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By Arthur PerryOn Saturday, Dorris, Calif., de-
cided to quit service flour by the
glass over the bar. It has only been
ten days since they were supposed to
stop it, in accordance with federal
statutes duly made and provided.The football season is over for
the esteemed UO. team. The
defeats they sustained were excep-
tionally bitter this year. Every
time they were trounced, the Port-
land papers reported the coach
had been offered a better job at a
bigger college, at a higher salary.Rain is sizzling down from
on high in a business-like manner,
and was about time. Reports as
usual, announce that the farmers
are "rejoicing." This is a myth,
as no sort of the soil has even been
apprehended in the act of rejoic-
ing. If he did, it would be a very
amateurish performance. The in-
cumbent rain is the only one in
the history of the valley that failed
to catch a farmer with some hay
down. Notice has been served on
agriculturists and horticulturists,
that their favorite allegation, viz:
the rain is running off before it
soaks in, will not hold water this
year. The gain is welcome, if it
will arrange for a drought of fog
and gales.Oratory is on the increase in
these parts. The new crop of
orators are a conscientious lot.
They want to know when is the
best time to stop. In the best cir-
cles it is fixed at just before they
start.The Bond Juror who guzzled the
evidence in a moonshine trial, and
created a scene with the bailiff,
and shot off his face inadvertently
in a restaurant, received a terrific
jolt and was fined \$25. He was
unable to think of anything origi-
nal in the way of an alibi, and his
disgraceful conduct, so informed
the court he was sick.An upstate resident, claimed by
both lane county and the metro-
politan, emerged from an entangle-
ment with Wall St. some \$3 or \$4
million bucks to the good. He is
a farmer, and will no longer have
to fret about the taxes, and the
lack of moisture, or the price of
hay in the stack. The good for-
tune inundated him and his flock,
he struggled along in Oregon win-
ning prizes at the state fair. With
the coming of affluence he an-
nounces he will migrate to south-
ern California, and the oldest boy
will take singing lessons. He now
has the right and the cash to put
on airs, and is going to do it.
Oregon was a fine place to be
poor, but no place to be wealthy.
California has no state income tax."Miss Alice Saunders has re-
turned from Eureka, where she
was seized by the flu"—(Del Norte
Tribune.) Seized, but not search-
ed."For Sale"—Popular sedan. Not
much good. Will take any offer.
Phone 111.—(Hanklin Times.) At
last an aged auto that is not
mechanically perfect, and looks
and runs like new.Locally, the excitement has died
down and tranquility prevails as
a result of Gene Tunney returning
from Europe, and Com. Byrd fly-
ing over the South Pole, all on the
same day.THE SINKING SINK
I feel dejected, sad and punk.
To see how low the sink has sunk;
It puts on lavender and pink,
And is no more an honest sink.A kitchen sink was not designed
To pose as socially refined;
It's not the grand piano twin,
But something to wash dishes in.By Providence's wise intent
A sink can be no ornament;
It should be checked by labor's
leash
And kept from being nouveau
riche.Oh, it would blight the happiest
home
To have a sink in polychrome.
And it would wreck the stoutest
heart
To have a kitchen full of art!Though prettiness all else immure,
We ought to keep the kitchen pure
And not conspire with brush and
ink
To see how low a sink can sink.
(Spokane Spokesman-Review.)

A GREAT LESSON IN CONTENTMENT

COMMANDER BYRD'S adventures at the South Pole make interesting reading, but we would like to have the opinions of Major-General A. W. Greely and Brigadier-General David L. Brainard regarding this expedition.

We don't mean their public opinions, which would, of course, be complimentary, for this is a very important and interesting scientific excursion into the Frozen South; but we mean their private opinions, what they think of it inside, and what they must be saying to their circle of intimate relatives and friends.

FOR to these two men, the entire affair must seem like a poor imitation of the real thing, a sort of pink-tea junket of luxury-loving dilettantes, dancing to New York night club or chattrais in their cozy quarters at night and after hearty breakfasts of bacon, eggs and flap-jacks, flying over the ice fields, in comfortably heated airplane cabins, by day.

This would not be in derogation of the Byrd expedition—for no doubt both men agree it is worth while and praiseworthy in every way—but because all our values are comparative, and Messrs. Greely and Brainard could not avoid comparing this trip to the South Pole with their own attempt to reach the North Pole nearly 50 years ago and through this comparison feel a certain amiable contempt for the loudly advertised exploit.

