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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

It seems that somebody is loving the farmer, besides themselves, their wives, and candidates for office. As a result, the farmer is beset by admirers who proclaim the Farm Relief Act will skin him alive, financially, stripping the hide of the tillers, has heretofore under the prevailing economic system, been the exclusive right of his present and sudden admirers.

The water knows absolutely nothing about the Farm Relief act. This is the extent of the knowledge of those who see in the bill destruction and despair and a high fever. However, the president, for the operation of the measure, has gathered a number of long-headed gents distinguished for their business acumen.

Harry Timms left the mountains with his wife and a wildcat Tuesday. The wildcat escaped—Paisley Notes.) When the wildcat started he was told he had to take his own chances.

The city council has ordered that 13-year-old boys driving a high powered auto without a license, and are under 12 years of age when attending a theater, must go home at 9 o'clock, or any time thereafter they may feel like it.

Your core, was assailed late yesterday by a member of the fair sex who has a long dress (so-called). She demanded a retraction that the said dress was red. She herself gets it. The dress was not red. It is the color of a fire engine.

California football teams have figured out the difference between 5000 people at a game and 40,000 people, and have allotted games to OSC (nee OAC), and none to the UOFC, for next year. The more people in the stadium on a Saturday afternoon, the more spotulicks in the athletic fund, seems to be the theory. Besides, the OAC (nee OAC) squad always offers opposition, have more than one scoring play when they arrive at the 10-yard line, and are not beset by a horde of OAC campus politicians.

They try to play football, instead of politics. Oregon is given games with Washington, Idaho, OSC, Montana, Gonzaga, with an open date for a contest with the Portland branch of Mohler's Barber college.

MINERS The great man turned to me and said, "Mining has gone to Hell the last ten years. Do you know what's the matter? The confounded automobiles! They have nearly ruined Nevada. Nobody's finding mines any more. These fancy cars are getting stuck close to the highways so as to spare their tires. Over two-thirds of the big mines in Nevada were found by burros hunting for grass, or by their masters who spent half their lives hunting for the strayed burros."

Fancy scouts! Well, the prospectors had changed, certainly. Here were a score of them surging about this pit. All were dressed in semimilitary style, with leggings and mackinaws—with not a single beard amongst them. Gens are the rule-of-thumb old timers who prodded the burro, cursing meanwhile every tooth out of their heads, and braving heat waves that would have daunted Ah-Shego.—(American Mercury.)

THE TAX ON INTANGIBLES

IT will be very interesting to see how the new tax on intangibles works out in Oregon. State officials expect nearly a million dollars revenue from this tax, and the state levy on real property has, in anticipation of this result, been reduced by a like amount.

As was to be expected some owners of intangibles, subject to the tax, are complaining. They seem generally to agree the tax is just in theory, but they complain about certain of its provisions—particularly the item declaring stock losses not deductible.

In this as in most other things, however, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we believe the sensible course is to give the new system a fair trial, before concluding that it is unjust or unworkable. If experience proves inequalities exist, they can be removed by legislative action, and if no such inequalities develop then all factions can unite on the support of a system, which has demonstrated its worth.

THE MAIL-TRIBUNE in the past opposed both a state income tax and intangible tax, not because we questioned the justice and propriety of such taxes in theory, but because we believed that in practice until Washington and California adopted similar taxes, they would work an undesirable and unnecessary hardship upon Oregon. We maintained that Oregon, the least developed of the three states, should encourage people of means to settle in this state and invest their money, rather than impose a tax against them.

We hear owners of intangible assets are planning to move from Oregon, to avoid this tax. Mebbe so. But if our information is correct they will find no relief on the coast, and in only a few states, including Florida, and other commonwealths, many miles away.

AS to technical defects in the new law, they must be left, as far as we are concerned, to the tax experts. But the general theory of the intangible tax we believe to be right, and deserving of popular support.

