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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Parry

This is Friday the 13th, and a good day to get hit in the head with a horseshoe.

The University of Oregon Emerald, editorially charges that the selection by experts of the All-American football team is a joke and captions the article, "The All-American Joke."

The following item from the Oregon Emerald is a good sample of the brand of joking that is going on:

The only conference team to beat Oregon this year was Stanford, with a victory of 33 to 6, while last year Oregon lost to both Stanford and California.

Outside of being a trifle consolatory, the statement "last year Oregon lost to both Stanford and California," does not amount to much. Oregon did not lose to California this year for the same reason they did not lose to Notre Dame, viz: they did not play either aggregation.

The esteemed Salem Statesman Thursday hit a nail square on the head as follows:
Senator Steiwer justifies his part in kicking out a competent office-holder, Marshall Hotchkiss, by saying two terms are enough for a federal appointee. Why won't the same logic apply to the U. S. senatorship, Mr. Steiwer??

Farmers along the roads of the Applegate complain that autoists are taking gunnysacks full of tin cans for a ride on Sunday and dumping them by the roadside. This is a typical city trick, and the way to stop it, is to fight tin-cans with tin-cans.

It will soon be another year. One more year, and there will be no more leaves on the fly-specked calendars, that a year ago looked so chic. The new year will be 1930, and is anxiously awaited by all, including those who contemplate getting poitely drunk.

EUGENE, Ore.—(A) The cofferdam is being torn out on the upstream side of the new dam of the city power project on the McKenzie river near Leaburg and the dam is rapidly nearing completion.

A MOMENTOUS DECISION FOR SOUTHERN OREGON

THE order of the Interstate Commerce Commission compelling the Union Pacific to construct a railroad line from Crescent, Oregon, to Crane is undoubtedly the most important railroad decision that has been handed down in the history of the Pacific Coast. If sustained by the Supreme Court, it will revolutionize the railroad policy of this country and stimulate the development of this state in sensational fashion.

That Oregon sorely needs such an East-West connection, no fair-minded person can deny, nor can it be denied the outcome is a smashing victory for the Oregon Public Service Commission, which filed the original application, and fought for it before the commission.

The decision was not unanimous. Under the circumstances this is more than could be expected. For while the theory of compelling a railroad to build against its will,—where such construction is regarded as a matter of public necessity,—is not new, we believe, this is the first time, in this country, the theory has been carried out in practice.

THE opposition will once more raise the familiar cry of the government meddling in business. If government control and direction of public utilities is "meddling," then we have had it for half a century, and, whether we like it or not, will have it, for half a century to come.

And the theory upon which such control is based is unquestionably sound. For the alternative to having what the hard-shell individualist likes to call "government meddling" in Big Business, is to have our government controlled BY Big Business.

There is no middle ground. This must be a government "of the people, by the people and for the people," or it will be a government of Big Business, by Big Business and for Big Business. What is best for the people as a whole, must be our guiding principle, or what is best for Big Business WILL be.

LOOSE thinkers like to call this socialism. But it isn't. It is practical Democracy,—the retention of power in the hands of the people, rather than the surrender of that power to an economic dictatorship. It is public control, which is popular government; not public ownership and operation, which is socialism.

IF this decision is upheld, and \$9,000,000 spent for the Crane-Crescent connection, it will not only stimulate development in Eastern Oregon, but throughout the state, and incidentally render an eastern railroad connection for Medford and Southern Oregon practically certain. Crescent is only about 25 miles north of the Fish Lake pass—with an eastern rail connection at the former place. A hook-up with the latter should follow as a matter of course.

This ruling by the I. C. C. also strengthens the belief that the Hill lines will be allowed to connect the gap in their system between Northern California and Southern Oregon.

So, all in all, the decision is a very momentous one for Medford and Jackson County, as well as for the entire state. It promises to do more for the development of Oregon than any ruling that has been made in the recent history of this state.