FOR Generals Greely and Brainard are the only two living survivors of that ill-fated expedition to the Arctic Circle in the early '80s, which, without airplanes, radios, ice-cutters, or even dog teams, attained the farthest point north ever reached by Man up to that time. And General Brainard's diary of that trip has recently been published under the title "The Outpost of the Lost"—in many ways the greatest book, the most stirring account of human courage and stamina, in the face of unspendable hardships, suffering and death, that we have ever read.

NO review can do the book justice. It is a perfect example of a book that, to be appreciated, MUST BE READ. Salient quotations, if skillfully selected and arranged, can epitomize the character of most literary works, but to print extracts from this diary, without the context, would give an entirely false impression of what is really a bit of permanent and epoch-making literature.

"Our last solid food will be eaten tonight. This consists of one ounce of tallow for each man—I have eaten a great many of the dark-colored rock lichens; they are very palatable. This evening we dined on a stew composed of a pair of boot soles, a handful of reindeer moss, and a few rock lichens. We dressed the bodies of Dr. Pavy and Hender for their graves. The oil-tanned sealskin was divided between four of us—Greely thinks it may have some nourishment.—Both of Ellison's feet and one of his hands dropped off today—he doesn't know it—he says his feet hurt him.—Nothing to eat for 48 hours. We are badly broken and all will go together. Who will bury us with our departed comrades?"

Not very pretty reading. But these details are mild compared with many of them which, taken separately, would no doubt be revolting. But reading the book as a whole, the tragedy is so gradually unfolded, the atmosphere so perfectly created, that one is neither shocked nor nauseated—merely stirred and impressed beyond all words.

WHAT an epic of peaceful heroism! Eighteen men dead, the seven survivors, including Greely and Brainard, snatched from death when all hope had been abandoned—and then their rescue was accidental!

And there is Commander Byrd in his warm furs, deliberating as to whether they will have corned beef and cabbage, or chicken for dinner, and whether they will tune in at New York, play bridge, or listen to the Philadelphia Symphony!

"Child's play—a powder puff, champion!" Some such reactions must be experienced by Generals Brainard and Greely. And no one who has read this ordinary book can blame them.

Read it yourself, and your Christmas should be a happier one. Particularly if you belong to that despicable type of Genus Homo that raises an awful howl when he gets mutton stew and rice, when he had his heart set on a rare porterhouse smothered in onions and baked potato!

FIX THE STORM SEWERS

CERTAINLY no improvement is more needed in Medford than the construction of storm sewers which don't fill up and flood our main residence streets every time there is a rain over one-twentieth of an inch.

As usual, with the first heavy downpour of the year, both East and West Main are raging torrents, in some places from curb to curb. The situation is not only very inconvenient, but for motorists and pedestrians, positively dangerous.

The reconstruction of our street run-off system is an imperative need, and work on it should start at the earliest practical moment.

The present situation is a disgrace to a city of Medford's size and standing.

When you think the outlook dark, it is usually the INlook.

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, a stamped, self-addressed envelope is required. 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.

MODERN TREATMENT OF DISEASED TONSILS

It is not too apparent, yet there is some evidence that the regular doctors are becoming more conservative or less radical in their attitude toward enlarged adenoids and tonsils and diseased or infected tonsils. It is still the practice, in some poor communities, to delegate the condemnation of a child's tonsils to a nurse, even teachers, and to stage wholesale operations in "clinics," "health centers" and the like—the ever ready young operators snoring or grousing out the visible imphold these from every throat presented, without discrimination. Do I paint an exaggerated picture? Not at all. I give only a fair impression of the procedure in communities where nurses are employed by health department or school department and then required to act as little tin doctors. If any health officer or representative of the school medical inspection bureau desires more particulars, I shall be pleased to furnish them.

In the last year or two a newly developed method of treatment has been placed at the disposal of the profession. Some readers may recall having read newspaper items about the "radio knife," as some imaginative reporter called it, when he saw the apparatus with its dials and other gadgets resembling those of a radio receiver. This new method is diathermy; the special application of it in the treatment of tonsils is called electro-coagulation or electro-cauterization. I can't explain it technically, because I do not understand the technical side further than to say that it is a means of converting an electric current of some kind into heat in the tissues of the body. Diathermy means literally heating through. One doctor made the first page of the newspaper by announcing that he had first "trick" it on the dog—meaning a hot dog, and it cooked that all right, so he tried it on his own tonsil, and so on.

