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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. Thomas Edison, whose inventive wizardry has made the world a happier place to live in, though an Ashland man, burned his fingers on a hot lamp chimney last week.

Flowers with bright yellow faces, Continue to mess up grassy places. Scott Davis and John Johnson have returned from grilling the globe, and are convinced that this vale of tears and bulky autos is round, as claimed by science.

The younger generation, which has been going to bed with his watch, is now allowed to stay up and watch Papa fix the garden, and try and get a foot out of with a wild swing of a brand new hoe.

The members of the Heppner Rod and Gun club are displaying their new sweaters. They think they are very good-looking. (Heppner News.) Gentlemen hate themselves.

C. Yens Tengwald is now a deputy sheriff, and lawbreakers have started to cringe. FORTY YEARS AGO—The best whist players in town met with Charlie Strang last night, and the next morning the 11 o'clock train was thrown in one bed for their snooze, while the revelry raged unchecked.

The Mediterranean pest fly, now reported busy in Florida, is a devastating but interesting insect. He can fly in the air, in the ground, or in a 20 cent solution of arsenic, according to the Department of Agriculture. He is practically invisible, and likes any kind of fruit. He has a vivid bite and personality, and is full of vivacity. The Mediterranean pest fly is supposed to have been brought from the Bahamas by bootleggers, for which they have no sweet tooth. When you get a three-cornered, dimpled glass bottle neatly wrapped in a conical arrangement of straw, destroy the straw, as pest flies roost in it.

"BEAVER TEAM IS SHOT BY MISSIONS"—(Hillside Oregonian.) As expected, but it was hoped Portland folks would do it. Eddie Carleton was noted yesterday smiling by the establishment of the Postal Telegraph. Eddie's brother Newcomb works for the Western Union.

A move has been launched to induce Marion Talley, grand opera soprano, who recently retired to go back to the farm, to continue to sing. This will furnish the impetus to a movement to request the rest of the sopranos to stop.

IN OKLAHOMA The trouble seemed to be that, instead of behaving like a 2-gun fighting man, he left things to "Mayme." And "Mayme" was not only a woman, but she trusted the stars. It irritated the frontiersmen, when they walked in to teach the governor how to run the state, to be told, "You'll have to see 'Mayme,'" and then to find that the governor's secretary held to Rosterian ideas and talked Yogi philosophy. The governor had his astral qualities, too; another spiritual lady testified that his "excellent spiritual sympathies and vibrations made him almost mediumistic." It is all right in Oklahoma, to pray for guidance before signing a bill or to ask the party bosses what to do, but to consult the stars, it appears, is frowned upon.

(New York Tribune.)

THE S. P. BOOSTS CRATER LAKE

WE are in receipt of advance ad proofs extolling the beauties of Crater Lake, which will be run in the Saturday Evening Post and 14 other periodicals during the Month of May by the Southern Pacific.

Grants Pass is the only place in Southern Oregon to get on the map, but in the text of the lay-out Medford shares the honors of being a gateway to this scenic wonder, with Klamath Falls and Chiloquin.

Grants Pass secures its prominence because it is the terminal of the Redwood Highway, while Eureka, California, is similarly honored. Some Medford readers of the ad will, no doubt, be disappointed that their city should be lost in the shuffle, but we see no cause for serious complaint. This is essentially a Crater Lake ad, and, to give it emphasis, all Jackson and Klamath county stations had to be eliminated.

The advertisement is an attractive one, will reach over 7,000,000 readers, and should bring excellent results.

BREAKING THE SOLID SOUTH

SOME idea of the political situation in the state of South Carolina may be gleaned from perusing the Congressional Record.

At a recent hearing held in Washington, two witnesses from this former Democratic stronghold testified before Senator Brookhart as chairman.

They declared a certain Joe Tolbert was, and is, the Republican party in South Carolina, and maintained that contributions to the party were in reality contributions to Mr. Tolbert's bank account.

Joel Jackson, a colored man, and a leader among his people, declared that "political conditions are so deplorable no decent colored man will fool with Republican politics. The good colored people would like to step down and out if the white people would take care of the Republican machine down there."

The following colloquy then completes this interesting sidelight upon one of the reasons President Hoover decided to reform the politics of his party south of the Mason and Dixon line:

Senator Brookhart. You think yourself that if the Republican organization was put on a decent, honorable footing that it would be a strong party down there?

