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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Parry

The fight is on for an "A-1 session of congress," but what the country will get will be a "Z-13 session of congress."

Cows throughout the valley are being de-horned, the operation being as ruthless as yanking out a set of human tonsils.

What is the matter with the president of the University of Oregon, that he will not let the sporting editors of Portland tend to the coaching situation at the institution he heads, in accordance with campus tradition?

Still no rain, and the ground is almost as dry as the gas tank of an auto from Los Angeles in the spring.

The girls are wearing coats made of Himalayan goat skin which look like all-geese. The untutored and simple layman would swear the Himalayan goat skins were once occupied by Klamath steers.

"What do I do on entering a hotel with my husband—accompany him to the desk, while he registers, or take a chair in the lobby?" (Etiquette column) If the latter, don't let them catch you.

Nature does it better. When wild things get too fat they don't catch anything. (Rochester Times-Union). A red-hot tip for the betty ladies who are endeavoring to bridge their obesity.

"DOLE FINED FOR SPEEDING IN POLICE COURT" (Cooey Day Times headline). Serves him right. Police court is no place for speeding.

SUCH A GOOD STORY, TOO (Chaunte, Kan., Tribune) Recall the girl pianist who, according to last week's reports had lost a million, all she had, in the stock market? Well, the last word is that she is still living in the most expensive hotel in New York and that her press agent got a raise.

Mr. John Demmer wended his way through the hurrying traffic of the Main Stem this morning, with a bushel basket of carrots in his arms. Nothing happened to reveal that all the washed and shining carrots are placed on top.

Eva Osborne, who lost three fingers of her left hand in holding her own niece but is severely bruised and cut. (Heppner News in Pendleton East Oregonian.) Appropriate.

Signs of Christmas are appearing. The lamp posts are festooned with the twigs of the lordly fir, and daughters are hanging onto their Dads' arms.

The press is mentioning Josephus Daniels, a prominent rubber stamp of the Wilson administration, and whether has drifted the Hon. W. G. McAfee?

The old-sized \$20 bill is seldom seen these days, the bankers report, and the same applies to the new-sized \$1-bills.

George Gates, Jr., knows more about the leading brands of airplanes, than the males of his family do about 4ds.

One of the weaker sex was noted yesterday perched on the back of a motorcycle, without any stockings.

The latest style washing machine has a radio attachment. The authorities hear that some of the earlier style of washing machines are used in stirring up the malt and the mash, and need a contraption that will make the caps stay on the beer bottles.

A number of citizens made flights yesterday, at a cent per pound, fish, and expect to be thawed out by the end of the week. They know how Com. Byrd felt when he flew over the South Pole. Former residents of North Dakota were perspiring freely when they landed.

Approve Cattle Loan
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A commodity loan of \$5,000,000 to the Western Cattle Marketing Association of San Francisco, was approved today by the federal farm board.

TAKE THE TARIFF AWAY FROM CONGRESS

THE present tariff situation demonstrates the necessity of taking the tariff out of the hands of Congress, and placing it where it belongs, in the hands of a non-partisan tariff commission. In other words, taking the tariff out of politics. Congress has had the tariff bill for five months and accomplished nothing. It is very doubtful if in the regular session anything definite is accomplished. The reason is politics, both sides jockeying for some political advantage, without regard to what the country needs in regard to a greater or less tariff protection.

MOREOVER, politics is not only bad for the tariff, the tariff is bad for politics. This is not only our opinion, it is the opinion of Mark Sullivan, one of the country's keenest political observers, and it is the deeply held conviction of nine-tenths of the Senate. In fact, strong expressions to this effect have been made by at least 50 Senators.

The Republican party, for example, under President Hoover's leadership, has a very important program, dealing with the improvement of inland waterways, consolidation of railroads, radio and aircraft regulation, federal reserve and branch banking control, and many other matters of supreme importance to the country.

But because of the tariff jamboeree, nothing has been done regarding this program, and, until the tariff is out of the way, nothing promises to be done.

NOR is there any definite party division on the tariff. The Democratic South is as strongly in favor of tariff protection as the industrial North. The division is not political but geographical. The Middle West and rural districts on one side; the East, South and metropolitan areas on the other.

