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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The moon was active last night. This is the same moon that played hob with Anthony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet, and a couple of young fellows from the Gold Hill district.

Senator Hefflin of Alabama, the outstanding blatherskite, and wind-jammer of creation, whose capers are regarded in deluded circles as saintly, yesterday arose in the senate and in uncouth and coarse language, that befits him, accused Senator Watson of belonging to the Klan. For once, St. Hefflin was probably right and proved again, for all his oratory, he is always interesting. The charge rolled Hon. Watson, who said hotly: "You know very well I don't belong."

He should have added: "But it's a good organization, from all I hear. Nobody ever saw a fellow membership in the other requirements being to look fierce, act mysterious, and profess righteousness."

St. Hefflin wants the senate to condemn the state of Massachusetts, because on a recent visit, an irresponsible heaver, a pop-bottle at him. The press dispatch on the situation contained a sly jab, which comes under the head of the muffled knook, and is as follows: "I know all the people of Massachusetts are sorry," said Senator Gillett. "I am sure the man who threw the missile, and whose aim was so bad that he missed the senator and hit a policeman, is sorry."

Mrs. Ponce De Leon, (nee Lady Ford-Coupe) of the local institution British set, is now a questionaire, having bought a horse for morning equitables. She hopes thus to talk Father Time, who is chiseling some permanent lines at the corners of her eyes, using a crow's foot as a model.

You never see a blacksmith now. But before they all left, they made enough money to put their sons through dental school. (Ray Features.) So it seems.

There have been eight murders in Klamath county during the years 1928-29, not counting a fatal misunderstanding on the final day of 1927. This is two for every courthouse, and one for the depot. Chicago, Jr., is coming along.

Holes in the ground in this region are displaying new vigor, preparatory to grinding out a batch of millionaires.

Little Esther Robin did not point her tail feathers the way her mother told her and, of course, she missed the front porch of the nestalov.

John Carlin is trying to get out of the legislature, after serving an eight-year term. He should be given another chance.

Fly fishing will not be any good until the grasshoppers start to blossom.

F. Bybee has his eye on a go-cart, of the same color as the roof of his house. It will cause him to fork over 27 steers, and a stack of hay.

Fencing is reported as all the rage at the University of Oregon. This is cause for widespread rejoicing, even if that institution never wins a football game that amounts to anything. Our young men should be able to walk down the street without tripping over a sword, and be able to run same through the enemy in a collegiate manner. An upperclassman who is any kind of a swordsman, can decapitate a Freshman mustache with one whack, and not mar the snout of his owner.

Nobody knows why the showing of the Portland ball team has not caused the esteemed Portland Journal to print an editorial entitled: IS THIS RUSSIA?

Jim Grievie of Prospect, has a pair of foxes. Mr. Grievie and his hired man are coaching the foxes on how to be foxy.

Jacques Frost and Helen Cold, alleged vagrants, have been ordered deported as undesirable. Frost was insolent, and said he would not leave before May 10. He was caught trying to crawl under a paper sack worn by Grandma Cantrall's geraniums.

Taxes are being paid frivolously by flippant souls.

PEEVED MAIDEN SHOTS MOTHER (First Bluff News.) Wounded Mother Glad Daughter

THE AIRPORT SITUATION

AS Robert Quillen pointed out on this page a few days ago. "That's good enough" forms the epitaph of many failures. Medford doesn't want an airport that's merely "good enough." It wants the best airport that money available can buy.

And to get the best airport, a thorough investigation of the entire airport problem must be made before construction is started.

The City Council has adopted this plan, and should be commended for it.

Far better to go slow, than to find, after the money has been spent, that portions of the work must be done over. Let each step of construction be first approved by the best expert advice available, and the great danger confronting such projects, of being "penny wise and pound foolish," will be avoided.

THE REAL ENEMIES OF FARM RELIEF

"We believe there is no question in the minds of thinking farmers that the farmers must work out their own salvation. With the same protection and aids as are given other industries, by the Federal government, together with the co-operation of all the farmers in the land, this can be done."

THIS is a portion of the official news from the Jackson County Pomona Grange, published in yesterday's Mail-Tribune. No better statement of the farm problem situation could be presented.

This country has never granted a cash subsidy to any industry in this country, and probably never will.

If a protective tariff is regarded as such a subsidy, then one has only to examine the tariff schedules and discover that the farmers, as well as the manufacturers, have received tariff protection for their products.

