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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Some of the pressure tests are being conducted in front yards of autos, as well as in the orchards.

The flyer said he would stop at Los Angeles and then go on to his home in Portland in easy stages. (Press Dispatch.) "Easy stages" is right.

Our sister city of Grants Pass has inherited itself into a great rage over the proposed building of the Williams Creek cut-off road, and is hurling whistles, like mad woman. It is herein repeated, that the completion of the Roosevelt highway along the coast Pacific, into next year, will reduce their wrath, and the number of hamburger stands, to a point where they can come to Medford and calmly discuss saving the fish at the mouth of Rogue river. Southern Oregon is in arrears in its fighting over the fish. The river, the fish, and the poachers have paid not the slightest attention to the fishing resolution adopted at a joint meeting last spring, and if something is not done pretty soon, the resolution will cease burning. The innocent bystanders, and the guilty bystanders, also, rejoice that at last an issue has arisen without a fishing pole as the motif.

It could not have clouded up and cooled off any faster. If today was the opening day of the county fair.

The esteemed Portland Oregonian, and the just as esteemed Klamath Falls Herald, commenced upon the spell of horse racing underway in the metropolis under the auspices of the American Legion. The Oregonian wonders if it is legal, and slyly hints a vote should be taken on the subject. The Klamath Journal opines that horse racing is a good thing for the metropolis, is suspected that the editor, in a rash moment, was lured into attending a ball game in which the alleged Portland team would endeavor to function. The district attorney at Portland doesn't know what to think, as the Legion has votes, and so have the foes of horse racing. There is nothing for that official to do but issue a statement that righteousness will prevail, and pray he will hurt nobody's feelings. If there is anything less to look at than a bunch of nags maddened by the use of excitants in their oats, this correspondent does not know what it is. And they call it the "sport of kings." A muffled knock for the kings.

A-H! PROHIBITION!
(Eugene Register)
Twenty years ago, for example, it was said that corn will not grow in Oregon. This year Oregon has 36,000 acres of corn, whose estimated total production will be 2,162,000 bushels.

The first journalistic raptures over the Oregon climate, as a result of an earthquake in New York, are on the wing.

Deck Salade of Central Point, Philadelphia and the bright spots of California in the sudden winter time, pointed with pride yesterday to an abortion in the knee of his leuciscream pants. This is brazen baldy, with hundreds of poor but honest males faced with the problem of making the seat of their pants hold out until it is chilly enough to wear an overcoat.

A BARK IN THE DARK
(Grants Pass Courier)
This is for the dog-faced man that called me on the phone yesterday afternoon and used such ungentlemanly language. You are nothing but a yellow dog, hid in a telephone booth. So come out in the light, you dirty pup. L. W. Richardson. Ad. 64

The Nipponese would buy more autos, if the steering wheel looked more like a mop handle.

A number of local Romeos and Julietts are mad at each other now, and one Romeo avers that he will sign no peace pact until after Christmas. There must be a \$7 show coming to town.

Two Sensitive.
NEW YORK—(A) Other uses must be sought for the newest stethoscopes, so sensitive that "it makes audible the sound of a fruit fly larva inside a grapefruit." It cannot aid in combating the fly scourge since they do not eat all the time and a fruit under test might be "quiet" and yet pesty.

TOM KAY HAS EARNED A REST

TOM KAY is one of Oregon's most useful citizens. Successful in his own business, he has as State Treasurer, Legislator and public spirited citizen, worked untiringly for the betterment and development of his community and his state.

He has been a loyal friend to Medford and Jackson County, as he has to other districts of the commonwealth. No matter where some constructive movement was initiated, if Tom Kay believed in it, he could always be counted upon to give all he had toward its successful fulfillment.

It was this disposition in the upbuilding of his state, to spare everyone and everything but himself, that undoubtedly led to his recent physical breakdown. Taken seriously ill in Europe, he hastened home but now, we are glad to say, is reported as out of the woods and steadily improving.

WITH improved health and returning strength, we know how hard it will be to keep Tom Kay from getting into the harness again, and reassuming the manifold responsibilities he has been forced temporarily to relinquish.

But a long and complete rest is what he needs, and such a rest no public official in this state has more certainly earned.

After all, health is the most important thing in life. It is not only the most important thing today to Mr. Kay and his friends, but to the state at large.

This little screed is written for the sole purpose of convincing our State Treasurer that taking care of himself is now not only his private and personal, but his public duty.

NOW LET'S HEAR FROM THE OTHER SIDE

WE hope every citizen interested in Medford's water problem will read the fair-minded and convincing statement printed today in another column, as the official report of the city water commission.

We all know Mr. Gaddis, the chairman of the commission, as we do his associate members, A. L. Hill, Ole Arnsperger and Dr. F. G. Thayer. They are all men of character, capability and integrity.

