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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

One of our eminent barristers exposed his ignorance yesterday by declaring that the trouble with the state legislature was due to the lack of a "concrete mind."

Dehorning of valley cows has started, after which they will have redhot irons slapped on their flanks, and driven away from the paternal haystack.

THIS GIDDY WORLD
(Grants Pass Courier)

Wolf Creek, Feb. 13.—Friday night, February 1, a lantern slide program was held here. The pictures were on various ways of making a living. Herman Steward told about them. They were enjoyed.

It looks like the Portland ball team would be worse than ever this season, as they have received the heaviest February glorification in history, on the sporting page of the Oregonian.

Housecleaning broke out on Orange street Thursday, and the Persian cat and husband are missing.

"A Jersey cow kicked little Chester Ryan in the separator room Tuesday evening. He was badly shaken"—(Western Siskiyous News.) Ouch!

A kid that was never beaten to a fire by the fire truck, was sold down the river recently.

It appears that the threatened derby hat pestilence in these parts has been stopped in its tracks without the use of sulphate of lime.

People alleging they were out of the hay at 6:42 this morning, report a great mix-up of colors in the hills back of J'ville. The delicate pink mingled with the green of the trees, artistically flabbergasting the beholder.

A gang massacre was conducted in Chicago yesterday. The final count shows that seven gangsters will never pull another trigger. A free-born American can pronounce the name of every victim without the slightest hesitancy.

Now comes the tragic news that the young man is a trifle weak in algebra. Therefore the 17 yards he is reasonably certain of making around right end for Old Oregon, would not count, owing to his deficiency as a mathematical genius.

The bluejays have started yipping on the Dock Salade place.

WHERE'S MAY FIG LEAF?
(Book Review)

I read with much interest your review of the book, "The Future of Nakedness." You have expressed exactly my opinion of the book. I am a thorough believer in nakedness from every standpoint. Let's organize a club to get together and discuss this question, which the deeper you get into it increases in interest and importance.

HE NOW PLAYS PINOCHLE

Today marks an anniversary in our life. A year ago, come 11:28 tonight, we watched a rival unwrapping the cut glass ash receiver, bade our hostess good night and swore never again. At first it was hard. We would wake up in the still cold hours at the sound of our own chiding voice saying, "But partner, if you only had returned my lead" and instead of counting sheep to induce slumber we found ourself counting the number of quick tricks in figurative hands and the average number of deals necessary to produce nine trumps with five honors. For the first month it seemed hopeless. The sight of a deck of cards would set our hands to itching and we had to give up reading the society column. But time heals all. Gradually the black spots disappeared from before our eyes and also the red ones, our digestion improved and we were able to find pleasure in listening to the radio, with the exception of the bridge lessons, and in light reading. Today bridge is as far removed from our scheme of things as though we had never known the meaning of an indicative double.

(Chanute, Kan., Tribune.)

HAVANA, Cuba, (AP)—Cuba considers replacing the strangling machine by an electric chair for the execution of criminals. Condemned persons might also be given injections of cocaine as a humane measure.

Editorial Correspondence

PASADENA, Calif., Feb. 12.—Those who have followed our peregrinations in the past know how we feel toward that great western Coney Island and hot-dog metropolis, Los Angeles. To our mind it is the worst place in the United States, barring none. But in some directions, we have to hand it to this seething conglomeration of long-haired freaks, and loud-mouthed side show barkers, and in no other more whole-heartedly than in the gentle art of flim-flamming the innocent bystander.

In putting it over on the visitor, Los Angeles has no equal and few competitors. Take the recent freezing weather, for example. This is the fourth consecutive day of smudging, with the mercury dropping below the freezing point shortly after midnight every morning. But are the hordes of shivering tourists from the east, who have paid out their good money to be sun-kissed and sun burned, complaining? Not very much.

Why? Because they read the Los Angeles papers and are given other things in the weather line, to think about. Every day, following a local freeze the newspaper front pages have had flamboyant head lines, about the climatic iniquities elsewhere. "Fifty frozen to death in the mid west,—Lake Michigan frozen over,—New York shivers in devastating blizzard, etc., etc."