AND IT WAS ASSININE
A CONSCIENTIOUS reader of this paper has just left this office after delivering a verbal barrage against yesterday's editorial regarding Senator Nye of North Dakota, and Uncle Joe Grundy of Pennsylvania.

Our excellent friend is surprised that this paper should "uphold a hoodler and profiteer like Grundy," and condemn such a true friend of the dear common people as the fighting gentleman from North Dakota.

The surprising feature of this visit was not the criticism for most visits to this sanctum are critical ones (an experience common to all newspapers)—but that such a presumably well-informed and intelligent person should take the trouble to walk up here, and deliver a brickbat against an editorial that he apparently had never read—or, if he did read, certainly didn't understand—net only didn't understand but to which he attributed opinions which, after a second reading, he admitted were not there.

IT is really funny how often this sort of thing happens in the newspaper business. There must be something about the critical faculty that, when strongly stimulated, paralyzes the faculty of reasoning. Not only paralyzes it, but arouses strange visions and fancies, quite unrelated to the exciting cause.

In the editorial in question, for example, nothing whatever was said about the respective characters of the two principals. We didn't uphold Grundy or condemn Nye on moral grounds. What we did say,—and what we repeat,—is that in this particular instance Senator Nye in opposing the seating of the aforesaid Grundy made an Ass of himself, and deserved a reprimand, which we predicted he would receive.

THE point of the editorial was so plain, we didn't think it had to be explicitly stated, but apparently in this assumption we were incorrect.
Namely: This is a representative government. One seat in the Senate being declared vacant, it was the obvious privilege of the Governor of Pennsylvania to fill it. He did so. Whereupon, Brother Nye jumped up in his seat and demanded that his appointee be excluded.

A PREPOSTEROUS stand to take! As long as this is a representative government, the Governor of a state has an absolute right to fill a vacancy in the Senate, as he sees fit. And the people of that state, not representatives from some other states, have the right to confirm or condemn that appointment. They also have the right to decide who shall represent them, not the Senator from North Dakota, nor the Senator from anywhere else.

There was, and is, no analogy with the Vane case. Vane was excluded because the Senate held he had corrupted the electorate and bought his seat. Certainly no such charge can be brought against Joe Grundy, unless his opponents wish to maintain that he corrupted the Governor of Pennsylvania. They have made no such claim.

FROM what we can gather from press reports, Senator Nye opposed Grundy because he doesn't like that gentleman's views on the tariff or his reputation.

What if he doesn't? Mr. Grundy doesn't like the tariff opinions or reputation of the gentleman from North Dakota. But does that give him the right to demand his recall?

The people of Pennsylvania have the same right to choose their representatives that the people of North Dakota have to choose theirs. For the representative of either state to challenge this right—except when criminal action or gross irregularities are charged—is to make the objector ridiculous and reduce Democratic government to an absurdity.

Personal Health Service
By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Send letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not in 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.

THE HUNGRY BUSINESS GIRL'S LUNCH

A regular business girl—what I mean is the kind it is easy to lock at—reports:

I have just had the pleasure of paying 50 cents for a sandwich which came in three layers, toast and as follows: Item, a layer of cucumber; item, a layer of tomato; and finally a layer of lettuce with a faint but yet discernible trace of bacon smearing the lettuce.

I have nothing against vegetables, but as a lunch the sandwich looks so futile, at the price, if I know my vegetables, I confess I bought my lunch in a drug store, but that's where everybody lunches these days. Perhaps a word or two from you regarding the adequacy of such a lunch for, hum, an executive, would be of interest, and value to many readers who are trying to live without working.

I have an uncomfortable feeling that the lady is kidding me a bit, but I still maintain that "executives" are people who manage to eke out a living without doing any honest work, and by jinks I say they ought to be paid accordingly.

The habit of lunching at the soda fountain or perhaps in the drug store seems to be growing on the white collar population, and I haven't a thing to say against it, except that food generally costs more in a drug store than it does in a restaurant, on the plate. Look at that alleged sandwich the business girl describes so painfully. My goodness, for 50 cents you can get a very good little lunch in many a real restaurant, and one that is fairly well balanced, too. Such an atrocity as the business girl describes would make merely an appetizer for such a lunch as I refer to.

