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Ye Smudge Pot (By Arthur Perry)

Political seers predict that "the silent vote will make itself heard Friday," but leading nitwits forecast the silent vote will be more so, Friday.

Notice: The weather has left our bed and board, and we are no longer responsible for same.

Faith in the Republican party, which has been lagging and frazzling at the ends for some time, will be rehabilitated in many weakening knees, by the following dispatch reciting the doings of the Great Engineer:

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP) President Hoover's strong-est play in the morning medicine ball game is to catch the weighty sphere on his chest with arms closing in quickly—and to snap it back with a right overhead stroke.

We can just see the "weighty sphere" crunching against the wishbone of the President, and feel like squealing "Viva La Umberto, please do it again!" The Chief Executive better not brace himself and stop the "weighty sphere" with his noggin.

Elmer Sparrow was full of fight this morning, and poked enough fuzz for a box for his daughter Marjorie, out of a bird who was not able to give his name.

The Oregonian, editorially, took cognizance of the low estate of the Portland ball team yesterday, which will spur the aggregation to feebler efforts.

Col Tou Velle of J'ville has a colt, that will soon be old enough to snort at a piece of paper. He is named after a governor of Ohio, and is as giddy as a high school boy.

Apathy is prevalent among the younger and smarter set over the coming of the circus, and indications indicate that 33 per cent of the Paws will not get to go to same, unless there is more interest in the blood-sweating Behemoth of Biblical times.

One of the Older Girls essayed to run across the Main Stem late yesterday, and made the usual turn job of her sex in endeavoring to run.

Bottle-files the size of young kegs are abroad. Somebody is cooking cabbage.

"I am a girl of 35, and not bad looking. I wear clothes like other girls, but there is something wrong with me, and I am perplexed. A nice man I used to go with, but now married, will have nothing to do with me"—(Agony Column). Do anyone fit? The stimp is true to his wife.

Lady Ford-Coupe of the local imitation-British set, raked the writer over the blooming coals, and never meant a one of the "My Dear's" she poured forth in lots of \$60.

DROUTH
The mirth dies out of bud and leaf
When spring skies smile too long;

The harvest blossoms come to grief
When spring skies smile too long;

The tender growth of tree and shrub
Is seen to droop and fade;
The grass is parched; too soon, too soon
Appears the withered blade;

The singing brook must lose its voice
When spring skies smile too long;

No longer verdant hills rejoice
When spring skies smile too long;

The roots so lately stirred to life
Are facing thirsty death
And blossoms can no more exhale
A sweetly perfumed breath.

The joy of spring cannot endure
When spring skies smile too long;

Earth's happiness is insecure
When spring skies smile too long;

For skies must weep if fields shall laugh
And brooks their tongues employ.
And yet we would not have them sad—
Why can't they weep for joy!

(ASD.)
Clean cotton rags wanted at Mail Tribune office.

A FINAL WORD ON THE COURT HOUSE

WE didn't intend to write anything more on the court house imbroglio. Realizing that there would be the usual 11th hour charges and counter-charges, statements and mis-statements; also realizing that to attempt to answer all of them would be a physical impossibility, it seemed to us, better sense to simply state the facts as we saw them, give the people the information, and leave the final decision to them.

However, there is one charge made by the opponents of the Washington School site which we feel must be refuted; for if allowed to prevail, would not only confuse the voters, regarding the true situation, but would impugn the good faith of this newspaper and others, who have maintained that the city of Medford entered into an agreement to furnish the court house site selected by the County Court.

THE advocates of the Armory site declare no such agreement was ever made. To prove that such an agreement WAS made, we would refer them to Resolution No. 61, passed by the City Council of Medford, April 7th, 1925, the fourth section of which reads, in part, as follows:

"Furthermore, the City Council pledges itself, in behalf of the city of Medford, to donate to Jackson County a site for the County Court House, . . . the site to be SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS."

If that isn't a bona fide agreement, we don't know what the term means. The binding force of this agreement was further strengthened by the fact that the court house committee, on which were representatives not only of East and West Medford, but of Ashland, unanimously agreed that to avoid the very situation that has occurred—i. e., a bitter city fight over where the court house should be built—the final decision regarding a site should be left with the County Court.

AS everyone knows, the County Court unanimously selected the Washington School site, as the best site; all things considered the cheapest site; and the site on which they, as official representatives of all the people of Jackson County, WISHED THE COURT HOUSE TO BE BUILT.

