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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

It appears that everybody in the state, with two clean shirts and a dark suit, is busy running for governor.

A local sack of prunes has fallen into the clutches of a bannery chief, instead of a distiller, for the first time since May, 1925.

The Soviet of Russia, has issued a decree abolishing kissing. The decree is effective throughout the world, illustrating the modesty of the Russians, in regulating manners.

SO ROLLS THE WORLD
(Benevolent) theater management last night attempted to act as host to all Bend folk who in the past year were not favored by fortune which provided the great majority of local people with food, clothing, shelter and entertainment.

It is reported that a lady politician of the upstate region, is considering opposing Congressman Hawley in the spring primary. This is a cute idea, and as civility is involved, they will not stop counting the votes for Mr. Hawley at noon on the day after election.

The remainder of the month will be devoted to sleep fast during the Yule revelry in the social whirls.

Merchants have started counting the beans, as this is the pre-inventorial period.

Farmers of the Elk Creek district, regret they have no place to meet unless they journey to the Jim Grieve schoolhouse. Why don't they use the Earl Ulrich mail box. It would be just the thing, if it had a fireplace, and was moved back from the road.

The excitement over the news that Clara Bow's fiancé calls her "Mooch," has started to subside in these parts.

The sturdy athletes and dancers of the state campuses, after the holiday recess, are wending their way back to their arithmetic and penmanship.

ARTICHOKE SHORTAGE IMPENDING—(Hulline Portland Telegram.) Hurrah!

The fog this season is not as violent against permanent freezes as in previous years.

DARK OUTLOOK FOR MAN
Picking up the January issue of the Scientific Monthly we are confronted with an article by a biologist on "The Elimination of Some Male Sex in the Evolution of Some Lower Animals." Turning to the article in question we discover with a degree of relief that so far the process applies to what the author reassuringly calls "the lowly water flea."

A PEEVED JOUJOURNIST
(Larned, Kern, Tibber)
For about the first time since the war, this office got hold of a typewriter operator whose sole knowledge of his vocation appeared to be that he had seen the picture of a type-setting machine in a magazine once and thought it was pretty. Hence apologies are due to our readers for the avalanche of misprints with which they were annoyed last week. He is now defunct.

Approximately \$73,000 appropriated for construction of Heppner-Spray road for 1930 season.

THEN AND NOW

IN a recent biography of Jefferson Davis, we find the following interesting opinion upon slavery, written in 1850:

Slavery has been a serious problem and important issue for half a century. The country is divided between those who know it is wrong and those who know it is right. Between them, both North and South, are those who frankly don't know, and are looking for some Moses to lead them out of the swamps of doubt and indecision. Will such a Moses ever appear? I doubt it. Only the ages can decide this question. The wisdom or folly of disrupting the established social and economic customs of the human race can only be determined after long experience and in the fullness of time. Our children may know what we can only guess. The Moses we pray for will be no individual, but the composite judgment of a Nation, which can only distinguish between what is right and what is wrong, what is sound and what fallacious, after a more extended experience than is possible at the present time.

Substitute the term "Prohibition" for "Slavery," and we believe this is a true analysis of the present situation regarding the ancient and controversial liquor problem. The country is pretty well divided between those who KNOW Prohibition is right and those who KNOW it is wrong. Between them are an increasing number of people who frankly don't know, and are looking for some Moses to lead them out of the wilderness of doubt and indecision.

Just as the correspondent of Jefferson Davis doubted that such a Moses would ever appear, so most observers doubt the appearance of any Prohibition Moses. Most thoughtful people feel that the composite judgment of the Nation must decide, and only after a more extended experience than has been possible up to the present time.

This is probably the reason the Hoover Law Enforcement Commission has refused to rule on whether it believes Prohibition to be right or wrong, desirable or undesirable; but has accepted it as a fact, and will confine its survey to determining what it regards as the best method of enforcement.

THIS is a disappointing conclusion to those who want to be told what to do, but it appears to us as both an inevitable and sensible conclusion.

As with the problem of Slavery, so with the problem of Prohibition, the wisdom or folly of disrupting the established social and economic customs of the human race, can only be determined after long experience and in the fullness of time. Ten years are not enough to determine the success or failure of such a far-reaching and complicated experiment. The final decision won't rest with this generation, but with the next, or perhaps the third or fourth generation.

Meanwhile there is nothing to do but trust to the slow but eventually enlightening process of conflicting opinions working out, step by step, administrative methods for the future, which promise to be an improvement over those of the present and past.

