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Ye Smudge Pot
(By Arthur Perry)

The Los Angeles gent who admits stealing $8,000,000, is accused of grand theft. To the layman, it's powerful close to glorious theft.

"SLEEP 3 HOURS: COUGH 5" —(Pat. Med. Ad) Moral: Don't sleep.

The Salt Lake blonde charged with the murder of a gem salesman, displays a quaint philosophy in her confession. First, she put choral hydrate in the victim's gin, which caused him to snore. She then bounced a ginger ale bottle off the back of his head. This failed to completely kill her prey, so she rammed her silk stocking down his throat—and, there was work for the undertaker. Now the blonde argues, "I figured if I didn't take his money, somebody else would." This is about the extent of her defense, unless you count the fact that she broke down and cried, at the mention of her mother's name. She had not thought much of her mother in the past seven years, but a girl in jail must cry about something. The Utah law gives her the choice of dangling from the end of a rope, or being lined up against a brick wall at sunrise, but the said blonde figures she will be at liberty in a few years, to "turn over a new leaf," or slay another gent. In the past week, the blondes have been very deadly, according to the news, and spilled considerable male blood, in one way and another. An army major, charged with killing his wife, wrote letters to a Texas blonde, and heard a lawyer read them to the jury yesterday. Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver, went to church in New York City last Sunday, and it was probably a blonde who yelled "Lynch him!" and started a riot in the cathedral.

A STABLE THOUGHT
(Cottage Grove Sentinel)

A news item from Oregon State college tells of a new mixture for floors in dairy barns. Sawdust is mixed with concrete. The professor who got the idea must have examined a cross section of the head of the leading editor of Corvallis town, Claudius Eclair Ingalls.

What is the use to "close the Rogue," and leave the fishermen open.

Some of the Older Girls report an invasion of California fleas, which is the cause of considerable whispering.

Portland targets of R. G. Duncan, the "Oregon Wildcat," and eminent villifier, have drummed up enough gumption to fight back. They evidently intend to keep the "cat" so busy running to court, he will have no time to villify. A large portion of the Portland public suffered from the notion that the Duncan contamination of the air was quite cute. He has manifested his great disgust at being yanked into court.

Southern Oregon expects every lead pencil to be sharpened to a pin point, or finer, for the coming of the Hill line.

THE MORON

'Oh, see the happy moron;
He doesn't give a dam';
I wish I were a moron—
My God, perhaps I am

H. Flewher, the demon baker, was hitched yesterday. He is a novel groom. Being what he is, he don't have to eat the bride's biscuit, but he better.

SO SWEET!
(Coos Bay Times)

Yesterday this paper carried a long list of people arrested and fined on liquor charges. Publicity of this kind is never desirable either for individuals or communities. We trust that we shall not be forced to give out such information very often, but it will be our policy to give all, great or small, the same opportunity to see their names in print.

"He was killed endeavoring to come to a dead stop"—(Lakeview Examiner.) Wherein the stop is still alive.

A petition is being circulated demanding that the metropolitan sports writer show a little originality this winter and call a basketball a casaba.

There are galoshes that make more nose than 4ds.

Tea is being featured as a drink in a restaurant in Paris this sea-

FARMERS THEIR OWN BOSS

THERE'S a note of entreaty in the last statement to the farmers of America by Chairman Legge of the farm board.

He wants farmers to farm "on a basis of economic equality with those in other industries." But he says that farmers can't farm that way unless they co-operate.

Co-operation with the farm board is, of course, his desire. But it is co-operation between farmers that he sets out as the condition they must meet for success.

He has sensed something else. That is the difficulty of promoting co-operation among co-operatives. Oregon knows something about that. This state, for instance, has unusual opportunity to make advance in dairying. It has nearby the great California markets that buy some 40,000,000 pounds of butter produced outside of California.

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OREGON last year contributed about 10 per cent of that amount. Oregon has capacity to produce all of the butter bought by California markets from areas outside that state. Oregon could, in addition, supply millions of pounds every year to the Hawaiian, Chicago and New York markets.

