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Ye Smudge Pot

It is now proposed to dedicate the airport... letting their whiskers grow, or wearing an old hat.

Lady Ford-Coupe of the local imitation British set... bloused out of the room when an uncouth gent started to tell an old-color story.

Still another one of the social lions is going to pay, in the fall, for whittling his voice down to a pathetic whine and telling the lady the moonbeams were hiding in her permanent wave.

Wanted—Young man, 25 to 35, whose head is not full of skirts, saxophones, and poor gin. Good pay to start, and rapid promotion for right man.

Reports from the hills and watering places say the mosquitoes are now equipped with gimlets, where their heads used to be.

F. Wortman, the Phoenix democrat, is running around with his face denuded. In the winter time he flaunts a luxuriant beard, that generally looks like it had been trimmed by a firing of the Republican administration.

The Older Girls have banned the weather as a topic of conversation, so Grandma deplored the anguish of her leading lunion.

Political fit-throwing, preliminary to the selection of a gubernatorial dominion, gets underway today.

The dance Saturday broke up in the usual fashion... The management better furnish boxing gloves to the men patrons, or compel them to dance with each other, before somebody gets murdered.

THE TOURIST INDUSTRY... There comes each summer a golden stream that in two months amounts to nearly \$2,000,000.

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Where the playboy tourist is king, the great old peddler father, New England's great glory has been her schools, her wide diffusion of, and insistence upon, thorough school training.

Perhaps it would. And if the schools closed a month earlier, then the tourists could come that much sooner. And if only there were no schools anywhere, then the tourists might come all year.

TABLE ROCK RANCH IS THREATENED BY FIRE... TABLE ROCK, Ore., July 25.—(Special)—Fire caused from storing hay that was too green, destroyed several tons of chaffed hay in the Frank Hart barn recently and had it not been for the diligent work of a large number of good neighbors the barn and entire contents with house and other buildings close by would undoubtedly have been destroyed.

DAMNED IF HE DOES, DAMNED IF HE DOESN'T

ON his return to Chicago from Kansas, the Chicago Evening Post remarked that Alexander Legge, chairman of the Farm Board, seemed to have lost his accustomed vigor, in every direction but his vocabulary.

This may be a correct diagnosis but, we fear, places too great a responsibility on the weather man. Probably the political heat, which Mr. Legge encountered in the wheat belt, contributed more to his physical debility and verbal extravagance, than the climatic product.

Like most men of affairs who enter politics for the first time, Mr. Legge undoubtedly finds the going rather rough. He is familiar with opposition, and accustomed to overcoming it, but being "damned if he does and damned if he doesn't," is in all likelihood a new and somewhat exasperating experience.

WHEN he entered Chicago from Kansas, Chairman Legge was met by a telegraphic demand from the Wichita Beacon that as head of Farm Relief he immediately order the purchase of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, and save the Kansas wheat farmers from ruin.

Small wonder that the chairman's oral reaction was not strictly parliamentary. For last fall when the Farm Board did make such a purchase at \$1.18 a bushel, and the price proceeded to drop below 90 cents, his Kansas opponents flayed him for putting the government into the wheat pegging business, and forcing the overburdened taxpayers to hold the sack.

NOW the same forces ask him to repeat what it formerly condemned him for doing. The Beacon maintains, buying wheat at 82 cents is different from buying it at \$1.18; for at the latter price the government was sure to lose money, while at the former price it can't fail to make it.

THE only thing Chairman Legge can do, is to do THE BEST HE CAN, and take the hammering he gets regardless of what he does, as only a part of the game. If wheat prices improve he will win, if they don't he will lose.

THE "IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT" WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—The Treasury today refused to permit the importation of wool pulp from Soviet Russia, to the International paper company on the ground that it was produced by convict labor.

THIS dispatch, which came over the A. P. wire today, will probably cause no "sore heads" in the American press, and yet it may mark the most significant event of the year, and perhaps of the century.

IF this ruling is sustained, and adopted as a permanent American policy, it means a fight to the finish between Soviet Russia, and the United States—not only an economic war, but unless the Russian experiment fails (collapses of its own weight) a war on land and sea.

FOR, as all well-informed people know, what are known as wars of military conquest are, and always have been, essentially wars of economic conquest. The issues have been, disguised in devious and sundry ways, but at the bottom they have been simply the struggle for more markets.

Now Soviet Russia, several years ago, started an invasion of the American market. The invasion was regarded as a joke at first. But six months ago it ceased to be a joke, and only ten days ago it so alarmed the lumber industries of Oregon and Washington that Col. W. B. Greeley of the West Coast Lumbermen's association sent a long telegram to the Secretary of the Treasury, of which the following is a part:

Strongly urge that the clear intent of the present law in respect to importation of articles in which convict or an-

forced labor has been employed be enforced in connection with cargoes of Russian lumber now en route to the United States.

