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Smudge Smoke

February skies are blue skies. They clouded up Wed. eve. like a fish man with a tax receipt...

Forty-four hours a week work for the po. force. will be the new order. They have more holidays than the banks and the barbershops...

Now and then an ancient 4d. driven by a flaming youth, squirts around a corner on all 4 wheels.

Gingham dresses adorn a few of the fair sex, and they are exquisite.

C. Wig Ashpole paid P. Wortman of Theoria \$1.50 for a cow pig, and told the Nebraska democrat to take the hide back home with him...

It looks like a hard summer, but it never gets hot in the valley. A few of the farmers are bull-headedly going ahead with their plowing...

The first patched trousers of the present economic depression showed up Thurs.

Mrs. Julia House Fly is able to be around in the middle of the day. She has been away since early fall.

He flew over the demon baker, and consisted of associates skinned in the Prospect area on their weekend.

Local militarists have been going to war college. This is fine training, even if there is no more war.

The rural hillbides are dotted with young lambs, who are still too weak in the knees, to do much of the enervating, the poets love to sing about.

Fred Weeks has painted his auto, and same looks as good, if not better than new.

Joe Hills, who left for Paris 17 mos. ago, has finally made it far as Chicago. Joe is not the type that will get mixed up with a Capone, the manager, or any of his, one can rest assured.

R. Bardwell, the fruitman, flouted a mutchee last week, which was the target of considerable scolding. Mr. Bardwell informed the writer, that he does not know how he happened to tolerate it. Ignorance is no excuse, under the law, so it will have to be blamed on Satan and Hoover.

Juveniles are loose with air-guns, and of course, the little dears would not shoot a robin.

The Christmas grooms are now all up in the collar, and busy at their tasks. Several had their noses off the grindstone for a few hours the 1st of the wk.

Colds, mumps, and spring fever are the leading ailments of the burg.

The Fridgegar of Ashland, spent a few hours here in mid-week on biz. Isaac has been completely weaned away from this—his native loath.

The legislature will discuss prohibition again, when they should be adjourning. This will be a stupendous waste of wind and words.

Republicans Thurs. eve. paid tribute to the memory of A. Lincoln, and complimented themselves on how well they have stuck together, except when beset with Portland-brewed foot notions.

All were urged to forget the last election. Nobody showed up wearing a Meier button on his coat lapel.

Meas has showed up in the snow at Crater Lake, and on a local hilltop.

NO ROOM FOR MERCY James E. Kingsley, who killed an Ashland policeman, begged for a life imprisonment verdict as he sat on the witness stand during his trial. But the jury refused the request. Kingsley will pay the full penalty for his crime on the gallows.

The bandit did not give the officer a chance for his life but shot him down without warning in cold blood. Why should the state give to him the boon he denied another?

QUILL POINTS

Any bonus for doughboys seems too big to the man who stayed at home and accumulated property to be taxed.

But Alas! Those who give up this world for the next seldom have much in this one to give up.

The natives of India aren't like Americans. They reverse the cow, too, not just the bull.

Wouldn't a great man be in a bad fix if he didn't have a few smaller men to explain what he means?

Bachelors seldom become great men. They haven't anybody to shoo away the curious.

The final proof of compassion is to worry about the unemployment of saxophone players.

It seems to be the rule that a man who talks too much about his religion feels righteous enough without living it.

Prohibition will at least end gambling among the poor. Those willing to take a chance are soon eliminated.

The Wickersham report didn't invent the idea. Paul suggested being all things to all men.

Americanism: Boasting of our liberty and efficiency—namely paying three times as much as Canadians pay for electricity.

Still, it's no worse to leave diseased bodies at the mercy of quacks than to leave diseased minds at the mercy of lawyers and judges.

The national row about slavery was different. Those who opposed keeping slaves didn't buy a little one at intervals when nobody was looking.

The partisan leader is like the groundhog. The groundhog can't see a prophet in one section without seeing a liar in another.

Another difference between the sexes is that a man can gush over a present that delights him about as much as the itch would.

