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Smudge Smoke

Jim Grice of Troutport was in town Fri. It was his birthday. He is 28 years old, and as savvy as ever, if not more so.

February arrived Fri. in good order, and as expected, it will be followed by March.

Citizens who have been in winter pasture in California have commenced to come home, among them being Fritz Newhall.

The sun shone yesterday, and was cordially greeted by all. It will bring out the birds and the flowers.

Perry Crawford of the lighthouse ate a couple of meals at home again last month.

The writer has not seen J. Kurt Hall since the last man struck out last September.

Spring is timidly flirting with the valley, and from now on will speak up as gradually.

F. Preston of the Applegate was in Med. He walked across the Main Stem as if he was in his coral.

The Frank Bybee cows are grazing away at his bay. They are contented cows, but two look like they were just had about something.

Natives are snatching Lib. news away from neighbors to read everything in it, but the piece about the famous murder interests.

Port. Nell has returned from Salem, where he undertook to see what made the legislature act the way it does.

Many are still driving autos they bought last June.

Scott Davis and John Johnson, the globe sliders, are in Egypt, and their exploits are being held out fine.

Eric Mohr is back from Europe, and does not think much of Europe as a whole. He has lengthened out some, in his absence.

Brisbane's Today

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voice," and the government says, "All right. You are divorced," and that's all; no expense.

Yet divorces are few. Is it because men and women only want what they can't have?

Friday President Coolidge took part in opening Edward W. Bok's "bird refuge" in Florida. There is said to be about that.

Mr. Bok endows a refuge, a beautiful tower, where birds can live in peace and safety, thinking about the past, NOT worrying about the future.

Uncle Sam prepares no such refuge for those that have been President. They must hop out, at the end of their term, to take the world as it comes, handicapped by what they owe to the dignity of a great office.

After having served as President of the United States, a man should have from this country, as long as he lives, at least \$100,000 a year.

The British give their speaker of the House of Commons, even after serving only a few months, a generous pension for life, inherited by the son for the son's life. And with the pension there goes a peerage.

An ex-President of the United States should not, when his term ends, depend on any man, or need to accept favors from any man. The little people are more interested in that than the big people.

New York state suggests a tax on Wall Street transactions, the money to be used to help the farmer.

The state already taxes Wall Street transactions, \$12,000,000 a year. The new tax would equal the total direct tax that the state lays on real estate. The tax suggested, only one cent a share, shows what a business the stock exchange is doing.

LONG KEY, Fla., Feb. 2.—President-elect Hoover embarked today upon the last day of his second fishing trip since his arrival on Florida, with the landing of one or more sail-fish foremost in his mind. Late today, he discarded thoughts of the sport he loves as he returns to Naples, Fla. He is here for several days of work. Prominent on his list of things for consideration is a series of conferences with Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee.

Editorial Correspondence

ARROWHEAD SPRING, Cal. Jan. 21.—It is difficult to believe that the man who invented the phrase "Misfortunes never come singly" did not drive an automobile. For certainly this phrase applies to the automobile, as well as to the horse. Take any being that you wish, and you may go thousands of miles without any trouble, and then—poof!—you get a puncture. If you are a tenderfoot you will breathe a sigh of relief when the puncture is fixed, but if you are a veteran of motor travel you will merely pull your belt up a notch and say: "Now how long will it be before the second one?"

We motored nearly two weeks through the Medford Desert and Death Valley, without any trouble, over the rough roads that the U. S. S. has ever encountered—except rocks, leading cables, and scorching tropical heat. Then when we started downhill from Lone Pine on a broad paved highway for Los Angeles, the trouble started. At Mojave came the first puncture, at Lancaster the second, and the day after our return here on the paved highway to Palm Springs, the third. Now can the epidemic be explained by the fact that all three give out at the same time, for we started this trip with four new tires, and they are still new. There is some strange mysterious force that regulates tire punctures, just as there is some strange force that regulates lack in bodies. When your back changes—look out! You're in for a shake.

In spite of the tire trouble, however, we made the 225-mile trip from Lone Pine in ample time for a 7 o'clock dinner, including a stop at Claremont, where the youngest member of our party returned to his studies at the Webb school, with enough rocks from Marble Canyon to break all the windows in Los Angeles. The youngest member has an old head on his shoulders. He was right about Mr. Whitner, and the skipper, as usual, was wrong.

We are still full of Death Valley, a common experience, no doubt—at least we can't imagine anyone taking the trip and not being full of it for some time.

We have met several people who have taken the trip, and they all like us, want to return there some time. There, certainly, is the ideal winter climate. It was cold during our trip, the manager of Furnace Creek Inn said it was the coldest period they had ever known. Yet we were told to leave our cars out in the court yard, for it never freezes at Furnace Creek. They were right. It was a trifle colder in the morning, but not cold, the sun came in a cloudless sky, and by 10 o'clock it was warm.

The average rainfall in Death Valley is half an inch a year and this usually comes at one time—a sort of cloudburst—which gives the name "wash" to those rains which lead down to the floor of the valley. There is no water on the floor, only in the little but a month later, they say. The desert will bloom. When a "wash" occurs during the blooming period all the flowers are killed. This is due to the fact that the water becomes so highly mineralized—sulfate, borax, salt, arsenic, etc.—that it kills all vegetation. This salt beds are very interesting. Walking over them is like walking over a field of crumbling "ice cream" ice. Here and there are clear deep holes, filled with light green water—said to be a fatal drink for man or beast. Scorpions and a few rattlers are the only animal life in Death Valley. We saw neither and had no great desire to look for them.

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QUILL POINTS

Pennsylvania people who believe in witches must seem silly to Wall Street operators, who consult a star gazer.

If your little boy is to be a Democrat, take him while young to see how a postoffice looks on the inside.

Hoover may control flood waters, but Al is the only man who ever stopped a landslide.

Peace is that blessed interval when you can denounce the lies of your own side without being dishonorable.

Still, it's a compliment if you don't like the jokesmith stuff. The dumber people are, the more things they laugh at.

If you can wear a wee-mustache and still seem a he-man, your correspondence course in developing personality was a complete success.

A story from Australia says a man can't drive there while drunk. He can't here, either, but nobody keeps him from trying.

The modernist says people need a new religion. But a new one won't work, either, if people won't use it.

If banks aren't sentimental, why do they close in observance of so many birthdays and things like that?

Americanism: Thinking a college makes a man able because the able men go to college.

Watch the man who doesn't mind making an apology. He has been hateful enough to get a lot of practice.

When the driver in front holds out his hand, it's a sign you'd better use your brakes unless you are a good guesser.

EDEN PRECINCT SNOW SLOWS UP TRAVEL TO MEDFORD FOR TRADING

By Nancy G. Carey. EDEN PRECINCT, Ore., Feb. 19.—Snow on Feb. 19 slowed up travel on the highway between Medford and Eden Precinct, and many people who intended to trade here today were unable to do so.

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