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Ve Smudge Pot
(By Arthur Perry)
A wave of despondency swept over the city this week, and great is the woe upon us.

Russian rummy is the latest social tomfoolery. In order to win, it is highly essential to be a better adding machine than your colleagues.

There is nothing so stale as stale news. Get it first thing in the morning from the Alton Tribune. (Altoona, Pa., Tribune.) Admirable journalistic frankness.

The middle Maru boy was yanked loose from a tooth yesterday, by a dentist with dynamite in his wrist.

Will Irvine says Hoover is another Roosevelt "under the skin." Well, for heaven's sake, won't somebody skin him! (Atlanta, Ga., Constitution.) The most diabolical and reasonable utterance of this week, and last week, and the one before that.

"POPULATION LACK PUZZLES"—(Hidline Portland Telegram.) Generally caused, however, by people making themselves scarce.

Schoolteachers have been advised by Hawaii hotels, that they can go to Hawaii on their summer glad and rest assured they will encounter no irritated volcano. The impression has gotten a toehold, that after nine months of teaching the young hyena to spout, 2 volcano would be a pleasant welcome relief.

Nothing that Nature can do with water, can cleanse the license plate (rear) of an automobile, that does not want to be cleaned.

Rural residents are to be amazed again because city folks use the front yards as garbage dumps. The way to stop that is to retain tins for tin cans. Don't get caught.

There seems to be a decline in upstate citizens addicted to reaching for a mushroom and picking a toadstool. There is no excuse for this error, according to C. Palm, the local mushroom authority, regarding, as he reached for a "fishbone" slug, and grabbed a 40-cent cigar.

Bloodhound For Sale—What am I offered for one-year-old? Beautiful animal, gentle, good watchdog. Will eat anything and especially food of children. (Fort Angeles, Wash. Times.) Watch out dog, he is.

The report that a local epicurean net 36 panache, turns out to be slightly exaggerated. He ate one, and thought it was 36.

The population of Gold Hill now equals the number of dances held on a Saturday night.

"WOMAN UNABLE TO CONQUER PIANO"—(Hidline This Paper.) But the piano knew it had been in a battle, the lady next door told us.

THE QUESTION
Boys will be boys—
That's the usual dope—
And girls will be girls
If they have enough rope.

Marble slabs are being saved from a hillside in the Ozarks with a quart-inch three-stranded steel wire, 1,400 feet long, driven by an old automobile engine.

THE COURT HOUSE AND MEDFORD'S RESPONSIBILITY

An effort is being made in Medford to throw out a smoke-screen to conceal the issues back of the question of which site shall be approved for the new Jackson County court house. A lot of legal questions are being injected into the campaign and apparently it is being considered to quite an extent as merely a Medford problem. If there are any problems that will make it difficult for Medford, they should have been considered long ago.

The city of Medford offered to furnish a site which was satisfactory to the ENTIRE COUNTY and the county will naturally expect them to do this. Two sites have been proposed and the voters of the county will on May 16 make their choice of these two sites.

And it will be up to Medford to furnish the site which the voters choose, whether it will require a bond issue or whatnot. There are always plenty of persons and agencies who always wait until the last minute and then start slinging mud in order to stir up strife and confuse the issue. It will be too bad if Medford has made an error in proposing this or that site. And it will be up to Medford to extricate itself from the mess if such occurs.

THIS calls attention to a very important feature of the court-house site question which apparently has been forgotten by many residents, and will be interesting to new residents, who came here after the county seat was moved to this city.

The city of Medford promised the people of Ashland and Jackson County that if the county seat were moved here, Medford would supply a satisfactory site free of cost. This was a very important part of the original agreement, and it is no exaggeration to say that it was chiefly responsible for the success of the campaign to have the county seat removed from Jacksonville to this city.

THE question immediately arose as to what was a "satisfactory site." and it was at the instigation of Ashland that a meeting was called in Medford, attended by representatives from that city and this, to determine this point.

At this meeting it was suggested that the decision be left to the County Court, it being urged that neither city was represented in this body, that the court did represent the county as a whole, and the court house was to be built for no single faction of the county, BUT FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE.

At first there was some objection to this proposition, particularly from residents of the East Side. But after a full and free discussion, the objections were overcome, particularly when they realized such a program would avoid a bitter city fight, and it was unanimously agreed that the decision should be left to the County Court; that Medford should, with certain minor restrictions, purchase whatever site the court might select.

WHEREUPON the city presented the County Court with a number of prospective sites from which they were to make their choice. The Washington School, City Park, and Armory sites were included, as were several other sites. For several months the County Court not only studied these sites, but other sites which were not presented by the city, and after the most careful study, and detailed investigation, unanimously selected the Washington School site.