That Oklahoma man has at last completed his Mississippi river swim from Minneapolis to the second column on page 1.

A New York banker says America is depressed because of too much gold. And France has accumulated enough gold to make her prosperous. Aren't financial wizards wonderful!

Natural gas will now be sent 1000 miles from its place of origin by means of pipelines instead of elections.

The next armament conference will be held in February 1932. The question is, can we build enough ships before that date to offer our usual quota for sinking?

Correct this sentence: "Yes, I smoke a lot," said the man. "but I'm not dumb enough to write one unless I really want it."

Byrd, Easy Essay Topic

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—School students do not mind "home work" when they can be enthusiastic about the subject.

Evidence is the response of school children writing letters to Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd regarding the value of his explorations.

Thousands of these letters are now being received by the National Education Association to be bound and presented to Admiral Byrd when he addresses the Department of Superintendent convention at Detroit, February 25.

Every state in the union will be represented in the gift volume. Some of the letters are brief essays on the value of exploration, revealing close study of Admiral Byrd's life and four major explorations. Others are enthusiastic personal notes—a few written in verse, some expressed in pictures and in illuminated manuscripts.

Blind Students Write in Braille Among the most unusual letters are several written by blind students of Cleveland, Ohio, in raised Braille characters. One student hopes that Admiral Byrd's books will come day be printed in Braille. A transcription is written between the Braille characters by the teacher.

New Orleans children sent a handsome box of letters. The box was designed and made by manual training students, from Louisiana tidewater cypress wood, and the cover is suitably inscribed.

A group of pupils from Vineland, New Jersey, presented an illuminated manuscript, depicting in color Byrd's plans as the child saw it when he flew over New Jersey's "Egg Basket."

A Bladphone, New York, boy in the sixth grade, writes: "I am happy to have the opportunity to write to the man who explored the South Pole. I have seen the pictures of your adventures in the 'Egg Basket'."

Some glazed tern-cotta business records 2,500 years old have been dug up by archeologists in Minnesota. When deciphered, they will probably reveal that the business men were all losing money, but conditions were fundamentally sound.—Southern Lumberman.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

(From the files of The Mail Tribune)

Monday Large crowd hears Republican platform at Lincoln day banquet, Governor Withycombe, State Treasurer Tom Kay, and lesser celebrities address meeting. C. M. Thomas acts as toastmaster, declares "God and the Democratic party never agree." Jackson county Democrat huzzed and agghast at allegation. A pleasant time was had by all.

Local sports are forsaking "Bull Durham" for tailor-made cigarettes, not of the Turkish variety. Poultry raisers view with alarm, that more people at the poultry show, gazed at a parrot, than the North Dakota.

Recorder's office given fresh coat of paint. Ohio society organizes.

Tuesday Three little sons of County Agent C. C. Cate have attack of pneumonia poisoning.

Eight fellows arguments on "preparationness" in front of Medford National bank. Bygones parted the bellies—the very best of friends.

Poultry industry of valley estimated as worth \$500,000 per year. Roseburg wins Southern Oregon championship "pig taking" and decisive defeat.

Attorney Gus Newbury has purchased a new Chalmers Six. Beautiful weather, smooth boulevards, and joyriding was too much for the busy lawyer to resist.

Crowds and enthusiasm at revival meetings at St. grows.

Wednesday Spring flowers on the Alice Hanley hill are attracting money. Wave of interest in poultry raising sweeps valley.

Medynski charges against last city election to be aired before grand jury.

Texas ranger routs 176 Mexican soldiers. Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, remains favor of his people by capture of a Turkish fort.

A son is born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kroesech on St. Valentine's day.

Thursday The sunny weather has made the road over the Siskiyou passable, and many local citizens plan on a visit to Hornbrook, Hill and Yreka Sunday, for the trip and what there is to drink at the end of the journey.

Medford high defeats Franklin high of Portland, 13 to 3. Mott Williamson was a winner on the team. The district six out of seven photos at the basket. "Noble work was done by Carter Brandon."