Eliminate the cash subsidy feature from any political farm relief scheme, whether it be the McNary-Haugen bill or the debenture plan, and they fall of their own weight. They sound well but they won't work that way. In the last analysis all of them are simply molasses spread around to catch flies. The politicians and speculators might profit temporarily, if they were passed, but the farmers would not.

ONE of the most encouraging signs in the present situation is that leaders of the farm movement, not only here in Jackson County, but throughout the country, are more and more realizing this.

They want help. They need help. But they don't want charity. They don't need subsidies. All they ask is a fair deal—only such assistance as the government has given other industries—and then, as the correspondent of the Pomona Grange says, they believe they can work out their own salvation.

IT was such assistance that Secretary Hoover promised in the campaign. It is such assistance, that he, as President, is trying to provide at the present time.

But if these political miracle workers and busybodies are allowed to go on as they have started, this will be impossible. The entire program of legitimate and desirable agricultural relief is jeopardized by their unstatesmanlike and self-interested tactics.

The sooner the farmers of America inform their representatives at Washington they are tired of this political sham battle, the better for all concerned.

REMEMBER THE DOG WHO DROPPED THE BONE

THE real opposition to this farm relief bill does not come from farm leaders who want more than the bill provides, but from Big Business men, who believe the measure gives the farmer too much.

This fact will be made clear as the debate progresses. For the plan does deal most generously with agriculture, particularly with farm co-operatives.

The huge sum of \$500,000,000 is appropriated for the following purposes:

- 1. The effective merchandising of agricultural products.
2. The purchase or lease of storage facilities.
3. The formation of clearing house associations.
4. Extending the membership of co-operative associations.
5. Educating the producer in the advantages of co-operative marketing.
6. Farm insurance against loss through price declines.
7. Advances to stabilization corporations for working capital to enable them to purchase, store, merchandise or otherwise dispose of farm commodities.

True, this money is merely loaned. But only yesterday one of the chief opponents of the measure claimed that all, or most of, the loans would never be repaid.

In answer a supporter of the bill declared: "Even if most of the money is lost we do not regard it as an unreasonable sum to do whatever can be done for the American farmer."

And yet we have these loud-voiced "friends of the farmer" opposing the measure because, they claim, it doesn't give the farmer enough!

Small wonder that President Hoover called in leaders of various farm organizations, and urged them to settle their differences, and present a united front in favor of the administration program, or all efforts to provide genuine farm relief at this session might be lost.

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.

SNAKE BITE NOT SO BAD

Each season I make some allusion to the comparatively low mortality of snakebites, whether by rattlesnakes or other venomous kinds, in the United States, and this never fails to draw some sharp retorts and sarcastic comments from old timers who naturally dislike to see the substance of some fine yarns fading away like that.

But the truth is that only a small proportion of all the people who actually suffer bites by rattlesnakes, copperheads or moccasins, succumb to the poisoning, no matter what treatment they receive.

Today a reliable antidote or antivenin is available to everybody. Every camp, hiker, auto tourist, worker or visitor in a region where any venomous snakes are known to exist, should be equipped with this antivenin for prompt use in emergency. It is injected as a hypodermic injection, but any intelligent person may administer the dose by following the directions with the package. The serum keeps in any climate and preserves its potency indefinitely.

All known kinds of venomous snakes in North America are "bit vipers," that is, they have a depression or pit just back of the nostrils, and the teeth, comparatively small heads but wide jaws, the head having a triangular outline. Their pupils are never round like those of ordinary harmless snakes, but elliptical. Their bodies are comparatively short and thick. A rattler can strike more than half of his own length. The bite of a rattler shows as two little red marks, in the top of the foot. Fangs have penetrated the skin; through each fang the victim has received a hypodermic injection of venom.

Harmless snakes have a little row of teeth like those of a mouse, but no fangs.

It is always necessary to disabuse some readers' minds of the fancy that a snake's forked tongue is his "stinger." His tongue is a feeler, and the harmless snakes have such tongues.

It is nothing less than cruelty to crush or wish to kill every little snake one sees. One need not make a pet of an ordinary blacksnake or other harmless kind, yet it is scarcely necessary to kill these really beautiful creatures, and besides they do much good by destroying vermin that are harmful to man. Probably there is no situation that so bestows ignorance and superstition as the sudden appearance of a harmless snake. To be startled is perfectly natural; to be frightened is a thing to be ashamed of. Don't give away your ignorance.

It is well to wear either leather or heavy canvas leggings or high laced boots or shoes in territory known to be infested by venomous snakes. They can seldom strike higher than the middle of the leg. Of course a snake disturbed may strike a hand or even the face.