In other words, the problem is essentially an industrial and economic one, and should be solved by a non-political commission, composed of experts in these departments.

Then their findings could be subject to review by the President through the flexible tariff provision, and perhaps final approval by the Congress.

Until this is done tariff revision promises to remain what it is now, a nuisance and a bore, embarrassing and demoralizing any federal administration that attempts it.

WHEN GOOD FOOD IS POISON

THE mother who insists, "You must eat that; it's good for you!" may be unwittingly doing her child an injury.

Foods which may be beneficial to 99 persons in 100 may be poison to the 100th. Even such universal items of diet as milk, eggs and potatoes should not be given to some children.

This is the warning voiced by Dr. Josephine H. Kenyon, widely known child health specialist, in the current issue of Good Housekeeping magazine, where she discusses recent findings of science in regard to allergy, or the hyper-sensitization of certain individuals to particular substances with which they come in contact.

The most common form of allergy is hyper-sensitiveness to substances breathed into the lungs, known popularly as hay fever, but parallel conditions can be brought about by taking certain foods. Such conditions are usually evident in early childhood, says the specialist, but they can affect the individual throughout life.

"FOOD ALLERGIES form a difficult study," says Dr. Kenyon. "The usual symptoms are skin rashes of many types, including eczema; indigestion symptoms varying from loss of appetite to vomiting and diarrhoea; and such varied reactions as apathy, prostration and fever. Often the correct diagnosis is not made until there have been many attempts to cure the child by cathartics, drugs, salves and so on.

"Occasionally, however, we are fortunate enough to see the same symptoms recur coincident to the giving of certain foods, so one can draw conclusions. The fact that a child may be mildly sensitive to each of several foods, and not react until they are given in combination, adds to the difficulty of diagnosis."

The most effective method for treatment of such conditions, says the Good Housekeeping expert, is a process which eliminates all suspected foods, reintroducing them to the diet one at a time under the guidance of a dietician. She outlines the findings of Doctors Dale and Thornburg, specialists, who have made a comprehensive study of the problem:

"They feel that the foods which have been found to cause trouble most often should be omitted, such as milk, wheat, eggs, potatoes, chocolate, oranges, tomatoes and other vegetables. This leaves a rather limited choice. They suggest that their exact diets be followed from five to seven days, then one new food at a time be added and the symptoms watched. They state that the only foods which have never been proved to cause this type of trouble are salt, sugar and gelatin."

Yes, the way to succeed is to begin at the bottom. This is particularly true of stock speculation.

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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

HOUSE DUST AND ASTHMA

Asthma, eczema, urticaria (hives), a long-eared edema (swollen eyelids), recurring bronchitis, hyperosthetic rhinitis, some cases of migraine (periodic one-sided sick headache or attacks of vertigo and nausea ushered in with visual aura) are some of the common conditions which are usually, if not invariably, caused by what physicians term allergy. That means a peculiar hypersensitivity to inoculation by some protein substance. Doctors say the protein substance in such cases gets into the blood "parenterally," that is, by other means than normal digestion. In some cases it gets into the blood through inhalation of dust or pollen, the particles of which pass through the mucous membrane lining the breathing tract, either by making microscopic way through themselves, or by lodging upon some surface where the mucous membrane is already broken, ulcerated or otherwise damaged. In some cases the protein substance is injected through the skin, by the mandible of an insect, by the bite of an animal or snake, or by hypodermic syringe. In some cases the substance enters through a crack or puncture or abrasion of the skin. In some cases it is undoubtedly a food protein which is absorbed incompletely digested through some ulcerated or inflamed surface of the lining of stomach or intestine.

Here and there a physician is especially equipped to conduct the necessary tests in these cases, to determine which specific protein substance is responsible for the trouble, and enable the victim to find relief. The great amount of detail, patience, time and money the doctor must devote to this work, in order to make it worth the patient's while, bars the busy general practitioner or specialist from engaging in it as a rule. The patient gets the greatest satisfaction from the plan, now followed in many communities, whereby one or more physicians undertake to make skin tests for all physicians who wish to refer patients for that purpose: when the testing is completed the patient is sent back to his physician with the report of the allergic study. Then the doctor is in a position to treat his patient intelligently and with some prospect of effecting a real cure. The medical profession is notoriously conservative. I prefer to say backward, about adopting new methods; but this allergic testing is now quite essential, well informed patients are beginning to demand it, and doctors will have to recognize the colleague who does allergic work just as they recognize the colleague who does x-ray work.