If the people of this city had lived up to this agreement, accepted the moral obligation the committee action involved, the neighborhood row we are now suffering would never have occurred.

But, as we pointed out before, there was a technical loophole. The state law provides that whenever a certain small proportion of voters opposed a site selection made by a County Court, they could by petition, present an alternative location, and the final decision between them would have to be left to a vote of the people of the entire county.

THAT is the present situation. In taking this action, the opponents of the County Court selection were well within their legal rights. On the basis of moral responsibility, and community welfare, however, we regard their action as, to say the least, ill advised.

Now it is up to the people of the county to decide where they want their court house built, and it is up to the people of Medford to decide whether arrangements made by their city—and in this case an agreement that was largely responsible for Medford securing the county seat—are things to be carried out, or treated as mere scraps of paper.

WHY NOT MOVE THE S. P.?

OH, HUM—it's a great little world! And fortunate is the man who, in spite of politics, can, even on the eve of election day, retain a badly battered, but still functioning, sense of humor.

We have just had an eruptive interview with a subscriber, who is frothing at the mouth over what he regards as a vital issue in this court house controversy—the S. P. tracks.

The claim of the Washington site committee that 75 per cent of the people of the county live west of these tracks and therefore won't have to cross them, to enter the sacred portals of our future "Hotel de Ville," he regards as the "most malicious, mendacious and unscrupulous perversion of truth" that the face of Man has ever been forced to gaze upon.

It seems the S. P. tracks twist and turn, and while the above statement is technically correct, as a majority of our rural constituents must come to Medford over the Pacific Highway, they must cross the aforesaid tracks to gain the Washington School site, and need not cross them to gain the Armory site, Berrydale, Central Point or way stations.

WELL, there appears to be considerable weight to this argument. But, in the cause of comic relief, "why bring that up?"

For nearly twenty years now we have been crossing those S. P. tracks every day, at least twice, and often from ten to twelve times. We have crossed them in fair weather and foul, on foot—and yes, on horseback—in an old tin Lizzie, and the more commodious Good Ship Sedan; and instead of finding it a trial and tribulation, we have actually come to enjoy it.

THANKS to this frequent crossing, we have a knowledge of S. P. luxuriance and speed we would have secured in no other way. We also have, thanks to that efficient "crossing guard" and flag man, Verne Cannon, a degree of political enlightenment that otherwise would never have been attained. Furthermore, we have strengthened that useful quality of patience, as long freight trains have crawled by, and our knowledge of the General Motors dashboard mechanism, and the exhibits of our enterprising Chamber of Commerce has been greatly increased, simply because the rails of the S. P. bisect our civic heart.

WE don't regard our experience as an exceptional one. But for the sake of argument let's ASSUME the S. P. tracks are a vital issue in this court house controversy, a bar-sinister to any new construction west of them; WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO MOVE THE S. P. TRACKS TO SUIT OUR COURT HOUSE, THAN TO MOVE OUR COURT HOUSE TO SUIT THE S. P.?

We are quite sure the obliging S. P., if properly approached, would move its tracks to Rose avenue or even to Jacksonville if by so doing they were assured Medford could have its court in a GOOD PLACE, INSTEAD OF A BAD ONE!

WHERE THE S. P. IS AN ISSUE

THIS being the last chance, as political arguments tomorrow are against the spirit if not the letter of the Corrupt Practice Act, we feel compelled to add a postscript to the above, even though we run over our allotted space.

Seriously speaking, the S. P. IS an issue in the court house site matter, not as a crossing but as a nuisance. The S. P. tracks and switches are only about a block from the Armory site, they are between three and four blocks away from the Washington School site.

If you doubt the S. P. noise is one of the strongest arguments against the Armory site, go down to the present court house and ask any county official within concerning it. Ask Circuit Court Judge Norton how many times this proximity to the railroad has halted proceedings before him. Ask anyone working there, whether they would prefer working on the Armory site or the Washington School site.

The county workers in the Armory site district ought to know. Don't take our word for it. Ask them.

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.

