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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
The Portland police department has been much in the public eye of late—also the public nose.

The update press continues to proclaim that no indigents are driving automobiles, but many of the autists are giving indignity a hard run.

No doubt all hands in the state will be so full of the Christmas spirit, they cannot find time to expend any of it for the benefit of the homeless, friendless, and hungry man who stole 50 cents, and was sentenced to three years in state prison by a Klamath county judge.

THEN CAME THE FIDDLING!
(Oregon Emerald)
At 8 o'clock this evening Paul Kochanski will place his stridivarius under his chin, raise the bow to the strings, and nod to his accompanist; and the audience of students and townspeople which is expected to fill McArthur court will quiet to the expectant hush which welcomes a great artist.

Yesterday your corr. talked to five of the prominent stockmen of the valley. And not a one knew what he would do for grass, in the spring, unless it rained forthwith. They were worried about the grass situation, as much as if they had to eat it themselves, which some of them are forced to do, if the truth was known. The writer thinks he saw P. Bybee's J'ville grazing on Antelope creek last Sunday.

One of the Copeo experts, who coughed "to starve a cold, and cure a cold," reports a cold has no stomach.

A new moon is popping out evenings over Jacksonville, and is laying on its back. City dogs and country coyotes are barking at it.

WANTED—Work by hour in Coquille; daughter wants light housework or caring for children. Phone Mrs. 174-J.—(Coos Bay Times). Mama takes a long, overhand swing at flapperism.

"TENOR BACKS OUT"—(Idle-line Portland Telegram.) His judgment better than his warbling.

"THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH"—(Mountain Inn Tribune)
The quaint and curious custom handed down from the pioneers of journalism requires rural editors to mention the fact that John Smith has surrendered to a generous impulse and left a mess of greens on the sunken desk. Perhaps the John Smiths of an earlier day enjoyed seeing their names in print, and perhaps the hope of such reward encouraged them to greater generosity; but times have changed, and many people feel foolish when publicity is given to their neighborly kindnesses. Anyway the Tribune has sworn off. Never again will such casual gifts be mentioned unless there's news value in the gift itself.

The sporting editor of the Oregonian, jaunting with the University of Oregon football team in Dixie, reports "the squad is over-come with southern hospitality. They meet the University of Florida tomorrow, and this can be blamed for the result, instead of the lack of three scoring plays.

BY PULLING OFF COVERS (Bond Bulletin)
LOST—Party who took bedding from line in back of apartment at 316 Hill street was seen by neighbor. If bedding is not returned within next few days, it will have to be gotten by a more embarrassing method.

Considerable "unrest" is reported in the valley, among those who never do anything but rest.

Miss Morrow Leaving MEXICO CITY—(A) Some Mexican children are losing a favorite teacher. In party clothes they went to the American embassy and said adios to Miss Elizabeth Morrow, whose father is to be senator from New Jersey.

ELIMINATE THE HYPOCRITES

N EARLY a year ago Congressman E. E. Denison of Illinois received a trunk which was damp and emitted an odor strongly reminiscent of pre-Volstead days.

Federal Prohibition officers asked Honorable Denison what it contained. His reply was "Dishes!" The trunk key the Illinois Representative offered did not fit the lock, so the dry agents jimmied off the top, to discover a glittering assortment of gin and whiskey bottles—many of them broken.

Congressman Denison was "completely surprised." He was both surprised and grieved when a few weeks ago he was indicted for the possession of "assorted intoxicants" by a federal grand jury.

Now Mr. Denison has a defense. (1) Offices in the House Office building can only be searched on a warrant authorized by the President and served by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House. (2) The trunk belonged to Charles Lane, the Congressman's nephew, who had accompanied his uncle on a Central American junket.

YES, indeed! We are sorry for Mr. Denison. No doubt he has only done what many of his conferees are doing, but he had the supreme misfortune to get caught.

However, it seems to us the time has arrived to make short shrift of politicians who vote dry and drink wet. People honestly differ regarding Prohibition and there is ample justification for it. Certainly no fair-minded person can be satisfied with conditions as they are, or deny there is room for improvement.

But there should be no difference of opinion regarding the office-holder, who votes one way and behaves another. Congressman Denison voted for the 18th Amendment—the Volstead act and the Jones law.

His guilt or innocence regarding the specific crime must be left to a jury. But the facts as admitted are sufficient to demonstrate Mr. Denison's unfitness to hold public office.