Plowing is in full swing on all sides. President Wilson enunciates his principle of "benevolent neutrality." G. O. P. senators declare for many American ships being torpedoed by German submarines.

Friday Box car on the P. & E. jumps the track, and is smashed to smithereens. Quarantine placed on California spuds.

Moss Barkdull's dog "Turk" returns home after ten days' absence in parts unknown.

A. S. Rosenbaum completes ninth year of service as Southern Pacific agent here.

Baby week campaign planned by Greater Medford club.

Chief Timothy rounds up seven high school boys smoking cigarettes.

Saturday Ashland stirred by rampus over Lithia springs management.

The Southern Oregon-Northern California Development league is formed to secure a railroad to the coast.

Mike Womack discovers rich gold deposit back of Jacksonville.

The Duke University club party, a merry St. Valentine's day party, Mrs. John Peet and A. J. Hanly address the Odd Fellows lodge.

The East Side Shakespeare club meets with Miss Theone Carlin. Bill Bates breaks 319 out of 400 birds at trapshoot.

Press Comment

CARRIER BOYS Milton Taylor, who for five years has been a carrier boy on the Capital Journal, has been appointed to the national military academy at West Point by Secretary McNary, winning the appointment by competitive examination.

He is the second Capital Journal carrier to be awarded a West Point appointment. The first one being Dwight Mulkey. All of which proves the value of the training a carrier boy receives, especially those who like Capital Journal carriers, own their own equipment and collecting, so that their profits are dependent upon their own reliability, enterprise and energy.

Carrying papers is a valuable preliminary training in honest methods and incubates honesty, thrift and industry. Its contacts provide an insight into human nature and courtesy as an essential for success.

The practical value of a carrier boy's training is attested by men now eminent in all ranks of life throughout the country, who thus started their careers. But we do not have to go out of Salem. Among carrier boys who made good here have been federal judges, United States senators, supreme and circuit judges, governors, bank presidents, industrialists, professional men, merchants, journalists and farmers. You find them in all ranks of life.

If a boy succeeds as a newspaper carrier, it is a pretty safe bet he will make good in whatever line he afterwards tackles, for he must have that intangible we call character. It makes good. Salem Capital Journal.

shown in the session was the work of the southwest Oregon representation in putting over the Rogue river fish bill. In the face of the verdict of the people at the last election, and of previous refusals of the legislature to close the stream to commercial fishing, the plating of this bill thru both houses successfully, was a mighty skillful piece of legislative maneuvering. If the administration had the legislative leadership that the Rogue fish bill had, its favorite pieces of legislation would have had easy sailing.—Salem Statesman.

CALIFORNIA WINS AGAIN A dispatch from Washington a few days ago told of the house of representatives having passed a bill for the establishment of a divisible base at Sunnysvale, Cal.

It seems now, following the announcement of the government to establish a divisible base on the Pacific coast, various cities of the district made application for it. Representatives of several cities in Oregon met in Portland and attempted to agree on a location for the base, but were unable to do so.

Medford and others took the initiative and made an effort to secure it, but lacked the influence to succeed, as is noted in the news dispatch from Washington, and California wins again.

Sunnysvale is not well known in comparison with other cities and towns of that state, but suffice to say California wins the coveted base, which will require an expenditure of several million dollars, and which will require a ground force of from 200 to 300 men to maintain it.

The base is to be used as a part of the defense of the Pacific coast in the time of war and reason dictates that a point half way along the coast would be the logical location, rather than Sunnysvale, which is almost at the extreme southern end of it.

But strategic location does not always count in the establishment of government projects. More often political pull is the determining factor. Southwestern Oregon is midway between our northern and southern borders, but California was able to exert sufficient influence to win the base and make its location at a point almost at the southern extremity of our long coast line.—Klamath Falls Herald.

JOURNAL AND OREGONIAN Newspaper lads in the north of the state are exchanging a merry give and take in continuation of the late election unpleasantness, and the latest topic of disagreement is closing of the Rogue river to commercial fishing.

