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Ye Smudge Pot

(By Arthur Perry)

Galshevikis, with their eyes on a fur coat from S. Claus, have started washing the supper dishes for Maw.

Portland Humdingers have started fretting again, about the construction of a railroad from Portland to Yakima. This causes the remainder of the state to harbor the unjust suspicion that the metropolis thinks of itself first, and the rest of Oregon when she gets around to it—if ever.

"GOVERNOR PREPARING FINAL SAY. WILL NOT BE MERELY A FORMAL MESSAGE. BUT VIRULENT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS"—Hdline Ashland Tidings.) With vim, vigor and virulence.

A pair of old fashioned red flannels are now in operation in the area back of Trail, where the tea kettles freeze up every night. The victim was trading in the city yesterday, the lower garment peeping fluidly over the top of his main pants. More red flannels should be worn. The wearers would be less fashionable, but more comfortable, causing a reduction in the sarcastic comment against the administration.

Famine is reported raging at Cash, Arkansas, and congress has been asked to put a stop to the old Armenian custom.

Young Lyle Wilcox got his hair shingled yesterday, for the last time this yr. He was accompanied by his Paw, who controlled him, like he does the blight.

"Art Ingle is trying to get rid of his old Ford sedan, by fair means or foul"—Cottonwood, Calif., Jottings.) Come a-hopping with your lantern, Mr. Diogenes!

Justice is occasionally double-geared. In the army major murder quiz, a 19-page letter the major penned, to a Texas blonde, was presented. The major had to listen, and a leather-lunged and eminent counsel had to read it.

ON THE LOCAL FRONT
(Sikeston, Mo., Standard)

A fellow by the name of Lensky writes us from Memphis to ask if we would care to arrange for a prize fight in Sikeston. Well, there will be plenty of fighting in Sikeston and vicinity between families and the wolf during the winter without pitting a couple of pugs.

The office Fresh-Air Fiend has just put on an overcoat, overshoes, neck scarf, and woolen mittens, opened all the windows, and sallied forth fearlessly into the bracing morning air.

All the mines in the Nash Hotel are now running full blast.

There is some talk of junking the antediluvian lighting system on the Main Stem. It will have to be changed by the citizenry, as neither the Lord nor Good St. Nick are inclined to do the installation.

Bill Grieve of the high hills, is out of the hospital and able to eat salad.

"The new school teacher started Monday. She may not be the best looking woman in the world, and neither is she the worst looking by at least eight miles"—(Sage, Ore., News.) An impartial critic renders a verdict.

The Notre Dame football team is now listed as "scientific leafers." There are any number of Jackson County leafers who are not alone scientific, but artistic and, besides, possess a positive genius for leafing.

BUTTER—&—EGG Man

Erstwhile Marquis of Margarine,
The butter-and-egg man, in his prime
Spent his cash on a blonde chorine,
And Broadway knew, where he spent his time.
Now, missing from the mise en scene,
He hides his head—where, no one knows;
Though blue-chip stocks are up, I ween,
"Butter and eggs touch all-time lows."

Prince, of your goodness grant me time
To sing of the butter-and-egg man's woes;
His one-time wad is a wan, thin dime—
"Butter and eggs touch all-time lows." (Kansas City Star.)

A FOOLISH MOVE

RADICAL WETS better not place too much reliance on the decision of Federal Judge William Clark of New Jersey ruling the adoption of the 18th amendment invalid.

It is about a ten-to-one bet, that if the decision ever comes before the Supreme Court, it will be quickly and unanimously reversed.

For if the 18th amendment is invalid because it was ratified by state legislatures instead of state conventions, then the amendment abolishing slavery is also invalid, for it, too, was legalized by legislative action.

Moreover, the Supreme Court on such questions, always has ruled on a liberal, rather than a strict, interpretation of the law, —the will of the people being held paramount, and legal technicalities being disregarded.

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SO THE Wet partisans will do well to curb their enthusiasm, and keep their powder dry. That public sentiment against the 18th amendment is stronger today than it has ever been, before, is undoubtedly true. That Dry fanaticism is more generally frowned upon than ever before, is also true.

But public sentiment against Prohibition is one thing, securing any radical change in the fundamental law concerning it, is quite another.

Nevertheless, as we see it, a radical change in the fundamental law, either through the repeal of the 18th amendment, or modification of the Volstead act, is from an anti-Prohibition standpoint, the only hope.