IT means first, that Soviet Russia, with its system of communism, the elimination of private profit, and, practically speaking, the elimination of wages, can, with its unlimited natural resources, conquer not only the lumber markets of this country but of the world.

ONE needs only a pencil and paper to see that, unless this Russian competition is destroyed, the chief industry in this northwest is doomed. But in the tariff bill so generally condemned no adequate protection was given,—and the plain truth is that as far as such competition is concerned no adequate tariff protection could be given,—except by a tariff aimed at Russia alone.

But the Treasury prohibits importation from Russia on the ground that the good pulp is produced by convict labor! This will no doubt please the sweet-tempered Comrade Stalin very much! And it will please the other Soviet leaders just as much.

So to repeat, unless Russian communism fails, BECAUSE OF WEAKNESSES INHERENT IN THE SYSTEM, then its conflict with what we know as American capitalism, is as certain as the sunset this evening, or sunrise tomorrow. It is in all seriousness the "irrepressible conflict between opposing and enduring forces."

Personal Health Service By William Brady, M. D.

One of the most prevalent notions of people who are uninformed or half informed in matters of physiology and hygiene—and that means a lot of everybody—is that if your illness or indigestion is due to germs the first indication in the way of prevention or treatment is to kill the germs.

Three scientific investigators (not subsidized by any nostrum interest) sprayed measured numbers of germs on the mucous membrane of the nose, in 42 normal persons. In 400 such tests introducing an average number of 20,000,000 germs in each test, they found 90 to 95 per cent of the germs were rendered incapable of growing or multiplying, that is, harmless, within five to 10 minutes.

First, if you use a real antiseptic (which means something that retards or diminishes the growth and multiplication of germs) or kills a germicide (something that kills germs) as a remedy for coryza, sore throat, tonsillitis, diphtheria or what have you, you must comprehend that if it can discourage the growth or destroy germs it will probably discourage the growth or destroy tissue cells which have been unable to resist the invasion of those same germs.

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MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in: CAB, IRISH, ROB, ADE, TAMPA, ADA, ROSES, PALAVER, ON, PO, ELI, MAT, CASE, ENOW, OR, LATENT, EVA, RO, ARM, TOM, ER, ASH, POLITE, NM, LEER, SERE, ASS, LEA, SE, IN, DEPENDS, ROVES, IRE, NOOSE, IRA, EAR, ETNAS, LEG

DOWN

Empty crossword puzzle grid for the current puzzle.

Communications

Regarding Pear Valuations To the Editor: As one of the oldest fruit growers in the valley from the standpoint of experience and as the president of the Medford Pear Growers association, which organization controls some three hundred and fifty cars of fruit this season, and which experienced no difficulty in contracting its packing and selling at the figures which I shall use as a basis for comparison, I wish to object strenuously to the Table of Pear Valuations as published in your paper of July 23 for the "benefit" (?) of the pear growers as erroneous, misleading and entirely unjustified by facts or good business practice.

In view of this some analysis of the table might be timely. I take it that the table contemplates a sixty cent packing charge, a ten per cent commission and an over-weight of at least five per cent. Now sixty cents is entirely too much for the packing operation at any time and more especially this year because of business conditions. Supplies are cheaper, labor is not so expensive and far more efficient and several houses are now contracting packing at fifty cents and the owners have given me to understand that they expect to make a dime profit at this price.

Ten percent on f. o. b. sales is too high. The eastern brokers work for twenty-five dollars per car or less and the local packer and shipper can certainly do the same. At one dollar and fifty cents per box this would save five cents and at three dollars would mean a saving of twenty cents per box or over one hundred dollars per car.

The majority of the boxes sold f.o.b. from this valley are marked "minimum net weight when packed 42 lbs." The buyers understand this and buy on this basis and any weight in excess of this is plain waste of growers fruit and is the one factor that has the most to do in determining the lack out of the crop. A crop of pears, culls out, should pack out from ninety-two to ninety-seven boxes per hundred average filled boxes delivered. Anything less than this should be

thoroughly investigated by the grower. According to your figures an f.o.b. sale of one dollar and fifty cents per box would return the grower thirty-four dollars and fifty cents per ton or seventy and forty-five one hundredths cents (\$79.45) per box for his year's work, leaving the shipper and packer the remainder or seventy-nine and fifty-five one hundredths cents (\$79.55) per box for a few minutes operation and a nominal investment.

A sixty cent per box charge, covering packing and a n.d. selling, should be ample compensation for the shipper as any of them who are on their toes can get one hundred cars per season which under efficient management will show a profit of from ten to fifteen thousand dollars per year for their four months work which is more than the average owner of a one hundred acre orchard shows for his profit for twelve months of expensive and hazardous operation with ten times the investment.

