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Ye Smudge Pot (By Arthur Perry)

France, life-long republicans who always vote the Democratic ticket, and Henry Ford, who is always telling everybody else how to run their business and building his new factories in Russia, and boasting about it, will all be opposed to President Hoover's war debt relief plan and "economic tonic." The proposition has been endorsed by leading financiers and diplomats and sounds sensible. The proposition, therefore, will be sprayed with machine driven editorial pens filled with vitrol.

The "unloaded gun" that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., waved at Peter Arno, New York artist, in a dispute over the kissability of the wife of the first named, is the only "unloaded gun" in history that waved, did not go off, and kill an innocent bystander.

DEFENDER OF YE FAITH (Stanton Mail) The continuous daily "razing" of Gov. Meier by the Capital Journal is disgusting as well as tiresome. The blab of Silly Sips is nauseating. Putnam's diatribes are unreasonable and unfair, and even Harry Crain, who is generally willing to "give the devil his due" is degenerating into a grouchy, cantankerous, fault-finding imitator of an old maid.

The attorney for the young man told the court he was slightly frascible, when he knocked his mother down, and threw a hammer at his aged grandparent. Counsel was at a loss to explain the irascibility. (Hoise Statesman) Maybe the young man ate something that upset him, and caused him to upset his Maw.

Barbers announce that faces of Valley Postmistress, when longer than their arms, will be charged a dime extra for shaves.

J. Randolph Woodpecker and Agatha Thrush lighted their troth last week, and two more boaka peck as one. The bride is a Tweeta Tweeta Tweeta girl.

The T. Bill Isaacs boy is committing a C. Chaplin mustache.

AN OLD FARMER CUSTOM (Morrow County News) Austin Devin, well known young stockman of the Sand Hollow district, was attending to business matters in town Friday and talking over ways and means on the street corner.

Veterans of the Spanish-American war journeyed to Prospect yesterday for the annual picnic. The hardy survivors of Cuba and the Philippines revived the horrors of war, and 18 or 19 bun stories by Florida Hill Gates, to amaze Col. Payne, and wince Jim Griev's sturdy hired man. Refugees from Montana were also frolicky yesterday, and they met and mingled at Ever Shady park, to recall the blizzard of 1888, and the year the icicles melted off the depot eaves before August 9th. Montana abuts North Dakota, and any weather too tough for that commonwealth ranges in the sister state. A winter in Montana will outlaw war faster than the diplomats. Some of the Spanish veterans were also Montanans, and some of the Montanans were Spanish veterans, and, owing to the Depression made both noon feeds.

"Walter Wiggles has purchased a spare saddle. Who's the girl, Walter?" (Paisley Items) Some more of everybody's business, and can you make anything out of the inference?

Boost Lead Price NEW YORK, June 22 (AP)—The American Smelting and Refining company today increased the price of lead from 3.75 to 4 cents a pound.

IS THE DEPRESSION OVER?

ONCE more events support the claim that there is nothing good or bad, but thinking makes them so. President Hoover's suggestion that a year's moratorium on war debts be declared, makes no real change in world conditions. Delaying payments on debts doesn't remove them; suggesting delay doesn't assure delay; the same fundamental conditions that brought about the world wide depression exist now as they did three or four days ago.

All that President Hoover suggestion did was to inject a new thought in this world of doubt and woe, but that thought was enough to completely transform the economic outlook, not only in this country, but throughout the world.

FIVE minutes after the presidential announcement, the New York stock market started to boom, and is still booming at the present writing. Stock markets in foreign countries reacted in the same way. Public celebrations were held in Germany; in the British parliament, Premier MacDonald supported President Hoover's recommendation amid cheers. According to press dispatches this new thought expressed by the American President, was heralded, as of equal importance to America's entrance into the World war.

One is reminded of that line in The Merchant of Venice: "How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world." Which under present circumstances might well be paraphrased: "How far that little thought throws his beams! So shines a cheerful gesture in a cheerless world."

FROM the writers standpoint, it was a singular coincidence that the Sunday editorial, written Saturday morning, should have dealt with the war debt situation, and pointed out the need of "inspired leadership" at approximately the very time President Hoover took the first step to supply that type of leadership.

In that editorial we touched upon the political dangers involved in such action, and it is interesting to note that Representative La Guardia of New York, sounds the note of partisan opposition today by stigmatizing the executive action as that of a "double crosser" playing into the hands of foreign bankers.

More of this same sort of political sniping can be expected. But President Hoover has taken the bull by the horns, and can be depended upon to fight it out along these lines if it takes all summer.

WE ARE not sufficiently well informed to say just why the President took this epoch-making action at this time. It is a complete reversal of this country's post-war policy, and as stated in the Sunday editorial, we anticipated no such reversal until conditions rendered such action imperative.

