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Ye Smudge Pot
(By Arthur Perry)

The overcrowded condition of our prisons would be relieved if many bootleggers did not catch themselves. It has been a long time since one of the gangster was apprehended on a lonely country road.

The local "Amos 'n' Andy" addict who called his better-than "Madam Queen," March 21st, walked a block by himself late yesterday.

"Among the guests was" one of the most loved women in Skikyou county—(Orleans Items). But why mention that?

The campaign, to date, has lacked religious fervor, no pulpit in the state being magically transformed into a stump. There have been no prayers for a bountiful crop, the retreat of Jack Frost, and the election of the right man to squat in the Governor's chair.

There is a soft peddling of what transformed this city into an armed camp in 1922, and the rest of the state into a hellish camp meeting, with the fiercest upstate and metropolitan areas upstated into a whirling dervish. The same old voters, however, stalks among the voters. Its aides have only lost their public voices, and their courage. Pussyfooting intolerance is as ungodly as the kind that set fire to the hilltops, and ran around on moonlight nights in their shirt-tails, singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

What the esteemed Pendleton East Oregonian headlined as a "Hif," has been resumed in the Ohio penitentiary.

A "Frisco miss, age 17, botched a suicide attempt, and then inquired from beneath her picture in the paper: "What has a girl of 17 to live for?" Among other things, there should be an inhuman conference with a pine board, in the woodshed.

The Weidon Biddle boy got his hair cut yesterday, at the hands of William Bates, and put up more of a fight than the Democratic party, when in fine fettle.

The auto that cost \$1032.75 in 1928, has only depreciated \$1023. It is noted that a Yale senior "took a girl's hand, instead of a legacy of \$1,750,000." The Yale senior is apparently slightly fuddled by romance. The girl is just as crazy, or she would find a way for him to retain both the hand and the legacy.

The weather continues obstinately and hardly fit to stay in. There is not much chance that its promulgator will do anything to afford relief, as he lets it have its own way. Under the present regime, the overcast are 10 days late, and no household is without Orchards are too scared to go to a committee meeting, and fear they will have to throw away their golf pants and hop into their overalls. In the present climatic conditions chaos looms. It is too chilly for the Older Girls to wear their summer furs, and they are getting uppish about it. Little folks want to scatter bread crumbs on the lawn for woodpeckers to eat. Uncle, 85, leaned up against the Bill Gore fiduciary depositary yesterday and has a rheumatic twinge in his left shoulder. Winter is in the lap of Spring, and May is wedded to December, with no grounds for a divorce. Unless there is a change for the better, within 24 hours, your corr., who so magnificently and efficiently straightened out the weather mess a year ago, will do so again and the Sabbath will be a balmy day, with the heat turned on full blast Tuesday. The Straits of DeJere's association can start writing their resolutions of thanks and appreciation, as your great benefactor knows where he hid his 1928 headgear.

Several communities are willing to invest heavily in training camps for the principals in the coming duel of Max Schmeling and Jack Sharkey. Johnson City, N. Y., to put its name in the papers daily for several weeks, has offered to defray all of Schmeling's training expenses there.

Hood River—Interior of Hood River safe rebuilt.

DO WE NEED A NEW COURT HOUSE?

To the Editor:
In this court house matter why not be sensible and business like? There is no crying need for a new court house at the present time. Then why raise and build one, hoisting taxes which are already high enough and saddling the people with another large bond issue. Why not go on as at present, using the present city building for a court house, which answers every need, and perhaps creating a sinking fund which can be used for a new court house five or ten years hence. Under present conditions this would be the policy of any good business man. Why shouldn't Jackson county observe similar rules of good business. C. L. WILLIAMS, Medford, Oregon.

This communication merely illustrates how many people do not understand the court house situation, even in its most fundamental aspects. The only explanation regarding Mr. Williams, is that he has not read the newspapers the past five years, or else he must be a recent arrival, who is guilty of forming an opinion, without first determining the facts.

WE SUPPOSE everyone knew that the building of this court house involves no bond issue, or tax increase, as far as Jackson county is concerned. The sinking fund our correspondent wishes to raise has already been established. Thanks to the O. and C. land grant refund, Jackson county has \$260,000 lying practically idle in a court house sinking fund, and an additional sum of approximately \$40,000, making a total of \$300,000.

As we understand it, this money, according to terms of the legislative act which authorized it, can be used for no other purpose than the construction of a new court house. Because of the condition of the money market, and various legal restrictions, the county has been able to secure only about 2 per cent interest on this amount.