It is no child's play, making the skin tests, in such cases. Sometimes it is necessary to test a patient for 50 or 80 different substances before the responsible substance is found. This is tedious, and the doctor as it is for the patient. But perseverance brings its reward. In one case of asthma, the young woman had been given about 60 or more tests without definite results, when a test with house dust gave a distinct reaction. This led to the discovery that she was sensitive to the hair of a particular kind of dog, not just to dog hair of any or all kinds, and the knowledge brought the longest period of relief the patient had ever known, perhaps a permanent cure.

House dust is a rather vague mixture of animal hair, sachet powder, feathers, down, pollen, wool fiber, etc., and even if the patient reacts to a skin test with a stock solution of house dust, there may be no reaction when a special solution is used, containing dust from the patient's own environment.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Ambidexterity.
It is my ambition to be a sign painter and showcard writer. But I am left-handed and I find that I am apt to smear up the first letter while making the second. I am 19 years old. Would it be injurious in any way for me to practice for right-handedness now?—B. M.

Answer.—No. But I would advise rather that you practice ambidexterity. Why not? Some great artists have been ambidextrous.

Baby Has Scurvy.
My baby is eight and a half

months old and has scurvy. Please tell me what it is and whether it can be cured. He is a bottle-fed baby and will not take over three ounces at each feeding and no solid food at all. How can I make him take cream of wheat and other cereals?—S. G.

Answer.—Scurvy is a disease of nutrition, caused by the prolonged use of inadequate food, especially food with insufficient vitamin. Pasteurizing or boiling milk diminishes the vitamin and predisposes to scurvy unless the infant is given some fresh orange juice or tomato juice daily. Change to raw milk. Feed fresh vegetable soup—the clear soup of any fresh vegetables, with any fresh meat stock. Even the juice of canned tomato is a preventive and cure.

Another Tackler.
How would you classify Dr. —? He calls himself a specialist, and sells a machine called the — which he and his partner claim cures cancer and many other diseases.—Mrs. F. D. V.

Answer.—The fellow is a fake "doctor" and his machine is a ridiculous gadget built to impose upon the ever gullible public. That such humbugs are permitted to do business is a scandal to our national honor. Anybody who claims to have a cure for cancer is either an ignoramus or a crook, or both. This does not mean that a reputable physician or surgeon cannot cure cancer; but you will never find one who promises a cure in any case. The partner in the shady firm who calls himself "Doctor" is not a physician at all. Of course any trickster may call himself a "specialist" and it is quite all right with the law.

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Quill Points
But you never see a bronze statue of a man who attended strictly to his own business.

A special session of congress isn't like the itch. The itch comes without being called.

Mr. Grundy refused to tell just what he thought about senators. Boy, page Mrs. Grundy.

No wonder Denmark won't let Trotsky in. She is still a little sensitive about that remark in Shakespeare.

A war isn't over until it no longer serves as an alibi for human cussedness.

Americanism: Making such a loud hurrah for righteousness that you can't hear the still small voice of conscience when your acts don't agree with your preaching.

Don't envy the intelligentsia. They are the only people who source on life as to think a professional knocker is a great man.

To say the "best people" judge jury service is pure nonsense. If it is man's duty to support his family, are those who do this duty the "best people" merely because they dress well?

How do you explain the common attitude toward law? Well, the king can do no wrong. And in a free land, every man is a king.

Another improvement the fliwer needs is a device that will keep it from blocking traffic while the driver hugs somebody.

There's one good thing about buying a fliwer on the installment plan. You don't lose the darned thing when the price drops.