WHEN the Illinois Representative comes up for re-election, we believe the people of Southern Illinois can be depended upon to return him to private life where he belongs.

The Prohibition problem may never be satisfactorily solved. Hypocrisy in private places may never be stamped out. But the people can at least eliminate the double-faced hypocrite from public office by the simple expedient of turning him down whenever he asks for their votes.

THE CASE OF MR. VARE

S PEAKING of turning an officer-holder down, the Senate today certainly gave Mr. Vare of Pennsylvania a chilly reception. Only 25 votes could be mustered against his ejection from the Simon-pure precincts of the Upper House.

Our feelings toward the Philadelphia Boss are similar to those concerning Congressman Denison. The fewer Representatives of the Vare and Denison stamp we have in the Congress, the better for good government and the better for the country.

Yet Brother Vare made a stronger case in his defense than did his Illinois colleague. He proved that he did not spend as much as his defeated opponent, ex-Senator Pepper, and that per vote his record was far below the records of many Senators in the chamber.

There is also considerable truth in his contention, that to deny the people of a state the right to determine by their votes who shall and who shall not represent them, establishes a rather dangerous precedent.

NEVERTHELESS, while Vare spent less than his opponent, as far as published expenditures are concerned, there is no doubt that his election represented the secret buying of votes, and also represented that perfectly frank and shameless corruption, of which the Vare machine is such a notorious example.

In fact, were not Vare still boss of Philadelphia who, if he lives, will still be able to deliver the City of Brotherly Love to the highest bidder at the next election, he would probably not have found one vote in his favor this morning.

In those votes, therefore, he can find his consolation. He may be denied a seat in the Senate, he may be denied a membership in the Union Club, but when an important election comes around, there will be plenty of powerful politicians in both parties, not too scrupulous to gratefully receive what he alone can give them.

If Nature is so wise why did she give the thickest skulls to those who have the least to protect?

It is estimated America has 17 distinct dialects not counting the new Hollywood British.

Normal times are those in which a timid man kicks himself around the block for not buying bargains during a panic.

Portugal complains of adulterated olive oil. Maybe a few boll weevil got mixed in a shipment of cotton seed.

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.

AN AMERICAN COMEDY

In my youth I never could believe in capital punishment. Soon after liberating a doctor an opportunity was given me to take a job as physician in a state's prison.



One of my duties there would be to attend convicts undergoing execution and to pronounce the victims dead. An other duty would be to visit prisoners in solitary confinement and to breathe and water and report to the warden whether they could stand it another day.

Current news tells of the conviction of a particularly depraved wretch after a trial for murder. Never mind the details! There was no question of the murderer's guilt. But the jury instead of giving a verdict of premeditated murder, which is punishable by death, found the man guilty in a lower degree, which brings a maximum of 20 years' imprisonment.

This soft heartedness on the part of the jury was evidently produced by the skillful pleading of the defendant's lawyer who, in the face of the evidence and all the harsh circumstances, proved himself a master psychologist and succeeded in defeating justice.

In this case, as in many others that have scandalized American court procedure, the defendant's lawyers prepared the expert testimony of an alienist who gave his opinion, based on the usual hypothetical question, that the defendant was insane for the few minutes while he was perpetrating the foul deed, though sane before and after the crime. The alienist explained he meant that the murderer was insane only in the legal sense; not in the medical sense of the word.

That's where the comedy comes in. Another alienist in the same trial testified that from observing the defendant for several hours he was of the opinion that the defendant had a "psychopathic personality." That's funny, too. What does psychopathic mean, anyway? It is simply bifurcated medical Greek for mental disease. Insanity, feeble-mindedness? Oh, well, never mind about that; the alienist prefers to leave that point vague—it is more likely to impress the mental defectives on the jury if you leave it vague.

If the expert opinions or testimony of alienists or psychopathologists is to be considered by court or jury at all, it ought to be summoned by the court or jury, and testimony kept secret by court and jury. If any expense or obligation is involved in the summoning of such testimony it ought to be borne by the state alone. Just as is the salary of a judge.

Viewed as a public spectacle, a sensational item of news, a choice bit of gossip, a murder trial in which the alienist figures as an expert witness is today simply low comedy. The pernicious hypothetical question with its obvious influence on the jury and the imposing answer given by the medical retainers altogether constitutes a travesty of American justice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What Price Cars?

While bathing I got water in my ear and have been annoyed ever since with head noises. Does this indicate wax? Can it be removed by washing? Is it necessary to go to a physician about this? Isn't there something one can put in the ear to dissolve the wax?—(A. B. C.)