So our advice to those who regard Prohibition as a crime, is not to waste their time or energies over this New Jersey decision, but to concentrate upon securing a national referendum on the question, and if this referendum is favorable—which we believe it would be—then proceed from there, to secure modification or repeal.

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IN FACT, from a wet standpoint we regard this decision by Judge Clark as very poor strategy indeed. For it attacks Prohibition in its strongest instead of its weakest quarter, and renders another legal victory for the Drys as certain as anything in this uncertain world can be.

Far better to abandon all efforts to throw out the 18th amendment on some legal technicality, admit its validity, but attack it, as Senator Morrow of New Jersey has attacked it, as UNDESIRABLE LEGISLATION, WHICH HAS DONE MORE HARM TO THIS COUNTRY, MORALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, THAN GOOD.

For on that ground, and that ground alone, can any constructive progress be made. If prohibition has done this country more good than harm, then it is going to remain—and should remain—a part of the fundamental law; if it hasn't, then it is not going to so remain,—and should not so remain—but ultimately should be abandoned.

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THERE is the issue in this Prohibition business. The sooner this fact is realized, and political tactics on both sides of the controversy are made to conform to it, the better for the cause of true temperance, the better for constructive development of this country, and the better for the welfare of the people.

AMEND OREGON'S DRY LAW

AT THE present moment, we admit, we are more interested in the Prohibition situation in this state than in the country at large.

We believe most strongly that the Oregon Prohibition law should be made to conform with the fundamental law of this country, and not be allowed to continue in violation of it.

As everyone knows, the Volstead Act allows the use of wines and liquors whenever, in the opinion of a reputable physician, wines and liquors are needed. Everyone also knows that here in Medford, lives of men and women have been saved by the violation of this state law, and lives of men and women have been lost, by either a refusal to violate the law, or inability to secure such stimulants, at a critical moment.

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SUCH A SITUATION WE REGARD AS AN OUTRAGE, a violation of every principle of ordinary humanity and common sense. It is not only morally but legally indefensible, for it not only fails to conform with the Constitution of this country, but is not even consistent with other laws in this state regulating the practice of medicine.

For under our state laws a physician can administer the most deadly and habit-forming drug in the pharmacopoeia, without restraint, but the moment he tries to give a patient a drink of liquor, containing alcohol over one-half of one per cent, he becomes a felon and an outlaw.

It is incredible to us that a majority of the people of this state can approve of such a statute. We don't believe they do. And further we believe that the time has come to take definite action, secure an amendment to the Oregon Dry Laws, which will place them in harmony with the Volstead Act and in harmony with every principle of what is right, decent and humane.

Experts say that women's feet are two sizes larger than they were 20 years ago. From trying to fill men's shoes?

A prominent astronomer says the center of the Universe is located in Saggitarius. New York papers please copy.

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. Sallote
5. Gaze
10. Undermines
14. Back of the neck
15. South European duck
16. Waste allowance
17. Shakespeare's river
18. Forays
19. Feminine name
20. Diminish
21. Ancient wine vessel
22. Room for actions; college.
24. Cries like a cat
26. Female horse
27. Pulterns
30. French dances
34. Sarcasm
35. Jakanyeakes
36. Rodent
37. Flout
38. Wagons; archaic
39. Tolerable
40. Took food
41. Kind of lily
42. Aquatic animal
43. Cuddling
45. Place alone
46. Ceremony
47. Fate
48. Shooting star
51. State of the Union: abbr.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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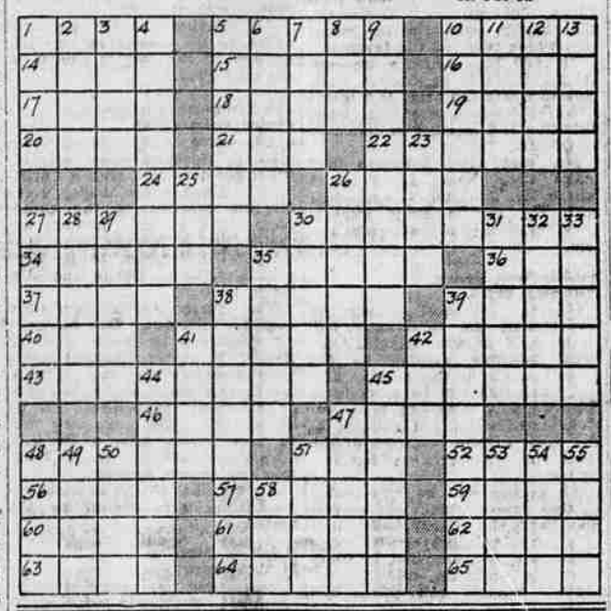
52. Terminates
56. Press
57. Ancient Roman official
59. Kind of duck
60. Gutter covering
61. More tender
62. Allowance for the weight of a container
63. Droops
64. Lamp knives
65. Enclosed: post.

