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Smudge Smoke

There was an election Friday, but that was about all.

The government can regulate the tolerance of pears, but not the intolerance of man.

Col. Frank Z-Velle of Jville has a dog, that all but talks, and amazes with his smartness.

The pupils of the hi school trod the boards of the Craterian Tues. in a masterly manner, and scored a touchdown.

Quite a bit of hay is down, and was rained on as the cutter expected it would be.

There was a rainbow southeast of Phoenix Thurs. eve. It was not the one that anybody around here has been chasing for so long.

Messrs. Royal Brown and Roy Ashpole, and a number of good-looking ladies from E. Pt. were in town Wed. beseeching the co. to sprinkle oil on a dusty road out their way.

Messrs. Brown & Ashpole were of little use, except to get in the way and look wise. The gents were prepared to take all the credit, and dodge all the blame, if any, of either.

Citizens have been urged to go to the ball game today, instead of trying to catch the gamey steelhead, and race each other to divers points.

Col. Tengwald put in some good Hicks for Gov. Norblad the past week, and was the leading excitement of the campaign.

Harry Rosenber attended the Traf. meet Thurs. and started his usual argument, while adjournment was under consideration.

Frederick Fry had a picture taken last week of his melancholy hound, and the photographer made a mis-cue, and only got half of the dog, splitting him right down the middle—nose to tail, following the general route of the spinal column. This makes the hound look grotesque, and there is no excuse for such carelessness.

The next time Mr. Fry gets the photographer in his chair, he assured the writer, he will only half shave him, which is fair enough.

The San Francisco Sunday morning paper, that gets here Friday, was beat last week by the Portland Spectator, published on Saturday, arriving here Thursday.

P. Bybee, the downtrodden and despondent serf, while tightening up the burrs on a moving machine Monday, caught a \$4 necktie on a tooth, cutting a deep slash.

Some very fine pre-war stuff has been available hereabouts, and one of those fortunate enough to secure some of the same, has only been in a coma since the 3th Inst. and is just beginning to recognize familiar objects like the side of his house.

Steve Lundsten is back in the harness, at the Jack, Co. bank, and many recall the time, that he dec. liberatively called Roxy Ann "a stately empress."

It looks like the jabbering for the November vote would be extensive.

ST. HELENS IDEAL FOR SPUD TESTS

ST. HELENS, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—Columbia county has been chosen as the most desirable place in Oregon for potato nursery trials of certified seed by the farm crop department of the Oregon state college, George A. Nelson, county agent, announced.

The nursery this year will include 23 plantings from a number of certified potato growing counties in the state. It is located on the Than Brown place at Yantou. Varieties to be tested are Burbank, Netteed Gem, Earl-rost of All, Bliss Triumph and Irish Cobler.

AFTER THE BATTLE

WHEN the Portland Spectator gave the official prognosis that George Joseph would carry Jackson County, we questioned the truth of this prediction, four days before election, and commented further as follows:

Only the seers, who can read the minds of inarticulate men and women, have any right to pose as prophets in this election. No one can KNOW how the people are going to vote, for the simple fact that a majority of the people don't know themselves.

There never has been an election where last minute developments were of such outstanding importance. The winner will almost certainly be determined not by what has happened, but what, between now and Friday, MAY happen.

The only wise prophet this year is the prophet who says nothing, waits until the votes have been counted, then, nods his head, looks wise and remarks: "I told you so!"

And that is precisely what the wise prophets are doing, from the Columbia to the Siskiyou, and from the Pacific to the Snake river, this balmy May morning.

The silent vote has become articulate. "Vox Populi, Vox Dei!" The people have spoken. Barring an unexpected upset in the official count, Mr. Joseph is a poor third in Jackson County, but he carried Multnomah and the state, by a comfortable margin.

IT WAS because we feared this very outcome, that we abandoned our usual policy of remaining neutral in the Primary, and supported Corbett, simply because we regarded him as the best qualified candidate, and the one most likely to unite the Republican party instead of divide it.