Answer—While it may be merely a plug of hardened wax in the ear canal, it would be unwise to attempt treatment on such a theory. Isn't your ear and your comfort worth the trouble or expense of a visit to your doctor? He will show you how to syringe the ear safely. If that is what is needed, it is an excellent rule never to put anything in the ear unless under physician's direction.

Gasoline Put BB on the Run I wish to thank the lady who told us through your column about gasoline as a remedy for bedbugs. It is the most effective thing I have

ever used. Quick and sure, when squirted in all the cracks and crevices where the pests hide. (Grateful One).

Ans.—There is one precaution—be aware of flame or fire, or striking matches, when you are using gasoline. Better keep windows opened all day and night after using the gasoline.

My husband has started taking shots in the arm for rheumatism and nervousness. I would like to have your opinion of this treatment. (Mrs. O. J. W.)

Ans.—Without some inkling as to what ails your husband or what he is shot with, I am unable to form an opinion of this treatment. (Copyright, John F. Dille Co.)

Quill Points

"Ethyl stops knocking." Ethyl, meet Mrs. Grundy.

"The situation is sound," says the president. And fury.

Don't despair of the race until statesmen try to make ordinary murder respectable by means of rules.

"Senate decides to remain at work," says a headline. "You don't often see humor in headlines."

It never pays to act like a wild man. You never heard of a subsidized cheer leader.

Why not erect monuments to football heroes, too? They also get smashed up to win the cash for others.

A statesman may be wet as a matter of principle, but none has yet said he would rather be tight than be president.

Panic: A turbulent time during which those with a little spare change can buy gold dollars for 10 cents.

Americanism: Laughing at the fate of other races that thought themselves the chosen of Heaven; thinking Americans the instrument of Providence to teach the world how.

It's just as well that a worm can't talk. It probably wouldn't say anything but "yes."

Don't scold man because he's the only animal that kills without the prompting of hunger. It's no disgrace to have outgrown cannibalism.

Self-respect is essential; and if he is reduced to it a man will be proud of the fact that his beard is tough.

The more the country learns about lobbyists, the more it doubts their ability to influence anybody worth influencing.

The office groach, back from a world tour, says the sun never sets on the American flag.

Well, suppose the money you speculated with had been spent for a car. It would have been gone in a year or so, anyway.

Mr. Brisbane says the most active creatures are meat eaters. The explanation is that you don't have to be active to catch grass.

Correct this sentence: "I was no interested in her acting," said the feminine movie fan, "that I didn't notice what she wore."

Grants Pass.—Construction started in annex to city hall building.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Son of Adam
2. Playing card
3. Epic poem
4. Centre
5. Desert
6. Hottelout of south-west
7. Africa
8. Operate solo
9. He in error
10. Neat
11. Animal
12. Salt of elric acid
13. Arrangement of words in solifire
14. Cereal grass
15. Lightful
16. Religious poem
17. Embraes
18. Composer of "Asleep in the Deep"
19. Texas mission
20. Roman house-hold god
21. X
22. Distributor of films
23. Naming different shapes
24. Demise

DOWN
1. Kind of horse
2. Uncovered
3. Assam silk-worm
4. Squirrel
5. Monkey
6. Geometrical figure

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
THAW STOPS OPEN
EVA LIMIT MERE
EVER ALINE ELSE
TENDON TALENTED
SIDE GARDEN
RIP SERA ROOSTS
ALL SERA STARE
DIAL STILT OVER
DIOTAS ODIUM EAR
INSTEP EDGE STY
ELM EBON
ARBOREAL OWELTY
PEAR ARENA SORE
LELE STOAT TROW
DELE ESNE SETS

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-24 in various positions.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-55 in various positions.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One)

transformed into one big garden, machinery doing all the work, nobody trying to cheat anybody else, nobody trying to pile up money selfishly, any more than a man today would seek to accumulate salt water, with the ocean full of it.

The learned professor even hints that in future man may be born with brain sufficiently developed to understand Einstein's relativity theory at sight.

It would not be necessary then for a philosopher to die as the great Haegel died, according to Helms' description, saying "only one man has ever understood me," and adding, after a pause, "and even he did not understand me."

Secretary of State Stimson considers the incident of our appeal to Russia closed, thinks that "our aims are achieved."

Litvinoff, speaking for Russia, says, "Russia will not yield one inch," and defies the United States. Both sides seem to be happy.

