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Ye Smudge Pot
(By Arthur Parry)

A favorite trick of the metropolis is to blame everything that annoys or excites them, upon the editorial policy of the Oregonian.

"What would the University of Oregon football team have done against the mighty Notre Dame squad?" cheerily inquires an upstate journal.

Mrs. Albert Cundell was seriously burned about her face, hands and arms when a gasoline stove ignited that she was trying to light.

The weather coincides with the broad grin and cheerful manner of the woodmen.

"The Henry boys butchered hogs Saturday, also Charlie Tolle" (Salmon Bar Jettings). Rough stuff in the rural areas.

"William Ryan has been barking in the timber all week" (Kenno Ore, Tidings). Come home, Bill, before you bite yourself.

The cold that "seized" Atty T. Miles, at Ashland turkey biting day, fed before it was searched.

GAYETY RUNS AMUCK
(Kansas City Star)
The Associated Press credits Senator Vandenberg of Michigan with diplomacy on the basis of his reply to the question of "what brought him" to the White House.

Local imaginations are being whetted and honed, on the proposition "Who will be Medford's 'Big Like in 1931'?"

Many of the male juveniles are imitating Espee locomotives during all their waking hours, in the hope S. Claus will bring them an electric train that costs the down payment on a power plant.

A fly that spent the summer in the Arctic, arrived in this sanctum this am.

A tramp lecturer—the first in many moons—is scheduled to arrive in January, and proceed to knock the moral kinks out of the sinners.

IN THE CAUTIOUS 80'S
(Ah there, Bob Hammond!)
A man of about 16 years of age, using the name of Joshua Cooper, still, has been arrested in New York for attempting to extract funds from ignorant and superstitious people by exhibiting a device which he says will convey the human voice any distance over metallic wires so that it will be heard by the listener at the other end.

It takes a Christmas seal to make it Christmas mail.

PRESIDENT HOOVER HITS BACK

A FEW weeks ago Democratic leaders in Congress announced they would join with President Hoover in securing unemployment relief, and in the effort to restore prosperity in this country.

This seemed to us a very sensible and worthy resolve, and we commended it at that time. But thus far it doesn't appear that such a policy has been very strictly adhered to.

President Hoover asked for \$150,000,000 for unemployment relief. He was immediately assailed by Democratic members in both houses, who maintained such a demand could only be justified by war, they asked that the President explain in detail how he intended to use the money, and wound up by declaring President Hoover was an extravagance the country could ill afford at the present time.

Not what could be termed exactly a non-partisan policy of co-operation!

NOR can such an attitude be justified on the grounds that the opposition sincerely disapproved of devoting such a large sum for relief, without itemizing the exact expenditures.

For following this stand the minority party proceeded to demand a sum for relief in excess of \$150,000,000, the total finally reaching the imposing figure of \$450,000,000, with practically every section of the country coming in for a share of the benefits.

When the Democrats put in these demands they knew they would not be granted. They didn't want them to be granted. All they wanted was to put the President in the position of refusing relief, and thus make political capital for themselves.

PRESIDENT HOOVER is not essentially a fighter. But neither is he a hedger. The Democrats apparently banked upon the first fact, but disregarded the second.

For just as soon as the opposition had revealed its hand, President Hoover accepted their challenge and branded it as a raid on the pork barrel disguised as relief.

"Prosperity," said he, "can't be restored by raids on the public treasury. The budget message contained the maximum expenditure the government could make without increase of taxes. And this increase of taxes would fall on the farmer and worker. Certain organizations are playing politics at the expense of human misery. The American people will not be misled by such tactics."

We don't believe they will be. They will quickly perceive the obvious fact that the pronouncement of the Democratic leaders was merely an idle gesture signifying nothing, that the opposition has no serious intention of abandoning its policy of badgering and thwarting the President of the country in every way, regardless of whether such a policy might be good or bad for the country.

So Washington returns to the situation it was in before the Democratic leaders made their self-righteous announcement regarding support of the administration in its war on unemployment and suffering among the masses.

Whatever is accomplished toward this end, must be accomplished in spite of the Democrats, not because of their aid and co-operation. The Democratic leaders stand convicted of hypocrisy and bad faith.