And many a man is a prominent citizen because he was too stub-

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS Solution of Saturday's Puzzle
1. Epistle
2. Kind of
3. Brilliantly colored bird
4. Acquires knowledge
5. State of the Union abbr.
6. Little fellow
7. Homaged
8. Roman bronze
9. Evergreen tree
10. Biblical character
11. Distance marker
12. Kind of balham
13. Branches of learning
14. Legume
15. Iselle form of John
16. Device for gripping
17. Ages
18. Knot
19. Breathes in
20. Van
21. American humorist
22. Flower
23. Native of Italian city
24. Former universal negative
25. Involving momentous consequences
26. Sun god
27. Take out
28. Pertaining to vineyard
29. Ale
30. Derive by logical process
31. Of greater length
32. Kind of far
33. Small plant of lily family
34. Carries
35. A judge of Israel
36. Chinese weight
37. Prunes
38. Herbs
39. Swiss river
40. Initials of a former president
41. Join the colors
42. Kinds
43. Thought Scot.
44. "—" noun, "—" verb
45. In place of
46. Became less severe
47. Shallow receptacle
48. Preposition
49. Vigor slang
50. Like
51. Article of food
52. Truly
53. Point of the compass
54. French masculine name
55. Oriental sibly captain
56. Vigor slang who conquered Rome
57. Jodging of the are and green of a suit
58. Heaped
59. Of a dark brown color
60. Moor
61. Passing fashion
62. Chinese weight
63. French noun

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Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 2, 1919.
President Wilson in annual message, insisted warning against activity of Reds in United States.

Tokio: Japan warns world of advance of Russian Reds toward Pacific and asks U. S. aid in repelling invasion.

Nation wide industrial shut-down threatened by increasing coal shortage.

Ernest Webb returns to Medford after war service in the Canadian army.

Smudge: "The Kort Hall boy will be married New Year's Day. The name being passed on (and approved by his paw)."

George Hunt and Dick Antle purchase Idaho and Page theatres from Percy & Moran.

Geo. Mason Trowbridge, editor of Portland Journal, dies.

Trigonia Oil company, through its president, Charles Lilly of Los Angeles, buys big oil drilling outfit.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 2, 1909.
Medford's winning of Spokane apple show sweepstakes prize, results in average of 75 letters of inquiry, being received at commercial club daily.

Henry Davis of Medford disappears after cashing check for \$86 at Warner, Wortman & Gore's without funds in bank.

Medford Grocery company starts to build new warehouse on S. P. right of way.

York & Co. open new residence tract of 294 acres lying between Phoenix and Talent.

First shipment of Combee pears sold by A. C. Allen in London being \$3.26 per box.

Tex Rickard and Jack Glendon get Johnson-Jeffries fight for San Francisco by offering purse of \$101,000.

SUNDOWN STORIES

A CHILLY STORY
By Mary Graham Bonner
I am a member of the family who begins the very cold weather. The chilly visitor as he began to explain to Peggy and Jim, at the suggestion of the Little Black Clock, what he did. "Some one must start it—go I chose to be the one. You know how the really cold weather settles down in earnest for the winter? Well, it never does that until I have been around first."

"I go about carrying with me dampness and chilliness and cold air and sharp wind. I have lots of all of them in my two suit cases, and I scatter them about as I make my journey. "Often I receive splendid compliments. Many people say they feel the cold more when I am around than they do when the really colder members of my family arrive."

"Isn't that a fine compliment?" John and Peggy nodded, though they were not quite certain that they would consider it a compliment. "I get everything in readiness for my family. I see that everything is cold enough. To be sure there are some parts of the country where I do not travel—where they do not have cold weather and where my cold weather family would not go."

"But I have plenty of land to cover—plenty of country to prepare for my dear winter family. I mustn't waste my pardon me—spare another moment for chatter." The chilly visitor was on his way and how very, very, very chilly he did seem.

Tomorrow—"The Turkeys"

MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Gets Fanned by His Fan Mail

Comic strip panel 1: Mutt and Jeff talking. Mutt says "Mutt, you're the new star of the talkies! What are you worrying about?" Jeff replies "Jeff, I never get any fan mail! It worries me!"

Comic strip panel 2: Mutt and Jeff talking. Mutt says "Look, there goes fan mail for Gilbert, Fairbanks and Chaplin. But none for me!" Jeff replies "There's that big hunkie I saw in the talkies last night!"

Comic strip panel 3: Mutt and Jeff talking. Mutt says "If I don't get some fan mail soon I'll..." Jeff replies "Mutt, your fan mail has arrived!"

By BUD FISHER