When the California freeze continued, and other portions of the country warmed up, what did the bright newspaper boys do? Well this morning, the front page of the L. A. Examiner was smeared with a three column announcement that Europe has had the worst weather in 300 years,—nothing like it since the Crusades,—the Rhine frozen over, King George's whiskers full of icicles,—the London smart set fleeing in rugs and foot warmers for the Riviera." If the cold wave doesn't break tomorrow, Los Angeles will be reading about the climatic atrocities in Baffin's Bay or the Island of Yap.

Not that the papers have suppressed the local weather reports. Mercy No. They have printed them, in the third section, along with the want ads and sandwiched between the classified columns—where all visitors looking for a job will be sure to see them.

But a word of warning should be issued regarding the temperatures in these weather reports. They are taken at the highest point in the Los Angeles sky line,—in other words the official L. A. thermometer is about fifty feet above the frost belt. While the newsboy down on the corner shivers and stamps his feet, the weather man up in the tower reads the mercury and attends to his daily and nightly duties, with his coat unbuttoned and his hat off. Therefore when it is officially 32 in Los Angeles, it is unofficially 26 or 27,—as the recent 96 hour smudging session testifies.

All of which impels us in spite of our anti L. A. propensities to doff our brown derby, to the City of Los Angeles, as far as the handling of its publicity is concerned. They not only know how to do it,—they know how to get away with it.

And incidentally the newspapers don't have to go it alone. Every regular Los Angelean, male or female, young or old not only backs up the press, but follows its technique, in all intercourse with strangers, when the all important topic of the weather is concerned. You have to hand it to them.

It is probably difficult for anyone in Oregon to get hysterical over the recent Keyes trial and its subsequent developments. But here in southern California, the conviction of the former district attorney and the confession of his fellow conspirator, Getzoff, have literally rocked Los Angeles county to its foundations. All the papers issued "extras" and the Keyes case is still almost exclusively the subject of street conversation. Now everyone is asking "who are the six men implicated in the scandal, not mentioned before, and named by Getzoff?" There are probably few prominent local politicians and bankers who have not been mentioned on the suspect list. District Attorney Fitts has refused to divulge the names for he wants to "round up the scoundrels."

We tried to get a berth on the Lark last night for a friend but everything was taken. We have an idea travel OUT of Los Angeles is pretty heavy just now.

R. W. R.

QUILL POINTS

Mussolini says a woman isn't doing her duty unless she has a baby every two years. It's remarkable how bravely a man can endure the pangs of childbirth.

Wickedness can't be hidden, and none but the haughty wear that smug look of conscious rectitude while carrying a quart of vinegar.

They say all uncultivated areas would reforest themselves in twenty years, but how could you keep golfers off that long?

A whispered S. O. S. probably means Same Old Suds.

PROBE EXPENSES MUST HAVE OKEH OF BOTH HOUSES

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—House concurrent resolution No. 5, adopted in the senate Thursday, has back of it the fact that the property tax relief commission, in its work since the 1927 session, ran up an expense bill of over $10,000. The commission was created solely by a house resolution. The measure adopted yesterday provides that any special commission or committee for interim investigation, and likely to have expense accounts, must be created by joint action of the two houses.

Other senate bills passed Thursday afternoon were:

S. B. 115, by Billingsley—providing administrative machinery to carry out policy of state reclamation commission relating to irrigation district refunding bonds.

S. B. 135, by judiciary committee—Providing uniform filing fees in circuit court litigation for all counties, bill sponsored by Oregon County Clerks' association.

S. B. 136, by judiciary committee—Increasing salaries of circuit judges throughout the state, providing $8000 salaries in counties of the first class, $6000 in the second class counties and $5000 in third class counties. Fees collected in litigation off-set increases. In Multnomah county the bill authorizes the county to pay an additional $500.

House bills passed by the senate were:

H. B. 230, by Anderson and Henderson—requiring labeling of convict-made goods received from outside state.

H. B. 220, by Chinnock—Relieving distressed irrigation districts of repaying state for money advanced under interest guarantee act.

FIVE INJURED WHEN TROLLEY HITS AUTO

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 15.—(AP)Five persons were injured last night, two of them seriously when their automobile was demolished by a Central California Traction company trolley car.

Ella Barnett, 16, of Sacramento and J. F. Aungust, 19, student, whose home is in Stockton, both suffered fractured skulls and may die. Walter Thor, 25, of Sacramento, and Helen Bennett, 18, of Winters and Elizabeth Bivens, 20, of Grass Valley, were also hurt.