Here, then, two of the main contentions of our correspondent are automatically eliminated.

THE THIRD contention that there is no crying need for a court house, that the present temporary structure is entirely adequate and can be used for five or ten years more, also disappears in the light of existing facts, as dew before a pondy sun.

The present court house is now overcrowded, there being no room for the District Attorney's offices, the legal adviser of the county court, nor for the County Agent, quarters being rented elsewhere, at an expense to the county of \$140 per month. The Justice Court should also be in the court house, but because of inadequate space, has been quartered in the Federal building, permission to use this space only being granted until the new court house should be erected.

Obviously such an arrangement is uneconomic and inefficient. County departments, courts, administration offices, etc., should be grouped TOGETHER, for there is almost constant communication necessary between them. When this is not done, needless delays, waste of time, and duplication of effort are unavoidable.

Moreover, we have yet to talk with a county official or employee who does not agree that the temporary court house in its present location, renders efficient transaction of the county business practically impossible. With continued growth and congestion, more noise and more dirt, use of the present quarters through a period of five or ten years would, to say the least, be as far from observing the rules of good business sense as anyone could imagine.

SO IN THE LIGHT of facts, which no informed person disputes, not a single point advanced by Mr. Williams holds water for an instant. Yet judging by some comments we have heard since the court house campaign opened, he does not represent such a hopeless minority, as many people may suppose.

IT WAS BECAUSE of this surprising condition that The Mail Tribune started a week ago to give the facts concerning the new court house, so the people may know what they are voting on at the election a week from tomorrow. We didn't believe then, and don't believe now, that any haranguing from the house tops is needed. We are convinced that if the people are given the truth,—the essential facts as they exist,—they will agree, by an overwhelming majority, not only that a new court house must be built, but must be built now; and that it should be built on the Washington school site because it is:
The best available site.
The site the County Court unanimously selected.
And, therefore, the site Medford promised to furnish when it was made the county seat.

Recent developments demonstrate, once more, that whatever power controls the weather, Mere Man has nothing to do with it.
The commission form of government may have faults, but, at that, it is better than the omission kind.
The next big eclipse will be staged in Oregon on May 16th for the particular benefit of about 200 candidates.

MUTTT AND JEFF—Two Weeks Is Two Weeks on Land or Sea

OUR GOLF FAIRWAYS LOOK LIKE A REUNION OF NON-MEMBERS TODAY. THE GUEST PRIVILEGES OF THIS CLUB ARE BEING ABUSED. AFTER THIS, EACH MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED ONE GUEST A YEAR!

SIR SIDNEY, ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB?
NO, GEEVEM AND I WERE INVITED OUT HERE BY CLUTTS.

CLUTTS, ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THIS GOLF ORGANIZATION?
NO, I'M HERE AS THE GUEST OF JEFF!

JEFF, DO YOU BELONG TO THIS CLUB?
NO, I WAS INVITED TO PLAY BY MUTT!

AND HERE'S MY GUEST CARD!
WHY, THAT'S A TWO-WEEKS' CARD FOR 1924!

I KNOW, BUT I'VE STILL GOT THREE DAYS COMING TO ME!

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 The Mail Tribune.

GROWING PAINS AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

A survey made in the county of Middlesex, England, showed that 25 per cent of the children there had complained of growing pains. A similar survey made in Rochester, N. Y., showed that 7 per cent of the school children had complained of growing pains. Heart disease was found in 2.6 per cent of Rochester school children and in 2.7 per cent of London school children. Of the English children, 1 per cent had chorea (St. Vitus' dance), while only 0.5 per cent of the American children had it.

There has been a disposition to ascribe the excessive prevalence of so-called rheumatism in England to the climate, to damp, cold houses and all that sort of thing. Even now some of our medical colleagues vigorously uphold this idea. I myself do not like to be all wet, especially if it is cold, but if I had to be damp and chilly most of the time I'd strive to bear up cheerfully under the discomfort, knowing that I couldn't rub me of such health as I might have to begin with and having reason to believe—mind I say only believe—that a little cod liver oil ration would compensate pretty well for the ultra-violet I might miss by reason of the dark, foggy, dull, leaden, clammy, dismal, damp clothes in other words it seems to me the greater prevalence of so-called rheumatism or rheumatoid in England is due to the comparatively small amount of ultra-violet rays that reach the naked skin of the Englishman. Remember, London is far north of Rochester, England lying in the latitude of Labrador, and the sun's rays are slanting up there and comparatively poor in ultra-violet at all times.

