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Smudge Smoke

The city wants the Esper to put in a new crossing, as the daredevil autoists and speed idiots have ceased trying to knock a locomotive off the track where it bisects the Main Stem.
Art Bevan has been having a lively tussle with a heavy cold, which does not seem to get any lighter.
A Hank Bates, the tonsorialist, is down south taking a well-earned rest, which he more than earned, and enjoying a respite from Jim Bates.
The first installment of spring arrived last week, but it is too early to put any confidence in the weather.
There was a bitter argument on argument on prohibition on Fri. in the open. The affirmative side argued that it must be working, as no more puffed-up geese are seen on the streets. Some of the auto driving appears like there had been some drinking. The best evidence of drinking is to survey the back porches and note the number of empty gin bottles. A number minded man can convince that prohibition is a fizzle, and turn right around and do just as good a job proving it is a success, if he has a couple of healthy smorts under his belt. There is puzzling everywhere, except among members of the legislature, who are away from home.
One of our most ardent pigatorial enthusiasts was seen coming out of the Ashpole meathouse last Thurs. with a fish he said he caught in Rogue River.
ey has started to loosen up." Even if this is so, it will do no good unless those who have it all, follow suit.
C. Strang, the pioneer pilot, has a cold, and asked the writer how to cure it.
Thomas Farlow of Lake Crk. was in last week and paid his sub. to this paper.
A number of hillbillies and sister city go-getters were pleasant visitors Fri. pm. being lured thither by the bright sunshine.
A matrimonial victim of the Yule season was downtown till nearly 8 o'clock Tues. evening.
The bon vivants of the city had a good laugh last week at a new story.
Some of the farmers have started plowing and some are waiting for the administration to do it.
Len Carpenter engaged the writer in conversation Wed. but did not really do any extensive talking until mention was made of his judicial looking dog. Len said his dog possessed a keen intellect and was to chivy about who his friends were and thought he could outrun a jackrabbit.
The Republicans will hold their annual Lincoln day banquet and expect to nail a few Democratic hides on the barn upon this auspicious occasion. Arrangements have been made to shoot the orator who gets up on the balls of his feet and hawls that the Republican party presented a united front at the last election, when they acted worse than a herd of Democrats in their loudest moment.
Tomorrow is ground hog day. There will be no general observance of the day, as the weather is not suitable for long auto trips, picnics, wintery roasts and other outdoor activities of a social nature.
The Russians blame all of their troubles on eight engineers instead of one.—Peer Arthur News
A system of checks and balances is all right if you have the balances for the checks.—American Lumberman.
The stock market, these indifferent days, seems to have in-tervened boredom and beardom.—Virginia-Pilot.
"Selective immigration" having proved a success, isn't it about time to start in with selective emigration?—Boston Transcript.
The Chinese are starving. American ships are idle, and yet no one can think of anything to do with our wheat.—American Lumberman.
Forward-looking architects we understand, are working out plans for a garage with a home that folds into the door.—Arkansas Gazette.
The highly unclad state of the African aborigines shown in the movie-exploration films gives us to wonder what they do with our old pants, etc., that are sent them from time to time.—Arkansas Gazette.

QUILL POINTS

A toastmaster is one who thinks you won't notice what a wonder the speaker is unless he tells you.
Well, what did you expect? Did you think a perfect woman would marry a dud like you?
If only the bank examiners would do it before the post-mortem.
A great man is one who can make the first page with a prediction that would be silly if a nobody made it.
The influence that does most to make a man's youth virtuous is a failing memory.
An important citizen is just like anyone else except he travels farther to play golf.
These moderns take out your tonsils and teeth to cure rheumatism and you have hardly anything left—but the rheumatism.
When a street is torn up by an exploding shell, that is devastation. When it's done to give some contractor a job, that is progress.
What good would travel do you? You don't see anything. There are parts of your own town you wouldn't recognize if you didn't know where you were.
A commission is a small body of puzzled men entirely surrounded by gratuitous advice.
Correct this sentence: "The reason I wish to be a professional man," said the young idealist, "is because professional men are too ethical to knock one another."
Age has consolations. You no longer think it devilish to lose sleep.
A country has about hit bottom when all of its troubles could be ended by hiring honest men.
A general practitioner is one who can tell what is wrong with you even if you haven't any teeth.
A bad man yearns to kill those who disagree with him. A good man merely hopes they will go to hell.
The middle class is the one most of the upper class would be in if nobody sold on credit?
The pioneers may have braved the elements in leaky log cabins, but they didn't have any rumble seats.
In some cases, however, the secret of success consists in trying to regain the self-respect lost at home.
People who think American homes contain too much furniture should try renting a furnished cottage at a winter resort.
Thief: One who doesn't respect other people's property. Not to be confused with "reuter."
Americanism: Wishing we had strength of character equal to that of the old-timers; refusing to endure anything that doesn't exactly please us.
In matrimony, as in other things, the easier you fall the more you must stand.
The meanest man is the one who pays a jobless man four bits to do a four-dollar job and then deducts the money from his benevolence fund.
There must be unimportant jobs, else what would become of the man who is proud of the fact that his beard is tough.
Marriage may be a lottery, but the man nearly always wins. He gets 120 pounds of bride and a few years later has 185 pounds.
"Most of our problems," says an economist, "are caused by unfair distribution." Think, for example, of a bald-headed man having to shave.
But couldn't the senate prove its importance in some other way instead of going "gee" when the president says "Haw."
You can tell the natives at a popular resort. They are the ones who wish they had money enough to go somewhere else.
But the flyers who do most to "advance the cause of aviation" are the ones who never make headlines.
Correct this sentence: "I'm very proud of my son," said the dignified old banker, "and I shall encourage his ambition to play in a jazz orchestra."

