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Ye Smudge Pot
(By Arthur Perry)

Christmas songs are now available, including the soprano solo, the oratorio, the cantata, and the voluntary. The voluntary is little known among music lovers, but it sounds like the artists were forced to it.

The school bonds carried, causing no increase or decrease in the civic sullenness.

Absence of wind has caused a shortage of water to those who have no gas engines in South Yoakum.—(Pendleton East Oregonian.) The average man don't get the connection, so it's up to Prof. Einstein.

The city council is getting shiftless. They refused to attempt to regulate the barking of dogs, which means no restrictions will be placed on the fighting of cats.

"FOOTPRINTS OF BANDITS IN HANDS OF SHERIFF"—(Del Norte Triplicate.) Wonders never cease.

$5,000,000 worth of drugs was seized by federal authorities the first of the week in San Francisco and New York. The confiscation created nearly as much of a furore as the capture of 50 gallons of internal shellac, in the Siskiyous, which completely shut off the supply of Yule vodka.

A parlor limerick is going the rounds, causing members of both sexes to guffaw raucously.

Atty G. Roberts is about ready to go to Portland, and be identified as "an eminent barrister," by the wide-awake and alert metropolitan press. He uncorked a new legal phrase this week, viz: "guilty of laches," which is pronounced like what holds the hen-house door shut. All the accused has to prove is that he did not take the door-knob.

The local Intelligentsia has started to wend its way home from the campuses, well equipped with nose-width mustaches and fraternity pins.

23 autos with only one light, have been apprehended. This is about as many as an autoist will pass on the road to Jacksonville on a rainy night.

"Middle-aged man wants night-watching in daytime"—(Klamath Falls Herald.) He would like to do it on his week-end.

The 1930 crop of papas hereabouts, still hold their heir and assign like he was a sack of bran.

"LONGEST WEDDED PAIR IN STATE CELEBRATE"—(Oregon City Enterprise.) Even so, they are not the widest.

These are the hard and troubled days, and not a 4-minute speaker or $1 per year man in sight.

The son of the president of the Espee, is still working in a grocery store. His finish is not hard to guess. He will sell a can of beans to a poor but beautiful maid, and forsake the counter for the handcar.

ECONOMICS

I notice that there has been some criticism recently of the gas situation, particularly of the fact that the deficit on the new business department is charged against the regular consumer. This is because of a lack of knowledge of the economics of gas distribution. The company finds that it has a capacity of 40 million cubic feet whereas it is only selling 35 million cubic feet. Obviously, if it could increase its sales by 5 million cubic feet, it could reduce the cost of handling per 1000 cubic feet and thereby make possible a lower price. Therefore, it engages in a campaign for new business. But, alas, the public buys too readily, and the sales amount to 42 million feet. There is nothing left to do but increase the capacity to 50 million cubic feet and to put on another drive for new business, which again causes sales to mount above capacity. This situation goes on and on and the company, which is trying so hard to reduce the price of gas, instead of receiving the plaudits of a grateful populace, finds itself classed with the dog that chases its own tail, or the man who, because he didn't have anything to feed his horse, traded the horse for a load of hay.
(Kansas City Star.)

Italy is speeding up its general program of national and municipal public works and improvements.

JACKSON COUNTY ALWAYS IN THE LEAD

IT IS interesting to note that Jackson County is first in the state to take advantage of the winter road working plan for the benefit of the unemployed.

This is in harmony with Jackson County's reputation, of leading the state in every progressive movement. Jackson County led the good roads movement in Oregon, constructing, at its own expense, the first unit of the Pacific Highway.

It has consistently led the state in the public health movement, establishing the first comprehensive unit. It has led in the sale of Christmas seals, for many years, it leads the commonwealth in Grange activities. It was one of the first counties to adopt apple selling as a help to the unemployed; there is not a progressive, constructive enterprise in the state in which it has not taken a leading part.

The people of Southern Oregon can well be proud of being residents of Jackson County. For 20 years it has been at the head of the procession, it is still at the head, and promises to retain that position indefinitely.

The situation only calls attention once more to the fact that while this section has many valuable resources, the greatest of all lies in the quality of its citizenship

SOLVING THE LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

WITH the overwhelming victory for the High School bonds, awarding of the contract for the new Cottage street bridge, and the county road work program, there should be no serious unemployment problem in Southern Oregon this winter.

Both city and county officials are insisting that local labor be given the preference, married men or single men with dependents be engaged first and that floating labor receive the least consideration.