Although the English doctors, and some of our own, cling fondly to the name rheumatism or rheumatic fever, nobody in modern medicine doubts that such illness or illnesses are manifestations of infection, invasion of the body by certain disease germs, particularly the type or strain called streptococci.

Dr. Albert D. Kaiser reports that a survey made in Rochester showed that 618 children out of 29,000 who had never had their tonsils removed, developed acute rheumatic fever; whereas 399 children out of another group of 26,000 between the ages of 5 and 15 years whose tonsils had been removed at an average of five years before the survey, had developed acute rheumatic fever. As I have quoted Dr. Kaiser's studies here before as tending to discourage tonsillectomy, it is only fair to quote his conclusion from the foregoing and other data. He says "tonsillectomy should be practiced in children manifesting minor manifestations of rheumatism."

Some of the minor manifestations to which he refers are, early recurrent tonsillitis, malaise, rapid heart, growing or joint pains. Among a group of 165 children whose only complaint was growing pains, 19 were found to have endocarditis (involvement of the heart lining or heart valves). Dr. Kaiser reminds us that very serious rheumatic fever, involving the heart, for instance, may occur even though the patient never feels any joint pain or growing pain.

When a child has "growing pains" it is well to have the doctor investigate the condition of the tonsils and keep a watch on the heart.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Children Out of Luck.
Our 3-year-old son had Vincent's angina last winter. After his recovery the doctor explained at length to myself, my wife and the child's dotting grandparents the danger of sore throats in children, and succeeded in scaring them so that any chummy deposit on the tonsils or other sign alarms them greatly. But nothing was said about promiscuous kissing, and such contact between the child and his young cousins and the old folks go merrily on, as they caution one another about exposure to drafts, wet feet and the like.—P. J. H.

Answer—Maybe the doctor knew of the rising hazard, but feared to dwell on it lest the old folks think him a wild fanatic. You see, the public health authorities are holding such knowledge in abeyance, pending the vague future when the public will have enough intelligence to understand. This same situation explains the present practice of our most progressive public health officers, cautioning people about the danger of infection via the spray of unweaved cough or sneeze, but preserving polite silence about the same danger in the spray of ordinary conversation. Be patient—give us another 30 years or so and we'll dare to deal with all these things quite frankly.

Vitamin Concentrates.
Please inform us about (a) proprietary concentrates of Vitamin A and Vitamin D which I understand is many times superior to cod liver oil for infants. Our doctor seemed impressed by the new "dope" and advised me to stick to cod liver oil.—B. A. E.
Answer—So do I. There are satisfactory concentrates of the vitamins available, but they are very expensive and unnecessary, except where the patient cannot get the vitamins in natural foods or cod liver oil.

Girl Victim of Tobaccoism.
Could you please advise me of a cure for the cigaret habit? I have smoked incessantly for the past 10 years. . . Before I acquired the habit I had a very good voice, could swim well and was fairly successful in athletics generally. Now I can hardly get enough breath to walk to and from the office and I can't keep up with my gym class.—J. A.
Answer—Well, it's an old story, but nowadays young women have to see for themselves before they will believe it. Send a stamped, addressed envelope and ask for instructions for breaking the smoking habit. No advice will be given unless your request indicates that you have the habit. (Copyright John P. Dille Co.)

Quill Points
Here's a tip for the nations! A Chicago gangster wouldn't agree with those who wished to quill killing, and they shot him.

As a last desperate effort to keep the boys on the farm, you might try calling them vice-presidents.

Perhaps you've noticed that the wild life that stays up all night belongs to the cat family.

If delegates brought home an international agreement without calling it a great achievement, that would be news.

Mussolini grabs hold and gets busy without seeing the end, which shows the value of training on spaghetti.

One reason why men don't hang themselves is because they fear no phonograph records of the stump speeches they make to their wives.

Horah is a chivalrous chap. He sticks by the party leader so long as he's running.

It's strange that the ninth planet, away in the outfield, came in close enough to be recognized while Ruth is still going good.

Most senators are gentlemen, but an investigating committee must have somebody to insult witnesses.

As oratory is often a substitute for thought, so big headlines are often a substitute for news.