But, as we had observed, there was, and is, throughout the state, a vague but undeniable unrest and dissatisfaction. On one side were the "Ins", who were reasonably content with things as they are; on the other were the "Outs", who weren't content at all.

This dissatisfied vote, not only in Multnomah, but throughout the state, was concentrated behind Joseph; the satisfied vote was split seven ways to Sunday, between Norblad, Corbett, Hall, Bennett, and Jeffrey.

THE vote given any one of these men, added to the vote of either Norblad or Corbett, would have beaten Joseph. A few of the wiser Republican leaders realized this, and a quiet but determined effort was made to persuade either Hall, Bennett or Jeffrey to withdraw. But in such a scramble, every candidate believed he had a chance, so the effort failed.

We didn't regard the present result as inevitable, but we did from the outset regard it as possible; and when confidential information from Multnomah came to this office, a few days before election, we regarded it as decidedly probable.

It is as true in politics, as in military tactics, that a divided majority cannot defeat a united minority. Mr. Joseph had that united minority. That's the whole thing in a nutshell.

AND now, "Watchman of the Night," what of the morrow? We have been through too many campaigns, to worry very much about the political happenings a half year ahead. Between now and November a great deal can happen, and no doubt a great deal will.

Political campaigns are very like other pathological epidemics; good things to take seriously while they are on, and good things to forget after they are over.

In the gubernatorial race the results were not to our liking, but in other directions the results of the election were.

So that's that. We are only sorry for the man whose sense of humor is so warped, that he can't in this hurly-burly of politics, take the results, regardless of what they are, with a smile. Oh, hum, life is short, and the ways of Fortune, fickle.

And there are more important things than politics. Therefore we simply congratulate the winners, and wish the losers, ourselves included, better luck next time.

So on to concerns of more general and vital moment. Only results count. There's no base like home.

The national wail: "If we only had some pitchers." The Research Foundation's report that people are most likely to pass out at 3:30 a. m. agrees with night club records.

Speaking of difficult decisions, think of the poor congressman when the powers back home tell him one thing and the Digest another.

The glory of Greece was the work of a few. You can't call America glorious when it has only three like Mencken, Nathan and Sinclair Lewis.

This is the season when the sight of a rug on the clothes line prompts Dad to grab his golf clubs and beat it.

If the Supreme Court is the highest authority, and one small group dictates the selection of its members, that group governs America.

About the only difference between good people and bad people is that they are ashamed of different things.

Americanism: Feeling very superior to races unlearned in science because you can press a button and work a fool-proof machine.

Robin Hood was the first noted philanthropist. When he snatched it from one crowd he eased his conscience by giving it to another.

Among the extinct birds are the dodo, the passenger pigeon, and, fortunately, the one who asked you if you had the makin's.

Scientists agree that monkeys chatter without really saying anything. It should be easy to teach them the game of bridge.

There must be something divine in a quality that enables romance to include dish washing.

The story of Greece is to be told in talkies. The theme song doubtless will be the old classic: "Yes, we have no bananas."

Lindbergh says you don't notice the earth's storms if you're high enough. Compare with the financier's comments on prosperity.

Berlin police now carry bayonets, so you can tell the innocent bystander by his resemblance to a pin cushion.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)

Monday Dr. J. M. Keene pronounced Chamber of Commerce claim of 39,000 population for Medford in 1915, as "optimism gone wild, and devoutly to be hoped for, but if we have a third that many, and have no more booms, we will be lucky."

Ramsgate, Eng.—Coroner's jury finds Kaiser guilty of murder in first degree for ordering torpedoing of Lusitania.

Yreka promises to be mecca for valley merry-makers if Oregon goes dry next year.

Miss Irene Smith, high point maker in O. A. C. co-ed track meet held at 3:00 a. m., to evade masculine eyes. "However, 137 male spectators appeared for the contest."

Fruit Growers Exchange at Ashland has a stormy session. Governor Withycombe addresses picnic on the Applegate.