In these degenerate days of frenzied reducing, many misguided people console themselves with the thought that the hasty, inadequate noon lunch will at any rate help them to keep thin. And that's where they make their beef steak, for in fatness to the druggists and the soda fountain proprietors, we must concede that nearly everything they serve is highly nutritious, more fattening, in fact, than the luncheon one ordinarily selects in a good restaurant. The quick

lunch characteristically provides a plethora of carbohydrates.
Now, far be it from me to utter a single syllable against the delectable carbohydrates. If one should be compelled to subsist on a single food material, he would be wise to choose a carbohydrate. It is the most essential of all food materials. But just the same, it is most fattening, too. Besides that, it is the cheapest food material. That maddening club sandwich, the regular business girl describes, is a fair example of a lot of carbohydrate with scarcely enough fat and protein to pick one's teeth for. The lady does not mention the character of the cover, but I hope it was bread and not cardboard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Wash and Iron.
I am to care for my daughter who expects one of those \$50 babies in March. Please give me a little advice about sterilizing clothing and bedding, etc.—Mrs. Y. E.
Answer.—Ordinary washing and ironing will sufficiently sterilize all such things. Then ordinary soap and water washing of patient's body and nurse's will complete the sanitary precautions so far as you can manage. The doctor will instruct you about any additional precautions.

Drafts Are Here Again.
Is it all right to have the head of the bed near an open window? Will the draft cause a stiff neck?—Mrs. E. W. J.
Answer.—It is all right, and a draft will cause no trouble if it is not uncomfortable. If a draft, or wind blowing in the window, is uncomfortable, use a window screen of unbleached muslin.

In one place in South America when a man marries a woman he stands her with the back of her head against a tree and knocks out her two upper middle front teeth to show that she is married and belongs to him, and that's a comparatively mild form of brutality.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
ACROSS
1. Track of a wild animal
6. Situated at the base
11. Author of "Peter Pan"
12. Likenesses
13. Coral islands
14. Decoron
15. River in Egypt
16. Nettle metals
17. Builder of the Ark
18. Period
19. Three-part song
20. Stainer
21. 160 square rods
22. Mexican rubber tree
23. Shelter
24. Bullfinches
25. Parasit
26. He sullen
27. Goddess of the harvest
28. Rippe against
29. Adjective suffix
30. Insect
31. Wise
32. Proud and happy
33. Exact satisfaction
34. Live
35. Takes out
36. Short and to the point
37. DOWN
1. Tree-hunt with Verboise
2. Heraldic bearing
3. Grease
4. Had recourse to
5. Wait for
6. City in Iowa
7. Five dollar bill; Colloq.

BRAD AVAST REND
RANI BASTE ERIE
EVER ALARM PICA
DETEST REPLACED
CATS WEAR
PORTIONS RITUAL
ALE DIETS DELVE
CITE REACT DETON
EVILS SIRED RID
REASON RETREADS
IDES WHEN
BINNACOE EELPOT
OLEOTINER IOWA
ALAR AMOLE SMEW
TYRE REWAD TEDS

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-37 and some filled-in letters.

Moisture Makes Air Feet Warmer.
I have always understood that air that is dried out feels colder than air that contains a fair amount of moisture. Is this true, and does it matter in the heating of a house?—M. B. G.
Answer.—Yes. Experience bears out the theory, for a household air temperature of 65 degrees feels comfortable if a fair humidity is maintained, whereas a temperature of 70 degrees, with the air excessively dried out, as it usually is when heated to that degree, often feels a bit chilly. It is necessary to evaporate from 10 to 30 gallons of water in 24 hours in an eight-room house to maintain the ideal humidity, when the household air temperature exceeds 65 degrees F. With an air temperature that is not allowed to rise above 68, 10 to 15 gallons of water should be evaporated in each 24 hours. It is hardly worth while to bother with gadgets that evaporate only a gallon or two a day.