This was supposed, and naturally supposed, to end the matter. Not only Ashland, but every other section of the county, assumed that the agreement leaving the decision of a site to the County Court would be lived up to—that the people of Medford, having secured the county seat, would fulfill its pledge which was largely responsible for this decision.

BUT unfortunately this supposition was not correct. The agreement had been entered into, but it was discovered that there was a legal loophole.

The law provided that if a certain small percentage of voters should not approve of the County Court's selection, they could demand an election, and final decision be left to the voters of the county. In other words, while Medford was morally bound to leave the decision to the County Court, it was not bound legally; and we believe Ashland will realize that, unfortunate as the situation is, with the demand for such an election properly made, there was no way for Medford to escape it.

On the other hand, with the facts as they are, we are sure the people of Medford will realize why the people of Ashland feel, as indicated in the editorial quoted above. They naturally held Medford morally responsible to carry out the agreement originally entered into, and the refusal to do this, even though technically permissible, they regard as actually a breach of faith.

It is when the saying means when it refers to "smoke-screen, concealing the issue and mud slinging." It is the moral responsibility to evaluate a moral responsibility, by an appeal to the moral and legislative technicalities. No matter what we may say, the people of Ashland, and the people of the county as a whole, will continue to regard any effort by Medford to defeat the choice of the County Court as a repudiation of its pledge and promise.

To say this is unfortunate is expressing it mildly. If there were any way to get out of the mess, to return and uphold the County Court selection, we would do everything in our power to bring it about. But, as we said before, there is no way.

The election has been called, and now it is up to the people to make their choice.

But we do believe the moral issue involved should be a vital factor in the decision of Medford voters. Not only in our judgment is the Washington School site the best site available, the most central, and in every way, the most desirable, but it was the unanimous selection of the County Court. And, as the Tidings has said, Medford agreed to furnish the site the County Court selected.

A vote for the Washington School site, therefore, not only means voting for the best site; it means serving notice on the rest of Jackson County that when Medford promises a thing, even though that promise is a gentleman's agreement and not legally binding, the people of Medford will insist upon that promise being carried out.

Personal Health Service
By William Brady, M. D.

Ripped letters pertaining to personal health, hygiene, not to disease, diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady of a stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed. Letters should be mailed 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.

PROTECTIVE FOODS NOT EXPENSIVE
In your article dealing with food fallacies you said that white bread and cereals were as good as whole wheat bread because people use enough other foods than white bread to offset the deficiency.

Later, in an article about protective foods you said that the average American dietary contains barely 12 per cent of protective foods. Isn't that a contradiction of what you think I said. But I did not put it in just the way you have it. I pointed out that if one were restricted to bread alone, the whole wheat kind would be better, because it retains the comparatively small amount of vitamin in wheat and also a greater portion of the desirable mineral elements of the wheat kernel.

But no one is likely to live on bread alone, and the vitamin (Vitamin B) of wheat is so widely distributed that a shortage of it in the diet is very unlikely where even a limited choice of food is possible; so that it is quite true we thrive as well on white bread plus such greens, fresh vegetables or fruits as we generally eat, as we could on a diet of whole wheat bread. The fresh vegetables and fruits also make up for any lack of mineral elements in the refined white bread.

Therefore the McSwaidie agitation for whole wheat bread instead of white bread, when analyzed, proves to be composed of commercial interest, 85 per cent, and just dumb faddish 15 per cent. If one likes whole wheat bread, as most of us do, at least part of the time, it is just as healthful and nourishing as white wheat is. But if one does not like the taste of it, there is no sense in eating it "for health"; in fact, it probably will not digest so well as would white bread that one would like to eat.

The correspondent goes on to ask whether it is not a fact that people of moderate or low incomes live largely on breadstuffs and cereals because they are cheap and have no money for fruit and fresh vegetables? And would not such people, particularly their children, thrive better on whole wheat bread and whole grain cereals?

That is probably the case in too many homes. Only most householders cherish a conviction that they must have meat as well as bread. That improves the diet, but adds little in the way of the necessary protective or corrective food. Meat contains little or no vitamins and very little mineral matter.

The essential protective, corrective foods are fresh greens and fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, fresh eggs, fresh milk, cream, cheese, and butter. These furnish the vitamins and the mineral elements that the body requires for health. Considered from the viewpoint of health, it is a mistake to think of these essential items as expensive. After all, no household buys bare sustenance; no matter how low the income, everyone who buys food at all buys something good to eat.

The salad vegetables are far inferior to cereals or cereal products in caloric or fuel value, yet the shrewd householder buys health for the family when she spends a nickel less for bread or corn and a nickel more for green onions or cabbage or lettuce.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Head development.
Was informed that the brain neither grows nor develops after...