This is a wise policy. Meanwhile there are two local events which work in with this program and deserve the heartiest public support.

One is the Elks Christmas tree tonight, which is a private affair, but because of the large membership, involves every section of the city and county. The other is the Community Ball Saturday night, for the benefit of the Community Chest.

It is hardly necessary to urge members of the Elks to attend this Christmas tree, they always do, and this year the contribution to Christmas cheer promises to be greater than ever.

The Community Ball should be a gala event on the holiday social calendar, and those who are unable to attend can help a worthy cause along by purchasing tickets.

Strong local support for these two events, with the program already outlined, should render any serious suffering or want in this part of the state, during the winter of 1930-1931, impossible.

THE WORLD COURT WILL WIN

WHILE action on the World Court has been postponed for a year, even opponents of the court admit, that when congressional action is taken the vote will be favorable.

Had a special session not been generally opposed, a favorable vote would have been secured at this time. Sentiment in the new congress will be even stronger for such action. Mrs. McCormick is only one of many opponents of the court, who was defeated at the recent election. 80 per cent of the new members being in favor of American adhesion.

So 1931 will undoubtedly see the United States take its place with 51 other nations, in an organization, designed for the settlement of international disputes by judicial action, instead of by war.

THE PEOPLE CAN'T PAY THIS BILL

A PLEASURABLE event too important to be permitted to pass unrecognized by The Spectator is the discovery of those always brilliant and heretofore ever antagonistic contemporaries, the excellent Salem Capital-Journal and the eminent Salem Stateshan, in complete harmony on a matter of general interest Adding immeasurably to our enjoyment in finding our able and distinguished friends in unexpected and full agreement is the indubitable fact that they are absolutely right, as you will note by the following excerpts:

Salem Capital-Journal:
The proposal of the trainmen's unions to demand a six-hour day at present wages as a means of relieving unemployment and restoring prosperity is about as futile a cure-all for depression as could be presented. In the first place, a six-hour shift is probably improbable and would involve a reorganization of the entire operation and rate structure. It would necessitate a further increase in freight rates already too high and react in decreasing traffic and in stimulating automotive and water competition, and so reduce the number of rail employes. Railroad unions now have wages far above the average wage scale. Any increase must come from the pockets of the people in increased freight charges and can hardly add to the prosperity of farmers, and its ultimate result would be to lessen the number of rail employes.

Salem Statesman:
With railroad rates at such high levels that traffic is being lost to trucks and buses, and with general business falling off so that gross and net earnings of the roads are off around 30 per cent from 1929, the railroad unions seem to have chosen an inauspicious time to start a campaign for a six-hour day with eight-hour pay. The railway employes have the largest stake in the railroad business of any group. They get nearly one-half of every dollar taken in by the roads, and their proportion has been increasing. The unions are ill-advised in starting a campaign for a six-hour day with eight-hour pay on the railroads at the present time. If the railroads have any gravy left over the shippers want lower freight rates. That might get business back to the roads and give more of the unemployed men jobs. —Portland Spectator.

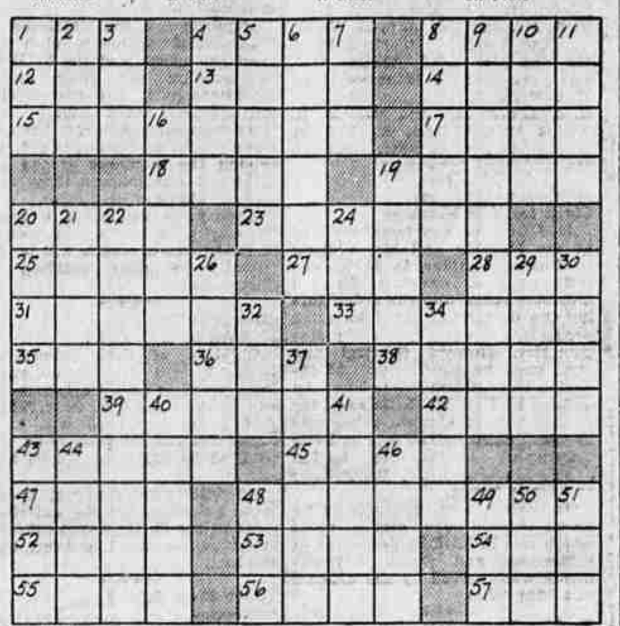
MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Northern sea bird
4. Tills
8. Pare
12. Three: prefix
13. Vocal solo
14. Odd: Scotch
15. Totally
17. Deposited
18. Genus of the common frog
19. Narrow roads
20. David Copperfield's wife
23. Esters
25. Rugged mountain crest
27. Age
28. Permit
31. Unknits
33. Go
35. Biblical high priest
36. Pronoun
38. Locations
39. Soldier employed in digging mines
42. Cozy home
43. Kind of fruit
45. Valley
47. Small particle
48. Exciting commiseration
52. One who imitates
53. Beers
54. Electrified particle
55. Anarchists
56. Repose
57. Token of greeting