FISH PROVIDE JOBS ON COAST OF MAINE

ROCKLAND, Me.—(AP)—So long as there are fish in the ocean, unemployment will not mean idleness to those who live on the Maine coast.
Horatio D. Clark, director of Maine's sea and shore fisheries, estimates there are 2000 new fishermen at work between Hallowell and Eastport.
Fishing through holes in the ice on tidal rivers, they can catch from two to 10 pounds of smelt on a tide and sell their catch for an average price of 25 cents.
Oil production in Maine dropped to 5,296,000 barrels during the first 11 months of 1930, a drop of more than 500,000 barrels from the same period in 1929.

Will Preserve Battlefield MURFREESBORO, Tenn.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn.—(AP)—After a lapse of almost 70 years work to preserve the trenches, gun pits and breastworks erected in the battle of Stones river has begun.
The 5th congress authorized a 2100 acre national military park where 80,000 men fought during Christmas week of 1862.

Cacti Thrive in Mexico

TUCSON, Ariz.—(AP)—Mexico has more than twice as many species of cacti as the United States, says a report of the desert laboratory here of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Mexico numbers 524 against 207 in the United States.

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Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)
Monday
Portland experiences record cold and silver thaw.
Local rumpus starts "for sanctity of the ballot."
January shy of moisture, long and cold.
Talent youth injured in coasting accident will recover.
Tuesday
Upstate isolated from rest of state by severe storm.
President Wilson pleads for largest navy in world for America.
Dick Sherwood's home town in England, one of 14 cities bombed by a night flying German Zeppelin.
Ashland defeats Roseburg, by what local fans describe "as the weirdest shot ever hurled by the hand of man."
Wednesday
Organization of Medford Irrigation district hears completion.
Rogue River valley to front with finest climate in the West this week.
Sugar beet factory to be established at Grants Pass.
Medford loses to Roseburg 22 to 13 in hopes of a district championship fade Jerry Young and Narreagan blamed for defeat, as "they were seemingly non-plussed by the foe." The crowd was large and loyal, and rooted like a razor back.
Seldom Hill passes examination for first class gunner in Co. Seven.
Thursday
Ben Hf Lampman, publisher of the Gold Hill News, poet and journalist, has accepted a position on the staff of the Portland Oregonian. If he is given any opportunity for individual work out of the routine grind, he will make the deeply reactionary Oregonian somewhat attractive. (Note: The Oregonian did not publish.)
Roseburg high defeats Medford 22 to 12. "The technical defense of the locals was perfect, and they excelled the visiting team in everything except making baskets."
The marriage of Miss Mabel Burke and Mr. Donald Clark was announced for February 19, at Los Angeles. Both are well known and popular members of the ranch colony set, and are from Chicago.
First carload of canned tomatoes ever shipped, dispatched to Middle West by Rogue River Canning company.
Friday
Ashland defeated by Roseburg 21 to 19. Irate Ashland fans beat up on referee, who is rescued by Medford fans.
The postmaster of Provoit resigns.
Irrigation will increase the fertility of the soil, claim its supporters.
The high school forms cornet band, under the direction of Prof. Greenway.
New tax laws make it easier for taxpayers to understand laws, but not to pay their taxes.
Saturday
The Medford Dancing club enjoyed one of its recherche affairs at the Nat last night.
"The Battle Cry of Peace" at the Page.
Many entries in Jackson county poultry show.
Highest water in Willamette river in seven years.
Appointment of Louis Brandeis to United States supreme court brings row in Senate.

Press Comment

HIGHWAY COMMISSION NEXT?
Rumor has it that the governor's thirst for power is not to be quenched by his gaining control of the Port of Portland commission—he has his eye on the state highway department. Word comes up from the city of Portland, where his excellency has no doubt been disclosing his plans to his friends, that certain of our highway commissioners are to get the axe. It is not to be a direct attack, however, but a flank movement and in such a manner as to cover up the governor's hand in the matter. The plan is to make charges of a serious nature made against the commission—charges sufficient to justify an investigation by the executive. Even though nothing is found to condemn it will be easy to say that the charges against, and investigation of the commission has so impaired its standing and usefulness as to call for the removal of at least the two members longest in office.
It is a pretty plan and it would be interesting to know just when and where the flank attack is to be made. Can it be that the Marion county grand jury is being used for that purpose? Time only will answer the question. Meanwhile we should be patient and amuse ourselves by watching the show, which seems to be growing bigger and better every day in every way.—Salem Capital Journal.
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Thoughtfully citizens in Ashland must know the action that has been taken by some American Legion members there to ensure General Wood for his action in not stopping there to inspect the site offered for the new soldiers home. An appeal has been made to Washington to have Ashland reconsidered.
The men in Ashland who are sponsoring this movement have certainly undertaken a big job if they hope to convince the National Soldiers Home Board that it should establish a home in Ashland some 325 miles from the Portland veterans' hospital. This in view of the fact that the statements have been repeatedly made that the new northwest home would be within 100 miles of a hospital.
The statewide cooperation given Roseburg in its effort to obtain

Belief that the measure was drawn in the interest of Portland.