On this side, some cannot understand why it was necessary for our government to tell Russia what to do. Why were we chosen to pell the chestnuts out of the fire for France and Great Britain?

Britain is negotiating friendly treaties with Russia. France receives a Russian ambassador and sends an ambassador to Russia, although Russia owes the French at least forty billions of francs, real 20 cent francs.

Representations concerning China would have come with much better grace from one of those countries than from this country, which, with its nose in the air, refuses to recognize the Russian government.

What influence, under those conditions, persuaded Uncle Sam to play the part of the monkey in the fable pulling out the chestnuts?

Poor China has troubles worse than invading and bullying by Russia.

Shanghai sends news of Chinese soldiers, tens of thousands, in military, looting a city, and fleeing with much needed railroad stock.

And Army reports hordes of brigands, called "a red army," pillaging and killing.

Modern weapons, modern Russian techniques and the attempt to establish modern democratic government have not worked well in a country unprepared for those things.

Martial law was declared in Haiti yesterday, following widespread strikes that began with a strike of school teachers.

The local gendarmerie are commanded by officers from our marine corps.

The President's message announced a desire, if possible, to withdraw our soldiers from Haiti. There seems slight chance of withdrawal now. Let us hope Russia won't write and tell us what we ought to do about it.

Doughboys' Desert

Of Ten Years Ago Seized By French

BORDEAUX, France.—(AP) A. E. F. food stocks still linger in this region, 10 years after the treaty of Versailles, it was signed.

The health authorities have seized 25,999 cans of baked beans offered for sale, although manifestly unfit for human consumption.

Their investigation showed that the first vendors charged the modest rate of 10 cents for a can, but that the price rose with each successive deal.

The authorities have started criminal proceedings against all persons who dealt in the beans.

Klanish Falls.—Plans under way for remodeling and improving old high school building, which was recently purchased by Masonic lodge.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

(From files of the Mail Tribune.) Dec. 6, 1919
Hood River ships 25 cars of apples to London, valued at \$50,000.

Portland, Oregon offers \$100,000 purse for a Dempsey-Carpenter fight.

Plo-Plo plays at Page theatre to crowded houses.

Christmas Seal drive in Medford started.

President Wilson opposes Senator Fall's resolution to declare war on Mexico.

Trial of Senator Newbury of Michigan, indicted for violation of election laws. Refuses to say anything when arraigned.

Allice back down on protocol and agrees to refer indemnity for destruction of German fleet to Hague tribunal.

Twenty Years Ago Today (From files of the Mail Tribune.) Dec. 6, 1909
In first annual message President Taft urges action against law's delay.

San Francisco: Francis J. Heney sues Wm. H. Crocker for \$250,000 alleging defamation of character.

James H. Wilson, U. S. secretary of agriculture, publicly commends Medford for methods in fighting bear blight.

Eugene: Vernon Vawter of Medford makes big hit in play called "Fire in a Hat."

Frank E. Jefferman of Medford invents flying machine which embodies ideas of airplane with those of parachute.

Because of crowded hotels, visitors forced to sleep in private houses.

SUNDOWN STORIES

STRANGE KEYS
By Mary Graham Bonner
The Little Black Clock met John and Peggy, but his plans were so completely made that he hardly took time to speak to them.

"Come along," he said, "I've turned the time back just a little bit. You will see?"

They ran out of the house with the Little Black Clock. He had turned the time back several weeks. The scene was down at the foot of their own back yard.

There they held two unusual looking people talking together.

One looked a little bit like Jack Frost and the other was dressed in a warm, golden-looking costume.

"I'll have to introduce you," the Little Black Clock said. "Madame Summer and Master Fall, allow me to present John and Peggy."

"They all bowed and the Little Black Clock said in a low voice to the children, "You're meeting two of the seasons. Mother Nature is coming along in a moment and she will give them some extra keys."

"Keys?" the children questioned.

But before there was time for an answer along came Mother Nature. She wore sandals of moss, a dress of soft green decorated with many different kinds of flowers, a shawl that looked as though it had been made of the colors of autumn leaves, and a hat of soft, fluffy white that looked as soft and white as snow. She wore a belt around her waist and attached to it were many keys. They were of all sizes and all kinds.

"Shall we see what she does with them?" the Little Black Clock asked.

"Yes. Please, yes!" John and Peggy said.

They were certainly curious to know.

Tomorrow—"Mother Nature's Secrets."

Mohalla.—Construction of extension of P. E. P. power and light line south of here, to start at once.

By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Doubles for a Star

