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Smudge Smoke

Many of the social lions put on their dress suits for New Years, and looked like something for a change. E. Byce, the downtowned J'ville-erf, is battling the frigid hoozeos with a camel hair overcoat, that must have set him back three steers and a stack of hay. The kids are playing marbles with great gusto, and posterity will have a couple of big league poker players.

1931 was ushered in Wednesday evening. We did not learn the name of the ushers. Quite a furor was caused last week, when it became generally known that the "Ese" in S. G. Mendelhall's monicker, stood for Sterling, instead of Samuel, and speculation is now rife on what the "Gee" stands for—probably Gulliver.

Money is still scarce, but that is not news. Intoxicants were rather few during the Yule season, but what there was caused the container to make long, sweeping bows in the presence of the fair sex. Prof. Reimer of Talent is all excited about the cracks made by Prof. Einstein of Berlin, Germany, on the cosmic ether, the potency of etheroids, etc. If Prof. Einstein declared "Boys will be boys," Prof. Reimer would believe it.

The big, quiet honored Eugene Wed, 35-15. A caterer of colleagues home for the holidays, will return to their respective campuses on the morrow. One of the niftier gals threw a high heel shoe, while crossing the crossing and Verne Shotman, the efficient Essex watchman, efficiently hammered it back on with a screw spike, and the victim went on her way under her own steam, without thanking the Good Samaritan.

A former nightgown salesman of the stringing days of 1922 was a recent visitor and indulged in considerable mysterious whispering. Rain fell copiously Wednesday and Thursday. It was hardly enough to wet the ground, unless one was out in it. Willie Heath made a secret visit to a Vancouver preacher last September, and many now claim they know it all the time, which they did not.

Verne Trophy the stockman was in last week and denied the report that times were so tough he had to eat hay along with his cows. Many who refuse to use Deck Thayer's cold pills are barking. Wash State lost to Alabama, enabling C. Brenner to pick another loser. Hobbas Deuel, the colon, informed your correspondent that he was forced to go to the legislature, Jan. 32, by his constituents, and if there is any constituent so cruel let him survey his stand, and relent and repent.

The backbone of the cold spell was broken Tues, along with a couple of ribs. There is going to be a Homely Girl contest in March. This is a good idea, but we predict difficulty in getting anybody to be a judge. It will be no safe task to brand a lady homely. R. Bardwell got \$2368.11 from his Uncle Sam, in a refund. The writer once got six cents back from his Uncle Sam, and we hope the townsman don't have to expend \$1208 to get the 11 cents. He has not got the sum in whole or in part yet.

Mexican money has taken the lead over American coins in Mexico, Lower California. The ratio is 70 to 20, a reversal of conditions in the border town. The United States geological survey has completed a 10-year job of mapping the Hawaiian Islands. Federal hunters have killed 200 lions in Utah in the last 15 years. California gasoline tax collections totaled \$16,408,517 in the third quarter of this year.

In Montana's two chief herds of Elk there are approximately 16,000 head. A sweet potato of the Porto Rican yam variety weighing 11.34 pounds was grown this season near Hearne, Texas. Low rats on the west coast of Alaska, caught up to 1,100,000 foot of loss each.

Eight per cent less turkeys are being grown in Oklahoma this year than in 1929.

QUILL POINTS

Man has certain inalienable rights, including that of carrying a club to protect the others.

It must be a great consolation to a jobless man to know that the holes in his shoes are just psychological.

A king isn't so bad. He doesn't scare people stiff at regular intervals by assembling for another session.

Bad times are those when pants show more wear on the knees and less on the seat.

A trade is much like a profession, except that you do your practicing before you begin to charge for it.

Still, the modern girl trains herself to be a good wife for any man who can afford to live in a hotel.

The Senate is against Mr. Hoover, but that's the only break he's had since he took office.

Blessed are those who have no idea what the market is going to do. They needn't reach for a gun when they see an auditor.

The gangster has his faults, but he doesn't shock and shame a Sunday school when he takes a bunch of money.

Americanism: A spirit of equality that makes every man feel equal to those above him and superior to those who aren't above him.

Violet ray lamp: A sunshine substitute used by people who stay in the shade all summer.

Warfare can't last always. Some day the nations will run out of great moral principles to fight for.

The survivors who wore gray can assure Rockne that he isn't the first to wear himself out kicking other people.

The first great shock of matrimony is the discovery that a perfect complexion doesn't make bum coffee taste any better.

It's perfectly safe to pour alcohol in a little car to keep it from freezing. It doesn't think itself a great big car.