For the purpose of comparison I will extend your table by adding the returns to the growers, figured on the basis of a charge of sixty cents per box for packing and selling and show the additional to the grower.

Table with 4 columns: Price Figures, Medford Mail Tribune, Additional to grower, Additional to grower. Rows show various price points and their corresponding values.

Now if the business men and fruit growers will let their pencils and figures what it would mean not only to the industry but to every business in the valley I wonder whether they would appreciate the "benefits" you so graciously extend.

Thinking you for your valuable space, I am, Very truly yours, FREDWARD A. HILL.

Ed. Note: Mr. Hill is in error in calling the published fruit table "the Mail Tribune fruit table." It was presented by a fruit grower as

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (From files of the Mail Tribune.) July 25, 1920 Eads warehouse burns with loss of \$100,000, chiefly among local people with furniture stored.

Sandy Hook—The international yacht race postponed account of calm.

New York—Nation's most puzzling trunk murder still unsolved.

Newark—Harry Wills knocks out Fred Fulton in third round. Black may fight Dempsey.

Washington—President asked to pardon Tom Mooney from San Quentin cell for Preparedness day parade bomb.

Twenty Years Ago Today (From files of the Mail Tribune.) July 25, 1910 Rapid progress made on new hotel at Crater Lake.

Police after culprits who pulled off auto race on Oakdale avenue for side bet of \$50.

Clarence Case, a prosperous farmer and Simon pure Democrat and solid citizen of the Hoagie district, is in the city today.

Joe Brown was hooked on a jury at Jacksonville today.

Fishing is only fair in the Rogue river this week.

SUNDOWN STORIES

A CITY CANYON. By Mary Graham Bonner. John and Peggy walked down the magic path with the Little Black Clock until they reached a

turn where the whole scene was changed and they were in a city.

It was a city unlike anything they had ever seen, and the Little Black Clock explained that he had turned the time way ahead.

There had been a time when John and Peggy had visited a very large city with their mother and father and they had seen the tall buildings. It had seemed then as though they were looking at canyons between huge cliffs of stone.

At the far end they could see the sky—just a narrow bit of the sky.

The buildings were so very tall on either side that this city looked like a tremendous series of canyons.

Through each street that they went they would look up from time to time and see a little narrow strip of sky, and sometimes a tiny glow from the sun would light up the buildings and a ray of sunlight would try to play "catch" with another ray of sunlight.

If they tried to look up to the tops of these buildings they almost fell over backward and when they took a ride in a very wonderful automobile they went on driveways made right through buildings.

In fact almost all the buildings were made so that there were driveways going through them and sometimes they would go through building after building and hardly see anything of the streets.

Above, when they did look up, they would see planes of all kinds and sizes. As it drew dark they saw some big airplanes going slowly over the city with gleaming lights shining from their silvery forms.

"It seems like fairland," Peggy said, and John and the Little Black Clock agreed with her.

a matter of news, and printed as such. The Mail Tribune no more sponsored it than it sponsors Mr. Hill's letter, but gladly gives publicity to both. This is a fruit grower's problem, not a newspaper problem. In technical matters concerning fruit the Mail Tribune is merely a medium of expression, not a partisan or a propagandist, on one side or the other.

By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—And Mutt Finally Got Him

Comic strip panel 1: Mutt and Jeff are driving. Mutt says: "TWO LEFT TURNS—THEN A RIGHT—THEN BACK ON THE CLOSED ROAD TO BOBBY'S HILL—FOURTEEN MILES TO TANK TOWN—THEN LEFT TO LOST HOPE. GOT ME?" Jeff replies: "NOPE!"

Comic strip panel 2: Mutt and Jeff are driving. Mutt says: "OKAY! ANOTHER LEFT TO SALT LICK—BACK TO NORTH GUMBERS—TURN RIGHT AT BALDFACE TERRACE—LEFT AT FEEDBO'S BARN—IT USED TO BE RED BUT I THINK HE PAINTED IT ANOTHER COLOR. GOT ME?" Jeff replies: "NOPE!"

Comic strip panel 3: Mutt and Jeff are driving. Mutt says: "THAT'S FINE! NOW YOU'RE ALMOST THERE—FOLLOW THE BLIND DETOUR TO WEEPSBURGH AND TURN LEFT AT MALARIA WELLS TO WHACK'S CROSSING—LEFT TO DRY POND—AND THEN RIGHT. GOT ME?" Jeff replies: "I GOT YOU!"

Comic strip panel 4: Mutt and Jeff are driving. Mutt says: "URK!" Jeff replies: "I GOT YOU!"