VITAMIN A FOR TONSILS AND ADENOIDS

In surveying the several schools of thought in regard to the best treatment of tonsils and adenoids (presumably tonsils and adenoids that are either enlarged or infected) in our last quartet about this, I found I omitted to mention one worthy group, namely, doctors who believe in and in suitable cases give topical treatment in preference to the other methods. Topical treatment means something or other, medicinal as a rule, applied locally to the tonsils or adenoids. I know of no good doctors who employ such treatment to the exclusion of other treatment for this condition, but I know of many fine hypertrophic (enlarged) or infectious (infected) or infected hypertrophic (enlarged) or infected tonsils as is surgical interference in actual practice (not just on paper).

Now let us just briefly call the roll and see if we have all schools present:
1. Born specialists and little tin doctors who accept the cheap jobs offered by local health boards, school boards and the like, and coral principally school children for wholesale tonsil and adenoid operations whether the victims have any tonsils and adenoids to speak of or not. This evil is the ugly result of socialistic state medicine.
2. Good reputable physicians and specialists who advise removal only when injurious effects are evident, but who, from traditional conservatism and a kind of intolerance, insist that surgical tonsillectomy is the one and only remedy, and dismiss the patient as hopeless if the patient cannot or will not undergo operation.
3. Pampered sycophants who for the moment have the entree to the medical journals and medical society programs and preach and practice X-ray treatment in lieu of surgery, in certain cases. (Class 2 somehow forgets conservatism and intolerance when class 3 pleads for the alternative method.)
4. Progressive throat specialists here and there who possess the necessary equipment, the technical skill and the patience, not to mention the confidence of the patient, to obliterate or extirpate the tonsil or adenoid with diathermy.
5. Sound and experienced physicians who find topical treatment (various medicinal applications) at least as satisfactory as tonsillectomy in some cases.
6. Unlicensed healers and illicit "health builders" or vendors of "nature's" cures, who call all medicine but their own "poison" and all surgery a blind-man can't see "butchery." These denizens of the back pages of our shady magazines purport to cure all infected or enlarged tonsils and adenoids with fresh air, sunshine, proper diet and—of course there is always a catch in it, for somebody's got to pay the magazine—a simple twist of the wrist or a bit of hocus-magus that any schoolboy can perform once the secret is divulged. Pin a dollar bill to the coupon . . .

Why give so much space to the class 6 method? For one thing, because there may be more in sunshine, fresh air and the right vitamins than one thinks at first. I mean vitamin A.

A deficiency of vitamin A in the diet leads to enlargement of lymphatic tissue not only in the tonsils and adenoids but elsewhere in the body, as in lymph nodes (kernels) in the neck, and the ring of this same tissue around the base of the appendix. Possibly (theoretically) this lymphatic tissue enlargement is a natural response to infection. At any rate we know that a shortage of vitamin A prevents the development of the highest attainable immunity against upper respiratory infection.

The ultraviolet rays of direct sunlight greatly aid in the development of that same immunity, and many unwary readers may be deceived. Can you give us a word about it? (Mrs. B. S.)

Answers.—Among the instructions offered in the booklet is the warning that iodized salt is dangerous, and another is the alarming news that some great German authority has discovered that cystin, present in flaxseeds, is very bad, as guinea-pigs can't live on it. Whether or not prospects who read the booklet decide to buy the vendor's "health" foods, no one need be alarmed about the use of iodized salt instead of plain salt or about the use of flaxseeds instead of physic. All kinds of protein food, even some of the "health" foods offered by this particular vendor, contain more or less cystin. What of it?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Raw or Rare Meat
In one of your articles you said raw ham, fish or beef was liable to cause tapeworm. Please tell me if raw liver is safe to eat or if raw liver blood is safe to drink. I have been taking these for three weeks and it seems to help me a lot. (Mrs. M. L. B.)

Answer.—No. I said raw ham might carry the larval form of trichina; raw beef might carry the larval form of beef tapeworm; and, in some parts of the country, raw fish might contain the larval form of the broad or fish tapeworm. Better to have all flesh food thoroughly cooked. Liver or blood from carcasses passed by the federal meat inspectors would be safe to eat raw. It is debatable whether raw liver or liver blood is more effective as a remedy than the same cooked to suit the patient's taste. Sometimes a patient too ill to eat may take a liver cocktail or a liver extract or liver blood in one form or another.

Adhesions
Kindly tell me if adhesions are dangerous, if they impair one's health and is it advisable to be operated on? (Mrs. I. M.)

