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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Parry
Grants Pass is going to have a Salon du Beauté, and all this shiftless metropolitan can boast is a Beauty Shoppe.

There is no cuspidor in the main restaurant at Oregon City (Enterprise). At any rate, they'd miss it, or kick it over.

Forty Years Ago—The bay mare belonging to Doc Pickel rammed a foot through the front wheel of Clarence Hutchinson's new bicycle, accidentally, yesterday.

A number of local businessmen are interested in the project, which gives promise of being highly remunerative for the undertakers. (Shikyou News.) How the country gets its supply of "genial funeral directors."

Grain on the floor of the valley is now whisker length. A typographical error stated that the costumes at the Ladies Aid minister were hideous. (Pendleton East Oregonian.)

The exonerated of the mid-west deity sheriff who slew a wife and mother during the progress of a hay raid, is another great victory for the right, and political pressure when properly applied.

QUESTIONNAIRE
(Answer yes or no, or mo no savvy!)
If an ailing vehicle is left on the street until it disintegrates and falls to pieces, should the remains be removed by the city, or the owner of the car?

Do you think it does any good for 103 autos to honk their horns 7 minutes at a freight train blocking a crossing, contrary to city ordinance herein made and provided?

Do you think you favor when an outcast lets a five engine boat him to a fire?

WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?

SENATOR NORRIS, of Nebraska, wants a federal law which will prevent any public utility from gaining control of any newspaper, circulating in the district in which the utility operates.

With the purpose of such a law we are in hearty accord. We also share the Nebraska senator's dismay that the International Paper and Power Company has recently acquired a \$10,000,000 interest in 11 newspapers.

But, as we view the situation, the present nation-wide movement of newspaper consolidations, and chain-newspaper formations—of which the above purchase is a part—cannot be stopped by legislation. Evasion of the law would be too easily accomplished, and effective control of elemental economic forces is too difficult to attain.

If the absorption of newspapers by Big Business is desirable from the standpoint of greater profits, no man-made laws are going to stop it.

BUT this does not mean that the free and independent press of this country is doomed, and that eventually the newspapers of this country are to be controlled, and become the mouthpieces, either of public utility corporations, or other units of Big Business.

For, unlike any other business in our modern civilization, the newspaper business is absolutely controlled by the people. No matter what the financial resources of any newspaper, it can't succeed without popular support.

THEREFORE, if the people of this country want a free and independent press they have it absolutely in their power to secure it. If they do not want it, they have only to let "nature take its course" and that is what they will get.

If they care enough about a free and independent press to support it AND NO OTHER—and support is merely a matter of subscriptions—then there is not money enough in the world to keep it from them. If they don't, then no congressional oratory or emergency legislation is going to give them what they haven't the wisdom or courage to get for themselves.

The solution of this problem is absolutely up to the people of this country—to each individual newspaper reader,—and no one else.

WILL RASKOB STAGE A COME-BACK?

"THE Democratic party," says John J. Raskob "ought to run year in and year out just like General Motors." And with the campaign-deficit of \$1,550,000 reduced to \$800,000 the former financial director of General Motors intends to see that this is done.

But will it? We have our doubts. In fact, we have our suspicion that Mr. Raskob is making the same error now, he made in the recent campaign—namely, that what money has done in Big Business it can do in politics.

WHY, for example, does General Motors run year in, year out? Simply because the people of this country and foreign parts want what it produces year in, year out. They want to go somewhere, and General Motors supplies the medium.

But do the people of this country, or any other, want what the Democratic party, under the direction of National Chairman Raskob produces year in, year out? Hardly. They only want it during a presidential campaign, and even then, judging by the recent results, the demand is far from universal.

Unless we are much mistaken, the popular demand now for Raskob models, with another campaign four years in the future, will even make the self-confident and optimistic John J. question the practical wisdom of his program.

FOR, as above noted, the American people want to go somewhere. During the presidential campaign, some of them are interested in just "milling around"—the "ins" obstructing the "outs," and the "outs" trying to run over the "ins"—but the battle once over, only a handful of rabid partisans care to continue the performance four years longer.

Therefore, with President Hoover in the White House, and the Republican party in power, we fear this 365-day program of political "go-cart" production is going to produce something for which there is practically no public demand.

Mr. Raskob and a few of his lieutenants may like riding about in an effort to hold up traffic and obstruct progress of the Republican caravan, but, as even the rank and file of their own party realize, this is all that can be done, until the next campaign, any substantial following is far from probable.

CONSEQUENTLY we fear Mr. Raskob is going to be no more successful with his General Motors "of the air," in his second campaign than he was in his first.

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 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 in queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

LOW BREATHING AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

When the reader notices something about high blood pressure here and writes in to ask what's the good for it, I can't tell him the remedy, because I don't know of any. When a reader tells me he has high blood pressure or that his physician says so, I have some general advice for him if he wants it, though of course I cannot surmise from this distance what ails the reader.