Why should intangible property be exempt from taxation? We can see no valid reason. Let us suppose, for the sake of argument, two men come to Oregon, each with \$50,000. Mr. A puts his money in a ranch and acts as its manager. Mr. B gets a salaried position, rents a home and puts his \$50,000 in gilt-edged bonds. Is it right that Mr. A should pay one or two thousand dollars a year in taxes and Mr. B should pay NOTHING?

Obviously not. And yet that was the situation under the old system. It was an effort to remedy this injustice, to lessen the burden on real property, by transferring a proper portion of it to intangibles, that the new tax law was framed. The old system penalized the man who invested his money in Oregon, and worked for the state's development, and in reality paid a bonus to the man who invested no money in this state, but drew his salary here, and profited by investing his money to promote development in the East.

We are inclined to agree with C. C. Chapman of the Oregon Voter, who led the fight in this state against the state income tax (and who incidentally has been characterized for many years as the mouthpiece of the business interests in this state), when he writes, anent the new intangible tax as follows:

Oregon owners of intangibles have a variety of reasons for reporting their 1929 income from intangibles and paying the nominal tax of 5 per cent on that income.

Paramount as an incentive is that of citizenship. The tax is not burdensome, especially as compared with the heavy taxes paid by tangible property, especially real estate. The benefits derived from residence in this state are so great that it will afford a thrill of pleasure and satisfaction to pay this tax if it one step to think where the money goes—to schools, higher education, out state institutions and, in small part, to support a very good state government. Conscientious people will report their income and those who are not so acutely conscientious will feel a lot better to notch up a bit into the class who are particular about their own opinion of themselves.

A minor reason is that of self protection. Intangibles reported under the income tax are thereby released from the danger of being assessed at full value and taxed with the full rate on property. There's a big difference between paying 5 per cent on principal and 5 per cent on income.

In making the return do not forget that dividends derived from stocks purchased on margin are taxable the same as dividends from stock held in full ownership, or interest on bonds. Neither profits nor losses in stock transactions are taxable or deductible. The new tax is in effect on 1929 income, and is reportable and payable in 1930. You will get your report blank soon.

"Give Dad something restful for Christmas." To be sure. Slippers to rest his feet, and a little family conspiracy to rest his pocketbook.

It won't do for all concerns to merge. If there's no competition who will pay the radio's adenoid tenor?

MUTT AND JEFF—Meet the Prime Minister of Static



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.

THE MILK MAN ENTERS PRACTICE

Our milk man, or at least the one who has been ours for several years, has always delivered the very best milk, or cream, butter, cheese, we could desire. It seems a shame to give him the air now, but I fear we must do so in self defense. The milk man has at last entered the practice of medicine. He makes his bow by informing us, along with the head news of the staggering total of the month's milk bill, that constipation is one of the most fertile sources of disease in the human system. For years I have been trying to believe that constipation is nothing like that. But apparently the milk man knows better.

And he follows up the announcement by assuring us that constipations are temporary and if persisted in, extremely harmful. Of course our milk man knows nothing about the subject upon which he seeks to inform us. He is merely distributing some propaganda for a nostrum which he has undertaken to sell customers as a commission on all he can sell. The milk man probably draws a reasonable rate from the nostrum maker for distributing the propaganda. The nostrum in question is one of the numerous preparations of acidophilus bacillus. In recent years acidophilus bacillus cultures or products have been extensively exploited as an improvement upon the Bulgarian bacillus cultures of products that enjoyed so much popularity 10 or 20 years ago when Metchnikoff's theory was still current and unexplored. I do not question the assertion that acidophilus products are more satisfactory for the purpose of favoring a vigorous lactic bacillus growth in the intestine; nor do I doubt that such lactic bacillus fermentation in the intestine is wholesome and desirable. I do not wish to imply that acidophilus preparations should not be prescribed by physicians for certain cases. I simply give it as my opinion that none of these glorified substitutes for buttermilk or sour milk is worth a tinker's dam for anybody not under medical care. I challenge bacteriologists and dietitians who have no commercial interest concerned, to bring forward any sound scientific evidence that the desirable vigorous lactic fermentation in the intestine can be more effectively maintained by the use of these fancy preparations than it can be by the drinking of raw fresh milk, buttermilk, soured milk or skim milk, whichever or whenever one likes.