Answer.—Adhesions are the consequence of inflammation or injury. As a rule they are harmless and in many instances of beneficial character. Sometimes they may cause trouble by interfering with one or another function of organ and in that case operation may be required for relief. For example, adhesions gluing together the covering of the lung and the lining of the chest and interfering with movements of the lung; such adhesions may occur after pleurisy or a wound of the chest or lung.

The Health Food Vendor
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Your version of the truth isn't the only one. The other man's "light breakfast" though ten times the bulk of yours, may be too light for him.

Stomach: A quart container filled with strawberries two hours before the owner moans: "Oh, tell Doc to hurry."

That philosopher who says nothing will last forever hasn't noticed the soap in Willie's room.

If prohibition is killed and liquor sold legally, will that make all the young people stop drinking?

One had made liver worth 90 cents a pound, and any day now the yearning for sunlight may make bleacher seats a luxury for the rich.

The new currency is convenient, but a single dollar bill no longer is sufficient to clean the hands of a garage mechanic.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

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

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1 through 57 indicating starting positions for words.

ment of that same immunity. These rays also carry to growing plant foods the mysterious vitamin properly, whatever it is. So that exposure of naked skin to direct sunlight, or even to an ultraviolet lamp, is now recognized as helpful not only in the prevention but in the treatment of enlarged or infected tonsils and adenoids.

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Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune)
May 15, 1920.
J. F. Hale, "the piano man," elected president of "Hiram Johnson for President Club." Herbert K. Hanna named secretary.

C. of C. Directors put lid on money spending "with a firmness that shows they mean to guard the treasury well."

J. Court Hall files for county commissioner.
Ashland decides to hold Bible school instead of round-up.

Hoover asks friends in Oregon not to vote for him in primary, as he will "concentrate on floor of G. O. P. convention"

Contract signed for building of Medford irrigation district ditch. Plan water by 1921.

Mayor Gates declares May 22, "Clean up Day" in city.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune)
May 15, 1910.
Greater Medford club ladies edit Sunday Mail Tribune.
Leading article urges Medford people to sleep outdoors and pasture horses outside of city. Ed Andrew contributes article on "Roman History."

Irato subscriber wants "George Putnam" editor; hit head with sledge hammer wielded by Tom Merriman. No reason stated.

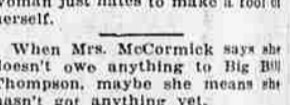
Frank Farrell, who graduates this year from Medford high, will take up law.

Bert Anderson and Jueneas Butler organize the "Dutch Treat" roller skating club.

Americanism: "They shouldn't drink the stuff if they don't want to get poisoned." "They shouldn't be criminals if they don't want to get burned."

What a world! To be valedictorian and then get a job working for the fellow who, dropped out at the eighth grade.

An agnostic is a man who hasn't any faith in all of that foolishness until the doctor tells him it's a matter of weeks.



Remodeling an old house isn't difficult. You just knock out a few partitions, and there you have a nice bath room.

Wives could easily "get even" with unfaithful husbands, but a woman just hates to make a fool of herself.

When Mrs. McCormick says she doesn't owe anything to Big Ed Thompson, maybe she means she hasn't got anything yet.

The best way to test a man appointed as federal judge is to learn whether a decision against the home team makes him think the umpire a bum.

Until the first cantaloupe arrives, there isn't much you can gamble on except croquettes in a dining car.

Correct this sentence: "Oh, if I thought the habit injured my health," said the man, "I'd quit it in a minute."

Auto Thieves Caught
BAKER, Ore., May 15.—(AP)—Jack Morgan and Ralph Morrow, who were arrested yesterday by Walter Lansing, state traffic officer, will be prosecuted on the Dyer act, which makes it a felony to transport stolen automobiles from one state to another.

Classified advertising gets results

Political Announcements

GEORGE ALFORD
Candidate republican re-nomination
County Commissioner.
(Present incumbent.)

Running on his record.
County and state taxes, which are only taxes the county commissioners have under their control, were 26.8 mills in 1922, when Mr. Alford became a member, were 16.9 mills in 1929. For confirmation you are referred to your tax statements.

A faithful public servant deserves another term. (Paid adv.)

MUTT AND JEFF—The Center Is the Back

Cartoon panel showing a man at a desk with a sign that says 'FIRST CENSUS OFFICE OF U.S.A.' and a man talking to him.

Cartoon panel showing a man in a suit talking to a man in a military uniform.

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