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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Many Medfordonians skinned out for the hills yesterday, for what is cheerily called "a week-end rest."

A good full-grown "week-end rest" to amount to anything at all should be composed of a 100 mile auto drive, most of the way over what is said to be a road. The trip should be started at some unreasonable hour like 3 a. m. so as to miss the traffic. The traffic has the same bright idea, as was not missed. By the time the ultimate destination is reached, all hands need the rest they seek—so try and get it. There is no rest for the wicked, who are too steeped in sin to journey far for week-end rests.

The week-end rests are filled with flies, mosquitoes, and the unexpected owner of a new Ford, who made the same trip as the resters, in half the time, including a stop of 45 mins. at Jim Grieve's for breakfast. You start home with the Ford in the caravan, but its proprietor, if smart, will announce that he will be in no hurry. The wonder runs of the 1929 crop of Fords are made with no eye-witnesses but the bald-headed peaks and the primeval forests. They seem to be something more than an automobile, but not quite an airplane, with the power of an iron horse, and the twisting ability of a veteran wrestler.

These remarks on "week-end rests" are rather exhausting, but so are the week-end rests.

BEVERLY BREAKS LOOSE
(Philadelphia Ledger)

We hope both President Hoover and Mr. Coolidge had a good time on the occasion of the latter's visit to the White House, and we don't see how they could help doing so. They are both so full of fun. The White House welkin surely rang with shouts and laughter during the period of Mr. Coolidge's visit.

AT PRESENT PEAR PRICES

It isn't that America is dull, dear,
You've actually got to live some place, of course;
But every now and then there comes a lull, dear,
Like that between one's marriage and divorce.

I always travel when I get the fidgets;
You can't domesticate an active brain.
I'd simply have an intellect like Bridget's
Unless I'd been exposed to France and Spain.

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One finds it pleasant taking a siesta
Somewhere in Salamanca or Seville.
In Italy officials are podesta
I knew one once. I always called him Bill.

A fascinating little place is Java,
And Sicily's idyllic for its goats.
Vulcanoes with some vestige of lava
Are stimulating from the decks of boats.

It doesn't matter much the place or country,
That foreign feeling is the thing one needs.
An attitude of insolent effrontery
Behind a comfortable suit of tweeds.

It isn't that America is dull, dear,
But somehow I prefer a steamer chair.
I'm just a little restless, like the gull, dear,
When April isn't here, and England's there.

(Atlantic Monthly)

Snappiest insult of the month: Two old Fords came together on the Third street boulevard Thursday afternoon wrecking both cars. No damage was done.—(Corvallis Gazette-Times.)

ROYAL YACHT HITS JAPANESE STEAMER

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Danish royal yacht Dannebrog, with King Christian and Queen Louisa aboard, was in collision with the Japanese steamer Matsumoto Maru today.

The yacht was damaged slightly on the bowsprit, which was easily repaired. Their majesties remained on board and will sail tonight on a cruise.

WHAT'S THE USE!

GRANTS PASS appears terribly wrought up over the Oregon Caves "cut-off" proposal. Resolutions against it are being passed every few hours by some civic organization of our neighboring city with frequent allusions to Medford which are not altogether complimentary.

We don't wish to deprive Grants Pass of any pleasure it may find in this belligerent literary activity. But if it wishes to draw Medford into a rough-and-tumble scrap over this matter, it is going to be disappointed, as far as this paper is concerned.

No further ringing resolutions are needed to convince this paper that Grants Pass is opposed to this proposition. And we are equally certain the people of Medford are for it. Then why engage in any further verbal pyrotechnics? We concede Grants Pass is entitled to her opinion. Won't Grants Pass concede we are equally entitled to ours?

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MOREOVER, this proposed "cut-off" is not going to be abandoned because Grants Pass opposes it, any more than it is going to be constructed because Medford wants it.

Other factors than community self interest, or neighborhood hostility, will finally determine this matter.

If, as time goes on, it appears that this improvement is really needed, not to injure Grants Pass or to benefit Medford, but to stimulate development and increase tourist travel throughout Southern Oregon, then it is GOING TO BE MADE.

And if impartial examination reveals such an extension is not REALLY needed, it will not be made.