WERE THE TROJANS BOUGHT OFF?

A LOCAL supporter of the Trojans informs the writer why Notre Dame enjoyed such a Roman holiday at Los Angeles last Saturday.

The Trojans, it seems, were bought up by the gambling ring that plies its nefarious trade in Southern California, the members of the aforesaid ring cleaning up a million dollars at an expenditure of only \$50,000.

So THAT was it? Well, this explanation of Southern Cal's showing is about as convincing as any other we have heard.

But somehow we can't believe it, any more than we can believe the Trojan warriors were poisoned by food tainted at the hands of a Catholic chef. The only explanation we have been able to credit for this extraordinary debacle is that Notre Dame knew more football, played it better and harder, and thereby scored 27 more points.

BUT this wild yarn, conveyed with apparent seriousness by the local fan, brings into sharp relief one undeniable fact regarding amateur football and the main reason why it remains such a popular game.

Southern Cal. may or may not be tainted by professionalism, but this much is certain—there isn't enough money in Los Angeles to buy up the Trojans, or any other college football team. They play and all other college teams play for something money cannot buy.

That is why attendance at these big college games is only limited by the seating capacity, and it is also why the professional teams are having difficulty in making both ends meet.

WE OFTEN smile at that historical statement of the football player who said he was willing to die for "good old Rutgers"—or was it Colgate? Nevertheless, that statement was no doubt made, and it accurately represents the true football spirit.

College players do enter an important contest with that do-or-die spirit—and so do the spectators—but fortunately actual casualties are confined largely to those with impaired hearts.

MUTT AND JEFF—You Can't Get Anywhere Standing Still



MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle
ACROSS
1. Small tree
2. Greatly harshly over

Grid for the crossword puzzle solution with numbers 1 through 75.

And it is THIS spirit that sustains the game. When it disappears,—when such a claim as our friend made, can be regarded as anything but a joke and a poor one—the sport of football, as it is now known, will be no more.

But,—we are glad to say,—NOT UNTIL THEN!

And yet despite Prohibition, gangsters and drought, President Hoover would be a wonder if your bank account was.

There is still hope for the race when hard times and fire insurance don't combine to produce a general conflagration.

Brisbane's urging the recognition of Russia would be more effective if he hadn't urged people to keep on bullying the market.

The Democrats should get together. One Democratic leader declares in his relief program President Hoover is too expensive, while another demands that his relief fund should be raised to \$250,000,000.

It should cause no surprise to learn that the modification of Oregon's dry law to conform to the Volstead Act is opposed by the amalgamated order of undertakers.

Talks To Parents

BRIGHT BUT CONCEITED
By Alice Judson Peale
It is commonly believed that children who are exceptionally intelligent also are very likely to be conceited.

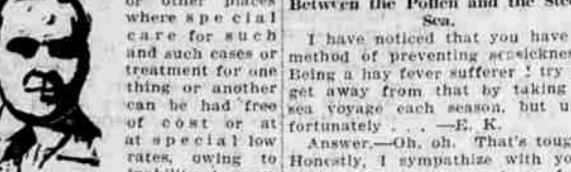
his obvious superiority to his class mates.
Probably by far the most usual factor in the development of conceit in the clever child is found in the attitude of his parents.

Personal Health Service
By William Brady, M. D.

Word letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease, diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady in a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Being in 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.

THE COST OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE AND TREATMENT

Every day a few requests come along in the mail for good specialists who will give this or that treatment at a "reasonable" price. Then there are usually a few requests for good clinics, hospitals or other places where special care for such and such cases of treatment for anything or another can be had free of cost or at a special low rate, owing to inability to pay.



Still a third class of inquiries would have me naming the fees for the treatment the writers seek. And finally somebody asks every little while whether such and such a fee or cost is fair for such and such treatment.

I can give no information about the costs of medical or dental care or treatment.

So far as places of free treatment or care are concerned, I can't advise a correspondent whether he or she is eligible for such free care or treatment. That is a question which depends on the local ordinances or laws, and upon the particular rules or requirements of the institution concerned.