Old Ben Told on Duty.
I am suffering with recurring appendicitis, and have been told that not having it removed now is likely to cause rupture. Would like your opinion.—H. R. L.
Answer.—It sounds like Ben's usual nonsense.
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Primitive savages are afraid of woman, superstitious about her strange powers, and other things concerning her.
Among certain savages it has even been the custom to compel a girl, before marriage, to consort with four or five men of the tribe, including her future husband; that husband feeling himself inadequate to the occasion.
It will take a long time to uproot those ancient superstitions and brutalities.

Somebody supposed to be an expert says that the United States will manufacture in 1930, 1,000,000 fewer automobiles than in 1929.
That prediction, probably mistaken, is not creditable to the people's intelligence.
Many things a family can do without, but no family, properly organized, can do without a good automobile.

When one is worn out it should be replaced. When a better automobile appears, and a family can afford a better one, it should be got.
Automobiles mean saving time, consequently longer real life. A man who can "get along" without an automobile is one whose time and life are not worth much.

Former Governor Smith, who got 15,000,000 votes for President on the Democratic ticket, about twice as many as any other Democrat ever got, makes this interesting announcement:
In the center of the 85-story building, with tower 1100 feet high, that he is erecting on the site of the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, former Governor Smith plans a mooring mast for Zeppelin airships.

Air passengers will come down from their ships, landing at the corner of Thirty-fourth street and Fifth avenue in a few minutes, instead of coming all the way in from Lakehurst, N. J.
If Governor Smith puts that through he will contribute something to transportation progress.

EUGENE, Ore.—(A) College husbands outnumber college wives almost two to one at the University of Oregon, according to Richard Collins, statistician at the university. Married students number 122, or about five per cent of the student body. Out of 125 graduate students, 37 are married.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
Dec. 13, 1919
Portland—All cold records in Oregon history broken when mercury hits 42 below zero in Jefferson county, and 11 below in Salem.

Washington—Deadlock on peace treaty continues in senate, in spite of allies accepting senate reservations. "President Wilson absolutely immovable," declares Senator Lodge.

Eugene—Oregon football team practices in 9 inches of snow for Harvard contest.

Mayor Gates urges people to throw out food for birds, as they are starving with ground covered with deep snow.

Rev. D. E. Millard, master of Boy Scouts, lists "patriotic firms" in Medford.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
Dec. 13, 1909
Ad Helms' yellow Newtown orchard nets \$1312 per acre.

John R. Allen denies P. & E. terminal will be in Central Point.

American Marines fired at at Bluefields by President Zelaya's force of Nicaragua.

Transon & Guthrie receive \$2.75 per box, E. O. B. Eagle Point for car of Spitz apples.

W. F. Towne of New York wires orders to speed up work at Blue Ledge mine.

W. F. Biddle and A. Conro Fiero leave for Chicago to spend the Christmas holidays.

Quill Points

"Husbands hunger for petting when they are sick," says a feminine writer. But why drag in the last four words?

Evolution must be confined to democracies. That's the only place where youngsters are ashamed of the old folks.

Three generations from shirt sleeves to shirt sleeves, but you can shorten the period with the help of a broker.

Another good way to restore confidence is to stop acting as though the poor thing hadn't much chance.

Dec throwing is the oldest of all games, and that may explain why seven has always been called a lucky number.

To measure the harm done by a panic, observe how many collectors bring a moving van instead of a receipt book.

Americanism: Howling because government tries to interfere while you are running amuck; blaming the government for your sore spots after the wreck.

Russia and China deserve praise. It takes a lot of forbearance to keep the peace while killing one another.

A German scientist says a monkey's chatter expresses no intelligence, but this alone isn't sufficient proof of relationship.

If you think the female influence isn't dominant, try to find a man sitting on his front porch in a red flannel undershirt.

American women won't return to long skirts. They prefer the joyous stride of freedom—that permits them to wobble along on three-inch heels.

MUTT AND JEFF—What the Well Dressed Man Will Drink This Winter



By BUD FISHER