DOWN

1. Eat away bit by bit
2. Molten rock
3. On
4. Poorer class apartment house
5. Those show which way the wind blows
6. Spans of horses
7. Solo
8. Free
9. Reduces to bondage
10. Thoroughfare in a line
12. Coin of German East Africa
13. Remain
23. God of love
25. English cathedral city
26. Food from heaven
27. Italian cathedral city
28. Make speeches
29. Quantities of medicine
30. Leaving
31. Jogs
32. Picture stand
33. Lay away
35. Soft velvet-like fabric
38. Table attendant
39. Short dagger
41. Muse of history
42. United
44. Inclines
45. Fishers for eels
47. Martinique volcano
48. Russian village communities
49. Silkworm
50. Chinese secret society
51. Terrible
53. Low tide
54. Venture
55. Wheelless vehicle
58. Put on



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.

DIATHERMEXTIRPATION OF TONSILS IN CASES OF H.B.P.

Among the special "indications," as doctors say, for diathermy extirpation of the tonsils, or contra-indications for the old Spanish custom, are advanved age of patient, arteriosclerosis, heart disease and chronic nephritis. Obviously patients with such conditions are not good risks for a major operation or for a general anesthetic. Too often such handicapped patients, although subject to infected tonsils which the physician believes to be the source of some or all of the trouble, are dismissed by the inept doctor as not amenable to treatment. When a doctor, in this day of enlightenment, so fails, the intelligent patient will do well to drop him, for certainly he is not a well educated physician and certainly he is not a competent man to rely on. Even if he be committed as condemning diathermy for such handicapped patients, the man can still offer them the possible benefit of x-ray treatment, which, while not comparable with diathermy, still does prove a fairly satisfactory alternative in some cases.

I have been impressed by the frequent mention of high blood pressure in letters I receive from people who have been fortunate enough to find a doctor who is prepared to give the diathermy treatment for infected tonsils.

On woman, aged 59 years, tells me how she traveled from her city to a country village about 18 miles away, to a doctor who gave her diathermy treatment. She says: "I had a diseased tonsil. My doctor could not remove it as I had a blood pressure over 200 and my heart was affected. Dr. ——— (the country doctor) removed it in four treatments. After each treatment I went home and ate a good dinner. Next day the throat was quite sore, but I never missed a meal. My doctor here was skeptical, but he admits now that the tonsil is gone and the throat as clean as can be."

Another lucky patient writes:

"On your kind recommendation I called on Dr. ——— (a city man who is a master of the method) in reference to having diathermy treatment for arthritis . . . I am 69 years old, and he took out my tonsils, which were four times the normal size and ulcerated, by the diathermy method without any pain, loss of time from work or interference with regular meals. I saw persons older than myself having the treatment. Before the doctor removed my tonsils my blood pressure was 25-105 and now the pressure is down to 158-85 . . ."

It is gradually becoming known, even to laymen, that high blood pressure is not a condition susceptible of treatment without particular concern about its cause. It is well recognized by physicians that a neglected septic focus may produce high blood pressure. Unfortunately a high blood pressure renders a major operation or a general anesthetic too risky, and so it happens that a good many such patients are denied proper medical treatment because their doctors are too credulous of the views of certain medical journal editors and narrow gauge specialists.

Perhaps the greatest value of the diathermy method is in precisely such cases—where the patient harbors a septic focus in a tonsil, but is a poor risk for surgical attack. Even if the diathermy treatment fails to do any good, at least it is safe for anyone.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Test of Paternity.

Is there any known test by which it can be definitely determined whether a man is the father of a child, where there is a question raised?—Mrs. F. W. R.

Answer. — No. Blood grouping tests, which any good laboratory pathologist can make, will give proof in certain cases that a man implicated is NOT the father of the child, by well established laws of heredity. A man's chance to prove his innocence by this test is one in seven.

Massage Your Liver.

I would be glad of any suggestion with regard to special food or exercise that would promote the activity of a very lazy liver.—O. C.