Mr. Benson. Yes, sir. And I will tell you what the experience has been in the past three months. I have been practically all over the state. I have talked with Democratic leaders and men that know politics and they are satisfied beyond a doubt that the state of South Carolina will go at least 18,000 to 20,000 votes Republican in the next four years with the support of the National Republican party and the ousting completely of the present Republican leader in South Carolina. Without that there will be no use for the Republican party to make one step in getting a party.

Mr. Johnson. Gentlemen, I would like to say this in conclusion: That under the present conditions, of how this same little trouble has been handled, I, for one, would have rather voted for Mr. Hoover, 10 to 1, than vote for Al Smith; but under the conditions I will swear that unless they are changed, if I had to do it over, I would do the same thing. I voted for Al Smith. Knowing that we were living under a government like that, where Joe Tolbert is head of the party, and they walk up to him, and a postmaster is given a position and they hand him that money. That is plain enough. I can't say what Mr. Meyer did with that money. I know it was paid to him because I got the check cashed and took the bills and gave them to Mr. Tolbert, and I know that Meyer got it, just like I am looking at your face. And knowing the conditions, and that it is putting another Republican administration in power, thinking that we are going to get the same condition and maybe worse, how in the world could a man like me step up to the ballot box and vote the Republican ticket? It is like the same condition that exists with thousands of people that would like to be set free. Mr. Hoover was my choice from the first, but I didn't vote for him, and I wouldn't vote for him again if the conditions are like they are today, for my own self-protection. But otherwise, if we have the right Republican party there, there is no objection in the world. We want the same rights that you have up North and in the East, where we can vote for the man we think best, regardless of who he is, and I think that is the feeling of most of the people, that you want to put the best man in.

PERHAPS SENATOR HEFLIN ISN'T SUCH A FOOL

SENATOR HEFLIN may not be such a consummate ass as most people believe him to be.

In his recent oratorical endurance contest in the Upper House the fact was brought out that for making that incendiary speech in Massachusetts, he not only had all his expenses paid, but he received a "substantial honorarium."

The Alabama solon made a typical defense. "I am not as rich as some of my colleagues here," said he. "I am a poor man. I can't afford to tour the country without compensation."

The inquiry naturally arises, can Senator Heflin afford to devote all his time in Washington stirring up the passions of religious prejudice "without compensation?" Probably not. And with men of the Heflin stamp, the claque of the Klavern and the clink of dollars, more than compensate for the ridicule and humiliation he might suffer.

The dumb brutes, however, have wit enough to shed their fur in summer.

Is preparedness wicker? Well, the only creature that stores up honey has a weapon mounted aft.

No herb is free from pests, Mr. Hoover.

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.

THE LONG, LONG DAY IN SCHOOL

Bankers are presumably honest. Employees in a bank presumably work. Banks generally have a five-hour day. I think five hours is plenty for any one to work for anybody in one day. School teachers, doctors engaged in the practice of a specialty, dentists, politicians holding a larled job, employes of the municipal public works, and numerous other classes, must agree more or less that five hours of work is a day. At any rate, they generally call it a day.

Yes, yes, I've heard all of these honest workers, and others, crating about the onerous and tedious duties they have to fulfill after office hours, but then, it is only human that we should wish to make a noise like an honest laborer when we know very well we are trying to get by with the least possible amount of work.

Recently a number of readers have written me from the same town asking about the seven-hour day the school authorities are trying out. I know nothing about such a day. This is 1929, and even in that nearest approach to slavery in our era, the retail grocery trade, I doubt if an ordinary person can stand such a day very long without sacrificing health.

School children who are kept at it for seven hours a day are in grave danger, and parents who submit to any such an ignoble experiment betray a singular callousness toward the welfare of their children. If any school authority or superintendent countenances such an innovation he must be quite hopeless indeed. All real educational authorities are striving to shorten the school day in the interest not only of better health, but of better education. It is possible that a man or woman of university age may stand a seven-hour school day two or three days in the week. It is beyond belief that a boy or girl of grammar school or high school can stand any such long hours of restraint or attention. When the individual's capacity to give attention is exhausted there is nothing gained by further restraint or pretense of study.