If a private citizen decides against the 18th amendment, he gets jailed. If a Federal judge does it, he gets \$462 columns.

The new industrial alcohol has a bad odor, "that bootleg chemists can't remove." It will be used in the manufacture of perfumes.

Samson got one break at least. While Delilah was cutting his hair she didn't try to sell him the shop.

Correct this sentence: "I see you have a cold," said the man, "and I'm sorry I can't suggest a remedy."

Americanism: Feeling superior to jury service; feeling ashamed of jury verdicts.

Brief explanation of success: A proud resolve to go back and show the old home town it guessed wrong.

Another way for a married man to have the last word is to say: "All right, invite your folks and leave mine out."

Judging by the way it is moved here and there, the line of least resistance must be the waist line.

No wonder Charles Dana Gibson's painting was denied wall space in that exhibit. The judges could tell what it meant.

Feud: Any quarrel that has continued so long that nobody knows how it started.

Civilization has about hit the bottom when a judge who sells criminals gets 1242 columns of astonished praise.

A Christian nation is one that is horrified when another does the thing it does.

A Pocket of History

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Jaca, Pyrenees town of Spain, where a revolt was promptly put down, lies among the mountains but can hardly be called a mountain town according to a bulletin from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "Jaca is less than 20 miles from the crest of the Pyrenees which form the French-Spanish boundary," says the bulletin, "but it lies not on a mountain slope or ridge, but on a little hill that rises above a broad valley near the headquarters of the Rio Aragon. Travelers who approach it from the true hill towns to the north and east are impressed by the flatness of the dusty plain and slight effect produced by the huge brown walls that circle it."

Nestles Among Steep Hills "If one looks to the left," says the bulletin, "one looks to the north on a journey down toward the real lowlands of Spain; however, he realizes that there is some rough country surrounding Jaca. To the north the railway climbs rather steeply for ten miles to Contrate where the Spanish rails come to an end. A few yards from the station is the mouth of the great Somport tunnel that divides under the Spanish-French border. It is traversed by a French electric railway. "South of Jaca are several foothills of the Pyrenees cut at places toward deep canyons and isolated cliffs. This situation of Jaca, one of the principal Pyrenean passes and protected on the south, has made it of historical importance. Over Somport Pass the Summa Portus of the Romans, the greater part of the army of the Moors crossed from Sicily 900

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)

Monday

With the northwest in the grip of snow and storm, and California hit by hard rains, the Rogue River valley maintains its bright and sunny weather. Evidently the Lord is determined to give this section a lesson on the value of irrigation. The police report that several motorists have "been assayed" when asked why they have not secured their 1916 licenses.

Some joker last night stole the hats of all the waitresses at the Hotel Medford. If caught he will never do it again. The Oregon bone-dry law is now in full effect and force. There is no widespread suffering for lack of liquor.

Tuesday

The young man reported as shot on Little Butte, only fell and broke his wrist. (Early Point Gazette). Dr. J. J. Emmens to run for councilman against F. V. Medynski, father of the Medynski plan, and Dr. J. M. Keene urged for vacancy in second ward.

The precipitation since September has been 2.24 inches, and all the farmers are praying for rain. Theda Bara, Vampire of the Films, to appear at Page Theater, arousing local interest. Three citizens who did not realize Oregon was dry, by legislation, were found intoxicated in a downtown alley this morning.

Wednesday

Commercial club annual meeting lacks a quorum, owing to other attractions. Little interest is being shown in the forthcoming municipal election.

Charles Hazelrigg returns from a trip to the Middle West, and says he must take his hat off to Medford. Moss Barkdoll's dog "Turk" engages in a battle with a California bulldog, and is badly checked. Crowd of 50 gather, and are scolded by a woman passing by.

Thursday

Movement launched to restore "Ye old time Medford spirit." Valley soil to be "expedited." George Treicher withdraws from aldermanic race, giving Dr. J. M. Keene a clear field.

Wednesday evening Miss Sadie Lacy entertained with an informal dancing party at the Andrews studio. Mrs. Ed Andrews acted as chaperone. Those present were: Misses Jean Budge, Leah Withers, Frances Kenny, Margaret Soutter, Gladys Pearl, Mivian Childers and Dorothy Thorne; Earl Hubbard, Walter Brown, Rodney Schuler, Herbert Alford, Leigh Swinson, Carter Brantton, Dave Rosenberg and Carl Tengwald.

Friday

Irate subscriber writes letter to editor declaring "men who watch dog fights are worse than the dogs." Heavy rain hits valley, cheering the farmers. Heavy snows in mountains isolated Medford from rest of world.

President Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt engage in bitter exchange. W. H. McGowan has a bad case of a gripe.

Saturday

Ben Sheldon left of Jackson county exhibit at Frisco fair. State gripped by coldest weather of the year. New German offensive on the Western front fails.

"Shorty" Barber, the barber, became temporary possessor today of a thoroughbred Black Minorca rooster, of which he is very proud. Because D. M. Lowe may permit him to keep it. It took the first prize at the Salem fair a year ago and is a valuable bird. Mr. Lowe loaned it to Judge Tou Velle and Mr. Barber borrowed it from the latter.

On Federal Buildings

Traveling in California, Frank Jenkins, who recently sold the name and subscription list of his Eugene Register to that newspaper's competitor for a young fortune thereby cutting still more the number of Oregon cities which are two-newspaper towns, notices how federal buildings in our neighboring state compare with those in our own. In his column of the Roseburg News-Review, which he still owns, he says: "The postoffice in which this contribution will be mailed is as good as the Roseburg postoffice. It is better than the postoffice at Grants Pass. "This, mind you, in a town of 1100. "It isn't quite up to the large and unusually busy federal building at Medford, but it is a wonder for a little town of this size. "Songbirds. It is perfectly plain, but a mighty good idea of his home town, and didn't hesitate to keep his good idea right with him when he went after his congressman for a postoffice building for Willow.

Press Comment

Photographed and recorded in the beautiful Lake Louise region of Canada, "Under Suspicion," thrilling love romance of the northwest, co-starring Lois Moran and J. Harold Murray, opens its three days engagement today at the Fox Rialto theatre. It is a Fox Movietone production. The story relates the adventures of a British war ace, who, in order to protect the family honor and cover up a serious blunder of his younger brother, takes the name of John Smith and disappears.

He later turns up in the forces of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police, where he soon falls in love with his commandant's beautiful daughter. The development of the romance forms a most fascinating drama, which reaches its climax in the exciting revelation of Smith's true identity. Miss Moran, who interprets the leading feminine role, is the charming little actress who was last seen in "Not Damaged," while Murray played the lead in the Fox Movietones, "Women Everywhere," "Cameo Kirby." Two other featured players are J. M. Kerrigan, remembered as the witty "Peter" in "Song O' My Heart," and Marie Saxon, who recently deserted Broadway for Hollywood.

JOSEPHINE EYES STRAWBERRY CROP GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 3.—As Growers of Strawberries in Josephine county expect to add approximately \$25,000,000 to the annual production of berries this year, it was revealed at a meeting of the growers' association here, hereafter convened, and increase in acreage will represent the increase, members of the association

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE TO STRESS UPON ISSUES (Continued From Page One) Meyer in his address before the group last Tuesday.

Arthur Lake and Sue Carol in a delightful scene from Radio Pictures' comedy, "She's My Weakness," which comes to the Holly Tuesday for a two-day showing.

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for among those eager to aid the widow in her determination to live and learn are a night club dancer, a Russian violinist and a Spanish baritone, played by Lew Cody, Gregory Gave and Herbert Blauvelt.

Vincent Youmans, the Broadway composer responsible for such hits as "Hallelujah," "The One Girl" and the music of "No, No, Nanette," wrote Miss Swanson's songs, with lyrics by George Wagner and J. Russell Robinson. The numbers are "Love Is Like a Song," "Say Out, Cherie" and "You're the One."

The shows at the Holly today will be continuous, starting at 1:15, with this feature picture. The usual good short subjects will also be shown.

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to that of an imperial Caesar, and his pupils fear and respect him, for he is an upright, God-fearing man, a model of sobriety.

When he learns by chance that several of his pupils have been visiting the "Blue Angel Cafe," he decides to catch them in this forbidden waterfront cabaret and thus, on the spot, deliver a reprimand that will prevent them from further wasting their time there. But as fate will have it, the good man becomes confided in the mad activities at the music hall, and instead of finding the youths, he finds the object of their adoration—Marlene Dietrich, a gorgeous creature, the favorite of the cafe.

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Gloria Swanson, star of "What a Widow!"

Gloria Swanson in a modern comedy, with modernistic sets of revolutionary design, smart clothes galore, three new popular songs and a supporting cast headed by Owen Moore, Lew Cody and Margaret Livingston. Such are the ingredients of "What a Widow!" the star's most recent talking and singing picture released by United Artists and booked for showing at the Holly theatre today and tomorrow. In the title role Miss Swanson appears as a young and attractive widow, filled with an ambition to make up for years of boredom, by seeking romance in Paris. While Owen Moore has the featured role as a young attorney, he finds himself with considerable competition

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