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EAST AND WEST AIR MAIL NEEDED HERE

WE KNOW OF NO SECTION of the country where air mail service would be more appreciated, or more sensationally speed up mail delivery than east and west of Medford.

Last summer we had friends at Bandon, Ore. Letters to them, and from them, were from two to four days in transit. Letters to Bend, Ore., from Medford, have to be routed via Portland or Klamath Falls, delivery requiring as much time as air mail to Chicago.

With air mail established, letters could reach Bandon from Medford in approximately one hour; the flight to Bend could probably be made in two hours or less.

There is a strong demand among business men on the coast and in eastern Oregon for such an air mail service. There is no doubt that the people of Medford and Jackson county would be solidly behind such a program.

We believe if the facts of the situation were brought before officials of the post office department, they would be glad to authorize a service which is so greatly needed, and which would confer such extraordinary benefits upon such a large territory.

IS THE DEBENTURE MERELY A PROTECTIVE TARIFF?

EVER SINCE the debenture plan was proposed, the democratic press has followed its bellwether, the New York World, in declaring:

"If the tariff is right, the debenture plan is right." To support this claim, it is maintained the debenture plan gives the same protection to the wheat farmer that the protective tariff gives the manufacturer.

If one asks "why," the answer is "Because the tariff is ineffective in benefitting an exportable product."

OF COURSE this is all twaddle. Steel is an exportable product. Practically all American manufacturers produce a surplus over what is required for domestic consumption. They export it. They receive approximately the same tariff protection the wheat farmer receives, but they ask for no debenture, no subsidy.

Why? Because they don't need it and wouldn't get it if they did. They don't need it because they restrict production. The individual can't produce an iron ingot, or a dish-washing machine or a flyover. But the individual—any man with land—can produce wheat.

AS A RESULT, there is always a wheat surplus over and above the immediate market demand, and low prices result. The protective tariff helps the American farmers by keeping cheap wheat out of competition, but this is offset by the fact that the moment wheat prices soar, more wheat is planted.

Senator Brookhart and other farm saviours want to correct this condition by leaving things as they are and paying the farmer a government subsidy.

President Hoover wants to correct it by restricting production, diversifying products, and through co-operative action stabilizing prices. In other words, placing the farming industry as far as possible on the same economic plane as the manufacturing industry.

TO SAY BROOKHART is right, because the protective tariff is right and the debenture is equivalent to the tariff, is simply nonsense. As far as tariff protection is concerned, the farmer and manufacturer are on an approximate equality. Their differences, as far as financial returns are concerned, are due to fundamental differences in the nature of their organizations and the character of their products.

President Hoover would remove these differences by changes in method. Senator Brookhart would keep them and force the taxpayers to pay the farmers what they cost.

There, as we see it, is the debenture issue in a nutshell. The New York World says the Jones law is a dead letter. The Hearst papers maintain Al Smith is politically extinct. With the St. Louis Browns out of the race, also the Jones' and Smiths, a majority of America would seem to be under eclipse.

Apparently it is safer to drive fast. At any rate the driver mixed up in a serious accident never is going more than 20 miles an hour.

Men aren't knighted in America, but it seems about the same thing when they get their first invitations to address a graduating class.

Secretary Good says Chicago has growing pains. The trouble, you remember, seems to be in the joints.

The great man is like anybody else, except he doesn't believe it when people tell him it can't be done.

Yet it isn't probable that any philanthropist 70 years ago would have picked Edison as the brightest boy.

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.

HOW ONE MAN GETS BEYOND THE VIOLET

"Noticing your advocacy of solar baths in preference to the carbon arc and mercury vapor quartz lamps for ultraviolet light," writes E. P. G.

"I wondered whether you did not place a too high value upon the quality of the sunlight in the latitude of Michigan during the winter months when the sun shines, if at all, through a dense pall of humidity and smoke."

Mr. G.'s letter turned up here on a busy day when there were over 1500 letters to deal with. So I had the old scanner working hard that day, and some word or phrase in the last quarter of the letter (that's generally a likely place to hit on a clew) led me to the erroneous conclusion that here was another student of the propaganda who wished to enlighten me about the ultraviolet ray business, and I believe I answered the letter in that humble and grateful spirit I always have when a layman offers the gist of what he has garnered from the propaganda.

