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Ye Smudge Pot
(By Arthur Perry)

Portland claims their nose counting is incomplete, and if looks like the enumerators missed the horse running for the legislature from Multnomah county.

When the scientists say something, which is often enough, their statements are always as clear as the well-known mud. Perhaps you have noticed this in their remarks on the vaudeville staged this morning by the sun and the moon.

"Hoecake" is making rapid strides as a local epicurean delight. The hoecake is a member of the pancake family. One of these days a cooking genius will invent a meat-ax cake.

There is one thing about the Nipponee. They keep right on saying "Gosh!" instead of "Ise requested!"

The only way to drive an auto, is on the theory that the other fellow is an idiot, too.

Word has been received that ASV. Carpenter, who has been sojourning in Darkest Africa, will return in a month and will have with him a pure Tunisian terrier, to high-bat the local \$200 dog colony.

The Seattle Times prints a picture of Reg Parsons, owner of the Hillcrest orchard, in a pannel-sided truck, and a span of mules with artistically notched tails, before the farm barber got kicked.

"Adger was sentenced to ten years in state prison. He said he was ready to go to the chair, but was ready." (Random News.) Give him credit for being obliging.

"WHERE HALL STRENGTH COMING FROM IS PUZZLE"—(Hilene Klamath Falls Herald.) As Mr. Hall is too much of a gentleman to vote for himself, he will probably mark his ballot wrong.

A NEW HIGH SCHOOL COACH

THIS being child health week, the matter of selecting a new coach for the Medford High School is of timely importance. We are keenly interested in returning Medford to the athletic glories of the recent past, but we also believe that even more important than winning championships, is the promotion of health—the building of better and stronger bodies, not among the few promising athletes alone, but among the student rank and file.

We would therefore like to see an athletic coach selected who has a good grounding in the matter of physical culture, who knows this important element in school education, and who could be depended upon to establish a system of competitive inter-class athletics which would give every student an opportunity to not only enjoy outdoor sports, but receive the benefits such sports provide.

SUCH a system would probably not produce championship teams as quickly as a system directed solely to developing the superior physical minority into "stars," but it would contribute far more to the physical betterment of the entire student body, and would eventually establish the best foundation for a permanent, rather than a temporary, athletic superiority.

In other words, we believe two main considerations should govern the selection of a new High School coach. First and foremost, his abilities as a physical director, his fitness to introduce a system which will not be confined alone to turning out title winning teams, but also to promoting the health and physical improvement of the students as a whole. Second, with the applicant qualifying in this category, he should be as experienced and capable a coach as can be found.

WE do not agree with those who maintain, these two important qualifications can't be found in one man,—that if Medford is to have championship teams, the entire student body with the exception of perhaps 30 boys, must enjoy no outdoor competitive sports at all, but must confine their energies to sitting on the bleachers and overtaking their vocal chords.

We believe that in this matter Medford can, in a sense, both have its cake and eat it. We CAN give needed physical training to the entire student body, and also,—in fact, as a natural product of such a system—we can turn out our legitimate share of title-winning teams.

At least this is the goal toward which we would like to see the school authorities aim, in this matter of selecting a new High School coach. The ground is cleared for an entirely new start. With the summer vacation ahead there is no need of haste. Time and money spent in an effort to secure such a coach, and establish such a system as outlined above, will pay dividends of increasing size and value in the years to come.

WHY NOT GET THE FACTS?

AS predicted in this column, commercial fishermen, under the leadership of Roderick Macleay, have organized to fight the closing of the Rogue River, upon the ground that such action would destroy the third most important industry in Oregon.

We would like to see the sportsmen of this state meet this challenge early in the game. And we would like to see them meet it in this way.

Governor Norblad is in favor of closing Rogue River and also devoted to the material development of this state. Have him appoint a commission to determine the facts in this case,—not a commission of commercial fishermen, nor a commission of sportsmen, nor a commission of both; but a commission of representative citizens, from all parts of the state, who are neither.

THEN delegate this commission to make a survey and determine the truth—which can easily be determined. What is the value of Rogue River to commercial fishermen and canneries, in dollars and cents. And what is the value of the Rogue, to the people of the state, in the way of sport, with particular reference to the tourist crop—ALSO IN DOLLARS AND CENTS.

No one will pay much attention to what the commercial interests claim, nor what the sportsmen claim. But everyone would pay careful attention to what an impartial commission of this sort would determine.

Little constructive progress can be made without knowing the facts. Why not jump in at the outset, and determine them?

The apparent increase of heart disease just means an increased number of doctors who don't know why the patient died except that his heart stopped.

It isn't hard to win a slogan, story or music contest. Just remember that the judges always give first prize to an offering that never amounts to a darn.

There are just two kinds of men: Important ones,—and those who say what they think about religion, chain stores and prohibition.