With the valley enshrouded in fog it is interesting to note that the sun is shining in a clear blue sky over the Applegate. With a good road to Rich, here is a winter resort at our side door. Perhaps the time will come when winter homes in the Applegate will be as popular as summer homes on the coast and Rogue River.

What killed vaudeville? Well, density would die out, too, if it required nothing more than ability to make the first page.

The blessings of Christmas continue for weeks. Every man has an alibi for his own funny taste in neckties.

Another difference between death and taxes is that people never are taxed just from the cars up.

The poor have advantages. You can put on a new 75-cent shirt without having to pull out 32 pins.

Apparently the Chinese don't care who run the country, just so they can fight one another. What a paradise for Democrats.

Davis is the first cabinet officer to sing in Welsh, but a lot of them have developed an ability to sing low in Dutch.

A sports writer says the art of sliding will wane with the passing of Ty Cobb. But we still have the paper napkin.

Americanism: "Educating" the boy so he will have an easier time than you had; wondering why he is sorry enough to loaf and let you pay the expenses.

Now if we can just live long enough to see the ads used when the Pullman people decide to put over the upper berth.

A Japanese statesman says a 10-10-7 ratio of ships would end their flaming resentment. Another good formula is H-2-O.

It's easy to understand prison riots. Many a married man kicks the cat because he can't go out.

Riches aren't everything. The fellow who enjoyed telling how much he made in Wall Street seems to find equal enjoyment in telling how much he lost.

MUTT AND JEFF—Dr. Mutt Could Diagnose the Case



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.

IDOPHOBIA AND THE GOITER SITUATION.

Thanks to the ardent medical writers and lecturers for the public and to the overzealous public health workers and life extension bulletins, practically every woman with a goiter has with it an anxiety neurosis, declare Drs. Harold T. Hyman and Leo Kessel, who have made a thorough study of goiter at St. Sinal hospital, New York. Then these authorities add a striking remark: "Almost all of our patients came to us with symptoms directly referable to this 'goiterophobia'."

In the report of their studies published 2 1/2 years ago Dr. Hyman and Kessel said there had been a great furor over the dangers of iodine administration to individuals with adenomatous glands (adenomatous means lumpy or nodular enlargements). They regarded that danger as tremendously exaggerated and thought it should not deter the physician from the routine administration of an iodine in the general run of simple goiters that occur in girls and young women, less commonly in boys and young men.

The extravagance of the surgeons, declared Dr. Hyman and Kessel, have also helped in no small way to further this anxiety state, one of the most zealous claiming that in his state more than three-fourths of the young women have a goiter, and of these, one-half have "toxic" symptoms. That eager surgeon would have us believe, then, that more than a third of all the young women in his state should undergo goiter operations.

Now I am expressing my own convictions and not merely reporting what Dr. Hyman and Dr. Kessel said. Here in November, 1929, an ambitious young surgeon, trafficking the mystic symbols E. A. C. S. after his name and halting, he tells the medical world, from a private "clinic"—one of those huddles into which certain doctors go when they wish to advertise without losing caste in the prevailing medical journals his recommendation that the presence of thyroid adenomata (lumpy or nodular goiter) is sufficient evidence to call for removal, and bases this belief and practice on the fact that more than one-fourth of all such patients eventually develop "toxic" symptoms, that is, symptoms of hyperthyroidism or over-secretion of the thyroid gland; and a smaller portion have trouble in breathing, swallowing or speaking, which, when then one ultimately develops malignancy (cancer).

But this drummer for the "clinics" mentions an interesting observation made by the outfit he works for. For some years, he says, "we" were inclined to believe that the hyperthyroidism of exophthalmic goiter differed in some way from that occurring in some cases of thyroid adenomata. Now that notion is no longer entertained. The "toxic" goiter is just a half-baked surgeon's fancy. It is all plain hyperthyroidism. And in getting patients with hyperthyroidism ready for operation the surgeons have discovered that it is well to administer iodine in some form. This "clinic" scout says that today iodine medication, rest in bed and carefully graded surgery have united to lower the mortality of goiter operations very materially.

Acknowledging that surgery is the best treatment and the operative treatment in some cases of goiter, I maintain that far too many patients with goiter are subjected to operation when proper medical treatment would be adequate. I warn young women who have goiter against the scare some ever ready operators seek to maintain about the administration of iodids by physicians.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
The Purest Milk
What is the difference between Jersey milk and certified milk?—Mrs. J. A.

Answer—Jersey cows give all kinds of milk. Certified milk is the purest and naturally the most expensive fresh milk obtainable. It is produced, handled and delivered to customers under the supervision of a commission of local health authorities, physicians, bacteriologists, etc., who are responsible for the purity of the milk and who certify its purity, from regular examinations, inspections and tests. Any one who can afford it is fortunate indeed to have certified milk, particularly for children.