Sometimes I fear readers who have high blood pressure or worse, who imagine they have it, will suffer some dire complication by reason of a sudden increase of the pressure on receipt of my answer to a request for a remedy. They take it so ill that I hold myself out as a real doctor and all yet can't tell a person a remedy for such a simple trouble. As a matter of fact, it is precisely because I am that I can't—ask any real doctor if this is not so.

Now, friends with high blood pressure or even just an obsession thereof, come up closer and listen carefully, for I have a brand new remedy for you today, and like all of my remedies this one will do you no harm if it does you no good. I am glad to say that this new remedy for high blood pressure cannot be bought in any drug store nor can it be administered by a doctor or a nurse. You have to take it yourself if you want to try it, and it doesn't cost a red cent. I do not say it is absolutely foolproof, as are some of my remedies, but I believe it is simple and safe enough to merit the widest publication.

Of course I might name the remedy in a single line and be done with it, but if I did so, I am certain, a lot of people who ought to know of this remedy and use it would never learn of it at all. I have had a lesson about this way of presenting ideas, and I know how it works. For years I have tried to drive home to readers the physiological truth, that almost anybody, if he has a mind to, may get along quite comfortably without the help of physic in any way, shape or manner. No one, apparently, ever took that seriously, until I happened to present the simple truth in another way, with a lot of argument and explanation; then, to my surprise, it began to take, and people began to assure me that they had found I was right about it.

This remedy for high blood pressure is a simple physiological truth that might be expressed in less than a dozen words, but I'm not going to kill it that way, for I believe it is a valuable remedy and I want to persuade as many persons as possible to use it. In fact, I am going to make you wait over a day or two for the secret—I must sell you on the soundness of it first. It is regrettable, but unavoidable, that you must keep buying the paper for several days in order to get the sequel of this talk—when I'll print it here without further notice; it may be tomorrow or some day next week. Meanwhile I offer you just this one thought to turn over in your mind: Patients with uncomplicated hypertension (high blood pressure without associated organic disease) are usually low breathers, that is, their breathing habit is both slow and shallow.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
A Happy Thought
We haven't heard from Mrs. Sumway lately, though we get frequent news of Ben Toad. We hope nothing has happened to the widow.—S. A. R.

Answer.—Hist, don't disturb them. It looks as if Ben were going to marry the widow and take her away off to Never-Never-Land. Biology.

Our biology teacher asked if we believed in the germ theory of disease. We all said yes. The teacher asked why. We answered because scientists have proved it. Teacher asked if we had seen it proved, and we said no. Teacher then said we should not believe what has not been proved.—N. R.

Answer.—Teacher may be stimulating your thought or scheming to make you study—that's something, by the way, a high school pupil rarely does, and so we should not call high school pupils "students"; in high schools, as a rule,

Quill Points

Typical silver lining: Women don't travel trucks. How did primitive man relieve his feelings when there were no doors to slam? There are just two kinds of boys: normal ones, and those who don't enjoy destroying things.

Glass feeling is the nice thrill you get when your flyover creeps past a big car on a hill. A man thinks it poor sport to shoot a bird on the ground, but a woman will capture a 45-year-old widower.

If all the automobiles were placed end to end, a lot of jaywalkers would try to squeeze between them. "If I quit her," the youth says, "it will break her heart." Thus matrimony becomes a penalty for vanity.

Americanism: Boasting that you are "just as good as anybody" joining a crowd that blocks traffic to watch some celebrity enter a hotel. Rheumatism doesn't really affect bone. Who ever heard of rheumatism of the head?

Human nature is the same every where, and the soda jerker in a crossroads general store feels vastly superior to the rube who lives four miles out. There's just so much of everything; and with congress in session perhaps there will be less wind elsewhere.

Perhaps Nature knows her stuff. Dieting to get thin makes the foolish ones easy prey for germs, and the sensible survive to preserve the race. Why waste sympathy if call money costs 20 per cent? The craps shooter gives 50 per cent to one who stakes him.

Thanks Public and Paper
To the Editor: Dear Sir: Through your columns I would like to express to the people of Medford and southern Oregon our appreciation for the wonderful reception given the delegation of Ben All Shriners who were your guests last Saturday.

We do not know of any place where the spirit of hospitality shown us could be equaled and we wish to thank you and your people. Less than five percent of those on our special train had ever stopped in Medford before and they marveled at the beauty of the mountain country around Prospect where the majority of the delegation spent Sunday. We hope that some day we will have the pleasure of coming again to Medford.

You are also to be congratulated on the fine special edition issued and the generous publicity given to Hillah Temple by your publication. Faithfully yours, A. W. GLUCKMAN, Potentate, Ben All Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Sacramento, Cal., April 30.