A man, woman and two children in the street car were uninjured.

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.

BORIC ACID FINDS AN ADVOCATE

I have always, or nearly always, had great faith in homely remedies. If I should come down with this alleged "flu" we have been hearing so much about, or any other form of cri, hoping you know what I mean, and elected to take a chance on self-treatment — my experience has convinced me that a doctor is rarely competent to treat himself or any member of his own family as intelligently as a doctor can who has no personal concern—I'd mix up a pint or two of my own foolproof cough medicine and put my faith in it alone, in preference to any cough medicine or "cold" medicine in a package—and remember, please, that I'd probably have to pay for the ingredients of my own foolproof cough medicine, whereas I could probably get any package stuff on the market free and with the manufacturer's compliments.

Now don't run away with the conclusion that I think extremely well of myself. I do—but this is the point: My foolproof cough medicine may not cure anything; I have never pretended it will cure anything, but it can do no harm, and that's something that can't be said for most of the stuff that comes in packages. However, that is not the only reason why I should take my own foolproof cough medicine. Indeed, that would be a mighty poor reason for taking any medicine—just because it will do one no harm. Grandma O'Rafferty, we'll call her, used to eat any odds and ends of meat or other fixings that were left over from dinner—to save 'em, so she said; she didn't succumb to apoplexy, though I don't believe her policy is a sound one.

A correspondent (G. L. F.) says he asked me a year ago whether boric acid was harmful to use for nasal trouble, and I can't remember what I told him, but he thanks me for the information. For years he was seldom free from trouble with nose and throat, and at times the discharge was streaked with blood. It would subside a bit then start all over again with every trifling exposure to weather and so on. Then he began inhaling boric acid.

I am sure he means sniffing boric acid powder into the nasal passages, much in the delicate and refined way a dandy would take snuff. For he says it is a great relief even in acute coryza, though one must spread the powder very lightly and sniff only a speck at a time, to avoid undue irritation.

Whenever G. F. L. feels "stuffed up" he inhales (sniffs) a wee pinch of finely powdered boric acid and it has never failed to give relief. He thinks the condition of his nose and throat now is nearly normal. The boric acid powder seems to him to give just the right degree of stimulation (irritation) for the mucous glands in the lining of the nasal passages, glands that secrete mucus, which serves to entangle and wash out bacteria and particles of dust. (G. F. L. is a lumber dealer and perhaps especially exposed to dust.)

I have always believed that simple boric acid solution—that is, a rounded teaspoonful of boric acid dissolved in a pint of boiled water, is particularly efficacious as nasal spray or gargle, against the notorious Pneumococcus, the germ that causes pneumonia, many cases of coryza, acute bronchitis, sore throat and even quinzy.

If any reader tries using boric acid as snuff, we should like to hear what his experience may be.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
The Clash of Two Good Ones.

I read in the one man health magazine a statement by Dr. W. H. Gluckerman that "lead and mercury are easily absorbed by the skin, and cosmetics containing these metals may be working subtle harm that cannot be evaluated by a medical examination." Is he right or wrong?—H. W.

Answer.—As to the easy absorption of lead or mercury by the skin, the doctor can give no scientific evidence to support his opinion. As to the subtle harm the use of cosmetics containing these poisons may be working, there is excellent ground for that opinion. Indeed, not a few cases of chronic lead poisoning have been reported, among women who used some cosmetic containing lead. (In all of these cases there is reason to assume that the lead is ingested by swallowing particles or by inhalation of particles.)

How to Discourage Company.

My husband and I would like to know if there is something you can get to put in your bath water to kill body lice. Where we got the lice I don't know . . . . —Mrs. A. D. O.

Answer.—Never mind — they move in all circles and one may acquire them legitimately enough. Put soap in the bath water. It makes the company mad. But all your clothing and bedclothing must be boiled for two hours or steam sterilized in order to kill off all lice and their eggs, or dry baked in oven; or immersed for two hours in gasoline. Ordinary public laundry processes almost invariably destroy any lice or their eggs in clothing. The famous N. C. I. powder used by the English troops to discourage cooties consists of 96 per cent of naphthalene, 2 per cent of creosote and 2 per cent of iodoform. This is dusted over underclothing and inside of outer clothing once a week. Of course it has a powerful odor.