Then came a nice bright sunny day when a fellow would like to go out and putter around in the ultraviolet, but seldom can, for it does seem that the mail is always heaviest on bright sunny days. Not that folks write more letters on bright sunny days. In fact I believe it is just the opposite—most of these letters are written on dark or rainy days, and they reach me a day or two later when the sun is again on the job for a few hours. Toward the bottom of the basket I came upon E. P. G.'s letter; something had made me lay it aside for more careful perusal. I can't understand what that something is, but maybe it is a kind of intuition. Here is what E. P. G. was trying to tell me:

"Granting that a small amount of ultraviolet does filter through the cloud and smoke of our northern winter, 4 in. of the longer waves which also filter through the glass of the ordinary incandescent lamp, and these longer waves are of no known value unless it be to read the newspaper by. Granting that there is ultraviolet down to about 3000 A. U. in wave length in our summer sun, there still remains the difficulty of receiving general irradiation without inviting the co-operation of the police. A friend of mine purchased ten acres of selected woodland with the idea of absorbing a little free solar ultraviolet from time to time. Neighboring threats of legal invocation caused him to desist. Even in the latest conceits in bathing suits 50 per cent of the body remains indecently clothed.

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Several years ago I figured out this remedy for toe itch (ringworm or trichophyton infection of the skin between the toes). I heated water to exactly 124 degrees F., measured by an accurate thermometer. I put my toes in the water for 20 minutes—and presto, the trouble was ended. The fungi can't stand the high temperature. One must place a small object between the toes and move the foot up and down in the water. You will think you are being boiled alive, but you are not, if the temperature does not exceed 124 degrees F. I have found the foot will stand as high as 126 F. without injury.—(E. H. C.)

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MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

Table with crossword puzzle solutions. Across: 1. Chief actor, 2. Certificate, 3. Green island, 4. One that wads, 5. Salt of tartaric acid, 6. Perin, 7. Containing gold, 8. Annuities, 9. One who annoys, 10. Mind, 11. Broken rock, 12. Fish eggs, 13. Desired earnestly, 14. Feminine name, 15. Shred, 16. Steffy, 17. Above, 18. Tomboy, 19. Pioneer, 20. Son of Seth, 21. Fished the score, 22. Before a birth, 23. Hat catcher, 24. Hindu queen, 25. Deeds of the sultan. Down: 1. Also entrance, 2. Hymn, 3. Assam silk, 4. Worm, 5. Wink, 6. Love lily, 7. Hebrew law, 8. Cohn of fashion, 9. Islands, 10. Poor, 11. Cuts lengthwise, 12. Side of a barrel, 13. Church official, 14. Hoses, 15. Beer bottle, 16. Place of combat, 17. Complete, 18. Pertaining to former days, 19. Heaviness, 20. Sharon: Acts, 21. Light dance, 22. Branch of a tree: rare, 23. Wife of Geraint, 24. Blow of a horn, 25. English colony, 26. Genus of common frogs, 27. Political party.

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-15 in the starting cells.

Quill Points

The meanest man in the farmer who plants nothing close to the road except stuff tourists can't eat.

Stop the sale of pistols because they kill people? Well, automobiles kill a lot more. What about them?

The objection to waiting for an ideal pun is that you get overlooked by others who are doing the same thing.

Think how much worse conditions might be if woman's vote hadn't multiplied and purified us.

Queer mortals! There is no "color line" for Indians because the red man feels superior to whites.

If you can't get rich, and yet long to feel free and independent and arrogant, get a job driving a truck.

Predestination is the theory that, your time having come, a dry agent will get you if a locomotive doesn't.

The question is, if a high-brow magazine didn't confess that it's printed for intellectuals only, would anybody suspect it?

As we understand it, the law says no man who owns ships can be secretary of the treasury unless he is rich and able and popular.

A family quarrel isn't over until the man has time to forget what an ass he was and feel respectable again.

Some concerns have only one vice-president, and in other cases the boss has several married daughters.

A moron is one who avoids doing certain things for fear people will think him a moron.

Brief revelation of the law's attitude toward an ordinary offend-

Do You Remember?

10 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) May 22, 1919.

Eleven cases of strawberries from the McBride ranch sold at Public Market.

Smudge: Suffrage for women is a step forward and a great thing until they vote you out of office.

Sharon Merriman awarded highest honors of senior class at high school.

League of Nations attacked in senate by Senators Lodge and Sherman.

City council bars horses from new city auto camp.

Table Rock boys sell for \$18.50 per hundred in Portland.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) May 22nd, 1909.

Governor Benson appoints J. M. Koons and J. E. Enhart on Carter Lake road commission with V. G. Steel secretary.

Five Ashland Normal students on hike kill black bear and soy enjays bear meat banquet.

Judge Kelly says his "kids" be able to play the game of lives on Sunday when they Jacksonville for top place in the league.