Following the reading of Governor Julius L. Meier's message relating to the bill by Representative Arthur W. Lawrence, Scheibel directed an attack on the measure as highly discriminatory in favor of Portland as against smaller cities, and that giving cities the right to bargain was a return to "corrupt politics." He cited Oregon City power rates as against those of Portland, being higher though distributed on the same system and from the same source. Several hundred people attended the hearing and Chairman Ray Gill of the House utilities committee ruled that since it appeared impossible to complete the hearing at one time, the issue would be re-

Two for three months ago, however, a few men in Ashland began an effort to have Ashland named as the location for the new national home.

They did this in spite of the fact that Roseburg had already been working for two years; they did it in spite of the fact that their city was already on record as endorsing Roseburg; they did it in the face of the fact that Ashland is obviously too far south to meet the requirement.
There is a decided element of shortsightedness in all of this activity on the part of these men in Ashland. The protest that they are now making is only a device to advertise them—adversely, we think.—(Roseburg News-Review.)

PRESS COMMENT UPON ASHLAND HORROR KILLING

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law and was an able and faithful 24-year-old policeman of Ashland, Oregon.

In a stolen automobile, a crook with a past of thievery, larceny and crime came his way. With keen insight the 24-year-old police boy stopped him and asked for his driver's license.

A quick shot, and the police boy fell on the runningboard. Another shot from the crook's gun, and he fell prone on the ground. A third shot was driven by the heartless thug into the prostrate body of the Ashland lad.

Here is a thug like the Chinese bandits. The boldness of his shots is gangland's challenge to civilization. It is an imitation of the gunman's shots in Chicago. The immunity with which Chicago gangland shoots, slays and murders is admired and copied by just such brutes as the ravaging wolf now in the Medford jail.

In spite of our wealth, in spite of our virility, in spite of our industrial and financial achievements, we are so far unable to fashion laws, operate courts and administer justice to hold back the criminal. Our bandits are a duplicate and their forays, in the way to approximation of the Chinese bandits. Our gangland is rapidly increasing its power and extending its barbaric operations.

The Ashland police boy is dead. The community saw him grow up into a useful, manly, widely beloved law-abiding citizen of 24.

"The restraints of civilization were bending here today," says an Ashland news dispatch, "as hundreds of quiet men became more and more indignant over the heartless, cowardly murder of Samuel Prescott, 24-year-old Ashland policeman." The dispatch adds:

Struck too deeply with grief for talk, there has been no outburst of wrath among his friends, but a deep current of anger permeates the entire city.

It is a good time for the dead lad's friends to highly resolve to work for changes in law and court practice and public administration that will heavily curtail gangland and its exponents throughout the country. "The administration of our criminal law," said the late former President Taft, "is a disgrace to our civilization."

The former president of the United States in that statement offered the probable explanation of why 24-year-old Samuel Prescott was down before a gangland's smoking gun.—(Oregon Journal.)

NO GANGSTER NEED APPLY

The ugly terms, "gangster" and "gang war" have been employed of late to describe certain individuals and conditions here and there in Oregon. True to tell, there does appear to exist a similarity between a few criminal conditions exposed and the far more notorious and resplendent instance of Chicago. They are, so to speak, as the tender sprout to the vigorous upas tree. Much may be expected of them if they are permitted to increase.

We have never regretted the fact that the gang impulse, the racketeering urge, has not burgeoned in Oregon. It has not seemed ominous to us that we lacked for overlords such as Al Capone and Bugs Moran. In fact, we have boasted that this region was unadvised to gangsters and that they must speedily be discouraged if they attempted to alight here. We have been content to worry about the common or garden variety of crime. Efficiency in crime on a big scale has not appealed to us as a desirable innovation.

In all probability the slightly alarming manifestations that now are evident can be no more than imitation and moon imitation at best. However, they have an ugly sound and uglier aspect, and they ought to be suppressed by such rigorous treatment as will demonstrate that Oregon has not changed her mind. Obviously enough, the time to discourage them is now.—(Oregonian.)

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they ought to go to whoever it is that advises the bakers.—Judge.
A coyote killed 25 high grade turkeys in a raid on a Swan Valley, Idaho, farm.
Whatever other sorrows Eye suffered, she was never troubled by Adam's reference to his mother's cooking.—Florence Herald.
After a while, if this consolidation movement keeps up, all business concerns will be either merged or amalgamated.—Virginia-Pilot.
If the United States Senate is really so much interested in the order of luncheon offerings, it might begin by being kind to Mr. Hoover.—San Diego Union.

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