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Abe Martin

Who remembers when they'd pull you in if you hesitated in front of a clothin' store? Lester Kite lost a valuable wife through flu this week.

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Your Income Tax

No. 11

Typical business expenses of a mercantile establishment which are deductible in a return of income are amounts paid for advertising, hire of clerks and other employes rent, light, heat water, telephone, property insurance, and delivery expenses. The expenses of a manufacturing business include labor, raw materials, supplies, repairs, light and heat, power, selling costs, administration and other similar charges.

A professional man, such as a lawyer, doctor, architect, dentist, etc., may deduct the cost of supplies used in his practice, expenses paid in the operationand repair of an automobile used in making professional calls, dues to professional societies, subscriptions to professional journals, office rent, cost of light, fuel, water and telephone used in his office, and the hire of office assistants.

The farmer may deduct all the amounts paid in the production, harvesting and marketing of crops, including labor, cost of seed and fertilizer used, cost of minor repairs to farm buildings (other than his dwelling), and small tools used up in the course of a year or two.

Irish Republicans Are Hopeful And Diligent

DUBLIN (AP) — Miss Mary MacSwiney and a small group of former members of the Dail Eireann, undaunted by events, are still working away for the establishment of "The Republic of Ireland."

Their republic would have a president elected by the people, a national legislative council, and a national economic council.

Quill Points

Teaching the heathen to wear clothes isn't so difficult. They never see any magazine advertisements.

Now why not sentence people for life as "habituals" when they marry the fourth time?

All we need to please both sides is a beverage that isn't intoxicating and yet will deliver a satisfactory kick.

City life has advantages. In a hick town, somebody you owe always passes by while you're having the tank filled.

Doctors rather like charity practice. It's a pleasure to treat an occasional patient who really has something the matter with him.

You can tell when you are approaching a center of culture. You begin to step on chewing gum instead of grass.

The box office doesn't show what people think of the talkies. People go to Florida for the climate despite the bugs.

"Realism" in literature.: Devoting one paragraph to the bathroom fixtures and two pages to the ring in the bath tub.

Some senators must be persuaded by the president, and some buy their own breakfasts.

Americanism: A judge fining six black boys for gambling while his wife is winning the bridge prize.

"Many divorces are due to the fact that people see too much of one another." Still one must dress in style.

Hell, for some people, will be a place where everybody else drives a five-ton truck.

Apparently our fathers made their great mistake by not leaving the definition of sin to the legislature, instead of the dictionary.

It might help some to talk about the "glory" of walking and provide wound stripes for pedestrians.

Blessed are the poor. They don't know any better than to sleep with the windows down.

In every town the sinful are denounced by at least one prominent citizen who hasn't a single bad habit except stealing.

The songster who promised every day would be Sunday bye and bye may have meant it would seem that way on the highways.

We are a sorry lot, and half of the enjoyment at a winter resort consists in the knowledge that folks back home are cold.

Correct this sentence: "I saw him in pajamas," said the reporter, "but still he seemed majestic."

Ashland Girl Here Sunday at Hunt's Craterian

Ranchon and Marco's next presentation at Hunt's Craterian Sunday is the spectacular idea, "Rolling On."

In this act, 20 girls are presented on roller skates in four great ensemble ballet numbers, which are said to be perfect in formation and rhythm.

The entire cast of "Rolling On" appears on the stage wearing roller skates. The most daring feats are performed on skates by the following world-famous stars of the rink: John Love, acrobatic flash of speed; Maxine Evelyn, toe dances on skates. Maxine is well known in Rogue River valley. Her full name is Maxine Evelyn Pracht and her home is in Ashland, where she is well known.

Irma, Dot and Hazel, three singing, skating beauties, the Whirling Duo and Billy Marshall, who gives a charming exhibition of graceful figure-eights.

THE FUTURE OF JACKSON COUNTY POULTRY INDUSTRY

The Farmers' Exchange Co-operative, working in conjunction with the Poultry Producers' Co-operative association, is sponsoring a program to aid in enlarging poultry production in Southern Oregon. We believe the poultry industry can be, and should be, one of the largest sources of income to the farmers of this territory.

Our program to aid the poultryman in every way has stimulated considerable interest among the producers as well as among business interests in Southern Oregon. It is well that the farmers' organization should be the leader in a movement to establish an industry here, an industry that is the sole support of the farming population of other territories equally as large and no better adapted than ours.