Americanism: Releasing each year 250,000 criminals made bitter and rebellious by prison brutality; wondering why crime continues.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Piece of butter
2. Social insects
3. Communion
12. Southern constellation
13. Infrequent
14. Arabian sea-port
15. Chest bone
16. Telephone girls
17. Slurps
18. Confined
19. Feathers
20. Seal comb
21. Equality
22. Makes jab-lant
23. Taken for one's own
24. Negative prefix
27. Mix with a circular motion
28. Xerix
29. Closed car
42. African
43. Excitants
44. Change from one substance to another
45. Wrath
46. Agricultural
47. Treatise
48. Insect's egg
49. Paranoist
50. Departed
51. Withstand
52. Daily dish

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
OMIT SPREE SORT
CANT PAIRS ERIE
STEW AGNES RETE
TEMPERED ERASES
ALLES SNAP
SLITS PATIENTS
LATHES AMID LIEN
ODES PEREA LIEN
PERIERS LEAVES
ENSHRINE OBESE
ESNE PONE
STREET COWSLIPS
LOAD ETERN LOLA
URGE REINTE ETON
RIED SAITED DATE

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-59.

J. C. Penney and Robert Dollar are the only famous men to immortalize edms, unless you count Woolworth and Rockefeller.

"Jake" poison paralyzes the legs. Now if somebody will invent a hoosh ingredient to paralyze the tongue.

It might be worse. If there were two million more laws, we'd all be criminals.

Apparently the doctors have decided to wait until we get ours before discovering that violet-ray machines aren't any good, after all.

Italians suggest calling the new planet Pluto. But it's purgatory they're thinking of, not the parasite.

France now has an ample force of all heavier-than-air craft except storks.

That German boy named Paul Millions, who tried to reach America as a stowaway, probably didn't know about the new immigration rules. We're keeping out millions now.

Correct this sentence: "The dolo is wrong," said the man, "and I'd feel the same way about it if I were jobless and hungry."

VETERAN ACTOR DIES RESULT OF WAR GAS

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Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(Rom files of the Mail Tribune.)
May 8, 1920
Ralph Cowgill comes out for the legislature.

Fish are plentiful in Rogue, but not biting briskly, anglers complain.

Hiram Johnson to make speech in city, and Johnson-for-President club is formed.

Washington—Capture of Carranza by Mexican rebels reported. U. S. warships ordered to Vera Cruz, with 1200 marines.

"We had a genuine runaway in our little town, and it was not somebody's boy and girl, but William Perry's fine bay team."—(Eagle Point Baglets.)

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(Rom files of the Mail Tribune.)
May 8, 1910
London.—King Edward dies, and the British Empire mourns.

Manager Edgar Hafer plans to re-open box factory.

A. C. Allen, first valley resident to see Halley's comet, owing to premature frost alarm.

Mike Hanley offers to compromise on city water case for \$15,000 and certain water rights.

Another motor car placed in service on Jacksonville line.

Local baseball fans disgusted with showing of Portland team.

Some of the autoists who speed at night without lights, "will run into trouble," warns Chief Shearer.

continued, "it is plain to be seen that he isn't coming here. "Shall we go and see what has happened to him?"

"Oh, yes," agreed the children. This would certainly be an adventure.

Tomorrow—"Change of Mind."
John Day.—John Day Valley Stage company acquired the Jake Sliffe lumber sheds here and have transformed it into state terminal.

LUMBAGO?

A pain in the lower part of your back can torture you. But not for long, if you know Bayer Aspirin. These harmless, pleasant tablets take away the misery of lumbago, rheumatism, neuralgia, headaches, toothaches, and systemic pains of women. Relief comes promptly; is complete. Genuine Aspirin cannot depress the heart. Look for the Bayer cross, thus:



THE COLD WAVE
By Mary Graham Bonner.
"it feels very cold for this time of the year," said John to the Little Black Clock.

"But I've turned the time back and you see it's winter now," the Clock explained.

The children then noticed that the ground was covered with snow and that the Little Black Clock had a sled all ready for them.

And a splendid coasting party it was! Although the Little Black Clock was not much good at helping to pull the sled up hill, he could steer wonderfully.

"Well, well," said the Little Black Clock, "he has played a joke on us."

They were at the top of the hill when the Little Black Clock stopped and suddenly made this remark.

John and Peggy hadn't the least idea what he meant by such a speech, nor did they know of whom he might be speaking.

"I can see you're wondering what I mean," he said after a minute or two. "You see, I heard that a cold wave was due to arrive at just this time. And I thought we might like to see him."

"He has been expected, for it was reported that he was traveling over the country at a great rate, and that he would be here in a very short time.

"But instead of having colder weather it is growing quite a little bit warmer. I wonder what could have happened to him, and what made him change his mind."

Neither John nor Peggy had a suggestion to make.

"Well," the Little Black Clock

Platinum and white gold creations of distinction and originality—have us reset your jewels in these magnificent artistic conceptions.

Larry Schade

Your Favorite Jeweler Since 1918

By BUD FISHER