Our own guess is that Secretary Mellon secured such information in London, that he became convinced that without a debt moratorium, Germany would be plunged into civil war, with a Bolshevik victory as the inevitable outcome. In other words the time HAD ARRIVED when such action WAS imperative.

BUT whatever the precise reasons, the fact remains that the people of the world are now witnessing an extraordinary psychological and economic phenomenon. It is, we repeat, nothing less than the manifestation of the power of mind over matter. For the only change in the world situation is a mental change. The material situation has not altered in the slightest particular.

How far this miracle will extend, no one of course can tell. Our own belief is that while the present boom will be followed by an inevitable reaction, President Hoover has injected a "new thought" into the situation which will have a permanent and lasting effect—a serious future decline may set in, but we will be both disappointed and surprised if the depths, spiritually and materially, to which the world sank in the first half of 1931, will ever be reached again in the second half—or for that matter, during the present generation.

IT IS also our belief, that while this war debt moratorium is for only a year, it means that the war debts as fixed by the treaty of Versailles will NEVER BE PAID. They will either be drastically reduced, or as seems more probable, cancelled entirely.

Still faith in price fixing is not so surprising in a land where a price can fix most everything else. It isn't the kind of habit that matters so much, but the fact that any appetite can make you a slave.

The final test of a gentleman is the way he treats those he never expects to see again. "Bull" doesn't make a President great. You must add the word "market."

MAIL TRIBUNE DAILY CROSS WORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solutions for Saturday's puzzle.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67

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 when in ink, being in 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.

GRANULATED EYELIDS OR TRACHOMA

In the north people sometimes call simple chronic inflammation of the eyelids "granulated eyelids," but in the south this name is more commonly applied to trachoma, which is a contagious and dangerous inflammation of the lining of the eyelids. Another common name for trachoma is "red sore eyes."

Trachoma begins with watering, itching and burning, and a feeling as if there were something in the eye. Most victims of trachoma believe their trouble was started by "something in the eye," such as dust, sand, pollen. The sufferer presently finds that sunshine causes pain and he avoids it or begins wearing dark goggles. Presently the eyeballs become inflamed. The transparent cornea becomes clouded and vision becomes poor. Scars form on the lid lining and when the scar contracts, as all scars do, the edge of the lid is pulled inward. This causes the lashes to rub and scratch the eyeball, which is not only painful but it tends to make the transparent cornea cloudier and so partial blindness develops.

Ninety per cent of native Egyptians suffer with trachoma. Twenty-five per cent of Chinese have it. There is much trachoma in Brazil, Syria, Ireland and Russia. Our quarantine officers are very watchful and admit no one to this country if his eyes look suspicious, until they are satisfied the trouble is not trachoma.

Trachoma is a serious economic problem. The partial blindness attending it renders victims incapable of working in many skilled trades. In China trachoma probably causes greater economic loss than floods or famines. In Missouri 21.7 per cent of 3200 persons drawing state pensions because of blindness are blind from trachoma.

Poverty, overcrowding, insanitary living conditions, and malnutrition are factors which seem to favor the disease. Perhaps the disease brings about these very conditions in many instances. Trachoma prevails chiefly in West Virginia, Kentucky, eastern Tennessee, western Virginia, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. It is very prevalent among the Indian tribes.

The contagion spreads directly from person to person, or by using the same towel, wash basin, handkerchief, and some doctors believe even by shaking hands with a trachoma sufferer. If you suspect you have trachoma place yourself under medical treatment at once. It requires two or three years of treatment to conquer the trouble and save your sight.

Keep your face clean especially about the eyes. Burn or boil handkerchiefs, or cloths used about the eyes. Have your own towel, wash basin, soap and other toilet articles, and permit no one else to use them. Be careful in cleaning baby's eyes, to use only cloths that have been boiled. Avoid exposure to dust. If your work is dusty, wear goggles only while at work. If you wear dark glasses, wear them only when in the sunlight. Glasses cannot cure trachoma. Only prolonged, faithful medical treatment can cure it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Color Blindness Please name a color blindness cure, if any. (J. G.) Answer—Congenital color blindness (present at birth) cannot be cured. In not a few cases color blindness is acquired as a result of excessive smoking, and stopping

Quill Points

Saying it with flowers will gain favor when they find a flower that can say: "Please remit."

Note to young people: Be fair. You can't judge a religion by those who haven't got any of it.

No wonder the pioneers were hardy. They couldn't howl for an appropriation when they lost a dollar.

Yet those who hoot at miracles are the first to demand that statesmen chance natural laws.

A hog is a queer creature. When he's full, you can't tempt him by bringing a desert.

A depression is a period when Go-Getters become Set-and-Wait-ers.

Americanism: Outlawing Hquor because it harms the temperate; refusing to outlaw pistols that destroy ten times as many.

Yet those who don't believe in fighting believe in saying things that make you want to fight.

People wouldn't accept Ten Commandments on a stone now—unless told that science did the carving.

