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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Speaking from the densest ignorance, as the tariff is generally discussed, the Portland rate expert now more or less in the news, was all of that.

EVERYTHING EXPLAINED

(Time Man)
At the base of Pike's Peak, last week, Bill Williams of Rio Hondo, Texas, started to nose-push a peanut.

Some have the hay fever, and some have the rose fever, and a sneeze by any other name would sound as loud.

The 427 new laws passed by the last session of the legislature go into effect next Wednesday.

The Oregonian Friday printed an editorial entitled, "Jim Dinkins of Beagle."

A pitcher is a man who thinks seven of the hits fell safe because his team mates dislike travel.

Now you can't tell. The man suddenly rich may not be a bootlegger. He may be financed by the power people.

A day in the country gives three days of exercise—one to fish or ramble, and two to scratch.

A hick town is a place where there isn't any fire department when the police force has gone home for his dinner.

A governor who calls out state troops that aren't needed never in his boyhood tried rocking a hornet's nest.

Condensed report of the committee investigating the cotton mill industry: Resolved, that women should wear more clothes.

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THE CRUX OF THE S. P. SITUATION

PRESIDENT BUDD'S statement in Portland yesterday, regarding tourist rates to California via the Northwest, emphasizes the advantage that this section of the coast would enjoy if the Hill lines should be allowed to meet the Southern Pacific with transcontinental competition.

President Budd points out that, though the Northwest route to California is 400-mile shorter than the S. P. route via New Orleans, the fare is from \$18 to \$24 higher.

Conversely, the Great Northern would be eager to secure this reduction, because, put on a parity with the Southern Pacific, it would be in a position not only to get the long haul, but secure a goodly portion of the Eastern tourist travel to California from the S. P.

IN this phase of the question, as in all others, we don't blame the Southern Pacific for a minute in doing everything it can to keep the Hill lines out of the California territory.

And we fail to see how any fair-minded person can deny that this extension of the Hill lines would benefit every section of this state.

DISARMAMENT MUST MEAN—DISARMAMENT

THE argument of Brother Brisbane against disarmament is the old familiar one—used by the 100 per cent militarist since the world began.

Reduce armaments? Sure. But let the other fellow do it first. And in the meantime build the strongest navy and the most powerful air fleet our tremendous resources permit.

Then and then only let us talk about a warless world and universal peace.

It is astonishing that any sane person could put forth such an argument. If it is right for one country it is right for another, and as long as it is advanced by any world power, all the others must in self-defense follow suit.

No. The only way to stop this insane race in armaments is a mutual agreement to reduce them. And the first step toward reaching such an agreement is for some nation to assume the leadership and take the first step.

That is what President Hoover has done. To commend his action on one hand, and urge larger navies, armies and air fleets on the other, is to add to the folly of militarism, the vice of hypocrisy.

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TREMORS TERRORIZE THEOSOPHIST LEADER CHARLOTTE ISLANDS INJURED IN GERMANY

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., June 1.—(AP)—Stories of terror caused to residents of the Queen Charlotte Islands during a series of earthquakes this week have been brought here by the steamer Prince John.

Three quakes on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, rocked Marchy Graham and the smaller islands of the group, at Lockport, a peak of a high mountain was reported to have toppled over, and near Nanaimo, 500 feet of sandy beach slid into the sea.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Original 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.

EYE WASH AND APPLESAUCE.

A reader sends in a beautiful booklet about the eyes and their care and asks whether the preparation recommended in the booklet is safe to use if it is just another humbug.

The nostrum, as the booklet announces, is prepared under the direction of "a prominent eye specialist."

But this booklet goes the normal booklet one better and names the prominent eye specialist and his home town. So I looked up the prominent eye specialist and sure enough, there is his name listed among the doctors in the town mentioned in the booklet.

There are a number of eye specialists listed in the town, some of them prominent ones. But this one seems to have escaped recognition as an eye specialist; he is just an obscure medical practitioner, rather less prominent than any of a hundred thousand doctors practicing in the United States.

However, why be niggarly with complimentary references? Perhaps the poor old doctor is prominent in the eyes of the nostrum firm that markets the stuff.

The booklet assures the world that this nostrum contains no cocaine, morphine, alcohol, belladonna or other dangerous or habit-forming things.

Have you ever noticed, but shucks, of course you haven't if you take the nostrum business seriously—that if a thing is absolutely worthless or downright dangerous the circular invariably assures you that it contains no this and that dreadful poison?

Even so harmless a thing as borax, or boric acid, as an eye wash, is not beneficial to the eyes in any way. A solution of 12 grains of boric acid or of borax in an ounce of boiled water, with or without a drop of golden seal fluid extract added, is a mildly antiseptic lotion useful enough for temporary emergency use.

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and die. The nits are chilled sterile. I have found that men in camp may be kept free from lice if they will change their clothing and soak garments overnight in cold water, three times a week.

Answer—Thank you. The eggs (nits) hatch in about a week, on the skin or in garments worn, and the incubation period is longer in garments laid aside where the temperature is lower.