Another Near Marriage
I have been married nearly two years, yet I believe I can make use of a little sound advice... troubled with what one doctor called chronic appendix... been told it would be better not to have any children until after the operation...—A. W.

Answer—Yes, I've heard some such yarn many times, but I never take it seriously. People who can't have children "just yet" have no business marrying. That sort of business is the curse of the country.

The Silent Traffic Cop
Lamp this item, and then tell us whether the cop is well enough to keep on his post.—T. P.

Answer—The clipping tells how a Houston traffic cop controlled traffic while the traffic light was out of order. He found he could hold his breath comfortably for 30 seconds, and so he gauged the stop and go. What joy to drive up and down past that cop—he couldn't very well haul you out without messing traffic all up. But I imagine he must be pretty well; a healthy man can hold his breath 40 to 45 seconds. I don't believe, however, that any man could hold his breath every alternate 20 seconds even in Houston. If a cop were to try that stunt they would have to cart him off in the "Black Maria" after five minutes.

Prevention Is Nearly As Good As Killing
Is there anything to kill dandruff?—M. S.

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for instructions for care of the hair and prevention or relief of dandruff. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

Quill Points

It may be true that half of the people miss their calling. That would explain their superior ability to run the other fellow's business.

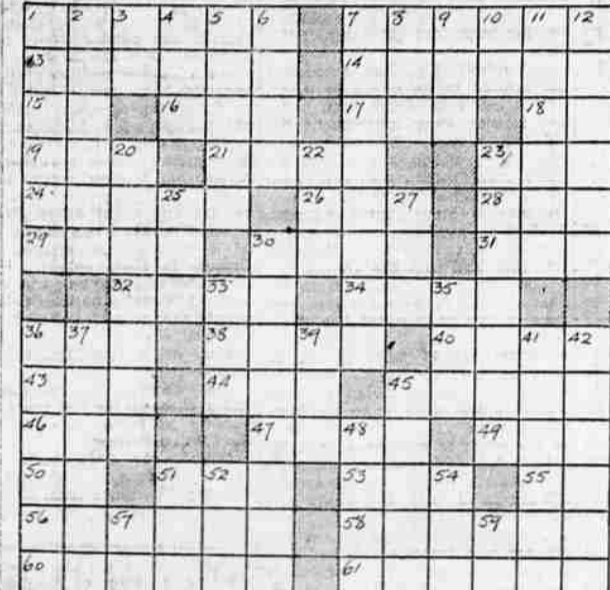
Some people don't recover from the "holiday spirit" until they can forget the \$5 wasted on some relative who sent a mere postcard.

Another objection to making your home a barroom for guests is that you have no official bouncer.

Mr. Ford didn't make good as a member of Dearborn's board of education. There are heights to which genius itself cannot attain.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

SOLUTIONS
1. Parts of words
2. Hauled
12. Pertaining to the sun
13. Bird of hell. Head plouner
14. Sea god
15. Southern constellation
16. Bird's break
17. From
18. Top piece of a scale
19. Siles
20. Spring
21. Lasso to
22. Scales
23. American industry
24. Sashed edge
25. Meat dish
26. Ruffly
27. American currency
28. Scales
29. Eastern secret
30. Arabian war
31. Unable to and
32. The way
33. Still over
34. Whittles
35. Well
36. Neck piece
37. Anger
38. Card game
39. Very moist
40. Physician
41. Fragments
42. Vessel for brewing a beverage
43. Light touch
44. Preparation
45. Reddish brown horse
46. Scars
47. Glided over ice
48. DOWN
49. Fragments
50. Vessel for brewing a beverage
51. Short for a man's name
52. By way of
53. Having ears
54. Mark of a wound
55. Unvarying
56. Exile
57. Carried home
58. Proposition
59. Run away repeatedly to be married
60. Repeat
61. Repeat
62. Not deep
63. Female sheep
64. Gaid's highest note
65. Stippled
66. Wine
67. One who practices theft; thief
68. Among
69. Utains for temporary use
70. Put in position
71. Ball of oiled oak
72. Chestnut
73. Small, roughly built house
74. Monkeys
75. The older
76. Tree; Seal
77. Seal
78. Seal
79. Japanese yakoda
80. Against profit
81. Night abate



WILLIAMS GRANGE MEETS SATURDAY

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., Jan. 3.—(Special.) A special meeting of the Williams Grange and community is called to meet at the community hall Saturday evening, January 4th to decide about a hall. Mr. Holbrook, master of the Pomona, and Mr. Rhodes, deputy, will be present and will make addresses.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fields, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Vahrenwald from the Williams Grange, attended the dedication of the new Fruitvale Grange hall, New Year's day. The occasion was also the election of officers of the Pomona Grange and the initiation of twenty-five new members into the Pomona.