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THERE is scarcely an important highway improvement in this state that has not been achieved over the opposition of some selfish and usually short-sighted opposition.

But in the end, the theory of the greatest good for the greatest number has prevailed, and in this way the highway system has steadily grown and the state has steadily developed.

So why try to stage a hair-pulling contest over it, G. P.—particularly when hair-pulling can't possibly affect the final decision one way or the other?

RIP VAN WINKLE UP-TO-DATE

TWO classics of bygone times, "Rip Van Winkle" and "Around the World in 80 Days," should be brought up to date.

Old Rip, it will be remembered, went to sleep for 20 years, and when he awoke, failed to recognize his old home town. Jules Verne, master of fanciful fiction, drew upon his imagination to paint the future, when man could circumnavigate the globe in the incredible time of 80 days!

Imagine what would happen to a modern Rip Van Winkle who went to sleep 20 years ago, and awoke this morning; or imagine a modern Jules Verne looking into the future of around the world transportation, with the Graf landing in Tokyo, less than 50 hours after leaving Berlin.

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RIP VAN WINKLE up to date, would offer the greater opportunities. For in no period of human history has the world we live in changed so miraculously, as in the past two decades.

What would the modern Rip think of the radio, with the people of his old home town, sitting down after dinner to listen to a symphony orchestra three or four thousand miles away? How would he regard the spectacle of his home town banker, talking to a customer in London, over the telephone? How would an automobile jam on Broadway affect him, or a shooting party in the Chicago loop, or a talkie showing Lolyd George and his daughter discussing the new labor government?

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OLD RIP didn't greatly enjoy his experience, but a new Rip, assuming he could survive the first shock, would not only enjoy it, but would try to get hold of John D. Rockefeller's recipe for longevity.

Were Jules Verne alive today, Around the World in 80 Hours would not appeal to him as sufficiently speculative. "Around the World with the Sun" might intrigue him, but, with aviation progress what it is, he would probably select a "Week-end flight to Mars" as more to his liking.

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YES, as has frequently been remarked, the miracle of yesterday is the reality of today. With the past and present before us, the possibilities of the future literally surpass the powers of human imagination.

Which, when one comes to think about it, is probably an argument against trying to bring either Rip Van Winkle or Around the World in 80 Days up to date.

For when truth is actually stranger than fiction, why not leave the writing of modern fairy tales to those historians of the day—the newspapers?

Correct this sentence: "Here's a ten," he said to the beggar, "buy what you want—not what I think you should have."

Dieting: Eating things you abominate.

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.

SWIMMER'S SINUSITIS

Nearly all swimming pools are now constantly chlorinated, or subjected to ultraviolet ray treatment or filtration and frequent change of water in the endeavor to minimize the spread of infections among those who swim in the pool. In some establishments there is a rule that persons who wish to use the pool must be free from infection and must take a bath before entering the pool. The first part of the rule is seldom enforced, since upper respiratory infections are not obvious to the attendants, as a rule; the second part of the rule is of doubtful efficacy anyway.

A member of the Olympic swimming team says that every member of the team had discharging ear when returning from Paris. This was probably the consequence of nose-throat infection in the pool. Middle ear infection, "gathering" or abscess in the ear inside the ear drum, or running ear, is usually a consequence of nose-throat infection, which reaches the middle ear cavity thru the Eustachian tube from the naso-pharynx (nose-throat) or the place where the nasal passage and the throat passage joins.

The severity of these swimming pool infections seems to vary with the prevailing epidemics of cri in the community. If your swimming partner purports to have a cold, my darling daughter, it is really safer to hang your clothes on a hairpin and keep out of the water.

A Nashville eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, Dr. Frederick E. Hasty, finds that the water in the swimming pool during the swimming period represents the washings of nose and mouth of all the swimmers. Dr. Hasty proved this by throwing sterile powdered charcoal into a pool before a class of boys took their usual swim. Many of the boys blew water from their mouths but none expectorated as they interpreted the term—they used a drain gutter if they wished to expectorate. Following the swimming period an examination of the nasal chambers was made, and particles of charcoal were found in every part of the lining mucous membrane, with deposits of charcoal around the delicate middle turbinate body, in every boy. The mucous membrane appeared shrunken, pale, and showed little evidence of the normal covering of mucus.