Diamond in Can. ASHTABULA, O., May 1.—(AP)—When Mrs. Frank English opened a can of salmon and dumped the contents into a plate, she heard something rattle like a pebble and searching it out, she found it was a diamond. A jeweler appraised the stone today at \$175.

Communications

To the Editor: It seems as though the service stations are being made the brunt of another attack. One of our newspapers a while back instigated a price war like the cities were

Brisbane's Today

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been killing deer by the hundreds, coyotes eating the remains. A New York policeman, after a long chase, killed a big black dog, leader of a gang of mongrel curs in the city's outskirts. It had bit on three children. Man's best friends need regulating.

Gunmen killing are becomingly systematized, occurring on schedule time. Enrico Arguini told his partner, Denny Tortorelli, "They are out to get me. A bunch tried it a few minutes ago. They will try again." Monday, five hours after the prediction, "they" put a bullet in the back of Arguini's head as he sat in his automobile.

Organized crime decides that killing is the cheapest, surest, simplest way of settling quarrels and eliminating rivals. A Good Eskimo hunter makes \$1000 in a winter season, getting \$20 to \$30 each for fox skins that used to sell for \$10, and he can earn \$1000 in one spring's heavier catch. At Flat, Alaska, Indians earn \$7 a day. Mr. Twitchell, scientist, says this demoralizes the Eskimeaux, who drink too much and die off. It is easy to stand hardship, not easy to stand prosperity. High pay, gin, and the diseases that come with gin, will solve various race problems.

Do You Remember?

10 YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of Mail Tribune)
May 1st, 1919.
In view of the record breaking fruit crop in signa labor shortage is expected, but no steps have as yet been taken to meet it.

Rex Lampanan of Gold Hill is in Paris on the staff of the A. E. F. paper, the "Stars and Stripes." Smudge—Two more straw hats showed up on the avenue du Maine West, to-wit: S. L. Leonard and a stranger in our midst.

Clarence A. Ketur of the 51st Division, over six feet tall, and John Kalabokas, 5 ft 3 in, arrived here today from France via Camp Lewis. They are called Mutt and Jeff.

Assistant Postmaster Bill Warner reported today none of the bombs sent broadcast over the country in a Red terrorist plot, had been received at the local postoffice.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of Mail Tribune)
May 1, 1909.
W. T. Beveridge, civil engineer, has formed the Southern Oregon Railroad corporation, backed by eastern capitalists and will make a survey for a railroad from Medford to the coast. Central Point is raising a cash bonus and 40 acres of land to secure the terminal.

"Yes," remarked Jesse Enyart today, "the trout possess remarkable qualities of jumping. I recall one summer at Prospect of seeing a trout pursued by a wild cat. The fish jumped to the top of the hill, took a running start and leaped far out in the valley, landed in a deep pool at the bottom. It was a jump of 195 feet. I measured it myself!"

F. H. Hopkins reports practically no damage done by his orchard in Central Point by frost. He says exuberant stories have been circulated by "knockers."

Mose Barkdull is spending the week end visiting Mike Hanley on Little Butte. A. C. Allen the well known orchardist of near Medford, proved himself a good neighbor during the recent frost by smudging most of the orchards near Central Point. An accommodating wind drove the smudge up the valley, where it settled over the orchards and furnished excellent frost protection.

Mr. Walters has arranged with Mr. Charles Haselring to conduct the ever popular opera "Mascot," with Mr. Burgess as Prince Lorenzo. The Elizabeth Stewart place, 480 acres, two miles east of the city, has been sold for \$14,000 to a local syndicate, composed of F. E. Merrick, Dr. F. C. Papp, F. M. Cummings and W. T. York. There is fine coal on the place and excellent oil prospects.

Oregon Weather
Fair tonight and Thursday, but increasing cloudiness, with moderate temperature. Moderately low humidity. Gentle, variable winds.

Relief from Gas Stomach Pains Dizziness

The doctors tell us that 90 per cent of all sickness is due to stomach and bowel troubles. You can't be well if your digestion is bad; you are likely to get sick unless you eat food and digest it properly. Tanlac has a wonderful record as a relief from digestive troubles, even those of years' standing.

Mrs. Annie Waters, of 2752 44th Ave. S.W., Seattle, Wash., says: "I suffered from nerve-weakness stomach trouble. Every available remedy brought no results until I tried Tanlac. It built me up till my stomach trouble was cured."

If you suffer from gas, pains in the stomach or bowels, dizziness, nausea, constipation, or torpid liver; if you have no appetite, can't sleep and are nervous and all run down, you need Tanlac. It is good, pure medicine, made of roots, herbs and bark. Get a bottle from your druggist today. Money back if it doesn't help you.

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By BUD FISHER

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