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Smudge Smoke

Master Melj Kilmora, 7, as assumed to find 2-bits on the Univ. Club sidewalk Thursday noon. He beat the writer to it. The primary election came out just as everybody expected it would not. The Am. Leg. will stage a regatta today at the O. Armpit puddle, so, of Ashland. The PO kitten ball team won a game last week, after scoring a litter of rums. The big bugs who have been visiting Jim Owen have gone home. Thursday was the best day of the year, and even satisfied Peoria Bill Gates. Jackson county is fifth in attendance at the state prison, but if Justice was in good condition, this county could fill the prison by itself. A flat flask, relic of the infamous saloon days, when rum flowed freely, but not in detours, was found up an alley Friday. It was seated on a stub of a post, and was called a "dead soldier" by the old timers. Straw hat day was ushered in, and generally observed, without the banks and barbershops closing up. The observance was completed it started to cloud up. The Fry caught a fish Thursday, assisted by P. Wilson Wait. Haying is rampant throughout the valley, and there will be the usual shortage of hay next fall. Col. P. TouVey was over from Jville Wed. with his dog, which he thinks is the only dog. A number of folks have told the sheriff that their cabins in the woods have been broken into, and left untidy, and they are pretty mad about it. The vandals are probably committed by tramps. A few blame the trick onto flaming youth. The social whirl speeded up a trifle the past 10 days, with the arrival of a tolerable goodlooking blonde from around the Bay, creating a furor among the younger natives. There was an auto accident north of town last night. The idiot driving maintained that he was only going 67 miles an hour. A number of the dentists are upstate, where they will learn the latest way to pull a tooth without killing the owner thereof. Herman Offenbacher of the Applegate was in town Tues. and all the storekeepers thought it was Saturday. The graduating class of the high will listen to a magnificent sermon a wk from tonight. 133 will get their sheepskins. Some will go to work, and some will go to Oregon if they can't get out of it. Autoists report they have been to Crater Lake, and the scenic wonder passed through the winter in good shape. Quite a number of the Older Girls cornered a bashful citizen, in Win. Crowson's one evening last week, and did not do as good a job of kidding him, as they intended, as one of the women told the writer, "she never knew he had a rat-trap for a mind."

GIVE US A "HAND"

WE have often called attention to the great mass of publicity matter that comes to every newspaper office, seeking free space without paying for it. There is always some "catch" in these press agent sermons, but usually they are so cleverly concealed, that it takes an experienced hand to detect them. But now and then, some novice tries the game, exhibiting such a childish simplicity and ignorance of the accepted technique, that the progress of the waste basket, in long delayed and accompanied by considerable hilarity on the part of those delegated to bury it. Occasionally, the novice is so refreshing, that this very fact brings success, and publicity is accorded, where a more sophisticated effort would be doomed to oblivion. This morning we have a three-page announcement from one Jos. P. Hand, 1115 Denrike Building, Washington, D. C., which comes under this latter classification. Mr. Denrike has invented a new plan for the purchase of homes, which he has presented to members of Congress, and wishes the Mail-Tribune to support. Space prevents going into the 5,000-word details, but the following extract may give a general idea: The financing of this plan is such that within 35 or 40 years the interest charges can be abolished, such payments being credited to an Old Age Savings Account. For instance, the purchaser of a \$5,000 home will have \$2,750 deposited in his Savings Account, assuming he pays off his loan in 20 years. Interest on these deposits will amount to about \$1,300, making a total of \$4,000 to his credit. This fund is not payable until he is 60 years of age, at which time the \$4,000 would amount to about \$5,500 if he purchased his home at 25 years of age. In other words, he not only has a home when he pays off his loan but \$1,000 in the bank beside. Under the present system he has only the home, if he hasn't been foreclosed, and will have paid out more money for it at that. The operation of this plan is such that it will stabilize the Home Building Business. Its introduction during these bad times will also aid the present unemployment situation, although it will do more good in boom times than otherwise. Mr. Hand then concludes: The plan does not involve government ownership or require taxation. It is the greatest invention that ever came over the pike. He therefore submits it to the American people for their consideration. And, then, between this conclusion and Mr. Hand's signature, comes this paragraph, which has been crossed out lightly with a pen, but which can be easily deciphered, as follows: "The writer's personal interest in addition to a natural desire to see living conditions improved for everyone lies in the fact that this plan means that someone must be appointed to run it at perhaps \$4,000 a year, and the inventor of the system should certainly have first crack at the job!" There you are, Brother Hand! You win! The gloom of an "editorless" day has been dispelled; may you live long and prosper!