Now it requires not only special and expensive equipment but something a great deal more precious, namely, skill and much patience, on the part of the doctor who would employ this modern treatment with successful satisfaction. Many doctors have tried it without proper preparation and without the necessary skill, and they have failed, and their failures have been heralded by one of our badly edited medical periodicals to the general profession. The profession has thus been given a bad impression regarding a method of which the profession generally knows little or nothing. Then, to save its own face, perhaps, the same medical periodical has consistently refused to publish the favorable reports of men who are employing this new method with success and great satisfaction to their patients. So the pee-wees of our profession and we have an end of 'em—are still turning away patients who seek this boon, with the assurance that the method is "no good," or "dangerous" or a "pipe dream." Some patients, so rebuffed, give up the quest; others look farther, and sometimes find what they seek.

Personally, I know of only a few physicians throughout the country who employ this new method successfully; but doubtless many are using it with satisfaction and not saying much, lest their wisecracking confederates deem them quackish. Just the same, if my tonsils or adenoids were doomed, I'd want electro-coagulation.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Bimbo Thrives on Iron

Six weeks ago my two-year-old son swallowed a star-shaped iron object the size of a penny. It was smooth, with no sharp edges. The baby seems full of pep and healthy. Shall we have him X-rayed?—Mrs. J. A. Mac.

Answer.—If it were a penny, you might be justified in going to some expense to recover it, but it was just a bit of junk, I'd forgive and forget, as long as the baby thrives on it. Probably he had been reading some of the testimonials telling how strong the nutritive value was of somebody's animated iron. Such objects swallowed by infants are almost invariably expelled within 48 hours.

Candy and Spice and Everything Nice

Would you please tell me what I should eat and what not to eat on account of pimples on my face and back?—Miss A. J. O.

Answer.—Don't let the pimples interfere with your diet, child. There is no good reason to imagine the diet has anything to do with acne. Send a stamped envelope bearing your address, and mention your trouble.

Discord Here.
Just a line to tell you that I don't agree with you on the subject of eating before retiring. Now, for example, when a person lays down, the stomach . . . —D. A. J.
Answer.—When a person lays down what? I do not insist that you eat before retiring, and I hope you will not caution me against taking a snack at that time, if I like. Your experience, nightmare after a late supper, may warrant your vow not to do it again, but scarcely applies to the proper bedtime lunch or meal.

Unruh for the Poor Fish.
I want to report what the cod liver oil ration has done for me, thanks to your column. It (3) cured me of a two years' "cold" and cough; (2) cured me of an Eustachian tube collapse habit that my physician ascribed to anemia; (3) apparently endowed me with more immunity, for now I rarely get nose and throat infections and when I do they clear up quickly as by magic, where formerly I was a great sufferer and each attack lingered. —Mrs. M. M. H.

Answer.—Which may be just coincidence or perhaps in part attributable to the vitamin A in the cod liver oil. Anyway, a great blessing the codfish is to man. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

Quill Points

For that matter, very few people would be "bus-minded" if the bus lines charged more than the railroad.

Highways 40 feet wide won't help much. They'll just make the buses 20 feet wide.

As we understand Brookhart's critics, it's bad form to tell if your host steals the hotel silver.

If the rumble seat was changed a little it would be a nice place for the baby if moderns had a baby.

The benefits of education are largely imaginary. Our ancestors fared just as well when they called vitamins "greens."

Hogs root around in the mud, too, but you can't persuade them to do it just to carry a little ball somewhere.

A German has discovered how to control stomach ache in wildcats. Now if someone will learn how to control the wildcats in stomach ache.

Americanism: Using a violet-ray lamp because the sun doesn't advertise taking reducing pills because a sensible diet doesn't charge you an impressive fee.

If he is so stupid that he can't realize how insignificant he is compared with the world's useful men, the condition is called "swellhead."

Learning French in college helps you greatly if you ever need to ask a Frenchman: "Is this the Syrian servant of the general's mother-in-law?"

"Personality is the quality that enables you to be dignified without making people think you are posing."

Floating islands for airports, and then, darn it, every nation will need a bigger navy to protect the things.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

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