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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. In accordance with custom, all hands will meet it with a full heart...

THE REAL RAILROAD ISSUE
It is very strange that the main issue in this G. N. and S. P. hearing in San Francisco is so frequently overlooked.

CRUEL PRANK BY FATE
About fifteen years ago, opportunity knocked at my door and found me—garden of the mid-Victorian vulgarity—with my pants down.

ALBANY, Ore.—Fires in Linn county during the week end caused more than \$17,000 damage. The Oregon Electric warehouse at Dever and a large barn on the J. D. Hyde farm were destroyed.

ABOUT 300 years ago a group of sombre-faced, straight-laced, God-fearing Pilgrim fathers and mothers celebrated America's first Thanksgiving, on the bleak, snow-swept shores of Massachusetts Bay.

No one wishes to return to the discomforts and deprivations of 1620, but the spirit of that day is something that may well be treasured and renewed.

It might be well, therefore, to let no Thanksgiving go by without calling the attention of the contemporary generation to the setting and atmosphere of that first Thanksgiving.

WE are told that business conditions in the East must be worse than supposed, because President Hoover is calling so many conferences, and spending so much time in an effort to stimulate industrial activity in all parts of the country.

With characteristic energy and skill, he is calling on that latent reserve. A major panic is not what he fears, he simply wishes to demonstrate that by intelligently utilizing the hidden forces available, even a minor depression can be avoided.

IT is very strange that the main issue in this G. N. and S. P. hearing in San Francisco is so frequently overlooked. The S. P., for example, devotes nearly a week to establishing the fact that if this Hill line hook-up is made, the connection itself will not pay and will also result in a decreased revenue for the poverty-stricken S. P.

THE point is not how many big potatoes can be raised in this strip of northern California. The point is, as we see it, how will another north and south railroad, and another transcontinental railroad connection benefit California, Oregon and the Northwest?

THE Keddie connection is not important in itself, and as an isolated factor is not worthy of serious consideration. But as a necessary link in a chain, that will give Oregon two railroads instead of one; active competition, instead of self-complacent and reactionary monopoly; it is supremely important, and it is from such a standpoint, and such a standpoint alone, that the question should be considered.

Students in a Southern college voted on the proposition of grapefruit for breakfast. The eyes have it. A boob is one who reads of a cashier's suicide and wonders what made him do it.

MUTT AND JEFF—Birds of a Feather Eat Alone
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, MUTT?
KID, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TURKEY TOMORROW.

BOY, THE TURKS FELL FOR THAT CORN TRAIL.
OH, BABY, YOUR UNCLE MUTT SCORES AGAIN! LISTEN TO THAT TURK STEPPING INTO THE TRAP!
HOW THAT BIRD IS GOING FOR THE WORKS. I'LL BET HE WEIGHS FIFTY POUNDS. IT WON'T BE LONG NOW.

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 legible and written in ink. Omit 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.

A STRONG, SILENT HERO COMES INTO HIS OWN
When a man's bridegroom he may imagine he has sunk to the very depth of degradation as a figure in the world. He feels a total nonentity, and nothing can be lower than that. Don't disturb his sweet young dream. Just wait till he becomes an expectant father.



THE government issue free pamphlets (for a nickel piece) on educational literature distributed by public health boards can you find a single leaflet containing rules about diet, exercise and wholesome amusements for the prospective father?

Less Nicotine, But What of It?
I have the tobacco smoking habit and have been receiving a good deal of literature from a company urging me to try their brand of cigars, cigarettes or pipe tobacco.

War will end soon after triumphal arches are made to represent crossed crutches.
Still, it's unkind to mention one's hip-thrust dinner given years ago, if that was Washington's last side.

There can't be a permanent caste system in a land where your barber can tell you which stocks went up 10 points yesterday.
A short woman doesn't need intuition to guess that the only coat in stock to fit her will be priced \$25.00.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
This Chap Got a Good Belt in the Back.
Even though I have a good family physician you have convinced me that you know your business. I had been suffering from a back ache for several years.

BRISBANE'S TODAY
Clemenceau's last book will soon be read all over the world. In it he speaks of those "eternal puzzles." When asked "What of the hereafter?" he had replied "What of the before?"

THE eternal puzzles include three. How did we come here? Why are we here? Whether do we go? Clemenceau answered the second question with "We are here to fight for our country and for justice," and ignored the others.