THE PRESIDENT CAN DO NO RIGHT

WE wonder if the somewhat hysterical efforts of the Democratic press to discredit President Hoover, and blame him for every ill, that flesh can be heir to, should not be taken as rather a high compliment. Certainly any man who can be responsible for a stock market collapse, before he takes office, and also be responsible for the weather which threatens low prices for wheat, after taking it, can be no ordinary person. Right or wrong, he must be a very powerful and formidable individual. After reading one eastern contemporary which comes to this desk, we have concluded that President Hoover is responsible for the bootlegger, the boll-weevil, the saxophone, Rudy Valce, bobbed hair, depression of the lumber market, hot-dogs, and blow-outs far from any service station. \* \* \*

IN this same newspaper we read how the President's appointment of Judge Parker was truckling to the vested interests, a blow at labor, and an insult to the colored race. And now his appointment of Owen J. Roberts in Judge Parker's place, is interpreted as an abandonment of all his cherished convictions, a cowardly surrender to political expediency—a belated effort to secure that Liberal support, he refuses to lead. Not only is the President responsible for everything wrong, he is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't. In the lexicon of Democratic strategy and tactics, the old dictum, "the King can do no wrong" has been replaced by "The President can do no right."

TRUE such an attitude must be discouraging at times, and difficult to understand. But there must, as indicated above, be a certain consolation. For where there is so much smoke, there must be some fire. If the President's enemies were not secretly afraid he might accomplish great good, and by patient effort and persistent industry, put the Ship of State on an even keel, they wouldn't be so insistent upon opposing everything he tries to do and even denying him the benefits of decent sportsmanship, and giving him a fair chance. Lurking behind this constant barrage of criticism and abuse, there must be a certain respect for the potential abilities of the man who happens to sit in the White House. If he were half as useless and inept, as his enemies try to make out, there wouldn't be such a hysterical attempt to "get" him; the waste of so much ammunition. The forces of the opposition would simply rest on their guns and let Nature take its course.

Another way to make your wife suffer is to mutter over a letter and then thrust it in your pocket without comment. You never realize how many friends you have until you die or buy a cottage at a summer resort. The ignorant are content because they are like people born blind. They can't miss what they can't see. The Senate must suffer when it can't make Supreme Court judges vote for the party's good after they are confirmed. In the old days the wicked got local option by voting for it instead of sending a truck for it. "This century has produced no great leaders." Huh! Does the man think gangsters operate as the spirit moves them? Another thing: this country needs a bottle that won't break when it hits the pavement. Yet the people who spell "Negro" with a small "n" in spite of the dictionary wouldn't write "englishman" or "indian."

Press Comment

THE "MUDSILLS" CANDIDATE: Mr. Joseph has been nominated as the Republican candidate for governor by approximately 18 percent of the registered Republican vote and 35 percent of the vote cast. In other words he is a minority candidate. This indicates the necessity for a change in our self-styled primary law for a second or run-off primary between the leading contenders to determine the majority choice—so long as we repudiate the advisory convention system, to insure the selection of a candidate not repudiated by the majority. Mr. Joseph's nomination was due to his capitalization of the public unrest and dissatisfaction traced to hard times, to the resentment against power companies and the ten cents fare, and to the grievances of unsuccessful litigants with the courts. It was also due in no small degree to the neutrality of the Republican press in discussing his candidacy. The Portland Journal declares the primary result "A voice from the foundations. The folks on the mudsills of Republicanism have nominated Mr. Joseph as their governor"—which is probably correct for if there ever was a mud-slinging candidate who appealed to the mudsills, it is Mr. Joseph—yet his vote was only 18 per cent of his party. Mr. Joseph's nomination is also heralded as a "vindication" of the disbarment verdict rendered by the circuit judges on charges of unethical conduct preferred by the bar association—charges still pending before the supreme court. If this popular appeal was not designed along typical Joseph lines to influence and intimidate the court in its consideration of a case pending before it—just as his character assassination tactics got him into trouble here, then we do not know what contempt of court means. The result might also be construed as a minority vote in favor of free and unlimited abuse and slander of our highest officials. But the law remains the law and not public hysteria. The Oregonian gives every indication of lukewarmly supporting the nominee—party label is so much more sacred than principle with such partisan organs—despite the fact that Mr. Joseph is Republican by label only. Yet we doubt whether the rank and file will be similarly loyal. The people of Oregon are quite independent in the election of governors—and periodically vote for a change in administration, as witness the cases of Penney, Chamberlain, West and Pierce. As Mr. Bailey is liberal and progressive without being demagogic, has a level head and sound common-sense instead of being emotional, he is the opposite in every way of the Republican nominee and other "mudsill" elements are very bright. The 18 per cent quoted tall may not be able to wag the G. O. P. dog.—Salem Capital Journal.