In this statement the official policy of the commission is clearly stated and, more important, the facts which justify this policy are printed in every detail.

This statement, in our opinion, brings the entire matter to a definite and clear-cut showdown. If these facts are not correct, then now is the time for those opposed to the commission's water policy to publicly state wherein they are incorrect.

If these facts ARE correct, then the time has come for those who oppose the commission's policy to explain upon what basis they oppose it.

No progress toward a proper solution of this problem can be made until all the cards are laid on the table. The water commission, it seems to us, has done this. Now let those on the other side follow their example.

OHIO RETURNS TO DECENCY

IT is somewhat consoling to note that an Ohio jury has terminated the Snook murder trial with a conviction in record time.

After that scandalous miscarriage of justice in the Remus case our faith in the jury system of the Presidential State was badly shaken.

We half expected a repetition in this trial. For the defense adopted the same tactics, trying in devious ways to convince the jury that this girl, like the slain Mrs. Remus, only "got what she deserved."

But apparently former college professors do not enjoy as great a personal popularity in Ohio as former bootleggers.

If you wonder whether you have a right to do it, think what the result would be if everyone did it.

You can recognize home during the school vacation. It is where the children ain't.

The slavery question would be with us yet too, if statesmen in the '60s had been afraid to talk out loud about it.

The best known cure for insomnia is to place one foot in front of the other and repeat behind a plow from 5 a. m. until sundown.

The little bird that ferments fruit in tiny caves and then gets drunk on it is doubtless the one that tells things to Joan Lowell and Trader Horn.

Now if blight and drought will kill the wheat in Russia and South America, the Farm Board will get credit for another 50-cent rise.

The installment plan is to be popularized in England. Of course the deferred payment plan has been used there, but only for the purchase of things people needed.

MUTT AND JEFF—Here's a Record: The World's Only Gold Star Slacker



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, giving to the large number of letters received only a few exact answers. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

LESS CHATTER AND MORE SIGN LANGUAGE WOULD IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

The possibility that I shall go to the senate is now considered very remote. Unfortunately I have voted Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Scattering, or What Have You so consistently that I made a sorry showing indeed when the house, to whom I went last in hand to seek the nomination for corner, asked me for my record.

From what the books told me on that occasion, it is safe to say that the senate is going to fiddle faddle along with the medical representation it already has. So I fear the cold situation will continue unsettled for the next generation so long as no manly introduction of a bill, planned to introduce a bill, making it a felony or worse, perhaps treason or conspiracy, in restraint of trade even, for any person with an obvious or alleged "cold" or, better, "cure," to emit vocal sound in the presence of another person without a mask on, for the duration of the indisposition or illness. In other words, I intended to stop a lot of chatter, to spatter and compel the million or two of our national nuisances to learn the sign language or put on a proper mask if they wished to keep at work or at play when they have the cold.

A short chat or a casual word of conversation with a person who purports to have a "cold" is as dangerous as it would be if that person were to spit in your face or sneeze all over you. Owing to the undue stress some public health authorities have placed upon the danger in the spray from uncovered coughs and sneezes, a great many people imagine that so long as no unmanly wretch wets them down with an unmuzzled cough or sneeze they are safe enough. They seem to think that Weber and Fields were unique in their capacious conversational spray. Not so. Any conversation carried on in an ordinary quiet tone is accompanied with a fine spray of mouth moisture or secretion that has a range of two or three or in loud speaking four feet. Most of the droplets of spray are too fine to be seen or felt, but they are there nevertheless and these minute droplets may carry the germs of any respiratory disease or an infectious character. If the person speaking happens to be coming down with such disease, the droplets, coughs, sneezes, aches, twinges, in many instances may be arranged so that one may keep outside of the five foot conversational spray range most of the time.

In the home it is usually feasible to maintain a kind of five foot decree for the member of the household who has the cold.

This is no mere theory. Dr. Gorgas stamped out pneumonia among the laborers on the Panama canal, and later among the laborers in the South African Rand, by simply spreading them out so that their bunks and living quarters were not crowded together. They occupied pneumonia when they spent less time within each other's conversational spray range.

Where there's no conversation there's no spray to worry about. I believe a person in the acute stage of diphtheria, simple croup or the flu would be a menace to no one near him if he uttered no vocal sound and perpetuated no uncovered cough or sneeze, even if he wore no mask.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Heels Versus Comfort

I asked my aunt in the restaurant, and we call a day about 15 hours, have found much comfort from footless shoes or shoes having heels not over half an inch high, with straight inside lines and widely rounded toes, as you advise. But Mrs. Gable says I will have flat feet if I continue wearing such wide flat heels or no heels. . . . (H. J. D.)

Answer: Nevertheless I assure you, daughter, that the less you do the better for the feet and your health, and one of the common causes of flat feet and other abnormalities is the wearing of high narrow heels.