That last feature strikes me as the nub of the matter. If the normal mucus secretion in the vulnerable part of the nose-throat chamber is washed away any pathogenic or harmful germs that may enter in the water would have a fair chance to gain a foothold; if the normal mucus secretion were there these germs would be entangled in it almost like flies in the coating of fly paper, and either destroyed by the natural germicidal powers of normal mucus of discharged from nose and throat or swallowed in the secretion.

Dr. Hasty observes that the shrinkage and bleaching of the mucous membrane enlarges the natural openings into the accessory sinuses so that some of the polluted water may get into the sinuses. That, too, seems quite probable.

The prevention of swimming pool sinus infections, or similar infections at beach, river or lake bathing resorts, for that matter, narrows itself down to one of these alternatives, in my judgment:

1. Keep out of the water; or
2. Keep the water out of your nose.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Listless Life

I believe you are right about going hatless. Years ago I lived in a town where, every morning, an old man passed on his way to market. He was always hatless, and he had a heavy mop of hair, if not a gray hair in his head. He was around 75 years of age. (Mrs. W. P. E.)

Answer.—Fine, but on the other hand I sometimes suspect the older boys who happen to have nice hair take to this listless fashion more readily than some of us younger boys who haven't anything to flaunt. Seriously, tho, I believe we should all have better hair and keep it longer if head coverings were never worn except when really necessary for protection against excessive sunlight or extreme cold.

Shredded Wheat

Is shredded wheat good for diabetic persons, and why? (A. D. W.)

Answer.—No. A diabetic person should take only as much shredded wheat as his physician may prescribe, according to the patient's tolerance. In telling you the item is not good for a diabetic person I do not imply that it is bad for him. It is no worse than any other carbohydrate food for a diabetic person.

Canned Nutriment

Kindly inform me whether there is any nutrient value in canned foods. T. E.)

Answer.—Most canned foods contain all the nutrient value of the fresh article. The canning and preservation of a food usually lessens the vitamin content of the food, but that need not interfere with the use of canned foods in the domestic economy, for natural taste or craving for fresh fruits, green relishes, etc., will generally supply adequate vitamins. It is only in infancy that the vitamin deficiency of canned food is important, and that is readily corrected by feeding the infant daily some fresh fruit juice or vegetable juice, or fruit or vegetable pulp for older infants.

Pneumonia Srum

Is there a serum for pneumonia? Can it be used at any stage of the illness? Does it affect the heart? (E. M. O.)

Answer.—Yes, there is a serum, but it is effective only against pneumonia of Type I. The type is determined by culture. The serum can be given at any stage of the illness. It is absolutely safe, whether it proves helpful or not.

Quill Points

Still, home folks would charge you as much as resort people do if they had to get their share in two months.

Wonderful machine age! Machine owners paying more taxes to provide a dole for men thrown out of work by the machines.

As a last desperate effort to foil the rum runners, Detroit and Chicago might be ceded to Canada.

Old Dobbin had one good point. Nobody brought out a new model about the time you got him paid for.

If an amendment is sacred, Mr. Hoover, why are there no armed agents to enforce the 14th and 15th.

A vegetable diet makes creatures healthy—and some must eat vegetables to become soft prey for the meat eaters.

Cruisers are built solely as a protection. Ceasar, you remember, needed troops to protect his new properties in Gaul.

Americanism: Spending millions to educate squirts who never know what it's about; making no provision to train genius that is destitute.

English spinners are not the first thrown out of work. Look what rayon did to the silk worms of Japan.

The French shouldn't grouch about paying. Think of the poor tourist who pays without even knowing what the bill calls for.

What a world! If the town is small enough to show silent pictures still, it is too small to have a cool theatre.

Funny man! He never gets too bald and fat to feel cheated because his wife is no longer attractive.

There's good in everything; and when billboards at last join end to end, the tourists can't steal so many roastin' ears.

Values seldom change. The only recorded event in the reign of an Egyptian king 4300 years B. C., is the invention of a hair grower by his mother.

Chicago has an average of two bombings a week, and it would be so much easier on the nerves to set aside an annual bombing day for all of it.

Correct this sentence: "I never mail a check to a distant creditor," said he, "unless I have the money in the bank to meet it."

