with the Shorts last Saturday. Mrs. Fauson of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Broussard. Miss Laura Smith is suffering

MUTT AND JEFF—You Can't Insult Mutts Brother



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.

HAIRM IS JUST HAIRM

Please bill me if aspirin has any curative properties at all or if it is a dangerous drug, ask one correspondent, and another inquiry about the use of aspirin as a headache reliever and whether it is really harmless. In the same mail a young woman says a specialist she consulted told her to take aspirin regularly three times a day.

Aspirin was formerly patented, but the patent expired a few years ago, and now anybody may manufacture and sell aspirin. It is one of the earliest medications and probably one of the safest of the class. However, it is a grave mistake to assume that aspirin is quite harmless.

Aspirin is chemically acetyl salicylic acid ester, and has effects similar to those of other salicylic acid compounds, such as the familiar salicylate which has been so much used in the treatment of rheumatism. The habit is by no means so enslaving as is the morphine habit. Yet there is no denying the fact that many unfortunate people learn to like the effect of aspirin and resort to it regularly on one pretext or another.

Now I have just said that this drug is probably one of the safest of all the sense-dealers, pain-relievers, anesthetics, "feel-good" or whatever you prefer to call such drugs. By this I mean that if I had a whopping headache or a mean pain in the neck and felt impelled to resort to a drug for temporary relief, I think I'd take a dose or two of aspirin in preference to any other remedy of the sort.

On the other hand, I'd much prefer to carry along with me a goodly supply of aspirin, and if I have a pain in the neck without the accompanying assurance of a drug, it is possible.

I do not hesitate to say that I believe the specialist or doctor who advised the young woman with aspirin to take regular doses of aspirin, as though it were of some fundamental value apart from the analgesic action, is a poor sort of doctor indeed. However, I say that in my judgment the use of aspirin as a remedy for what some of our old-timers call "cold" is not only useless but rather dangerous.

There is some reason to believe that the drug may interfere with the natural immunizing process by which the body withholds and conquers its infections. If the alleged "cold" is accompanied with fever, pain or discomfort, then one can endure, though aspirin is still one of the least dangerous drugs to use for relief of the pain or discomfort for the time being.

As no one can define what "rheumatic" means, it is scarcely necessary to point out that no medicine or other remedy is known to cure or remedy "rheumatic" conditions. Aspirin is hailed as a cure, but it is just hain and it never cures any disease.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Not Yet Out Soon. Can you refer me to a standard dictionary that contains the word "cold" as used in the popular press? I have looked for it unsuccessfully in three well-known dictionaries. They all give the word "cold" in its ordinary acceptation. My opinion is that your statement that "cold" is anything a boor would call a cold, is far-fetched. To say "I caught cold" is a normal English and American idiom used by the educated and the illiterate to say "I caught cold."

Clean tags wanted at the Mail Tribune office.

ABE MULLIN



Won't it seem funny, after seven long, peaceful years, to have a "sunny" president after March 4th? You're through when you quit striving! (Copyright, John F. Dille Co.)

An Improved Oven Cut a piece of asbestos paper to fit the bottom of the oven. It retains the heat, saves fuel and prevents articles from burning.

To Brighten Leather If the leather seats and backs of chairs become dull, beat the white of an egg and rub thoroughly. Then polish with a clean, soft cloth.

To Clean Playing Cards To clean soiled playing cards, dip a small sponge in spirits of camphor and rub gently. This restores the nap.

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FAMOUS OX THAT CROSSED PLAINS DEAD AT PHOENIX

(By Mary O. Carey.) EDEN, ARIZONA, (Special)—We were informed that one of the historic oxen belonging to J. C. Beyrinc, who crosses the Covered Wagon station at the northern limit of Phoenix, died last Tuesday. The span of oxen are supposed to be the last ones to have been driven across the plains. Mr. Beyrinc and his wife made the trip only about five years ago. Mr. Beyrinc could have taken a pretty good price for the pair of oxen, but declined the offer.

Mr. Beyrinc is building a small house in the rear of the one already back of their dwelling. The new one will be occupied by his son and wife.

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Mrs. Coats, mother of Mr. Coats, who runs a service station in the northern part of Phoenix, came to pay an extended visit to her son and wife. Mrs. Coats is in very poor health.

Mr. Hunt and wife of Phoenix were doing trading in Medford last Tuesday.

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From all indications there will be more vegetables raised for the Medford and Ashland markets this season than ever before. Owners of land under the irrigation ditches find they must raise more profitable crops than either wheat or corn. Berries and garden truck are profitable on these lands.

Mr. Schner, who bought the B. S. French place, is getting all the brush off the valuable bottom land and the place is assuming a much more prosperous look, since one can see how large an acreage lies on the creek bottom.

Ed Haslin has been plowing and scraping and leveling some of his newly purchased tract. He is also changing the channel of Anderson creek where it leaves the Carey place, so it will run straight down to Bear creek. This will reduce a fine fertile piece of land which has never been marketed.

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like one might call it "bootlegging" when they steal over to California and take advantage of the low rates. Just why will people vote for the thing they don't want, and then sneek out to get it? And those same people will preach loud and long for high license and prohibition. There is an excuse for the man who is threatened with losing his job, but not for the moneyed man.

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LAKE CREEK LADIES ENJOY MEETING AT MRS. MEYER'S HOME

LAKE CREEK, Ore., Jan. 18.—(Special)—A number of ladies met at the home of Mrs. H. G. Meyer last Thursday and had entertainment for Mrs. H. H. Fox. Five comforts were tied out, a delicious luncheon partaken of, and a general good time had by every one. Those present, including Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Meyer, were Mrs. H. H. Fox, Mrs. Henrietta Fry, Mrs. H. R. Gorden, Mrs. E. E. Meyer, Mrs. Wm. Hosen, Mrs. A. C. Meyer, Mrs. I. E. Hulsebar and son Mrs. Tom, Mrs. Wm. Hoff, Mrs. H. L. Tom, Edith Hoff and Venita Fox.

Lozen and Beth Farlow spent the week-end in Medford. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Lozen Farlow, who had been visiting relatives in Medford.

Mrs. Neva Wiley of Portland is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meese.

Mrs. Wm. Nickel who has been quite ill for the past couple of weeks, was taken to the hospital in Medford last Monday.

Ray Kagsdale and Harry Tom were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Grant of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watch and Conrad Neustrom were doing business in Medford Tuesday.

Word was received Tuesday morning of the death of Neil Welch, near Centralia, Wash. Neil was formerly of this neighborhood and grew to manhood at the Welch home, in the Ambrose section. He leaves, besides his wife and several children at Centralia, a large number of relatives in this section.

The ladies of the Lost Crows Community club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hoff. Mrs. Mack, the new county demonstrator, is to be present and a very interesting meeting is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Klinge are spending several days in Medford. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Meyer spent the week-end visiting and shopping in Medford.

RELIABLE USED CARS

SCHERER MOTOR CO. BEST VALUES THIS WEEK
1926 Buick Sedan \$1275 1924 Willys-Knight Sed. \$375
1927 Buick Sedan \$ 990 1923 Ford Coupe \$ 85
1926 Buick Sedan \$ 825 1923 Ford Touring \$ 35
1925 Buick Roadster \$ 550 1921 Studebaker Tr. \$125

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