To do all this means the proper organization for production and distribution in Oregon. It means a uniform high standard of quality as the first argument of salesmanship in outside markets. A step toward a quality standard is a cream-grading law. Most of the dairymen support such a measure. One or two of the co-operatives that do their own cream grading and have built up their own market with their own standard of quality think that what they have done goes far enough. Yet, on the other hand, standards of quality to which all must subscribe are the only assurance of a fair competition between the co-operatives and the big, centralized manufacturers of dairy products.

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CHAIRMAN LEGGE says that before he quits the farm board, he wants to see the farmers boss of their own business. The government has given them opportunity to be boss and the state should do it. But the next requirement is that co-operatives co-operate.—Oregon Journal.

HELEN KELLER AND HARD TIMES

"HARD times teach us that we live by each other and for each other. Misfortunes and difficulties to overcome develop power and initiative in us." Helen Keller, writing in the January issue of The Home Magazine, thus sounds a note of optimism in these days of depression.

Miss Keller goes on to say: "If falling stocks and falling bank accounts make us wiser, manlier, more worthy of God's gifts of life, health and sound faculties, blessed be the failures that put such precious spiritual wealth into our hands!

"We are living in troubulous times. Prices are low, production has fallen off, profits are cut down. Yet I dare strike a positive note of helpfulness. Adversity has its uses. It necessitates the tense bracing of the will and mental resourcefulness. Let us begin the New Year by looking for the opportunities it contains. Courage, initiative and patient work are forces before which difficulties disappear."

Americanism: Sending great sums to children in the Near East; saying "Too bad!" when we read that 3,000,000 American children are undernourished.

Correct this sentence: "He has borrowed from a dozen friends," said the gossip, "but he will deny himself every luxury until he pays it back."

Correct this sentence: "I deserved all I got," said the jailbird, "and now I shall labor humbly to become as good as other people."

There's one blessed thing about our war times. Tough guys who laugh at government forces don't ride around in limousines.

Scientists are discovering shorter and shorter waves, but the crime wave still holds the record for length.

The Russian experiment is like feeding a cow sawdust. It will prove a great success if the cow doesn't die.

The old livery stable wasn't like a garage. The help didn't use paper money to wipe their hands.

Progressives: Statesmen who are willing to try anything rather than let nature take its course.

What's the use? If the hangman should rid people of outlaws, they'd keep on accumulating in-laws.

Fascism would work nicely in America, except that 18,750,842 of us would insist on being Mussolini.

You can tell whether it's opportunity or the neighbors. Opportunity knocks but once.

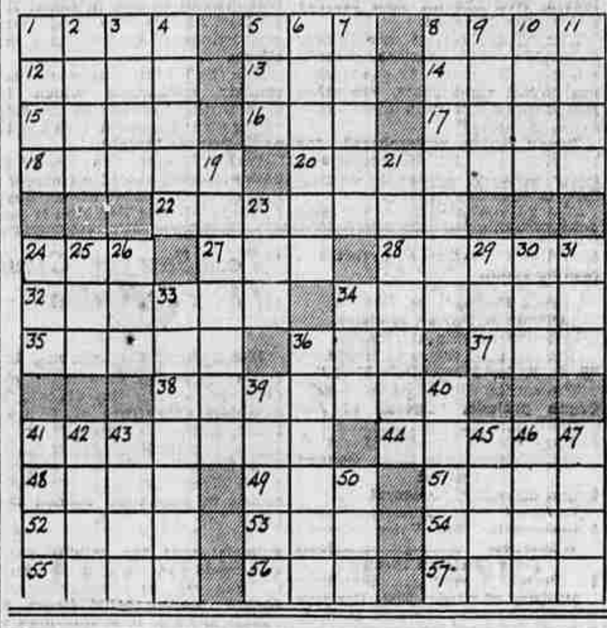
Maybe the lame ducks just seem lame because their quack days are over.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Former president
5. Pronoun
8. Out of
12. Leeward
13. Biblical high priest
14. Bathe
15. Jump
16. Soft mass
17. Unsmelted metals
18. South American Indian
20. Bed canopies
22. Abandons
24. A king of Israel
27. East Indian weight
28. Speed contests
32. Courteous
34. Harm
35. Gum resin
36. Himself: French
37. Decompose
38. Fur-bearing animals
41. One who unknits
44. Brief
48. English river
49. Proper
51. Part of a minstrel show
52. Profits
53. First woman
54. Hire
55. Large woody plant
56. Scarlet
57. Keeps everlastingly after