It is easy to be free. You just remain single and develop no habits and get a million dollars.

A British admiral says a navy is like a police force. Except that the police shoot criminals instead of other police.

A magazine writer says all popular beliefs are wrong. This includes the one that you can believe anything printed in a magazine.

Correct this sentence: "Yes, I can give you a tonic," said the barber, "but it won't make hair grow."

attended the Bellview Grange meeting Tuesday evening. Miss Beulah Rogers of Fresno, Calif., arrived Tuesday to spend the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Lennox.

Valley View friends of John Bleckam, formerly milk tester for Jackson county, now of Santa Ana, Calif., will be glad to know that he has entirely recovered from a serious illness which had lasted for several months.

Central Point visited the home folks this week. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bostwick have moved into their home near Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bostwick, recently vacated by Harold Bostwick.

Senator Joe Dunne of Multnomah county and Mr. and Mrs. Parson of Portland were callers at the D. M. Lowe home last Saturday.

Howard Hill and mother, Mrs. Dillon Hill visited at the D. M. Lowe home last week. Valley View school district held annual school election last week. Mrs. James Lennox was re-elected clerk and Louis Werth was elected director. L. H. Gallatin, retiring director, deserves a vote of thanks for the many years he has served as director.

Those attending Eastern Star chapter in Ashland Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. James Lennox, D. M. Lowe, Mrs. D. H. Jackson, Mrs. Wm. Glenn and her sister, Mrs. C. J. Allen, who is visiting her and Mrs. W. A. Stratton.

Arnold Cheever of Elkton drove down and took his wife home last Sunday. Mrs. Cheever has been visiting her mother, Mrs. George Nichols and family. L. H. Gallatin attended state Grange in Medford. The recent rains did much harm to cherries, but to all other crops has been of great benefit. Astoria—Bids received for construction of new post office and customs house here.

By BUD FISHER

FLIGHT O' TIME

(Medford and Jackson County History From the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY June 22, 1921 (It Was Wednesday) In the first round of the eliminations, at the Pacific Northwest golf championship play, H. Chandler Egan turns in the low score for the day, and leads seven-up.

Dempsy named as co-respondent in an Oklahoma divorce suit, rolled deeply as championship battle with Carpenter nears.

Dr. Kulkerson, field representative of the Methodist church in China, tells C. C. forum war with Japan absurd.

Longest day of the year is also the hottest.

Evans Reames returns from a fishing trip on the McKenzie, with G. Putnam of Salem.

City decides to sell 70 vacant lots to owners for delinquent taxes.

Former German crown prince reported working in a blacksmith shop.

Ralph Hand, "pride of Gold Hill," and Ted Thye matched for bout at Ashland, July 4th.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY June 22, 1911 (It Was Thursday) Sam L. Sandry of Woodville, is named deputy chief game warden for Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Curry counties.

\$2000 per ton ore discovered at the Sterling mine by Jeff Heard.

London jammed with seething humanity for coronation of King George.

Harry Whitney, Idaho handit, steals horses of posse pursuing him.

Mayor Canon orders small boys not to throw firecrackers on dry grass and start fire.

Government reports true elevation of Medford as 1377.09 feet at the Nash hotel.

Owney Patton buys the Medford ball team from Cort Hall.

PUFFY

"Ho, hum, the show is over," says the Bunny with a yawn. "If we don't hurry we won't get back until it's dawn." Says Puffy: "I'd rather see the circus pack and get away! By doing that we'll feel we've had our money's worth today."

Talks To Parents Why Do You Punish? (By Alice Judson Peale) As good a way as any of checking up on the way you are doing your job as a parent is to ask yourself why you punish your child.

Probably your first answer would be "to teach him obedience" or "to teach him to know right from wrong" or "to make him know that he has to behave."

But perhaps if you think back carefully over the particular occasions when you found it necessary to punish, you will find that, although these first answers may be a part of the truth, they are by no means all of it.

For is it not true that without being aware of it at the time, you often have punished more to relieve your own feelings than to train your child?

Do you not find that when you have been tired, worried or irritated you have punished more quickly and more severely than otherwise?

Is your punishment not infrequently meted out more in relation to offenses against your own convenience or prejudice than in relation to its civilizing influence upon your child?

Is it not true that many of the occasions on which you have found it necessary to punish could have been avoided by patience or forethought on your part?

Few of us honestly could answer "no" to all these questions, for as parents we are possessed in greater or less degree of all the faults we strive to eradicate in our children.

The realization that we are at least partly at fault in situations for which we would otherwise hold the child wholly responsible should enable us better to discipline ourselves in disciplining our children.

Newport—Bids opened for construction of two-story frame building to be used as quarters and boat house for Yaquina Bay coast guard.

KLAMATH FALLS—Steel being laid along Great Northern's graded extension from here south to Blewett, California.

MUTT AND JEFF—You Never Forget The Language