Antitoxin a Second Time

Two years ago our daughter, now aged 5, had diphtheria. She received first dose of 2000 units of antitoxin, and 12 hours later another dose of 20,000 units. She made a fine recovery. At that time the doctor warned against subsequent administration of any serum. Now we are torn between two fears—the fear of her getting diphtheria again if we don't give her toxin antitoxin now, and the fear of bad results from an infection of serum. We feel sure there must be many similar cases. What is the best course? (Mrs. M. A.)

Answer:—Probably the child is immune to diphtheria. However, if she gave my daughter I should want her to have the Schick test now, and if it indicates she is susceptible, the toxin antitoxin immunization treatment. You need not fear any bad reaction to the serum—the doctor can make sure about that by injecting a wee drop first and waiting an hour before giving the full dose. Meanwhile if the patient is sensitized to horse serum it will become obvious without any serious harm. As a rule the fear of the subsequent dose of serum proves groundless—the patient has no unpleasant reaction.

Heart Cough
Have developed a mean cough in the last few months. Doctor says it is a heart cough, due to some leakage from the heart. If I stopped drinking wine would it affect me? I have drunk wine all my life, about a quart a day. Should I stop all at once or gradually? (H. J.)

Answer:—If you intend to stop, I should say so easy with the tapering off. Make it a pint a day for a week or two. Then half a pint for a week. Then a wineglassful after dinner. Then after a week switch to fresh grape juice or any fresh juice you prefer.

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Quill Points

Just tell us, Mr. Wickersham, whether that was an indiscretion or a feeler.

Still, the energy expended to make planes stay up doesn't compare with that devoted to blunders.

What we need is a straw hat that won't taxi when it finishes a flight.

The only way to make everybody watch you is to become famous or a middle-aged widower.

Remorse is the feeling that slowly wears off next morning as you begin to think you may live, after all.

Politician: A broad yellow streak keeping quiet to see which way the cat will jump.

As a last desperate effort to get cool, you might ask some banker for a loan on your plain note.

Americanism: Feeling rich because we have doubled the price for doing one another's washing.

And some men think they are tolerant when they merely have a fellow feeling for a ghastly ass.

A "good fellow" is one who spends \$200 at a night club while his wife is making over an old frock.

Isn't science wonderful! After centuries of study it has learned that Nature intended us to expose our hides to the sun as savages and cattle do.

Historians of the future will wonder why Americans in this prosperous era did without clothes and food.

How times change! The old-timers fought for their convictions, and now men fight as hard for acquiescence.

Correct this sentence: "Mother and the girls have sent 38 post-cards from the resort," said the old man, "and not one concluded with the words: 'Wish you were here!'"

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Precipitation	ETTA	2. Solitary	31. Official ridges
2. Actors	WARS	32. Signify	32. Hummingbirds
3. Medieval	EMIT	33. Mast	33. Decay
4. plant	GAP	34. "Send the dervishes"	34. Wooling
5. Moist comb.	MOOR	35. And so forth	35. Short and to the point
6. Butter substit.	WARS	36. Greek word	36. Irish social unit
7. Shortly	EMIT	37. Excellent	37. Feral
8. English race	EMIT	38. Marks of blows	38. Canvas shelter
9. Approach	WARS	39. Steam	39. Jewel
10. In the house	EMIT	40. Down	40. Arrived
11. Majestic	WARS	41. Fundamental	41. Surface
12. Girdles	EMIT	42. Traces	42. Small mound
13. First woman	WARS	43. Maker of	43. Carried away
14. Spikes of corn	EMIT	44. That which is contained	44. Party
15. Passage	WARS	45. To the sheltered side	45. Locked
16. South American wood	EMIT	46. Close tightly	46. More moist
17. Cottage	WARS	47. Former English political party	47. Hike
18. Uphill meander	EMIT	48. Official ridges	48. Drill finish
19. Partner	WARS	49. Hummingbirds	49. Smooth and glossy
20. Raining	EMIT	50. Decay	50. Dross of a metal
21. Kova	WARS	51. Wooling	51. Least mus.
22. Team of horses	EMIT	52. Short and to the point	52. To the inside of
23. Mohammedan name	WARS	53. Irish social unit	53. Breadfall
24. Black's home	EMIT	54. Feral	54. Kind
25. High explosive	WARS	55. Canvas shelter	55. God of war
26. Sprinkling ceiling.	EMIT	56. Jewel	56. Negative prefix
27. Watched closely	WARS	57. Arrived	
28. Single thing	EMIT	58. Surface	
29. Allays	WARS	59. Small mound	
30. Grained	EMIT	60. Carried away	
31. Cereal	WARS	61. Party	
		62. Locked	
		63. More moist	
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