DOWN
1. Soft mineral
2. Appellation of Athena
3. Be afraid
4. Lukewarm
5. Chop
6. Kind of beetle
7. Appendage to a bill
8. Wreckage found floating on the sea
9. Underdone
10. Above
11. Botch
19. Beastly
21. Overtaxes
23. Behold
24. Monkey
25. Sun
26. Beverage
29. Vehicle
30. Self
31. Sink below the horizon
33. Vast
34. Female deer
36. Labor hard
39. Allude
40. Clipped
41. Bombast
42. Assert
43. Ballot
45. Genus of the olive tree
46. Circle
47. Little ones
50. Spread to dry

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle



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.

RECRUITING THE PHAGOCYTIC FORCE

Dr. Burr Ferguson, Birmingham, Ala., formerly stationed at Southampton, Eng., as an officer of the United States public health service, observed 31 cases of trachoma among Poles and Russians who were detained by the immigration authorities because of this infection. These patients were treated by medical officers of the English health service, each patient receiving from 12 to 35 injections of salicylate of mercury. Twenty-five of the trachoma patients were cured and are now residents of the United States and Canada, having passed the medical inspection at New York or Montreal.

Dr. Ferguson explains these cures by pointing out that the effect of the injections of the mercury salicylate is to increase the number of white blood corpuscles or phagocytes. He reports, in his interesting contribution to the New York Medical Journal and Record, that the same remedy, mercury salicylate, is an excellent one for cases of recurring boils, for the same reason, namely, that it recruits the patient's army of defense, his white blood corpuscles, which are so active in repulsing invasion.

Along with the weekly injections of mercury salicylate, the usual local treatment of rolling the lids and applications of copper sulphate, and 1 per cent solution of pehchloride of mercury (bichloride) of mercury), has been used. It has proved best to give the mercury salicylate injections not oftener than once a week, and usually for not longer than six or eight weeks, for the rise in the white cell is diminished with each successive dose and becomes negligible after six or eight weeks; and with it the improvement in the condition of the eyes.

The same treatment, mercury salicylate injections, has given remarkably good results in many cases of bronchiectasis, arthritis, middle ear disease, and pyelitis, according to Dr. Ferguson.

Indeed the doctor is so impressed by this phagocytosis induced by the mercury salicylate injections that he advises a dose in the routine preparation of patients for operation, as the effect will be at its maximum 48 hours later when stich abscess or other complicating infections are most likely to develop.

Other remedies have been used to mobilize the white cells, a familiar one being yeast eating, although the evidence of the value of yeast is almost wholly clinical, and not supported by actual blood count records. Recently an Edinburgh surgeon, Wilkie, has advocated the injection of nucleinic acid (obtained from yeast cells) prior to abdominal operations, for the purpose of increasing the phagocytes. Hydrochloric acid injections, preceded by an injection of procaine, are used with definite effect on the white cell count and with evident benefits in such obstinate conditions as lupus, osteomyelitis, and even syphilis.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Doctor Was Guessing

My doctor today said my 3-year-old daughter has a slight murmur, more functional than oganic. He seemed unwilling to discuss it further. (J. H.)

Answer.—Don't detain him. He is obviously guessing. Employ a doctor who will at least tell you what he thinks about the child's condition.

A Sailor Grows Up

Young and foolish—tattooed. Older now and regretful. Ben Told chloroform will remove. Can you advise how to use it? (Ex-Sailor).

Ans.—Ben was far at sea when he spun that yarn. Nothing will remove tattoo except surgical dissection of the mutilated patch, and a skin graft from another part of the skin to fill the defect. As long as public opinion tolerates the "tattoo" artist, morons and wayward children and degenerates will subject themselves to this hideous mutilation and some of them will bitterly regret it when they grow up.

Only a Physician Can Safely Treat Goiter

We have a colored maid who seems to have a goiter. I think you advise one drop of iodine in a glass of water. (Mrs. M. B.)