MUTT AND JEFF—All the Wrecks Aren't at Sea



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. William Brady if a stamped self-addressing envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Using 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 The Mail Tribune.

OPTIMISTS PREFER IMMUNITY WHILE PESSIMISTS LIKE "RESISTANCE"

What actual difference does it make whether you call it no immunity or lowered resistance when one comes down with an acute respiratory infection takes a correspondent.



As Prof. Lucifer G. Butts might say let me explain you. If you assume "lowered resistance" you must assume something has lowered it. Say a ducking, a mean draft, getting your feet wet last Thursday, missing your spring Saturday, bad weather last spring, working late at the office on your inventory. That makes life very sad, doesn't it? It is bad enough to get one's eight dollar shoes wet, but, a calamity to miss out on a good dinner, a rank injustice to have such unusual weather this time of year, quite bad enough, without thinking "Oh, dear, and that ain't the half of it—probably my resistance is all shot now and I shall be doing with some dreadful malady tomorrow or next November anyway." A gloomy philosophy of life, I call it, and a wrong one.

On the happy other hand, so far as our present scientific knowledge goes we are warranted in assuming that once you acquire a given degree of immunity against any acute infection, no trifling everyday annoyance or mishap can rob you of it. The loss of a night's sleep, a bit of overtime work, an involuntary fast, even the loss of your coonskin coat or heavy underwear can cause nothing more than annoyance or discomfort in any case. So why take life so seriously?

Of course we know, now, that deprivation may prevent one from developing the highest degree of immunity, especially against respiratory infection (I'll enlarge on this in a moment) but we have no scientific reason to imagine that any contributing factor can appreciably reduce such immunity, with the possible exception of the lapse of time—a long time, not hours, days or weeks. I want readers to bear in mind that I dare not make such a positive assertion here unless I am sure of my grounds and secure in my belief that no physician or health authority can successfully controvert what I feel.

The correspondent follows his argument with a real question. Is there a possible procedure, he asks for one to follow in order to work up an immunity against respiratory infections?

In answer to that I can tell you in a sentence, practically all we know about it. One should endeavor to expose the naked skin to as much sunshine as the skin will comfortably stand, and supplement that by making sure of an adequate ration of vitamin A in food or medicine.

It is an old, but not a scientifically established, idea, that plenty of fresh air, nourishing food, daily exercise, sleep and all that general good hygiene—right living—builds up "resistance" or keeps one immune to respiratory infections. So far as our actual knowledge goes, these factors have nothing to do with the matter.

Let me add a suggestion which I consider practically as important as cultivating immunity. Most respiratory infections are spread via conversational spray, which has an effective range of not more than five feet. So when in doubt, endeavor to keep beyond your customer's, classmate's, passenger's, foreman's, pastor's, grandfather's, visitor's, waiter's, neighbor's, doctor's, or salesman's conversational spray range.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
This is Not From California
I wish to pass on to readers who seek the information a little discovery I have made. Orange juice or a piece of orange eaten with the pulp will relieve the most severe hiccoughs immediately. I have tested it scores of times and always with success. Can it be that every fruit and vegetable was given to man as a cure for some ailment? We have already discovered that apple keep doctors away. (Mrs. K. R. C.)

Answer.—Thank you. Coming from Chicago, the suggestion looks all right to me. And there may be something in the kind word you say for other fruits. At any rate,

When the new-rich long for a more cultured community, they mean they can't feel aristocratic among people who call them Bill and Susie.

It is good philosophy to accept the inevitable without howling, but who can be philosophic when his wife can't set a decent hat without paying \$18 for a 90c one?

Don't give all the credit to the college. After four years of development the boy would seem to have a little more sense in any case.

A radio sermon can be made realistic. You can get a had tuning instead of taking a back seat.

In plain words, France will agree not to build the ships she had no intention of building if the others will promise to do her fighting for her.

Aladdin used a lamp to make a terrible djinn appear. In Baghdad on the subway they use a telephone.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

- ACROSS
1. Ambassador
7. European city
12. Smoothed
15. Humble
16. 100 square meters
18. Intimidate
19. Encircled
20. Horse
21. Frighten
22. Large body of water
23. Acrech
24. Species of lyric poem
25. Symbol for nickel
26. Commence
27. Cat with scissors
28. Seize
29. Principal actor
30. View critically
31. Range
32. Yarned negatively
33. Eastern satellite
34. Sea bird
35. Make lace
36. South American animal
37. Crazy
38. Canal in New York state
39. Come forth
40. Chinese name for jade
41. Elocutist
42. Kind of beetle
43. Attire
44. Withdraw
45. Tropical vines
46. Wanderer
47. Move on a course
48. Also
49. Afternoon functions
50. Bilet

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-61.

There are two kinds: Common people, and those who call it "Whupee."

Correct this sentence: "Ah, well," said the man; "I really hoped it would be a girl."