Answer. — Please tell me how you determine that the liver is lazy. I've never been able to learn how. Join our Somersaultauqua. Copy of the by-laws will be sent you on receipt of your request (no clipping) and stamped envelope bearing your address. The belly-breathing exercise as recommended by Dr. Celia Duel Mosher, Dr. Samuel Delano and Dr. Israel Rappaport, for functional troubles of women, asthma and other respiratory diseases, and high blood pressure, respectively, is perhaps the best way to massage your liver. I have given the directions for this belly exercise here many times. I shall give it again from time to time.

The Well Educated Woman.

My daughter is interested in athletics and plans to take a course in physical education at ———, but has been informed it is very strenuous for girls and that the abdominal muscles become so tense that it would be dangerous to bear children . . . —Mrs. L. R.

Answer. — I know of nothing better than such a course in a school of standing to fit a woman for filling her place in life. There is no such thing as the abdominal muscles being too well developed or too tense. Your informant merely expresses an old tradition or delusion. However, interest in athletics is not synonymous with interest in physical education.

Is It Rheumatiz?

My husband has a pain in his shoulder, aches at night and morning, the pain switches from one place to another . . . is it rheumatism?—Mrs. J. H. T.

Answer. — Assuming it is, we're not much forrarder. What is rheumatism? Nobody knows. Send stamped envelope bearing your address for the best advice I can give about rheumatism.

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Talks To Parents

OVERDOING WORK

By Alice Judson Peale

The ambition to earn money which many children have is a praiseworthy one.

The habit of letting children take some part in household chores is sound from the point of view of character building. But both these things may be carried too far.

Schoolboys often work afternoons and evenings delivering packages; others carry newspaper routes. Girls sometimes take care of babies throughout long afternoons and evenings.

Country children are required to do such things as cut wood and carry water. Frequently little girls are detailed to help mother with the regular housework as soon as they get home from school.

Whether such work is good for the child depends in the first place upon his health and physical fitness for the tasks undertaken; and secondly, upon the child's own feeling toward them.

It is questionable whether any school child ought to be permitted to undertake a strenuous job. Certainly he should not be allowed to do so unless the findings of a careful medical examination ascertain his ability to carry his work without physical injury.

Aside from the health factor, the heavy household chores and nursemaid duties so frequently required of older children are not wholesome unless the child himself doing them, derives from their performance a sense of accomplishment and increased self-esteem.

Parents often forget that the activities of the typical school are certainly work for the average child. He has the right to spend his afternoons as he pleases; and it is much the best if he pleases to spend them in vigorous outdoor play.

Fewer Towns in Italy.

ROME — (AP) — Italy has 1755 fewer towns than three years ago because Mussolini's policy of reorganizing villages and cities for greater efficiency caused many hamlets to be consolidated with other municipalities.

Quill Points

Appropriate motto for the younger generation: "Neck and double-neck."

A scientist says there is no such thing as a perfect climate. Californians will retort that there is no such thing as a perfect scientist.

There's one consolation. If there's no business during the day, you don't suffer so much when the Joneses drop in for bridge at night.

With modern methods of warfare it's not hard to predict where the world will be in 1950. Either in peace or in pieces.

The modern youth is a genius at dodging work. If his father won't help he invents a gimcrack. It's "Do Dad or doodad."

Americanism: Yelling, "Those gangsters ought to be hanged!" while grabbing the telephone to order liquor from a Capone speakeasy.

In our opinion runt golf is all right; runt cars are all right; but this runt-paycheck fad ought to be stopped immediately.

As a final solution, Chicago might put all its innocent citizens in jail so the racketeers can't get at them.

Hard times have drawbacks, but it's nice to address a saleslady" who doesn't seem to think you something the cat dragged in.

Education is a fine thing. If no highbrows existed where would the lowbrows get their hired help?

Mr. Coolidge gets a dollar a word for his writings. Who remembers the old days when a president had no chance for promotion?

It's ten to one Bobby Jones won't make any golf films. If those goofy directors run true to form he'll be playing croquet with a baseball bat.

Correct this sentence: "My mother advised me wrong," said the high school boy. "If I had used my own judgment instead of listening to her I wouldn't be in this mess."

Press Comment

WHAT HIGHWAY BUILDING?

Wednesday's meeting of Grants Pass people with the Highway Field Survey committee of the Redwood Empire association will come at a time when this county has plenty at stake in travel route matters, and justifies adjourning of the Chamber of Commerce session until Wednesday to meet, through the courtesy of Rotary with the Redwood committeemen.