Ans.—I do not. I advise anyone with goiter to consult a physician for treatment. No other course is safe.

Garlic

I would like to know if wild garlic roots would help to cure tuberculosis and if so where can same be obtained? (C. C. E.)

Ans.—It has no more value than onions, cabbage, carrots and turnips—all of which are advisable in the diet of a tuberculosis patient.

Party Who Picked Up Stomach Knows

What is cause of dropped stomach? Is change of climate necessary? Would you advise one with it to ride horseback? (A. B.)

Ans.—A common cause is emaciation from ill-advised "dieting." Change of climate is not necessary. If the party who picks it up wants to get away he should take a flivver instead of a horse. If it is a question of exercise, the patient's physician can best advise.

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Communications

Counting Boards Vindicated.

To the Editor:

Will you please allow me to express to the public, through the medium of your paper, the practical unanimous satisfaction felt throughout the West Medford precinct that Judge Norton permitted a recount of these election returns and thereby cleared the good name of men and women whose integrity, honesty and efficiency were questioned. Some of each board, I believe, were never questioned, however some of the charges were so wide in scope, we who were not openly accused, felt, nevertheless, that there were veiled accusations against our integrity. Now we stand forever vindicated.

MRS. G. Q. D'ALBINI,
Medford, Dec. 12

As to Oak Grove Water.

To the Editor:

Our attention has been directed to the report of an interview with the mayor, Mr. Pipes, printed on the front page of the Tribune of Wednesday evening, under the caption, "Oak Grove Balks Plan for Water."

We are not disposed to herein criticize the attitude of the mayor and the majority of the council toward the sale of water to Oak Grove, nor their final and summary disposition of this matter.

However, that the true status of this important subject may be known to all, we are impelled to make the following statement:

The "meter" contract is the only contract ever offered to us for approval and acceptance until the meeting of the council on last Tuesday evening.

The organization of our district was based upon this contract, prepared and offered to us by the city water commission in February, 1929, and since that date on file with the secretary of Oak Grove district, C. N. Culy.

Our method of financing was devised to meet the demands of this contract.

The whole program of liquidation of costs of the system was arranged to conform with the terms of this said proposed contract.

On May 9, 1929, by almost unanimous vote, our people authorized an issue of bonds in a sum adequate to finance construction of the system already surveyed, approved and adopted by the district.

Furthermore, this contract conforms with the schedule of rates promulgated in the city's publication entitled "Regulations and Rates of Medford's New Water Supply, 1927."

At section 3, page 14, of this publication we find the designation of rates to outside water users.

In all essential particulars this contract is nearly identical with contracts used by the city of Portland in supplying city water to more than 40 municipal districts surrounding that city.

No, we have not been "bluffing." We have acted in perfect good faith and with timely cooperation by the city council, would have been using city water for the past 16 months.

In our interview with the mayor last Wednesday morning, we informed him that we had no authority to accept the contract voted by the council last Tuesday night. We made no further comment.

W. H. GORE,
C. N. CULY,
J. R. TYRRELL,
Commissioners Oak Grove Improvement District.

HAGENBARTH REELECTED HEAD OF WOOL GROWERS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Reelection of Frank J. Hagenbarth of Spencer, Idaho, for his sixteenth successive term as president of the National Wool Growers' association, and adoption of resolutions, marked the close of the association's convention here late yesterday. Other officers were reelected.

Quill Points

Snobbishness has done its worst when people turn up their noses at stocks because they are too cheap.

Deficit: Something the Treasury department predicts in order to keep congress from making one.

Maybe 25 Texas policemen could clean up Chicago, as that mayor said, or maybe the linotype omitted the word "in."

Doubtless the legitimate theatre will climb back after a while When you hit bottom, there's no way to go but up.

Russia won't collapse, however, even if her experiment with freedom should fall. Look at America.

The times have their good points. A cow pasture is a cow pasture now, instead of city lots.

Mr. Edison says it isn't difficult to conquer fog. There is, for example, the simple expedient of leaving the cork in the bottle.

The honeymoon is over when she says: "But I don't care how stout I get, just so I feel good."

You never realize how much a neurologist knows about nerve until you get his bill.