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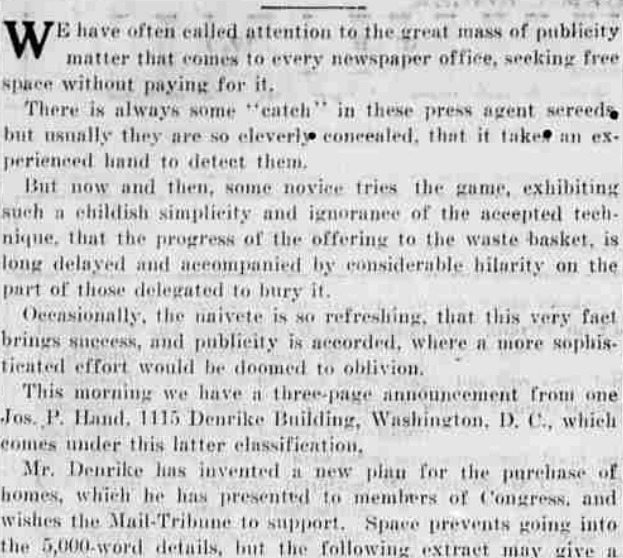
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Alice White, First National feature player, standing beside a giant 58x14 Goodrich airplane tire. These tires, said to be the largest ever made, are capable of withstanding a forty-three ton landing impact. They are used on the giant P-32 and her sister ships, the largest land planes in America.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)

Monday: American steamer Nebraskan, torpedoed by German U-boat off coast of Ireland, and situation is tense. A black crow, believed to be a straggler from the recent invasion of seagulls loafed around the business district this morning, and is taken to be an omen of a tragic happening by the superstitious. Gang of skunks invaded the Oakdale district, and make the late afternoon and evening hideous. Police announce that the riding of wheels on sidewalks in the business district will "not be tolerated, by whomsoever."

Tuesday: The sunshiny days have caused the insect life to get busy. Attorney Gus Newbury went on a picnic on the Applegate, and reports ants by the billions. Entire male section of the graduating class of the high school ordered to pull weeds, following their confession that they stole barber poles as "a prank." The offenders were Jay Gore, Robert Pelonze, Dean Carder, Harold Grey, Earl Hubbard, Dolph Phipps, Glenn Simmons, Miles Gammill, Chester Baker, Walter Brown, Griffith Cowgill, James Vance, Glenn Stull, Charles Ray, Clinton Purkeypile and Charen Jaques.

Wednesday: J. W. Lawton will be grand marshal for the Memorial day parade. Herbert Alford, a member of the 1915 graduating class of the high school, will sing "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," in his capable baritone voice. C. E. Gates terminates contract for the sale of Willys-Knight and Overland cars. Farmers favor proposed Big Butte irrigation project. City pays loving tribute to heroes of the Civil war. The sinking of the Nebraskan failed to stir war in the veins of the Medfordites as did the sinking of the Lusitania, but brought about discussion of fine points of international law at the University club. Medford high school graduating class of 47, the largest in the history of the school, conducted their exercises at the Page theater. Shoes with cloth toppings, others with brocaded quarters on sale at M.-M.

Thursday: Mrs. Marie Barkoff guarded \$545, the price of a Ford, as a result of a broken wrist. John Prader, driving the Ford upset the buggy being driven by Mrs. Barkoff. Griffith Cowgill and Dolph Phipps took no part in polling signs down for senior play. Parents and business men regard situation humorous. Ashland class of 39 graduate at Vining theater. A conundrum hour in Ashland west side circles schools is the latest innovation. Answers, especially by primary pupils have been more disconcerting than edifying.

Friday: Stewart Torney and Robert Pelonze won the boys' doubles in the local high school tennis tournament. Twelve hundred witness high school graduation. Miles Gammill, the class orator, gave the closing address. The Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains will be thrown open to travel in a few days. The highway will be one of the scenic drives of America.

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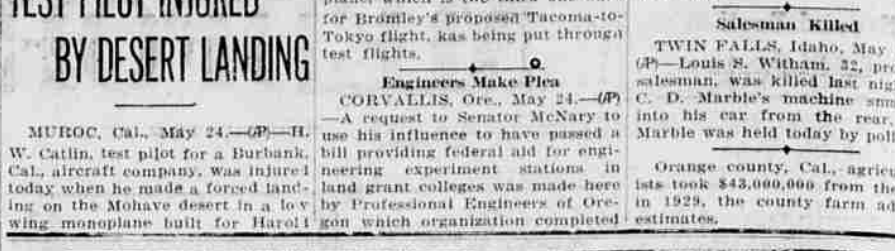
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