The poultry industry in Southern Oregon is in a deplorable condition and it is gratifying to this farmers' organization to see that their efforts to put this industry back in its proper place is stimulating keen interest among other business interests directly and indirectly dependent on the farmers' prosperity for their success.

This organization is prepared to help you solve any problems that are confronting you relative to raising poultry for profit. It is our opinion that any industry that is profitable will increase in its volume. Therefore, it is our problem to make this business profitable.

One of the principal factors in obtaining profit from poultry is good feed. We have obtained the latest information relative to feeding practices the country over, and have outlined a feeding program from the time chicks are hatched until they are in full lay. This program is for your benefit, developed by your organization, and should meet with your co-operation and approval. In feeding poultry, we believe that a hen can do considerable more on a highly digestible and more nutritious, well balanced feed, than she can on just average feed. For that reason we have developed an above the average feed to enable you to feed your poultry for profit.

Another great factor in poultry production is eliminating those units in your flock that do not produce. One hen will in all probability eat almost as much as another, regardless of her ability to lay. It is not, however, our desire that you feed such a hen just because she will consume feed. But, on the other hand, that you do not feed a hen unless she will show a profit. For that reason we now have with us Mr. N. C. Westerfield, an experienced veteran poultryman from Washington, who can materially help you remove from your flock such unprofitable units. For some time to come he will be here to serve you regardless of your connections and aid this co-operative in increasing the profits derived from poultry in this community.

Finally, but by no means least of all factors in profit, is the marketing of your finished product. It is very often the case that immediate profit to an individual overshadows his ultimate welfare. This farmers' organization was organized several years ago to overcome a period of chaos that existed in many fields of farm endeavor. It is more than admitted that it has overcome those conditions many times, and materially benefited many others. Such success can only be attributed to the support of the greater number of farmers of this community. In the marketing of the products of the poultry industry, the support of all producers is necessary to obtain the greatest possible benefits. If you consider this farmers' organization has aided you, and you cannot think otherwise if you see clearly, help put it over for greater profits by marketing through the organization built for that purpose for you and by you.

—(Paid adv.)

Screen Life in Hollywood

By Wade Werner.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—Anywhere else a "busy" place means a place plainly buzzing with activity. In this town, however, it may mean a studio with most of its stages empty and a Sunday afternoon atmosphere of nothing to do. The fact that it really is the home base of a scattered, but active group of production units is not immediately apparent.

One of the busiest studios in the motion picture area looked almost idle the other day. King Vidor was rehearsing some negroes for a talking-singing scene in his new picture, and that seemed to be about all that was going on. But a glance at the daily production sheet revealed, among other important activities, that Edward Sedgwick had his company on a golf course several miles away, making a country club scene; that exteriors for "The Trial of Mary Dugan" were being filmed in New York; and that W. S. Van Dyke was busy in Tahiti making his second South Seas picture.

Misunderstanding.

Strange things happen in Hollywood these talking picture days. A director trying to make a rooster crow for the sound-camera couldn't persuade the bird to utter a note, even though the microphone had been set up in Mr. Rooster's own back yard. So a professional imitator of bird calls and barnyard noises was called in and instructed to crow at the rooster with the idea of teasing him into crowing a response. The imitator flapped his arms lustily and crowed and crowed and crowed; but the rooster only looked at him in amazement.

"Get out in the street, on the other side of that fence, where he can't see you," suggested the director, "and maybe he'll open up."

Soon the rooster was listening attentively to a sprightly series of cock-a-doodle-doos floating in from the street. But just as he was about to answer, the make-believe crowing stopped and did not begin again. Annoyed at the delay, the director strode out into the street in time to see two policemen gently leading the hired imitator away.

"Shure, I know, I know," one of them was saying, with a wink at the other. "Ye're a good rooster, all right, and we got a nice coop where y' can crow till th' cows come home."

A housewife in the neighborhood had observed a man standing in the middle of the street, flapping his arms and crowing. Being comparatively new to Hollywood she had telephoned the police.

MOSCOW (AP)—Out of 7,000 privately owned houses in Moscow 200 are in possession of their former proprietors. These include generals, counts, priests and other anti-Soviet elements whom the municipal council plans once more to dispossess.

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MUTT AND JEFF—The Landlady Thought She Had Found Romance at Last — By BUD FISHER