Mr. Holbrook was re-elected master of the Pomona, Ernest Rhodes, deputy; Oscar Johnson of the Williams Grange, as gatekeeper, and George Fields on the executive committee. An all day and evening session was held.

WILLOW SPRINGS

WILLOW SPRINGS, Ore., Jan. 3.—(Sul.)—On Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elden entertained in honor of their sons, who were at home for the holidays. A merry evening was spent with games, music and dancing. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

A number of the young folks of this vicinity were guests of Elden and Jack Bolds on Monday evening at their home, Woodlawn Orchard.

A New Year's dinner and waten party was held at the H. A. DuBogue home. The table was beautiful with flowers and colored lights and a goodly company enjoyed the feast.

Miss Evelyn Heft is attending business college in Medford where she is taking a full commercial course. Miss Heft drives back and forth.

The Gresham, Heft and Thompson families gathered on Christmas day at the R. W. Nichols home east of Central Point where they enjoyed a business dinner and a royal good time.

Lindbergh Best Liked

AUGUSTA, Me.—(AP)—Of living celebrities Lindbergh is most admired by 2500 high school graduates of Maine. In an official questionnaire, mother ran second, Edison third and Hoover fourth.

FOUR DRINKS FATAL FOR TIPLING NOVICE

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Four drinks of liquor, taken New Year's eve and said to have been the first he had tasted, were believed by police here to have been responsible for the death of Oscar Wilfert, 25, Millbrae dairy ranch worker.

By BUD FISHER

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune)
January 3, 1910
Washington—Prohibition enforcement law is upheld by a peaco court decision.

F. C. Roemer, of the South Oregon Experiment station turned Monday from a stay several months in China.

The drill to be used by the Ygonia Oil company, will arrive next week.

Harry Rosenberg has returned from attending Farmer's Week at the O. A. C. Institute.

Headline: "Ashland expects population to be over 6000?"

Southern Oregon Poultry Station opens annual poultry show Change name to Heart of Pan Poultry association.

Nineteen local citizens send telegram to Senator McNary, demanding ratification of the peace treaty. The telegram, in part, said: Senator Lodge cannot understand Wilson reservation, secure a yenile to explain same to him, for God's sake, ratify the treaty. Attorney W. E. Phipps circulates the petition.

McFord banks and the post office make great gains during year, with \$600,000 gain in first named, and 52 per cent the last named.

New York—Mrs. Frederick Cook, wife of the discredited Arctic explorer, expresses great disgust with her husband.

Henry O'Malley, of the U. S. fishery Bureau, predicts big fishing in Rogue River during the year.

Gold Hill citizens take steps to secure a new high school building.

Mail-Tribune "Inaugurates" a era in southern Oregon journals by publishing Gaston Leroux' "The Perfume of the Lady Black."

The Rogue River Electric company launches a campaign more and longer fighting of street cars.

SUNDOWN STORIES

THE PUTTING ONES
By Mary Graham Bommer
They don't seem to want to play the Little Black Clock to John, as some of the little creatures back of the fireplace did follow the leader's signal.

The leader he waved his little right hand and a tiny flame at the others he came forward with their bright costumes.

It had looked for a few moments as though there were going to be a beautiful fire. They all talked about the cozy fires they were going to give to people at how pretty they would make the fireplace look.

But now the fire did not seem to be going. There were some little creatures putting and complaining and saying that they did not want to help any one.

"Now look here," said the leader, "this is right. You're trying to keep the fire from going. What the matter?"

"We just don't want to do anything," the putting ones said. "I want people to have trouble with the fire and fuss over it. We don't care about playing this game."

"Now! Now! Now!" sparkled the leader. "We must not let the putting ones get the better of us. So every other little creature back of the fireplace began to burn as brightly as could be. At the putting ones went off by the selves and just pouted. No one paid any attention to them.

John and Peggy watched the fire grow more and more lovely. How the little creatures danced and sang and crackled with joy.

"You see," explained the Little Black Clock, "there are also some who don't want to play or anything, and when you see an one having trouble in starting fire you'll know it's because it's putting ones are about."

So, after that, whenever it had trouble with the fire John and Peggy would look each other in a knowing way.

"Those putting ones are proud they would whisper to each other."

(Tomorrow—The Why?)
Sherwood.—Six Corners will be improved in near future.

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