Communications

Protests Shutting Off Water

To the Editor:

I have lived in Medford only a short time, but during that time, it has seemed that whenever there is nothing else to do the city blocks the road at the east end of Main street, to tear up the road and fix some water pipes. It would seem to me that this work might be done at one time, instead of going thru the performance every month or so. The road is blocked and torn up now, has been for a week or more, and everyone going to East Medford has to detour thru the dust. On Friday and Saturday the water at our house was shut off without warning and we had a luncheon planned, but had to take our guests to town because we had no water. Probably it was necessary to shut off the water, but I never heard before of any city shutting off the water and not notifying those shut off so they could protect themselves by at least drawing enough water to drink and cook by. I have talked with several of my neighbors and they all feel as I do. Whoever heard of a city shutting off water and not notifying its citizens. Perhaps you can find out why this was done. We can't.

A. L. JOHNSTOWN.

Medford, August 18.

Ed Note: The city water department declares all water users were informed by telephone the water would be shut off, but that more time was required to do the work than expected, so some inconvenience to water users resulted which the department regrets.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.)

tain's fable of the woodman that war made the snake in his bosom.

The Chicago version of that fable tells you "what that snake did to the woodman is NOBODY'S business."

It is an interesting ride on the "C. B. & Q." from Denver at the foot of the Rocky Mountains here to Chicago, at the foot of Lake Michigan. You go through Nebraska, where Bryan had his day. He told the world that it should no longer tolerate a gold crown of thorns, pressing down upon the human brow. He wanted to substitute a crown of silver.

He is gone, the golden crown of thorns is still there. Ask the man who pays from 10 to 15 per cent for call money.

To the right, in Topeka, Kansas, Arthur Capper, through his newspapers, works for the farmers as ceaselessly as the trade winds blow. Back to the northwest, in Idaho, behind the Rockies, Senator Borah perpetually says "No" to predatory plutocracy and the League of Nations.

A western business man who says, "I guess Borah is about the biggest man there is in Washington" is one of millions that feel the same way.

But plutocracy does not mind. It is too busy with mergers.

You travel through prosperity and cheerfulness, in Nebraska.

Corn stands on both sides of the tracks, hundreds of square miles of it, tall as a giraffe's head, dark green, its ears ripening in the warm sunlight.

Great piles of straw show where the wheat has been threshed and grain prices are high.

Banks report reductions in farm mortgages. And the same banks find buyers for farms that they took over when they foreclosed mortgages in years past. That's a good sign.

Someone will find a way to make corn stalks valuable, in paper production or otherwise, as someone found a way to use the seed of the cotton plant. That, and more efficient farming machinery, will make the Middle West rich beyond imagining.

Omaha is seriously considering getting rid of the old political kind of city government, substituting a "city manager." The present mayor, "Jim" Bahlman, former cowboy, has been mayor for 20 years, and citizens like him. But many believe that managing a city is business, not politics. They would hire a city manager as you hire a hotel or a newspaper manager. They do it in Germany, successfully.

And tell New York that Chicago or Los Angeles will pass New York. New York smiles a fatuous, six million population smile.

Tell Chicago that Omaha has richer territory and will be the next Chicago, and Chicago smiles.

But Omaha believes it.

Mayor Bahlman of Omaha wishes you to know that:

"Omaha is the fourth railroad center of this country, hub of ten trunk lines.

"Omaha, second livestock market in the country, leads all cities on earth in the production of pig lead."

That is doubly interesting when you know that all lead, now worth a few cents a pound, was once a radio-active substance, that would be worth many times its weight in gold today.

Old age is sad, even for lead.

Furthermore, Mayor Bahlman wishes you to know that:

"Omaha has no slums or tenements, is the largest fur market west of the Mississippi, has the largest federal land bank in the United States, has fine public schools and high schools, including a technical high school that cost three and a half millions. Omaha has 30 parks, covering 3600 acres, all connected by 50 miles of boulevards."