In case of a venomous bite where no antivenin is at hand, immediately make a crisscross incision through the thickness of the skin at the point of the bite, to favor bleeding. Suck this wound a few moments. Apply a tourniquet around the limb above the bite and tighten it moderately. Loosen the tourniquet one minute in every five. If you can get permanganate of potash, put a few crystals into the wound, or apply a wine-colored solution of the permanganate in water to the wound, after the sucking. Besides this, every such wound must be treated aseptically. Just as though it were an ordinary wound. Coffee is the best stimulant. No booze should be used.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Iodine and Tuberculosis

Is there any danger for a person with tuberculosis to take medicinal doses of iodine? A doctor who treats the tuberculous told me it had a tendency to dissolve the calcified or healed lesions in the lungs.—Mrs. H. E. D.

Answer.—One with tuberculosis should not take iodine or any combination of it unless under direction of his physician. In some cases iodine or an iodid may be of considerable benefit.

Prepared Chalk

How much precipitated chalk should I take to correct acidity of the stomach?—A. C.

Answer.—Ten grains two or three times a day. Say the quantity you can take upon a dime. Precipitated chalk, or prepared chalk, is chemically calcium carbonate. It is preferable to soda or other alkalis for the neutralization of excessive acidity in the stomach. It does not tend to render the blood more alkaline or the urine less acid, as soda does.

Of Books There Is No End. I wish to further enlighten myself on the subject of neurasthenia. Can you suggest a book on this ailment for lay readers?—J. H. W.

Answer.—There are plenty of books about it, but I should earnestly advise all laymen to avoid such reading. There is no such disease, almost no condition as neurasthenia, really. All books or circulars or pamphlets purporting to enlighten about neurasthenia are just baloney, in my opinion.

Dreaming. A claim that when you dream you are not asleep. It claims you are sound asleep. Which is correct?—R. O.

Answer.—If you can recall the dream that signifies that your sleep was shallow. When you are deep asleep perhaps you dream, but you have no recollection of it on awaking.

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I allus look for a burnin' hotel when I see Miss Pearl Moots, 'cause she dresses so scantily. There's nothin' certain but death, peas and taxes. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.)

Rules, just issued, permit young ladies of Wellesley to smoke in Linnane hall, sorority houses, in boats on Lake Wabam, private homes or residences, in fact, almost everywhere.

The next rules, generally, doubtless will indicate the proper place for young ladies to chew tobacco.

Dr. Daniel Smith Lamb, curator of the American Medical Museum, performed 1500 autopsies during his lifetime, including two on the bodies of President Garfield and Gutzon, his assassin.

Monday Dr. Lamb's turn came. In accordance with his will, his body was dissected. He hoped he might be mortal at the last. He was 85 years old.

Germany permits all survivors of the Emden to add "Emden" to the rest of their name. Thus Frederick Gerber of the Emden destroyed 18 steamers and one cruiser before an Austrian cruiser ended its cruise.

On the same basis Colonel Lindbergh would call himself Colonel Lindbergh-Atlantic Ocean.

Every day in New York's public schools, 32,000 children are absent because of illness. Ninety-eight inspectors are supposed to look after 1,200,000 pupils. There is one nurse to every 5000 children.

Some day a prosperous civilization will realize that there is actual cash value in intelligent children and will find it worth while to take care of them.

New York City, richest on earth, is obliged to pay 5 1/2 per cent on \$52,000,000 borrowed to build new subways.

That rate, highest paid by the city in many years, is part of our pleasing usury debauch promoted by the Federal Reserve Board, supposed to stabilize credit.

If New York City must pay 5 1/2 per cent, no wonder the Wall Street speculator has to pay 20 per cent.

Quill Points

The degree of civilization is no higher than wages.

The world was made in seven days. You see, it wasn't necessary to offer a prize for the best plan.

You can tell when a woman is buying instead of shopping. She won't pick up more than half of the things on a counter.

Smile for today: As slow as a woman leaving an antique shop.

Thrift is good; but if everybody should determine to use his car until it wears out, prosperity would end in a year.

Ancestors never are a chief source of pride if the family has anything more recent to be proud of.

Americanism: Getting rich by charging one another too much for things we don't need.

Another way to invite a licking is to question a man's word when he says he is humble.

How to become president? Well, Hoover as a student said to a friend: "Do your work in such a way as to attract the attention of the professors."

Social caste in Washington is a tangled affair, and few outsiders know whether a bootlegger or a lobbyist ranks higher.