Jack Barstow establishes a new record in air sliding, remaining up more than 15 hours in a plane with no engine. The mark isn't official, but the Germans will start in to beat it. Their record is 14 hours and 45 minutes.

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Mrs. Gandhi saved the lives of four goats and three hens about to have their throats cut as sacrifices to one of many Hindu goddesses. She persuaded her husband's followers that it is not necessary to shed the blood of hens or goats to drive out the hated British. At the critical moment a "professional witch" said the goddess had told her that she did not want any more sacrifices.

Wall Street felt better yesterday. Some prices up, some bears "hurrying to cover."

MAIL TRIBUNE
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solutions for yesterday's puzzle.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.

Bad Boy Carol Would Exchange Gay Life for Reunion With Wife

BUCHAREST, Rumania, May 1.—(AP)—Dashing Prince Carol, who sold the throne which was his birthright for life for a thian-haired beauty on the Parisian boulevards, may come back home and ask forgiveness of his ex-wife Princess Helen of Greece, who is mother of his son, King Michael.

Brisbane's Today
(Continued from page one)

Twenty-two submarines will create more respect for Italy than twenty million speeches on international peace could create.

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STATE SENATOR BELL PASSES IN HOSPITAL

PORTLAND, May 1.—(AP)—John B. Bell, 58, state senator from the joint district of Lane and Linn counties for four legislative sessions, died here yesterday at the veterans' hospital. He had been seriously ill for several weeks. Funeral services will be held in Eugene.

Bell was president of the Lane County Abstract company in Eugene. He had had experience as a banker and contractor. He served in the senate in 1919, 1921, 1927 and 1929, and was joint author of the bill which abolished the boards of regents of the state educational institutions and established the board of higher education.

PORTLAND—Rollo C. Frey, 37, Harper, Ore., died when his automobile plunged into a canal near Boise, Ida., it was learned here.

ENGAGE—The Lane County Game Protective association has been revived with Dr. S. C. Endicott, president.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
May 1, 1920.
May Day riots throughout the world.

Salem—Single tax will be on primary ballot.
Frost Expert Young issues frost warning.

Grading of Blackwell Hill completed and paving to start soon.
Federal director of school census visits Medford.

First colling moth spray ordered.
National bicycle week under way and will be observed locally.

Muskogee—Fifty killed as tornado sweeps over Oklahoma.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
May 1, 1910.
The town of Eagle Point is to be moved some two miles to the higher ground overlooking the present site if the plans of the P. & E. do not miscarry. (They did).

City and Mike Hanley near agreement on water problem.
Local boosters have woken up. Ashland and Grants Pass are making strenuous efforts to show a larger census.

The skating rink is rapidly becoming a social center.
Lang & Co., Portland ask lower freight rates to Medford.

Pantages Vaudeville nets looked for Medford theater.

SUNDOWN STORIES



MAY DAY PARADE
By Mary Graham Bonner

"Are we ready?" asked the Little Black Clock.

"We are," said John.

"Then we must be starting at once," the Little Black Clock said.

"You know what day this is, or rather what day this has been? Of course, it is evening now."

"It's the first of May," said John. "Is the first of May very important?"

"We had a May Day parade in the park today," said Peggy.

"Now you are getting an idea of what we are going to do," the Little Black Clock told Peggy.

"We're going to have a May Day parade now?" Peggy asked.

"Yes," the Little Black Clock said. "I've turned the time ahead and it is going to take place in the air."

"Well, I never!" exclaimed John. They all hurried out of the house, and now the scene had changed for the clock had turned the time far ahead.

There were many planes in the air, and all of them decorated with curly and brightly colored paper, and heads of children could be seen leaning out of the sides of the planes.

"We must take our places in the parade," the Little Black Clock said.

"Are we going to be in it?" cried Peggy. This was really quite the most exciting adventure.

"Certainly," said the Little Black Clock. "It wouldn't do for us not to take part. Here comes our plane now."

The plane landed nearby. It was trimmed with the most beautiful trimmings of gay, crinkly paper, and as the pilot got out he handed a costume to Peggy, one to John and one to the Little Black Clock.

"I hope you'll be pleased with them," the pilot said.

Tomorrow—Paper Cost.

As an aid in mine-rescue work, a rope-stretcher sled has been developed by the mine-rescue department of Birmingham University in England.

MUTT AND JEFF—Expert Sabotage by Specialists

Mutt and Jeff cartoon strip showing a piano being moved and a woman being rescued. Includes dialogue bubbles and a sign that says 'MUTT AND JEFF FURNITURE MOVED. BY REQUEST, OR OTHERWISE, TRY US.'

By EUD FISHER