Americanism: Envying French prosperity that resulted from accumulating gold; keeping our gold reserve hidden to prevent "dangerous inflation."

Government by the people has about hit bottom when it continues a dumb farm-relief system for fear congress will provide something worse.

Why not jail gangsters as vagrants? Does a nation at war accept defeat rather than use unorthodox weapons?

Bright idea! Maybe the Federal Government could levy a tax on murder and jail professional killers for tax dodging.

The way to pick a wife is to pull a button off somewhere and then marry the lady who feels sorry for you.

As we understand Mr. Fess, the elephant will become a donkey if it doesn't remain a camel.

It must amuse the Anti-Saloon league to read the arguments about who will control the next congress.

No doubt it annoys a drinking-dry congressman when his constituents won't come out and tell him flatly whether the majority is wet or dry.

Primitive man was a dreadful creature who settled his arguments with a club instead of dynamite.

Correct this sentence: "Mabel Willibrandt has a woman's right to change her opinion," said the dry, "and we love her still."

A little girl at the Sydney zoo
Asks Puffy, who's a guest there too,
If he'll consent to be her pet.
Says Puff: "I can't settle down just yet."

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 13, 1920

President Wilson announces he will adopt 20 European war babies.

George Carstens is once more a familiar sight behind the Nash Hotel counter.

State leader of Boy and Girl clubs addresses C. of C. forum luncheon.

Rain of a week's duration continues unabated, and the ground is too wet to plow.

Applegate defeats Central Point basketball team.

Not guilty pleas entered by all the defendants in the Bank of Jacksonville failure cases.

Farm Bureau to hold meetings all next week.

Robert Pelouze, former Medford high school star, Stanford university football player, given honorable mention by Walter Camp for All-American team.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 13, 1910

Hobble skirt causes local woman to sustain bad fall on lawn.

A million dollars seek investment here, commercial club reports.

School tax is fixed at seven mills.

Fire damages Tammany Hall in New York city.

Socialists put forth platform in city election.

Editorial chides ladies for the "senseless use of 'rats' in their hair."

Jackson county is fifth in the state in taxation valuations.

Fred N. Cummings, general manager of the Rogue River Canal company, is married and keeps fact a secret for two weeks.

SANTA'S TALK
By Mary Graham Bonner.

"In Norway," Santa Claus told John and Peggy, "I travel over the rocky mountains, down by the fiords, and stop at the brightly painted huts and houses in the little valleys, or at places on the rocky hills—and leave gifts for all the children there."

Sometimes while Santa talked, his beautiful big dog, Great Boy, barked as though to agree with what Santa was saying. Then he would put his cold nose into Santa's hand and rub up beside him.

The children could hear the reindeer outside, jingling their bells. There was such merriment and such joy around Santa's shop!

Santa told them of the glorious letters he had been receiving, and he let them look at many toys. He told them, too, how he visited Scotland after he visited Norway.

John was looking at some boats that Santa had made.

"You know most of the great big boats that sail the seas are made along the River Clyde in Scotland. I've seen them many times," Santa Claus said.

Santa looked so happy as he was working. His cheeks were so ruddy, his eyes were so bright, his hair and beard so white and silky.

"I'm very busy," he went on, "but not too busy to talk and tell you how much I love it that I decided that I would make Christmas Eve my time to come and visit you."

"What are you going to bring us?" Peggy asked.

"You tell me what you want," Santa said, "and I'll do the best I can. I can't tell you what I'm going to bring you because that's a secret, and Santa loves his secrets! I'll be there right on time, too," he added.

"No matter how much I have to do I am never late—never. I have never been late and I never shall be late because I know just how to get everywhere as quickly as possible. You're not stopping me from working, you see!"

So John and Peggy asked the Little Black Clock if they could talk to Santa some more, and the Little Black Clock said, "By all means!"

Monday—"Christmas Customs."

Compulsory use of home grown grains is being urged in England.

MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Only Wears Overalls at Masquerade Parties
By BUD FISHER

THIS CHRISTMAS
Give a Shrub, Tree or Rose Bush—gifts that last!
Russellville Nursery
528 S. Fir St.

Women's Hose
$1.00 pair
Silk from top to toe with French Heel
The Toggery