I believe I am a fair average case. I know my capacity to give attention has never been anything remarkable or out of the ordinary, and it has never been more than four or five hours a day, the under restraint I may, of course, make a pretense of working some hours longer. I don't care a hoot what anybody thinks about it. I feel I have done a very good day's work when I have kept plugging steadily and honestly for four hours, and an exceptionally fine day's work if I have kept at it five hours. When I say "work" of course I mean it humorously. I don't mean honest muscular exertion. I mean using one's wit to get a living without honest work.

Probably the average school boy or school girl of 10 to 15 years has an attention capacity of three hours or less. Few high school pupils can maintain attention for four hours five days a week. What more can be expected from holding such children under restraint two, three or four hours a day after attention capacity is exhausted? I should say that the school system where a seven-hour day is even tentatively on trial is very poorly advised in the important matter of hygiene or health.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Not Hair. Is butter milk fattening?—Miss G. R. M. Answer—It is if you can take enough of it. Pigs waltz sleek on it. Butter milk is about equivalent to skim milk in nutritive value. That is, not quite half as nutritious as whole fresh milk. Safe Canned Salmon. Please tell how to determine whether on opening a can of salmon the contents is safe to eat.—J. G. Answer—I should eat it if it looks, smells and tastes all right. If in doubt, call it a dud and open another can. Soap Is Soap. Is Blank's soap better for the

skin than Dash's brand? Is Lake's cold cream better than River's? Is washing the face with warm water and soap injurious to the skin if rinsed thoroughly.—M. S. A. Answer—No soap is particularly good for the skin. Any soap is rather a necessary evil. I believe plain soap of any ordinary brand is all right. I believe the cold cream your own draught will make to order, after the official formula for ointment of rose water in his Pharmacopoeia, is the finest toilet or cosmetic in that line. In a general way, a young skin is improved by frequent washing with soap and water; older skins may be made harsh and rough by soap—cold cream is the preferable cleansing agent for a skin that is none too oily.

Cocoa. Our gym teacher told us you have written that cocoa is not good for growing boys and girls. In a hospital they give the patients cocoa. At night when you go to bed you should take a hot drink of cocoa our physiology teacher says. I would like to know the reason why cocoa is not good for growing girls and boys.—Gladys A. J. Answer—Cocoa itself, in beverage form, has very little food value. The milk and sugar taken with it are excellent foods for boys and girls to grow on. The cocoa tends to fill you up or give you a false sense of satisfaction, and that prevents you from taking as much milk or other wholesome food as you should take, especially if you are a regular, lively sort of girl. Cocoa is a wholesome beverage for grownup people or some invalids. As a rule young growing boys or girls should not take hot drinks at bedtime—they should take ordinary food, if anything.

Americanism: A conviction that no business can be wicked if it pays dividends on a million dollars investment. Still, if the world had no laws except those obeyed by the law-makers, even the work of Moses would be lost. A visit to the old home town is disappointing. If you brag, you seem an ass; and if you don't people can't understand how important you have become. A sufficient commentary on men is the fact that girls quit marrying to get a home when new standards made it possible to get a job.

Another explanation of prosperity is the fact that good fortune doesn't place you under obligation to buy a milkshake for everybody in the drug store. Alas! The woman who works because she has no man thus deprives some man of work and lessens her chance to get a good provider. Correct this sentence: "When one of us corrects the child," said the parent, "the other never butts in."

Vase Withdrawn. LONDON, May 2.—(AP)—The famous Portland vase, offered at Christie's auction rooms today, was withdrawn after 29,000 guineas (about \$145,000) had been bid, the reserve price not having been reached.

AUTO PARKING QUESTIONNAIRE

Following a joint meeting of members of the Merchants' Association, City Council and Planning Commission at which an agreement was reached on the essential points of the proposed new traffic ordinance, the City Planning Commission wished an expression from the public in general on a few of the points concerning parking regulations. Therefore the following questions will appear in this paper every day this week, and it is requested that all readers, both city and country, express their views by clipping out the coupon, addressing the same to the Traffic Committee, care of this paper.

Answer "Yes" or "No." 1—Do you favor one hour parking in the central business district? 2—Do you favor half-hour parking in the central business district? 3—Do you wish the present area of limited time parking extended to increase more territory? 4—Do you wish the limited time parking to be in effect until 9 p. m. Saturday nights? 5—Should double parking be prohibited? 6—Are you in favor of limiting service station driveways, in the central business district, to 18 feet on each street in order to provide more parking room?