Some men get credit for being good providers when they buy only one car for the whole family.

Republicans endure because waste and idleness aren't annoying if you don't know whom to blame.

That New York publisher whose wife scratched his face on the street and charged him with assault may have broken one of her fingernails with his hide.

It wouldn't do for everybody to be independent. Try to get some little courtesy from a man who can get his living without being courteous to you.

A federal law is one passed by congress, signed by the president, and modified by the judge to fit the sympathies of his locality.

Correct this sentence: "He is the only man among sisters, aunts and nieces," said she, "but they haven't given him the swell-head."

PORTLAND CARFARE INCREASE SUSPENDED

SALEM, Ore., April 25.—(AP) The proposed increase in Portland street car fares from 8 to 10 cents filed with the public service commission Tuesday to become effective May 23, was suspended by the commission until June 24. This action is to give opportunity for a thorough investigation, which will culminate in a hearing on the question.

Bootlegger Is Shot

LOS ANGELES, April 25.—(AP) Charles Chullin was shot and killed in a gun fight between bootleggers and officers at Dry Lake, near the Los Angeles and Kern county boundary, reports to the sheriff's office here said today.

Dr. Bolcom of County Health Unit Urges Precaution Against Measles and Other Contagious Diseases

In view of the serious proportions of the measles situation in Jackson county, Dr. Emily Bolcom, medical director of the county health unit, yesterday urged parents and school teachers to take every precaution to prevent a possible epidemic. While only 12 new cases were reported to the county health unit last week, there is believed to have been several times that number not reported.

The disease itself is not so serious, but its after effects present a problem, as broncho-pneumonia readily results and tuberculosis frequently follows. Measles also often attacks and leaves bad results with victims having adenoids and bad tonsils. All cases, appearing after exposure to a case of measles, should be regarded with suspicion, according to an Oregon State board of health bulletin. Sneezing is regarded as especially contagious before rash appears.

Quoting Dr. Harold B. Wood, a well known epidemiologist of the east, Dr. Bolcom described measles as having an incubation period from seven to nine days following exposure and makes its advent by coughing, sneezing, redness of the eyes and occasionally nose bleed. Frequently the rash is the first sign noted.

Of especial interest to school teachers is the fact that measles is a controllable disease. However, when a case appears in a susceptible class, within a few hours all are exposed and probably 50 per cent of the susceptible children will develop the disease from the first exposure.

As soon as a child with measles is discovered, is the advice of the county health unit, he should be excluded from school immediately, followed by a report to the health officer. A list must then be made of all children in the class room who are coughing. If the first case is suspected of having become infected in the school building, these coughing or sneezing children must be excluded and watched at home if an epidemic is to be averted.

The members of the entire class are also due for a careful examination for cases of redness of the eyes, blotchy throats or skin rashes, and the possessors excluded. To obtain best results, advises the county health unit, the individual examination must be continued for three days. If the first suspected case is found to be a real importation, the names of the children coughing or sneezing arrested, at the end of five days, this list is revised. At the end of seven or eight days the coughing and sneezing children must again be listed and all who were not excluded on the previous lists should at once be excluded for a definite diagnosis. Most of those children will be in the early and most infectious stage of the measles.

At the end of the nine-day period the entire class is due for another examination for blotchy throats and rashes, and the owners thereof excluded and quarantined. This system is pointed out as being a definite control of the measles in schools.

The patient must be under quarantine for two weeks and all persons exposed to a patient afflicted with measles must be also quarantined for two weeks, according to the Oregon state board of health.

Prevention important. In speaking of contagious diseases in the school, Dr. Bolcom declared practical measures for the

prevention of outbreaks in the school is a matter of vital importance to the teachers as well as the parents. In some cases, parents are inclined to shift the responsibility of maintaining health in the school entirely to the shoulders of school officers and teachers, depriving the latter of the parental co-operation they rightfully deserve.

Parents who decline to have a physician to advise, to escape quarantine, often injure their own interests, as, according to the county unit, such procedure sometimes results in the death of patients who otherwise would have easily recovered. This is particularly due in the case of diphtheria and in scarlet fever—the latter case more serious perhaps than measles, leaving more permanent after effects.

More permanent after effects. In combating the contagious diseases to health officers is required by law as a protection for the health of the community. The co-operation of neighbors in reporting diseases is also often a great help. Parents are advised to watch children for symptoms of any disease and if convinced their child is sick parents are urged to obtain the services of a physician as soon as possible.

The most common contagious diseases include measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, mumps and chicken pox.

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