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Ye Smudge Pot

Half-a-dozen residents of Portland have taken a drink with a city glass and woken up from 4 to 5 hours later to feel for their pocketbook only to find some missing.

A number of sheep in sheep's clothing, are sequestered in the F. Hybee alfalfa field.

Painless taxes are now the aim of the legislature. It is hoped the aim of the legislature comes closer than the dentist who invented painless extraction of a tooth.

Fate dealt three defeats to the University of Oregon basketball team this week, moon the sporting writers, Fate was co-operating with the victors, and took advantage of the inability of the losers to throw the round inflated leather object thru the flannel a sufficient number of times.

Quite a few of the more energetic brutes are endeavoring to get out of the preliminary spring housecleaning, by looking at the backyard like they intended to spade it.

Golf enthusiasts are becoming quite numerous and around Kiefer, Early each Sunday morning quite a number gather at the creek—(Blue Earth, Minn., News.) Starting from scratch.

Spring will not arrive until auto-lets go to ways for Stunats, instead of the present 59.

The production of pretzels in this country showed an increase the last six months of 1928. This is an unflattering sign the masses are not willing their whistles with beer.

Our solemn have adjourned again, the which they do well. It becomes more evident day by day, that men should be elected to the legislature who would not attend if elected.

Sinn vs. Sinn, Decree of divorce, (Red Bluff News.) Salvation!

The only Algerian cat in these parts wants to go back to Algeria, and has been waiting under the house for five days.

A derby hat has been underway in these parts, and there is every indication they will soon be blowing upon mainly noxious. A derby hat is better than a hat at all.

By poking a finger into the sides of a derby hat, and yanking the finger away suddenly, a sound is emitted akin to a girl chewing chicken. Chickie is what the better element calls gum. It is bum taste to chew it in, but the taste is not so bum if chickie is being masticated ferociously.

Editorial Correspondence

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 22.—Gordon Stewart Northcott is a pudgy, evil-faced, unhealthy looking young man, with an air of surprising self confidence. Surprising, because his manner seems a direct contradiction to his appearance.

As he came into the court room today, he looked like a sick and ill-tempered weaver, who might knife you in the back, but run if you showed fight, and squeal and plead for mercy if you got him down.

But when he addressed the court, acting as his own attorney the discharged his two lawyers two days ago when he decided they were doing nothing to keep him from the scaffold, he was entirely self-possessed, spoke in a clear, almost aggressive, tone, and gave one the impression of being entirely sure of himself.

To our relief rather than our disappointment, court adjourned a few moments after noon, for the Northcott explained he was suffering from infected eyes. One of his eyes was swollen nearly shut, the other was red and inflamed, and he was a sorry sight, and yet failed somehow to arouse one's pity, perhaps because his assurance and egotism were so apparent.

Judging by the few people in the court room the case is not attracting any general public interest. There are no special newspaper correspondents as they were at the Hickman trial a year ago—when journalists from Maine to Florida were represented. Apparently the Riverside newspapers are the only ones in California making the trial a front-page feature.

We share this indifference, in many ways this case is one of the most unusual in the history of crime, but we have no desire to listen in on it, for any length of time, or follow it in the press. It's a case we would like to forget, being in this part of the country, and

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM GRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Grady 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 Grady, in care of this newspaper.

REjuvenation is the bunk, though if you're still young be sure to get your rosin. We doctors will never quite win the love of newspaper people so long as we continue getting all our advertising for nothing. It takes an extraordinary doctor indeed to get what one might call a nation-wide advertising stand front door stuff in a considered a big quantity, and still hold the esteem and affection of the public.

According to the morning papers, President-elect Hoover has selected President Wilbur of Stanford University for Secretary of the Interior. We predicted several weeks ago that if Mr. Roy West should be confirmed for this post by the Senate, as he has been, he would only hold office until March and his place would be taken by some man exceptionally well fitted for the post. This news certainly confirms the prediction. A better selection than President Wilbur, both from the standpoint of the Pacific Coast and the country at large, could scarcely be imagined.

Clouds coming up last night from the north prevented the predicted freeze, and it looks as though there would be no "firing" tonight. Well, the Weather Man can be given credit for something, he needs it. He has been almost as popular in California the past week as California propagator.

It takes three generations to make a gentleman. But just one bull market can do it. Old Dobbin had faults, but he wasn't called second-hand the day after you bought him. Things work out all right. The man who put new life in Judge is now the Judge for Life.

A pessimist is one who thinks motherly instinct is dying out just because Mrs. Ike Lark's convicted slacker-in-law, mother of eleven, has told her lawyer not to bother about a new trial. Speakin' of crusers, another thing this country needs is a lot 'n' new dress suits, an' not allow Queen Marie to catch us unprepared again.

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At the Rialto Today

James De Laseo, Greek, with his first naturalization papers, is rejected as jurymen in Washington. He did not know the country was a prohibition law in this country.

A visitor from Mars might be here some time without suspecting that we had a prohibition law, either.

Many respectable visitors from Europe, entertained in New York, beginning with strong cocktails, going on through champagne to brandy, say they find it hard to believe that we have a prohibition law.

Lord Rothermere, who owns many British newspapers, says labor will return to power and select a prime minister to write the king's speeches at the next election. British labor, he says, will revise the treaty signed at Versailles.

Lord Rothermere may be mistaken, probably is.

Still, it must be pretty good if it's still a new car after the dealer has driven it 2000 miles.

Patriotism is just another version of a man's conviction that his radio set has yours beat a mile.

It wasn't fair to give the talking-marathon prize to a flag-pole setter. He had a lot of talk saved up.

You can tell when the corn-horser is in the field. The corn look exhausted as a result of being bored.

The man who doesn't oppose double jeopardy never tried to explain to a wife and an old maid sister at the same time.

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Another way to keep from growing old is to assume that the approaching cat's single headlight is the one on the left.

If beauty contests awaken new interest in personal appearance, let's have a national contest to discover the best cook.

Every town has a few "good fellows" who will lend a friend the money their wives need for shoes.

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