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MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Borrowing animal
2. Fresh-water fish
3. At no time
4. Vegetable
5. Troubled
6. Small things
7. Luggage
8. Commonly used
9. Keenly desirous
10. Conflagration
11. Humped up
12. Revolution
13. Literary odds and ends
14. Glorified
15. Refine
16. Charitic
17. Masculine pronoun
18. Merit
19. Hebrew medicine
20. Teutonic war god
21. Measure
22. Real estate
23. Footlike part
24. Completely
25. Lower
26. Hamlet
27. The female sandpiper
28. Hurl
29. Pertaining to the poles
30. Salt of nitric acid
31. Alcoholic drink
32. Baked clay
33. At a distance
34. Medical word
35. Approximation
36. Friend of Pythias
37. Male sheep
38. Primary color
39. Creating disturbance
40. Soft mineral
41. Pledge
42. Fessed
43. Hebrew prophet
44. Agreement
45. Nothing but
46. Pilot
47. Call of a courtier
48. Diminish
49. Cheerful
50. Large plant
51. Cad
52. First woman
53. Prevalent epidemic
54. Elderly abbr.

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1-54 indicating starting positions for words.

state line in any direction and he will likely have a better idea of the value of good roads at home.

Keep up the good work. Let's have all the good roads we can afford, and the whole state will prosper accordingly.

(Name on file at this office) Medford, May 31.

Quill Points

The best highway is the shortest distance between two points.

If all peddlers were placed end to end, they would reach your home just when Friend Wife is busiest.

Prize beauty: The prettiest of those who weren't above entering a contest of that kind.

If the flood came in the spring, the angle worms on the ark must have trembled when Noah looked their way.

Modern office furniture offers every convenience except a cushioned place on the desk for the feet.

The chief objection to capital punishment is that it doesn't apply to those who have capital.

One objection to peace and freedom from disasters is that we get behind with our geography.

Blessed are the poor. Their children inherit the earth because the rich don't have any children.

Americanism: Beginning to fight for a principle, forgetting the principles in a wild frenzy to kick the other crowd.

Parents never get old enough to become a nuisance if they haven't divided the property.

When daughter marries a poor boy, what an outrage it seems to a millionaire dad who was digging ditches at \$1.25 a day when he was twenty.

Do You Remember?

10 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) June 1, 1919.

Rhineland Republic in Germany proclaimed, with Coblenz as capital.

Terms of peace presented to Austria at St. Germain, France.

Villa captures Chihuahua, Mexico.

United States supreme court sustains contempt proceedings against Senator-elect Newberry of Michigan.

Mrs. Ben Sheldon will act as hostess of the Comrades club of the Drama league at the Presbyterian church tonight.

Capt. R. W. Stearns returns from medical service in the army, to resume practice. He was about to sail from New York when the armistice was signed.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of Mail Tribune) June 1, 1909.

J. A. Westerlund plants largest orchard in county, three miles west of Medford, 1940 acres to pears, apples, peaches and cherries.

Lorenzo N. Colby killed by S. P. train while driving team over crossing.

Vernon Vawter and Guy Leonard to graduate from Medford High school. Vawter to give address on "The Panama Canal."

R. H. Parsons elected president of Southern Oregon Horticultural society.

State infantry sent to quell strike at McCloud, Cal.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.) may resist attack." To be strong does not invite disease of war.

Britain has a problem more serious than the election, unemployment and German reparations combined. Two million British girls, excess of females over males, are told bluntly: "You cannot hope to be married." Not enough men to go around.

The girls ask: "Then what are we to do?" A difficult question. Some might see in it the hand of Providence. Many want out of work, 2,000,000 unable to increase the idle population. But a woman unmarried and childless cannot be happy, although she may mean the best of it. One baby means more to a good woman than ten careers. Sometimes she does not know it until she gets the baby.

After great wars in old Europe, polygamy was established not officially, but by passive acquiescence, as some parts of this country have established bootlegging. Religious forces did not approve or renounce irregular arrangements, simply ignored them. Gradually the balance of power was re-established. That may come again. There is only one life for a woman.

A hundred and forty thousand people watching the automobile race at Indianapolis saw a driver killed soon after the race started. Only 25 years old, Bill Spence of Los Angeles is said to have been as reckless a driver as was Captain Hickenbacker himself in old days when he drove racing cars, before he raced with German fighters in the air.

Spence's car turned over on "death run." It cannot be said that his life was wasted, or that the 500-mile race is unexciting. It developed better engines, wheels, metallic combinations. Some are killed, millions, later, live more safely.

Ed Gelek, farm foreman at Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical college, Goodwell, Okla., is mayor of Goodwell.

SAMS VALLEY MAN ILL AT KLAMATH

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., June 1.—(Special)—Word was received Tuesday by Mrs. Alfred Wilkowski advising her of the serious illness of her husband, at Klamath Falls, with a malady supposed to be spotted fever. Mr. Wilkowski has been shearing sheep in northern California. Mrs. Wilkowski left immediately to be with her husband.

The weather man has played quite a prank on our farmers by delaying showers until the first cutting of alfalfa was down.

MUTT AND JEFF—True Love Asserts Itself



By BUD FISHER



Little Chester Woodpecker playfully stole a fishworm from tiny Janies Robin that her papa had given her. Mesdames Robin and Woodpecker will not sit at the same bridge table again soon.

What became of all the KIGY signs that used to dangle from the rear axles of autos, in the days when Portland drummers brought reports of spiritual Portland police men joining the Klan?

YES—THEY WILL (Whitman College Rules)
Flinging, strolling together about the streets or in the country, either in the daytime or after nightfall, are forbidden because they are contrary to the usage of good society.

"I can't go to jail. I got a baby." Such was the plea of a woman in police court Saturday afternoon when judge W. E. Shaw gave her a sentence of 30 days and a fine of \$200 for possession of liquor. And the judge being sympathetic, asked: "How old is your baby?" He's 16, as the reply. She was given a year's stay of execution.—(Columbia Messenger)—Wiercin, stern justice personage.

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