Here is what the rejuvenated Oregonian said about the Oregon Journal after the Journal had called the legislature down for passing the river closing measure.

In an article raking with indignation, the Oregon Journal reminds the legislature that only last November the sovereign people voted to keep the Rogue river open to commercial fishing.

"Then how is it that the legislature takes upon itself to overrule the voters of the state?" demands our amazed and incensed contemporary.

"How is it that the legislature sets itself up as superior to the voters and reverses their decision in the matter of Rogue river fishing?"

If the contemporary up the street is sincerely asking for culminating for political purification for political purposes, the answer to its questions is that the legislature has been taught by the Oregon Journal to set itself up as autocrat.

In November, 1928, less than three months before the legislative session, the people voted down an income tax. Moreover, in June, 1927, the people voted down an income tax. Furthermore, in November, 1926, the people voted down an income tax. Also on several previous occasions they voted down an income tax.—Grants Pass Courier.

MYSTERY VEILS DISAPPEARANCE OF SAN DIEGO LASS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 14.—(AP) The mystery of the disappearance Wednesday of ten-year-old Virginia Brooks remained unexplained today as every available officer in the city searched for a clue to her fate.

Police theorized that the girl might have been kidnapped after she left the modest home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brooks, gaily swinging her books and carrying a bouquet for her teacher. She never arrived at the Euclid school, a mile and a half distant.

Squads of officers and possees of volunteers have combed the canyons near the Brooks home and the school to no avail. They spent last night systematically searching vacant houses, alleys, outcrops and vacant lots in the East University avenue district, but again they found nothing.

"I have no enemies," the girl's father said. "I know of no one who would want to take my little girl."

The Brooks family came here several months ago from Portland, Ore., and once lived in Indianapolis.

One report from the Mexican border said that a man and a girl answering Virginia's description were seen to cross into Mexico Wednesday.

The only picture of the girl known to exist was brought here from Los Angeles by an agent. It was immediately begun printing circulars bearing the picture for distribution.

Ye Poet's Corner

An Old Valentine— Only an old faded Valentine— I found on my desk today. It said, "I brought me memories of joys that have passed away."

Of the happy days of my boyhood, Of the pleasures of long ago; I clasped her hand as in days gone by; And my tears began to flow.

Each season I sent her a Valentine, She sent me one in return; Each told of love that never dies, Of heart-fires that would never burn.

Her form lies in the churchyard, My heart is with her there; I treasure still this Valentine, And will "fall I join her there." —By Mary O. Carey.

WHERE TO THROW BIG DAM'S DIRT PUZZLES BIDDER

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Feb. 14.—(AP) Wanted: some place to put 3,700,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt. Notly engineers for Hoover dam project.

With waste land surrounding the dam site on every side, the engineers are still finding a baffling problem in planning removal of excavated material.

Sheer cliffs tower hundreds of feet above the Colorado river bed, and loom as forbidding barriers to the removal of material to higher ground, where it will not interfere with future work, nor hamper normal flow of water below the dam site.

More than 75 prospective bidders have been in Las Vegas to study topographical conditions at the dam site, preparatory to making bids which will be opened in Denver March 1.

The ruggedness of surrounding territory and the confined area of the dam site, engineers say, presents enormous problems.

Two coffer dams must be built first. Otherwise some of the 1,800,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock to be gouged from the river bed and canyon walls could be utilized for the temporary barriers.

Another 1,500,000 cubic yards must come out of the rock walls themselves for the four diversion tunnels, each 50 feet in diameter and approximately 4,000 feet long. Through these the turbulent waters of the Colorado will flow around the dam site while construction goes forward.

Other physical disadvantages to be overcome, prospective bidders point out, are problems of transportation across the river, delivery of material on the canyon walls, and location of machinery and equipment in the rough terrain.

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A few weeks later, Miss Querding was killed as she sat in the garden of her home. The amazing revelations that solved the crime are brilliantly told by HERBERT ADAMS in this story of mystery and romance.

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