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ACROSS
1. Stupid person
2. Intended
3. Carpenter's tool
4. Regret
5. Compound
6. Other
7. Ring
8. Issue forth from a source
9. Angry
10. Auction
11. Milk house
12. Merciful
13. Content of
14. Threefold
15. Whirlwind of the Faroe Islands
16. Steam's vessel
17. Fresh river
18. Depart
19. French
20. Enthusiastic
21. Small piece
22. Bunson
23. Swabs

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
SPAT SHAME INTO
LIRA PATEN NOON
ANTS ODORS TREE
PESTER PRETENDS
ERAS VARN
MAP IDOL LADERS
ETA CILIA MEELE
SILT CENTS JAFF
ALARM SERIN TEE
STREET NILE ERE
AERO AIRS
DIASTOLE COPPER
LEUR LEMNA ARRA
LEER LMIT RENT
ELSE SCALE EYES

DOWN
1. Excess
2. Total
3. Affected with
4. Vessel
5. Farinaceous
6. Princely house of Italy
7. Likeness
8. Hiss
9. Biscovoy
10. Spring
11. Edge
12. Note of a dove
13. Exclamation of pleasure

10x10 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-44.

lars, and that would almost pay the salaries of the new federal inspectors required.
You know what these three-toned citizens on big cars are saying, but as a rule those three words aren't given a rising inflection.

STATEMEN sitting before a fire may promote peace, but somebody must get the ammunition makers to gather and hold their feet to the fire.
Gabriel's horn will be the last sound for mortal ears. And by that time the business of passing out just after a horn toots will be a kind of race habit.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
Nov. 27, 1919.
George Treichler, while attending Ellis Lodge in Ashland, had car stolen.

Medford tax levy fixed at 15 mills an increase of 5 mills over previous year.
Eggs advanced to dollar a dozen.
Again stocks tumble on Wall Street.

Col. H. H. Sargent writes Thanksgiving letter with Charles Lamb. Essay on roast pig as theme.
New York Metropolitan issues order that all German grand opera must be sung hereafter in English.

Twenty Years Ago Today
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
November 27, 1900.
First car of Yellow Newtowns gold in England, brings average of \$3.06 per box.

Col. and Mrs. H. H. Sargent of Washington, D. C. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Alford.
Vernon Vawter, freshman at the University of Oregon, returns to studies, after spending Thanksgiving with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Vawter.

Booster note: "Medford now has 7500 population."
N. Y. stocks tumble when President Taft upholds Sherman anti-trust law.

I. J. Hanson sells ranch near Tofo to H. G. Platt for \$40,000; deal made by Ross Kline.

Communications
Orchard Pests in 1728.
To the Editor:
One does not ordinarily go to the pests for advice on orchard pest control, and so I was startled to find the following lines in Thomson's Seasons, first published in 1728. Lime-sulphur is objectionable enough to the operator, but pepper would be worse!

Myriads on myriads, insect armies wamp
Keen in the poison'd breeze; and wasteful eat
Through buds and bark, into the blackest core,
Their eager way, a fabled crew!
The scurry, sons of vengeance, on
The white-chest'd cherry,
Corroded railing, white, and killed
The pear.

To check this plague, the skillful farmer chaff,
And blasing straw, before his orchard burns;
Till all involved in smoke, the latent foe
From every cranny suffocated falls;
Or scatters over the blooms the pungent dust,
Of pepper, fatal to the frosty tribe,
Or, when the envious'd leaf begins to curl,
With sprinkled water drowns them in their nest.
THOMAS V. WILLIAMS.
Medford, November 25.

railroad stations WITH FLYING MACHINES.
Some day this nation will wake up and realize what the flying machine means. Let us hope that it will not be waked by flying machines from another country, operating overhead.

In the old days Russia, fighting Chinese, would have sent hundreds of thousands of men, more or less badly fed and clothed, to march, and be shot.

Now, Russia sends 12 soviet planes to bomb the Chinese headquarters at Kharlar, and immediately the residents are ordered to leave and the city is on fire. THAT IS MODERN WAR!

SAT IN DRAFT—THEN SUFFERED!
It is never safe to go where a draft call strikes the kidneys. Painful congestion, severe backache, and a disturbed urinal flow are usual results. "Impossible to sleep, and my back ached so I could neither sit nor lie down in comfort. Foley's Kidney Cure cleared away the pain and stiffness, and I am no longer troubled with night visits, and sleep soundly," says W. McMillen, Hudson, N. Y. Men and women everywhere use and recommend them.

By BUD FISHER