Brisbane's Today
(Continued from page one)

dresses the great Roman as "Maestro." And Dante was one of the three greatest writers that ever lived, Homer and Shakespeare being the other two.

Italy calls Dante and Virgil the two greatest. Germany says Shakespeare and Goethe. France, Shakespeare and Moliere, or Racine, Spain, Shakespeare and Cervantes.

There is no doubt that Shakespeare was first.

Sporting reporters might celebrate the day and improve their style by reading Virgil's description of the first fight between Dares and Entellus.

It's a good fight, heavyweight. The gloves, of raw ox hide, are made heavy with metal. Entellus, old and stiff, reluctantly decides to fight and throws down his gloves "made of seven huge ox hides, all stiff with inwoven lead and iron."

Those gloves, Sryx wore when he was killed in a fight with Hercules.

Entellus wins the fight, in spite of his age. The prize is a powerful bull.

Victorious Entellus, to show that he is still good, in spite of his years and a long hard fight, walks up to the bull, "then drew back his right hand and, at full height, swung the hard gauntlet just between the horns, and broke into the skull, scattering the brains. Outstretched and lifeless, the bull falls gulvering on the ground."

What a movie that would make, what gate receipts!

Poor Gandhi, determined to seize the British salt depot at Dharasana, calls for martyrs to present their broken heads to the British government.

He has not yet learned that revolutions are won by breaking the other man's head.

Imagine Patrick Henry saying: "Come, let us get our heads broken by King George," or Danton saying that victory must be won by "broken heads, more broken heads, always broken heads."

Every day science tells something new, startling, or disturbing. The moon will hit the earth some day—you will not be here. That will happen millions of years from 1929.

The sun's heat will end, and our solar system will be a frozen death scene. But that will be millions of millions of years hence.

Today's item informs you that the earth is increasing its speed and the days getting shorter and shorter. We shall be dead before we really notice it.

No matter what happens, we can stand it, when we realize our slight importance.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
April 28, 1920.

Newark—General Wood carries New Jersey primary. Warren G. Harding easy winner in Ohio.

Edward Carleton buys C. F. Golfe place of three acres on Foothills road.

C. of C. headquarters to be reconstructed and kept lighted all night.

Dr. H. P. Hargrave resigns as city councilman and will move to Berkeley.

Medford banks serve notice they will close at noon Saturdays.

Portland—Authorities powerless to cope with bootlegging activities, they admit.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
April 28, 1910.

Los Angeles—T. R. and Kaiser funded by president of University of California as "potent factors for peace."

San Francisco—Jack Johnson to start training for Jim Jeffries, May 1.

"Grants Pass gave the Portland excursionists paper bags labelled: "Fresh cool air for use at Medford." Our loving sister city.

Washington—The Panama Canal will be opened in 1914.

A. G. Burgess purchases Louvre Cafe from C. D. Miller.

W. M. Colvig, president of commercial club, defends councilmen from attacks of Dr. Oliver, revivalist.

JOHN'S WATCH
By Mary Graham Bonner.

John had been given a watch. One of his uncles who had been away on a trip brought it to him. It kept the correct time and it ticked so clearly that you knew it was going every minute.

He told the Little Black Clock about it. "It's fine," he said, "for all the hours when we're not with you, and I love to have people ask me the time. Peggy's great about that. She asks me the time every few minutes."

"But I like you really, a lot better than the watch because you can take us on adventures."

The Little Black Clock was pleased about that. "Thank you," he said. "But it is indeed nice that you now own a watch. A watch is a member of the family and we're all a friendly family, but I'm so glad you like me better. I'm so different from a usual clock or watch because I cannot keep the correct time at all."

"As you know I promised to let my hands always point to seven o'clock for all the other members of the household in exchange for the magic given to me which makes it possible for me to turn the time backward or forward for you."

"The magic allows us to have adventures, and we must be starting off shortly. But by the way, did Peggy receive a present from her uncle, too?"

"Oh, yes," said Peggy. "I received a Japanese doll."

"Did you, indeed?" said the Little Black Clock. "Then I just what we'll do."

"I'll turn the time back just a trifle and we'll take a little trip to Japan so Peggy will know what the life over there. Then she can talk to her doll about it. There may be times, at first, when the doll will feel a little homesick."

Peggy and John thought it was a splendid idea.

Tomorrow—"In Japan."

Dunn & Baker Construction Co. received contract on bid of \$48,825, for traveling and oiling the Chiloquin-Klamath Agency and Chiloquin-The Dalles-California highway road.

REVISED MERGER BAN SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—The revised Couzens railroad resolution, submitted to the senate interstate commerce committee to-day in executive session, would ban direct or indirect unification of railroads involving "substantial reduction of competition."

The original proposal of Chairman Couzens, of the interstate commerce committee, was to suspend all railroad consolidations until congress enacts further regulations.

He redrafted it to meet objections registered in extensive hearings.

By BUD FISHER