In fact, says Mayor Bahlman, "the things in which Omaha surpasses other cities are too numerous to mention." You ought to visit Omaha and see, in Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota and points north, south, east and west, what real farming and energy have accomplished. This is a country of wonders, and growing.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution to Saturday's Puzzle

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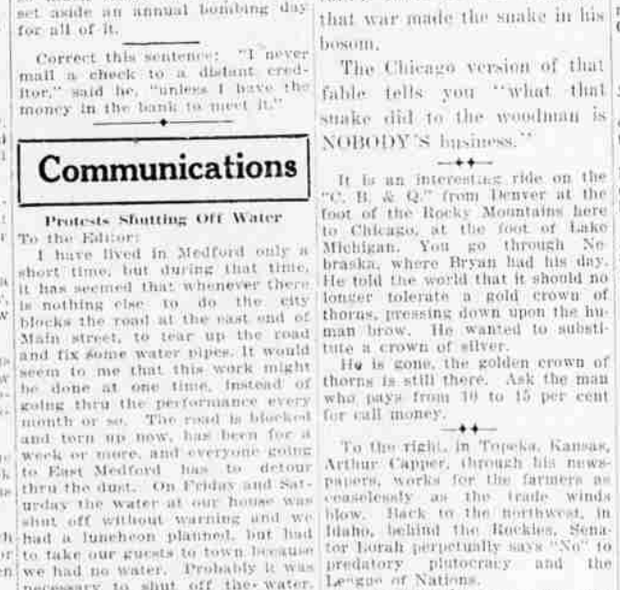

DOWN

1. Slave
2. Great Lake
3. Untamed
4. Seafed
5. Vessel with twin hulls
6. Source of indigo
7. Plunder
8. Experts
9. Lands Latin
10. Conversed
11. Crippled
12. Heated chamber
13. Look after
21. Free
22. Sea eagles
24. Pioneer
26. Baked clay
27. Approaches
28. Biblical weeds
29. Thick black liquid
31. Genus of the sharks
32. Confederation
33. Metric measure
36. Woman who officiates in sacred rites
38. One of ten equal parts
39. Melody
42. Eruptive disease
44. Church dignitary
46. Pompous show
47. Teamster's command
48. Lukewarm
51. Short for a man's name
52. Hinder part
53. Not difficult
54. Principal actor
55. Shakespearean king
56. God of war
57. Assumed character
60. Ocean

ACROSS

1. Stitches
5. Unit of weight
10. Coagulate
14. Ireland
15. Positive electrode
16. Possess
17. Vex: colloq.
18. Italian river
19. Word of solemn assent
20. Pertaining to a compact or treaty
22. Make believe
24. Edge
25. Begin
26. Precedes in time
30. Kind of drink
34. Deceased
35. Rodent
36. One who makes a display of knowledge
37. Propeller
38. Irritable persons
40. Be prone
41. Trans-Atlantic airplane
43. Fifty-two
44. Biblical mountain: Num. 33:28
45. German city
46. Foreign
48. Extract of roses
49. Understand
51. More lately gathered
54. Stormy
58. Genuine
59. Adhesive
61. Air: comb. form
62. Ailing
63. Notions
64. Weight of eastern Asia
65. Prohibitionists
66. Loved ones
67. Gaelic

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
August 19, 1919

Austin, Texas: American troops cross Mexican border in pursuit of bandits.

Washington: President Wilson pleads for congress to sign peace treaty and accept League of Nations.

Geo. F. Cuthbert, former Medford furniture store owner, visits city.

The valley is filled with smoke from many local forest fires.

Bear Creek orchard sells two cars of Bartlett pears in New York at $2.85 per box.

Canada fixes wheat price at $2.15 per bushel.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
August 19, 1909

Work resumed at Blue Ledge mine.

53 cars of pears shipped east to date.

Commercial club refuses to vote money to bring Pacific coast Indians and marksmen to Medford, in spite of Jess Enyart's assurance that all the Indians were wealthy and would be prospective investors.

Fancy box of pears picked and packed by C. E. Whistler to send to President Taft.

John R. Allen orders work on P. & E. suspended because he declares the people of Medford have not fulfilled their agreements and do not appear to want a new railroad.

HEADACHE? Look to Your Eyes First
Dr. D. A. Chambers
EYESIGHT SPECIALIST
404 Medford Bldg.

MUTT AND JEFF—Apparently Mutt Is Behind the Times

By BUD FISHER