Tuesday Italy enters the great war. A chicken wandered up the Main street Wednesday afternoon, and was chased by a boy and long legged colored man into Brown's pool hall. The police also received word Wednesday that a cow was loose eating up flower beds on South Central avenue.

Sam Hill, the good roads enthusiast, and Bert Anderson confer on local conditions. Ed White of the Climax district was in the city today on business.

Boys and Girls clubs organized throughout the county. Medford flowers sent to San Francisco fair.

Wednesday A. C. Allen takes moving pictures of the Jackson county exhibit at the Frisco fair. Gold Hill serves notice that unless the Gold Hill band is made a part of the Medford Fourth of July celebration, Gold Hill will make the eagle squeal on her own accord, July 4th.

William Vawter of Medford, is winning his spurs as a baritone soloist of the University of Oregon glee club. He is a freshman at the institution, and to be the soloist of the glee club is like an iron cross of the third degree.

Corn planted in the valley fails to germinate. Sid I. Brown plans to leave soon for Seward, Alaska, where he has a position with the government railroad.

Thursday Wig Ashpole is walking with a cane, as he hurt his leg while riding a horse. A number of young folks attended a dance in Ashland last night, making the journey by auto. Tourists flocking to valley from San Francisco fair.

California poppies very popular as decorations for local social affairs. Friends of A. F. Stennett surprise him, by coming enmasse with loaded baskets after which 500 was played.

Grizzly Club, Cole Homes president, presents city library with a picture by Kiser of Crater Lake.

Friday Thief arrested in California for robbery of Gold Hill bank of \$8000 in March; arrested in California, but saws way out of jail. Crater Lake trips offered as prizes to county girls, for industrial fair work.

A flock of seagulls visit the city on a strange flight. They were accompanied by droves of crows, and circled low over the business district. One of the seagulls, larger and handsomer than his pals, squatted on the Main street crossing. Policeman Crawford threw him a loaf of bread which he devoured eagerly, ere he winged to the west.

Robert Pelton of Medford is star of the Southern Oregon high school track meet.

Mayor Emerick declares in reply to charges that Chief J. E. Hittson swears: "I have known Chief Hittson for years, and have never heard him cuss, though the Lord knows he has enough provocation, and nobody would blame him if he did."

Saturday Frank Upton of Central Point, while driving a horse and buggy, was struck by a Ford driven by a man named Ferguson. The Ford after hitting the Upton vehicle, glanced off and knocked down a telephone pole, causing a temporary paralysis of service.

Thief steals a barber pole from in front of the Cottage barber shop on Central avenue. Siskiyou unit of Pacific highway to be opened within a week.

A wanderer called at the home of Ed G. Brown on Crater Lake avenue, and being barefooted was given a pair of shoes by Mrs. Brown, also a meal. Two hours later the wanderer tried to sell the shoes to Mr. Brown, who claims they were the best pair of shoes he owns. He refused to sign a complaint against the unfortunate.

Forty-seven pupils to graduate from the Medford high school.

Press Comment

Exploded Myth. The Literary Digest for today contains information on the state of prohibition opinion which is in some ways more surprising than anything so far produced by that enterprising magazine's poll. This new information is contained in the special occupational polls which the magazine is just completing.

Perhaps the most startling fact contained is that, out of 46,000 bailoting clergymen, 15,912 are for outright repeal, and an additional 3,864 are for modification. Nearly half of all those clergymen who registered their opinions are therefore to be classed among the wets.

And they do not represent any particular region. The clergymen who voted live in every state of the union, from Alabama to Wyoming. Even in Kansas, bone-dry Kansas, where to hold liquid views is to be classed as a moral pervers, more than a third of the clergymen really think wet in the privacy of their studies.

The significance of this shocking wetness among the clergy becomes apparent only when one considers how long we have been led to believe that the church is the last stronghold of Volsteadism. Apparently we have been taken in by the unseemly shouting of some of the more loud-mouthed brethren—i. e., Bishop Cannon and his lieutenants—and have forgotten that the clergy contains its full quota of intelligent men.