LEGAL QUESTION RISES IN REFERENDUM MOVE

SALEM, Ore., May 2.—(AP)—A new legal question developed here today in connection with the Portland move to invoke the referendum upon the 1929 legislative act, creating two new circuit judgeships in Multnomah county. The question is whether the referendum would be voted on by the entire state or only by the people of Multnomah county. Circuit judges are state officers and their salaries are paid by all the tax payers of the state. However, there is a provision in the election laws that matters affecting only certain districts or counties shall be voted on only by the people of that district or county. The fourth judicial district covers only Multnomah county. Klamath Ice & Storage company of Klamath Falls installed additional equipment costing \$2,000.

Quill Points

Lindy shouldn't hate publicity. Without it, he would be flying a mail plane still. The most timid ruddy face seen in the presence of two men—or one who is bald. Education makes great changes. Fifty years ago comparatively few crooks knew how to be crooked legally.

No longer do the broadcasters all talk at once, but we still have bridge parties. Two results of man's desire to avoid labor are machinery and jails.

Nature adjusts things, dear lady. You hate these modest tight hats, but they will make you bald and then they won't be tight. Now they say Mr. Dawes really doesn't care much, so it won't surprise us to hear that his pipe stem doesn't really draw the hot ambers from the top.

Here lies a monarch of the wooded dell. Prone victim of the forest fire's blight; Such devastation surely looks like—well. This waste of fuel is an awful sight! BILL DAY, Ashland, Oregon.

AMERICAN LABOR CONDITIONS GOOD SAYS SECRETARY. WASHINGTON, May 2.—(AP)—May day this year was described by Secretary Davis of the labor department as a "day of rejoicing for American labor."

"All our enlightened industrial leaders have come around to the policy of the liberal wage," he said. "According to the figures of the bureau of labor statistics, employment this year has so far shown a reassuring improvement over the corresponding period of last year. Not only are more persons employed than in 1928, but payroll totals are decidedly improved—that is, earnings are higher while unemployment has been reduced. Business conditions offer some guarantee that labor may continue to enjoy this unimpaired state.

Apart from the natural effect of progress in the rapid extension of automatic machinery and aside from adjustments in certain branches of our textile industry and in some bituminous coal districts, I can see nothing in sight to interfere with another year of activity in industry with employment for still more workers at the existing liberal wages.

IRA WOODIE TO COACH IN LA GRANDE SCHOOLS. LA GRANDE, Ore., May 2.—(AP)—Ira C. Woodie, senior at the University of Oregon, was selected as athletic director for the La Grande schools next year, at a meeting of the school board. This action followed the recent resignation of Ralph W. Christie, to take effect at the conclusion of the present school year. Christie has been coaching here since 1927.

Do You Remember? 10 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) May 2, 1919. Jasper Miller of Butte Falls, oldest school teacher in the state, forced to abandon teaching at age of 78. Los Angeles.—Jess Willard, who is to meet Jack Dempsey July 4th for the heavyweight title, started road work today. Bobby Pelanise of Eagle Point pitched Stanford for a 5-2 victory over California at Palo Alto. Scott Davis left last night for his home in Davenport, Wash. A heavy frost is predicted for tomorrow morning. Two more straw hat apostles were rounded up yesterday—Tom Fuson and Rev. Lorenz Oeser. Medford patrons of soda fountains received a shock today when after ordering their favorite soft drinks they found they were charged a war tax thereon.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) May 2, 1909. Oakland avenue will be paved at once from the city limits to Fourth street. Wm. E. Scott in charge of the paving work. Father Van, Mr. Holley and Dr. Keens spoke in favor of the pavement. "Smoking in the valley has been a great success," stated Prof. O'Garra, U. S. pathologist in charge of the pest control in this section. The Commercial club meets tonight to discuss sending an exhibit to the Alaska-Yukon exposition at Seattle. A bandstand will be built in the City park as the result of agitation by the Greater Medford club. Edgar Hafer is looking over his timber land in the Big Butte district. R. G. Wilson, a wealthy mining man of Salt Lake, has purchased the celebrated Bradshaw orchard of 220 acres, near Eagle Point, for \$60,000. One hundred eleven motor cars are now registered with the secretary of state from Medford. Auto dealers are reaping a harvest. R. C. F. Astbury of Gold Hill, Bud Conner of Table Rock and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hopkins are among those who saw the Norris & Rowe circus yesterday. Local Strainers will visit Ashland this evening to put a few candidates across the burning sands. Shorty Garnett of this city will be one of the travelers.

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