After a wait of 44 years, Judge Stewart of this city has been allowed a claim of \$4.98 against the government for a clothing allowance during the Civil war.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.) Millions of Catholics will rejoice that the agreement with the government of Italy and a restoration of limited temporal power puts an end to this long self-imposed imprisonment.

Paris reports that representatives of the allies have agreed on a letter to Schacht, head of the German debt commission, unambiguously accepting some of the German offers in connection with the debt settlement.

That settlement will soon be made. Then will come a great boom in German prosperity, probably leading the rest of Europe.

President Hoover makes public his conviction that the supreme court decision, settling aside interstate commerce commission findings hostile to railroads values, will not increase railway rates.

That will not discourage railroad management. The supreme court decision will permit railroads to keep a much greater part of what they earn. That is what the railroads want.

Mr. Ashton, president of the American Railway association, says this is the most carefree nation on earth, wastes every year ten thousand millions of dollars, and "this amount is nothing compared to the enormous loss in human life attributable to carelessness."

President Hoover's commission on prosperity, outlining our gigantic resources, added that Americans have barely scratched the surface of national wealth. As an efficiency engineer, President Hoover may suggest a way of cutting down waste.

We make a great fuss, as we should do, about ten billions lent to Europe, and we waste that amount every year.

GERMAN ARMY PILOTS VISIT YANKEE SERVICE

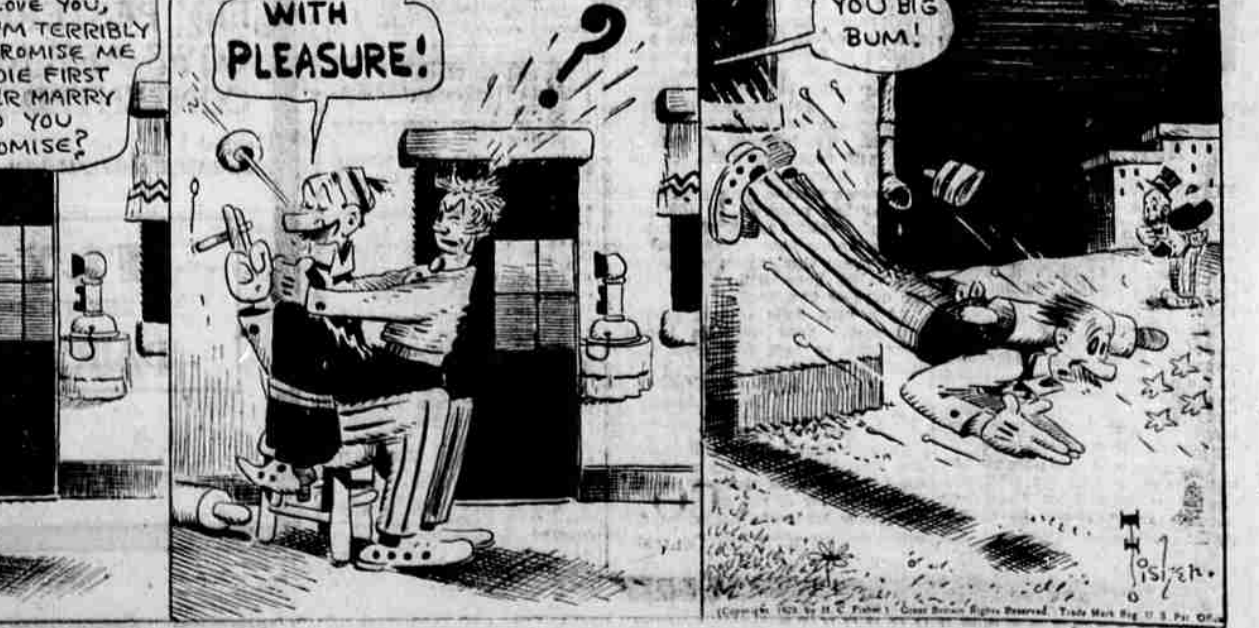
WASHINGTON, May 22.—(AP)—Secretary Good today authorized the attachment of Captain Helm Spedel, of the German army, to a bombardment group at Langley Field, Va., for a period of one month.

Captain Spedel recently arrived in the United States with Captain Wilmont, also of the German army, for instruction in army service schools. They are the first German officers to be attached to the American army since the World war.

MUTT AND JEFF—A Gentle Answer Turneth On the Wrath



By BUD FISHER



REVOLVING FUND FOR DRAINAGE PROPOSED

WASHINGTON, May 22.—(AP)—A revolving fund of \$140,000,000 to aid farmers on wet lands by loaning funds to drainage districts which have issued securities to defray costs of the projects was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Cutting, Republican, New Mexico.