Our milk man's defection gives me a pain, and I mean a pain. Is there no single line of business in this nation that can succeed without taking advantage of health-appeal? Is there no honest merchant who can get along without engaging more or less in the practice of medicine? Is there no merchandise that will sell to intelligent folk without the extravagant promise that the purchase of the goods will bring the customer "health insurance?"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Colic Can't Happen. Our two-month-old baby is troubled very much with colic. Is there any cure for it, or is there anything that will relieve the pain temporarily?—A. L. P. Answer.—Sometimes I think the best treatment would be anesthesia of the parents or more likely the neighbor who brings the charge against the infant. I've worried through some pretty trying squalls. I've given him out to a lot of highly technical pediatricians and well meaning busybodies; I've withstood some ponderous opinions of pompous old doctors; and my present belief is that colic does not happen. In every alleged case of colic I have encountered in a reasonably varied private and hospital practice in city and country, the baby in fact was actually suffering from improper care or lack of care. Wrong food, unwarranted doping with medicine, uncomfortable, usually excessive clothing, noise and bright light after bedtime; hunger; thirst; uneasiness—these are some of the common conditions that are evoked by that mean ailment, "colic."

Modern life offers few examples of "noblesse oblige," unless you count the fact that trucks give filthvans room to pass. Well, sir, what a surprise! Wheels kept right on turning, even though figures on a tape change from \$40 to \$5.

New Yorkers who can't select the worst of 26 city noises must live where nobody is leaning the fiddle. This sinful downfall of the righteous isn't new. The only man good enough to save from the flood got drunk when it was over.

America dotes on bath tubs, but you'll notice that authors still demonstrate their hero's superiority by giving him a bath every day. Americanism: Buying books we don't read; attending opera we can't appreciate; paying for a room with a bath and not taking the bath.

The tumult and the shouting dies; the heroes and the crowds depart. Still stands the big game's sacrifice—a crippled back and leg, and heart.

A noted psychologist announces the discovery that men are sillier after dark, but doesn't tell which night club he visited. Adam was yellow enough to blame Eve, but he didn't take his when his soft snip ended.

A man at work can't liquor up as he could while watching the ticker, and what will the bootleggers do then, poor things? Still, birds of a feather flock together. You'd naturally expect

treacherous luggage to travel with a treacherous dry. It might be a good idea, while framing a constitutional amendment, to tack on a rider telling federal judges what it means. Correct this sentence: "I think the old way of raising children was better," said he, "and I'm not intimating that my own excellence proves the point."

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"Tomorrow—The Giant." Brisbane's Today (Continued from Page One) would probably need landing places only every 500 miles. Many remember crossing the ocean on steamers in the last century with sails stretched, the captains not relying on steam. They don't do that any longer. The Wall Street crash did not take all the money. A New Yorker, Monday, bought a diamond for \$100,000 for some deserving lady. Perhaps it was a broker, not a customer, that bought it. If you are looking for a present, and can't think what to give, a Fifth Avenue jeweler has for sale at \$750,000 a necklace of Oriental pearls, good color. The recipients of the \$100,000 diamond and the \$750,000 necklace probably will not enjoy their gift as much as some girl in Ohio will enjoy getting a small ring with a moss agate set in it. How rich is this country with its growing billions of income a year! One state, New York, carries more than sixteen thousand million dollars of insurance, and one city spends five hundred million dollars a year. Within twenty years the income of the United States has increased by tens of billions. The earnings of the average family are almost \$4000 a year.

Letters from Radio Fans. MISS HAPP OF ST. LOUIS SAYS—"THERE AIN'T NO USE TRYING TO TUNE YOU OUT. YOU'RE ALL OVER THE DIAL LIKE THE CRYSTAL ON A WATCH!" JULIUS CLUTTS OF PITTSBURGH WRITES—"I ALWAYS LIKE TO HEAR YOUR VOICE BETWEEN INSTALMENTS ON OUR RADIO—IT MAKES ME GLAD THE THING AIN'T PAID FOR!"



MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS: 1. Place to sit, 2. Part of a church, 3. High mountain, 4. Leave out, 5. Lively insect, 6. Pasture, 7. Heads, 8. Afternoon, 9. Leave out, 10. Son of Seth, 11. Building sites, 12. Pertaining to the rat, 13. Before, 14. Bared forth suddenly, 15. Individual performance, 16. Termination of the past participle, 17. Nostril, 18. One of an early breed of dwarf cattle, 19. As far as, 20. Harp, 21. Bay Window, 22. Ever, 23. Preparation, 24. Friend of the poet, 25. Opposite of, 26. Opposite of, 27. Opposite of, 28. Animal flesh, 29. One who mimics, 30. One who mimics.

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SUNDOWN STORIES

SANTA'S FIRE-ESCAPES By Mary Graham Bonner "Santay," Peggy began, "most of the children I know, or a good many of them, anyway, live in apartments, and you come to see them just the same. How do you get down without chimneys?"

"My dear," Santa Claus replied, "I saw those apartments being built some time ago. When they started to build them I said to myself: 'What! No chimneys for me to go down to visit the children on Christmas Eve? Well, I'll have to see about that!'"

"And I did. I saw that they were building fire-escapes on those houses—every apartment had its fire-escape. So when I go to such places I simply go down that way."

"Oh, I am so glad to have that question answered," Peggy said. "And then they said good-bye to Santa Claus, and the Little Black Clock told him that perhaps he would bring them again."

"Oh, may we come?" Peggy asked. "We'd love to, Santa," John added.

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Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) December 18, 1919. Jackson County Farm Bureau Exchange is incorporated.

With pipes repaired, Page theater is opened for presentation of "The Tailor-Made Man."

Swift & Co. of Chicago announce abandoning wholesale grocery trade.

New York.—Food Products company with 1,000,000 gallons of whiskey on hand, declares extra dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

J. S. C. Wells, visitor here from Nebraska, goes to Santa Barbara, to return here with wife and son, to make permanent home.

Movement starts to establish airplane mail route from New York to San Francisco.

Medford women advised not to pay over \$1.00 a dozen for eggs.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) December 19, 1909. Copenhagen.—A committee of Danish scientists finally decide Dr. Cook never reached North Pole.

Dr. Swedenborg wins suit brought against him for \$17,500 by Floyd Moore.

Sisters of Holy Name may build \$125,000 hospital in Medford.

Booster Note: "Orchardists are so prosperous, diamonds are not so scarce in Medford jewelry stores."

It is estimated 11 airplanes will appear at the big aviation meet in Los Angeles, in January.

New York.—J. P. Morgan effects big copper merger. Total output annually will be over 200,000,000 pounds.

What once would have been a comfortable fortune is now a yearly income.

No wonder foreign nations want us in the League of Nations, their World Court, or in something that would create a hold on Uncle Sam and his pocketbook.

In our American specialty, crime, usually unpunished, you read "Girl found dead in cab near home."

And St. Joseph, Mich., tells of a fugitive from murder supposed to be connected with the wholesale butchery in Chicago.

The people had almost forgotten about that incident.

Half a dozen men, compelled to stand with their faces to the wall, were mowed down with machine guns, called "choppers," by racketeers that use them.

Big Business becomes always bigger and so much the better for Big Business and the little man.

Bigger business calls for greater ability, creates higher wages.

If the people have brains they will not allow Big Business to become oppressive.

And if they haven't brains, Big Business will teach them to think. They'll have to.

The United States Steel Corporation will buy the Atlas Portland Cement Company, one of the biggest concerns in the United States.

United States Steel already has gigantic cement plants, but wants to grow still bigger.

Women's Hose \$1.00 Pair

Silk from top to toe with French Heel. The Toggery.

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