DOWN
1. Corroded
2. Vase
3. Outfit
4. Ancient capital of Ireland
5. Goddess of peace
6. Governor of Judea in the time of Christ
7. Utter
8. Pertaining to the sun
9. Render from one language into another
10. American lake
11. Small cushions
16. Angry
19. Voiceless consonants
20. Defy
21. Pertaining to the mouth
22. Went back to
24. Large shoe nail
26. Run away secretly
29. Pieces out
30. Examination
32. Take the evening meal
34. Ringworm
37. Reproach abusively
40. States positively
41. Scolds
42. Author of "The Rubaiyat"
44. Easy gait
46. Roster
48. Equality
49. Grain receptacle
50. Card game
51. Finis

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

GLUT STARE SAPS
NAPE TERIN TRET
AVON RAIDS ROSA
WANE AMA LEEWAY
MEWS MARE
MODELS GAVOTTES
IRONY PONES RAT
LAST WAINS SOSO
ATE CANNA OTTER
NESTLING ENISLE
RITE PEEL
METEOR DEL ENDS
IRON EDILE TEAL
RIND SORER TARE
SAGS SNEES OPED



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.

WHAT TO DO WITHOUT TO-DO NO. 3—THEY STILL HAVE CROUP, BUT FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

In the dawn of the twentieth century we doctors found it necessary to carry in our satchel medicines for simple croup. Ha—simple in the doctor's estimation, though frightful enough in the eyes of the anxious parents. Now, a quarter century later, croup is so rare that some young doctors think it can't happen. Old-fashioned croup — "catarrhal spasm of the larynx," spasmodic croup — commonly staged a three-night stand. The doctor ocassionally saw the performance the second night, though in many instances people hardly considered croup sufficient excuse for contracting a doctor bill.

I cannot explain even to my own satisfaction why croup has changed in character in a few years. I'd like to believe it is less common and less severe now because people are less afraid of fresh cool air in sleeping room nights. But that conjecture is not quite satisfactory. Then another possible factor is the newer knowledge of vitamins — perhaps children who get their vitamins are less susceptible to croup. A third possible factor is the increasing intelligence of parents, even teachers, about the infectiousness of alleged "colds" and the effort to protect children from undue exposure to such infection. Whatever the reasons may be, certain it is, that croup today is a milder ailment than it was 30 years ago.

The younger doctors who have never had experience with croup seem unduly exercised over the danger of confusing it with diphtheria. There is in fact no danger of that.

In simple "catarrhal" or spasmodic croup the child has a barking, brassy cough toward evening, but is hardly sick enough to give up playing. In the middle of the night the attack comes on, a crowing, wheezing intake of breath, which soon wakens the child and the parents; in severe cases this difficulty of breathing is distressing to witness, and sometimes the child becomes blue for want of air — lips, fingernails; the child's voice is hoarse but not lost; where the breathing is very difficult the child soon shows weakness or prostration. The attack subsides—ALWAYS—and the child presently falls asleep. In the old days he was generally pretty well next day, and only toward dark did he begin to get ready to commence to stage a repetition of the performance the second night. Here is the great difference between spasmodic simple croup and a grave illness like diphtheria — a child with diphtheria is sick, weak, prostrated from the beginning, and has no such complete relief following a spell of distress. The child with croup is scarcely ill enough to go to bed; a child with diphtheria is ill and no mistake.

No child ever died of croup. When the spasm of the larynx is so severe as to imperil breathing the child becomes faint and relaxed, and that relieves the spasm and the breathing at once becomes normal. This is a crude and cruel way to cure croup, but it is Nature's way. Syrup of Ipecac is the time-honored medicine to produce a similar effect—relaxation of the spasm in the larynx. For this purpose a dose of a teaspoonful of syrup of ipecac is given to a child a year old, and repeated after 15 minutes if it fails to induce vomiting.