In general, a practicing physician in the patient's own neighborhood can best advise or recommend a change about such free care or treatment. In general, too, I cannot recommend free clinics, from the patient's point of view, though they are fine places for young tyro doctors to get experience, and for young practicing doctors to cultivate possible pay cases.

I take it that when I do recommend a doctor or a specialist or a hospital, the patron will receive fair treatment. That is as far as I can go. Great guns, there are 90,000 good doctors and specialists in the country, and perhaps 40,000 not so good. I can't attempt to keep personal data on all of these. The best I can do is scratch the doctor's name from my list when I learn that he doesn't belong there.

My data on physicians and specialists are fairly comprehensive. Unless a doctor has turned up his toes or taken a rap or something, within the last year or two, I generally have him pretty well labeled. That is, if he has the misfortune to practice in those United States. If he practices in Canada, that's all I know about him, as a rule. In Canada, doctors do not go in for specialism so much as we do in Yankeland, or if they do they don't holler so much about their special ability.

I wish I could include dentists in my list of services. But dentists are not doctors. I don't care if they do put on airs about the title. Of course they should be; the law should require a complete medical course, then such special technical training as is necessary for the practice of dentistry. Dentists assume the responsibilities of physicians or surgeons. Why should they not have the same training—not something like it?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Large Pupils.

The pupils of my eyes are always very large, as if I had just come out of a dark room. Can you tell me the cause of this?—Irene.

Answer.—It is probably because you are young, or near-sighted, or of the vagotonic type or disposition, or all three. The pupils are larger in young persons, and in those near-sighted, and in vagotonic individuals. Such individuals usually have large, beautiful eyes that glisten.

The Y-en to Grow. Please tell me if it is possible to get taller. If so, how, and is there a hospital in— that specializes in that line of work?—S. O.

Answer.—No. Perhaps you have a vague recollection of a mail-order swindle that formerly held forth in the city when promotion, selling the suckers something that purported to increase stature. I am very sorry, there is no known method of increasing stature. I really am, for if there were I'd like to try it.

Diet for Hyperacidity. You said people with hyperacidity should eat freely of those foods which require acid to digest. Please give a list of such foods.—C. H. M.

Answer.—Lean meats, eggs, milk, cheese, beans, peas, nuts, are representative items. Complete diets are given in the "Guide to Right Eating." Ask for it and

Do You Remember?

27 YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 10, 1903.

Flurry of betting his local fight fans over the age of Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier.

Citizens banquet football team, after which they are regaled with two hours of song and oratory. Fletcher Fish, "the popular tenor executed 'When the Moon Shines On the Moonshine,'" parading it to the recent defeat of Ashland. Dub Watson spoke for the team. Mayor Gates, in closing declares, "I am glad this oratorical de-bauch is over."

Masked mob at Santa Rosa, Cal., Lynch three San Francisco gangsters, accused of long series of outrages against women. State stirred by revelations.

England declares martial law in Ireland, as a "peace" move.

Peace dream of Republican Wilson shattered by Republican senate.

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Man confesses he killed Belle Ellis, woman found along railroad near Phoenix, but police say he is demoted.

Eagle Point petitions for incorporation.

Foreman on Ed Hanley ranch thrashes a stranger who killed a China pheasant and game warden offers \$25 reward for his arrest.

Circuit court hands down decision that those who subscribed to stock in the Medford and Crater Lake railroad are legally bound.

Le Gagnoux, French birdman soars to an altitude of 10,000 feet.

W. H. Peagan, president of the Empire Life Insurance company of Chicago, here on visit, reports he "is magnificently mesmerized by" startling beauty of the valley and its people.

PUFFY

Says Puffy: "Nature made me big."
For contrast with the Galena Pig, Australia and the Klansmen, and Wallabies for contrast, too."

SUNDOWN STORIES

Christmas Traveling.
By Mary Graham Brouner.
"Do you like going abroad and seeing how Christmas is celebrated in different countries?"

Clock asked the children.
"Sure it's great," said John.
"at just love it," said Peggy.

Next the Little Black Clock took them to Jugoslavia where the father of the house had a large bowl filled with corn. He took this and an orange and a big old ploughshare and put them near the hearth where the merry yule log was burning.