Now that this myth is exploded, one may readily believe anything. —(Baltimore Sun.)

UNIQUE DEGREE TEAM CONFERS THIRD DEGREE

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—A total of fourteen states were represented in the degree teams of Niagara Masonic Sojourners when they conferred the third degree upon a candidate at a regular communication of Niagara Frontier Lodge No. 132, while thirty-eight were represented in the degree teams of the Niagara Masonic Sojourners. The idea was conceived by William H. Hunt, a sojourner, who, with the aid of several sojourning Masons, perfected the organization. It has no charter or recognized standing as an official body but the degree teams of the organization are noted for their excellent work and are invited by many bodies to confer the degrees. Many of those on the team have held office or passed through the chairs of their respective lodges. Raymond H. Turver, 32nd degree, is chief sojourner.

MILLION MILES FLOWN FOR EVERY ACCIDENT IN AIR

There were only 15 fatal accidents or one for every 1,062,677 miles flown in air transport operations during the last half of 1929, according to the Air Travel Division of the American Automobile Association.

This statement on the fact that a total of 15,940,161 miles were flown in transport operations, according to figures furnished by the

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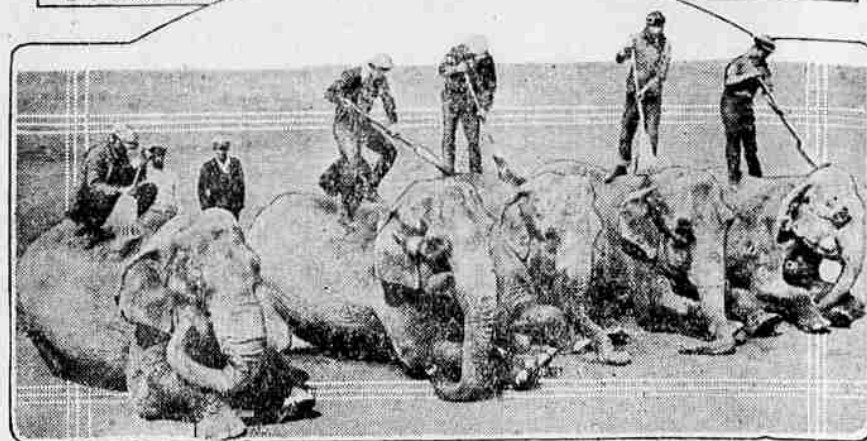
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Barnes' Circus Here Tomorrow



Young Americans resting in the neighborhood of North Central avenue, today were interested spectators when they witnessed a contingent of men with tape lines and others with grub-hooks and shovels clearing the grounds where tomorrow the famous A. G. Barnes circus will give two exhibitions, afternoon and night. The 24-hour man and his assistants, as well as laborers, were making ready the "lot" for the arrival of the big circus early in the morning, shortly before the first streaks of grey appear in the eastern horizon.

All arrangements have been completed for the appearance of the circus. White top enthusiasts will witness a program that is said to be the best in history, one that combines more novelties and features than ever offered in the past. American arena stars will vie for popularity with the cream of European performers. The added features will be "Persia" and "The Pageant of Pekin," two gorgeous Oriental spectacles. The Great Grettona high wire act, direct from Europe, is making its first appearance in America.

A city ticket sale will be established tomorrow at Jarmin & Woods pharmacy, where grand stand and general admission tickets will be sold at the same price as charged at the ticket wagon on the circus grounds.

Aeronautics Branch of the Department of Commerce. Grain, corporation of the Hall-Baker Grain company of Kansas City was described today by George B. Milnor, general manager, as the first step toward procuring important facilities in large terminal markets.

Purchase Grain Facility. CHICAGO, May 17.—(AP)—Purchase by the Farmers' National

Medford—Crater Lake Gateway.

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