I have always believed, from experience, that there was no better remedy to prevent and to relieve the attack of croup than cold, moist air. If the night is a cold one, wrap the child in blankets and sit with him in your arms in the window or out of doors for a while. The soothing influence of clear cold air is remarkable.

Another homely remedy which is useful not only in the relief of croup but in the relief of any form of laryngitis or tracheitis (windpipe inflammation) accompanied with much irritation or with hoarseness, is the cold compress—many folds of muslin wrung out of icecold water and kept on the front and sides of the neck for half an hour or longer, changing every few minutes.

I dare not risk typographical errors in the printing of formulas for medicines for croup, but I will gladly send this information, in a special monograph on croup, to any reader who asks for it (no clippins) and incloses stamped envelope bearing his address.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Oh, Oh, Girls, Listen to This.

The women of this country are divided into two classes, (1) those who after rising in the morning wash their face and hands, clean their nails, dress their hair and look neat before breakfast, and (2) those who use dishcloths for hand or face towels and never look anything but frowzy.—J. W. H.

Answer.—I'm not saying a word. But I know a woman who, when she cares to be, is very attractive, yet she neglects her personal appearance and worries constantly about her husband's interest in another woman who can't hold a candle to her, but the other woman always appears neatly dressed and dolled up. Men are such brutes!

Auto Know Better.

My 10-year-old boy has just had autointoxication in the intestinal tract. Every so often he seems bothered with it. What is the cause of it? Does he lack calcium? What foods contain calcium?—A. P.

Answer.—I suppose I auto know better, but the truth is I don't know what autointoxication means unless it is a kind of flivver complaint, in disguise. In the old days of free almanacs liver trouble covered nearly whatever ailed the customer. I can tell you the best foods for calcium — fresh milk, fresh eggs, all kinds of cheese, raw carrots, oranges or orange juice, beans, peas, turnips, celery and the leafy relishes.

Seasickness.

I thank you for a roach remedy and would like to have your monograph on vitamins and your prevention of seasickness for I wish to take an ocean trip.—Mrs. N. M. K.

Answer. — I am mailing the monograph on vitamins and my method of preventing seasickness.

A Slave Set Free.

I want to thank you for your flaxseed treatment for the habit of constipation. It not only works, but one does not have to keep it up. You can't realize the difference in my appearance and my pep since I made the acquaintance of flaxseeds.—H. P.

Answer — I am glad to know you are free. Almost all victims of the habit may be set free if they really wish to be. I have no cure for constipation. I merely offer it only to the correspondent who tells me he has the habit.

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Talks To Parents

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
By Alice Judson Peale

It formerly was customary to train children, especially little girls, to certain accomplishments, such as dancing, playing the piano and reciting "pieces," and to call upon them to exhibit these accomplishments before company.

This fashion, however, has fallen largely into disuse, since it is recognized as a means of making children self-conscious and vain.

But parents who no longer make the mistake of definitely training their children to perform still indirectly develop and exploit their accomplishments for show purposes. It is such a temptation to let one's child shine before others, that they cannot resist it, although they know better.

Whenever children are encouraged to show off their accomplishments the parents commit the error of causing them to think more about themselves and about eliciting admiration than about the thing which they are doing.

The best results, both in terms of achievement and of character, are obtained when an individual derives so much satisfaction from the thing he is doing, that he is little aware of what other people are thinking of him at the time.

The selection of the special advantages we give our children should be governed, not by what will make them appear well before others, but by the lines of their own creative enthusiasms.

It is, for instance, much better to spend money freely for tools and equipment for the electrical experiments in which a boy may be interested than to give him music lessons about which he cares little.

A girl who is enthusiastic about nature study should be supplied with books and the opportunity to pursue her hobby rather than be given special French instruction in which she may have no particular interest.

Quill Points

Of course the peasants in Egypt can produce cotton at a lower cost, but they deprive themselves of calomel.

If inanimate things can't think, how does the paper cap on a milk bottle know you have on your dress-up clothes.

True, Queen Mary smokes cigarettes. But she doesn't do it to make people think she is a worldly woman much over 16.

A philanthropist is a man who gives it back to the wrong people.

Christmas may be a glad time for you, but think of the poor overworked shop girls and mail carriers and coroners.

That scientist who says people use one-fifth of the brain probably didn't examine them while they were driving.