Anyone who doesn't appreciate this may look at the Tiller-Trail road situation and get food for thought.

The Tiller-Trail road district now has secured $35,000 federal money and $35,000 county and district money to complete the small portion missing from the road which will link Roseburg and Medford directly through Canyonville, Tiller and Trail.

That will be an alternate route for the Pacific Highway through mountainous districts, which will detour travel from the present Pacific highway through this populous district. It might hinder the highway straightening project between here and Medford, for which we notice grade stakes already are in place.

This threat to our tourist business makes Redwood highway travel all the more important to us, and that travel will depend upon good roadbed, alignment and connections, which are the things the travel survey committee have looked into and will discuss at Grants Pass Wednesday noon.

Routes and connections with the Redwood highway will have to be right in the months to come, or this section will stand a heavy loss, and making sure that these things are right is the immediate and vital interest we have in Wednesday's meeting.

Those whose businesses depend upon tourist travel will know just how important that meeting is likely to be.—Grants Pass Courier.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 17, 1920

Oregon bureau of mines approves Roxy Ann coal mine.

Bill Brennan, in bout in New York, forces Jack Dempsey to go limit to win decision.

Adjutant General Geo. A. White at Christian church banquet warns against Japanese peril.

Christmas mail rush starts at the postoffice.

New Methodist church, South, completed.

Reports of formation of a semi-secret organization here to aid in the purification of politics, and to enforce the law and protect the home are denied.

Medford high school team may play Everett high school football squad here.

Visiting army officers loud in their praises of chicken dinner presented them by ladies of the Christian church.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 17, 1910

P. and E. will be extended to Bend, James J. Hill, the empire builder, declares.

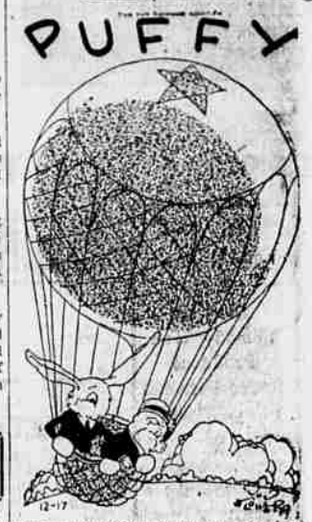
Medford Realty company to build homes on the "easy payment" plan.

Three Evans creek residents fined for illegally fishing in the Rogue.

Portland husband hides under front porch of his home and slays rival for wife's hand.

Army to conduct tests at San Francisco to determine if the airplane has any value in wartime.

Henry Chapman of Bakersfield declares there is oil in these parts.



"For twenty-five cents we can buy a balloon,"
Says Puffy, "to lift us clear up to the moon."
So they spend but a penny, do Bunny and Puff,
To take them back home, which is quite far enough.

Mistakes and Excuses.
By Mary Graham Bonner.

"John and Peggy," announced the Little Black Clock, "here are the Mistakes and Excuses."

"Hello Peter and Paula," said the Mistakes.

"Excuse them," said the Excuses; "they are always getting things mixed. They mean to say 'Hello, John and Peggy.'"

"Hello," said John and Peggy, laughing.

"You see," said the Mistakes, "we are always making mistakes. We don't seem to be able to help it."

"But they're always sorry," said the Excuses. "They forget, or they aren't paying attention, or something always happens, but they really don't mean any harm."

"It's so good of the Little Black Clock to be our friends," said the Mistakes.

And John and Peggy thought so too. What a dear the Little Black Clock was to understand that everyone made mistakes and to be friendly with the family of Mistakes, too.

"You see," the Excuses added, "they always mean to be friendly, and it would be very unfair, if they didn't have any friends and if they weren't forgiven for their mistakes."

But now everyone was playing. The Mistakes, the Excuses, John, Peggy and the Little Black Clock.

The Mistakes kept getting mixed up about the rules of the games, and the Excuses kept saying:

"Excuse me, Excuse me, Excuse me, Excuse me."

Then some of the Mistakes had engagements, and they would say that they were going to be late, for they hadn't realized the time before, and the Excuses were saying:

"Well, we'll tell them that."

Such a funny time as John and Peggy had.

John and Peggy said to the Little Black Clock afterward:

"We wouldn't have wanted to miss seeing them for anything in the world." And the Little Black Clock laughed too.

Tomorrow—"What next?"

Barview. — Preparatory work begun on jetty here.

MUTT AND JEFF—A Bad Start IS the Finish

By BUD FISHER