A brilliant pupil is one who gets the idea in spite of the teacher's dumb and tangled effort to explain.

One cause of things is the fact that so many backbones get limber if the lower end isn't resting on a soft cushion.

The one good thing about a bear market is that it makes elevated noses resume contact with the grindstone.

Americanism: Wondering why criminals increase; headlining that the lone gunman gallantly shot it out with six dumb cops.

The Russian system isn't unique. The unusual feature is that everybody works for the government instead of Mr. Morgan.

You can read 15 minutes a day and get sufficient education to impress people educated by reading 15 minutes a day.

A scientist is a man who can dig up a 2x4 piece of prehistoric lizard's wishbone and reconstruct the skull of a primitive man.

Maybe jaw exercise just seems to preserve the teeth because gum fills the cavities.

It is estimated that if all the stock losses people tell about were added together, the result would make Aananias seem a piker.

An agnostic is one who doesn't believe water was changed into wine; a sucker is one who does believe it is changed into Scotch, gin and Bourbon.

Another example of double jeopardy consists in being a poor sailor and negotiating mixed drinks when you reach the 12-mile limit.

Some statesmen suggest reducing the representation of those districts having many non-voting aliens. But what makes them think the aliens don't vote?

Correct this sentence: "Take him in that room and question him," said the police captain, "but remember that even a suspect is entitled to every courtesy."

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT JACKSONVILLE LODGE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 18—(Special)—Jacksonville Rebekah lodge held a Christmas party at their hall Monday evening. A short program, consisting of readings and community singing was enjoyed by the members and their families.

After the program they were invited to a lovely lunch in the banquet room where each one received gifts, and the children were treated with a sack of candy. Cards were later played until a late hour.

Do You Remember?

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 18, 1920

Coach Otto Klum issues call for first basketball practice at the high school. J. V. Watson is the best looking of the new material at hand.

Medford banks discontinue practice of taking tax money for county.

Christmas post season football game called off

State urged to get behind Crater Lake improvement policy.

New policy is announced by Trigonia Oil company with the Page-Dressler company in charge of the stock sales, and Col. E. E. Kelly in charge of the drilling.

State rests in trial of Edmond (Spud) Murphy, after the prosecution "did not have the heart to stop" a dramatic appeal of defendant's mother for acquittal.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
(From files of the Mail Tribune.)
December 18, 1910

Ashland's progressive mayor abandons fight for civic improvements and declares he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Local Newtowns net $1.54 per box.

Medford musicians form a mandolin club.

Thousands of people headed for the Rogue River valley, as result of boosting at the Chicago Land show.

Local merchants write letters to Portland jobbers protesting their interference in freight rate case.

Federal officers declare war on moonshiners of Josephine county.

Puff and his valet, the Bunny, today
Return to their native, their own U. S. A.
While pausing at Hollywood, Puff says: "I feel
The talkies might some day have use for my squeal."

SUNDOWN STORIES

WHAT NEXT?
By Mary Graham Bonner

"We're going to have quite an interesting time for our adventure this evening," the Little Black Clock commenced.

"Where are we going?" asked John.

"Are we going to start right away?" asked Peggy.

"Right away," said the Little Black Clock," and we're going down the magic path.

"At one of the turnings we'll find a grandstand has been put up for us and we're going to sit in the grandstand."

"Are we going to see races or a County Fair or a parade or something or other?" John asked.

"We're going to see something," the Little Black Clock said, "but we're not going to see races or a County Fair or the kind of a parade of which you might think.

"It will be a parade in a way, for I'm going to turn the time way back and then keep turning it slowly forward.

"Through an opening we're going to be able to look out upon the world from our grandstand. Come! We must be leaving now."

Down the magic path they went and they took the turning which led them to a fine grandstand.

There was a wide opening ahead and through it they could see old wagons being pulled along.

"What next? What will they be doing next?" they heard a chorus of people shouting.

"What do they mean?" John asked.

"Why it is wonderful for them to see wheels turning around and wagons moving," said the Little Black Clock.

"Sure!" cried John. "I remember when those wheels were invented. Or rather, I remember when you turned the time back so we could see that happen."

"Of course you do," said the Little Black Clock. "Now I'm turning the time ahead you see."

And as we said this they saw through the opening a train puffing along.

"What next?" the people were shouting. "What in the world will they do next?"

Tomorrow—"And So On."

MUTT AND JEFF—It Was Raining All Right
By BUD FISHER