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Ye Smudge Pot

(By Arthur Perry)

MY FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:

When the Indians occupied this fair and fertile state and valley, there were no taxes. Look at 'em now! And the fish bit with more gusto.

If you think the current anguish is the peak of agony, thumb the files of newspapers (1910-1915), when the first sewer was proposed. All good men shouldered their lead pencils and painted black bankruptcy, on the general tune of the present wailing. And the squeals, due to the building of the Pacific highway, were plainly audible at Crater Lake, if emitted on the roof of the Nash Hotel. Both issues netted legal wrestling matches in the courthouse at Jacksonville. And the fits caused by the spreading of the pavements lasted nigh unto a score of years.

Economy running hog-wild is worse than no economy at all.

Let us retrench. Every man out of work reduces the buying power of the community. That's what makes the mare go. Keep money circulating. That's how everybody gets a-hold of some. The original purpose of money is spending. Hoard it and look hallowed! The new courthouse should not be built in these times of depression, as it is liable to furnish labor for the laborers, and business for the businessmen. And that will be something else to fight about, in due season. This section can't get into the world depression, except vocally, so forward and produce a home-made one.

The taxes have never been just right, and never will be, and the wailing thereon is endless. See Lamentations: Chap. 3, Verse 49: "MINE EYE TRICKLETH DOWN, AND CEASETH NOT WITHOUT ANY INTERMISSION"

There was a discussion, then as now, about the tithes.

HUMOROUS INDEED
(Fredonia, Kan., Times)

While Deputy Sheriff Wilkins was putting up a big sign down at the Four Corners warning people with automobiles to go slow through the town, he met with a funny accident by falling off the sign in front of an automobile and getting both legs broke and his shoulder badly crushed. The automobile ran over him before it could stop.

Lady Ford-Coupe of the local imitation British set, has returned from the watering place, where she discovered mosquitoes, and the mosquitoes discovered her.

Roasting ears and wild blackberries are now obtainable, except in their liquid state.

Manx cats are appearing in our midst. The Manx cat has no tail, and costs accordingly. Don't buy an auto license until you have paid for your Manx cat.

"A lady from the south is visiting at the Cowles home, and agitating the younger folks, including many of our best dressed young men. What they see about her is beyond us"—(Paisley Items.) A very backhanded slap.

Who can remember when every Portland 4d had a K. I. G. Y. sign rattling on the rear axle?

The city came out pretty well last week. She won a kid ball game, and two of her sons were elected vice-presidents at state conventions.

What has become of the old-fashioned autoist who used to run off the grade in the Siskiyous?

The trend towards Populism is apparent. Atty G. Newbury was noted sitting on a fence in the Applegate Sunday.

YE NEAT REJOINDER
(Time Mag.)

Corpulent Author Irvin Shrewsbury Cobb complained: "Why can't men wear linens, silks or other summer-weight fabrics? . . . Remember the pores, for they are with us always."

The party who took our perfumed paste, cigarette holder, Bible, screwdriver, fountain pen (?), and Sunday necktie, now has our jackknife.

WHY?

THE CITY COUNCIL is made up of representatives of different political faiths, and of different business theories. In the last election some of them supported Mayor Wilson, and some of them didn't.

But on the matter of sewage disposal, and the necessity of the passage of the sewage bonds, the council from the first has been a unit.

Why? Because some undue pressure was brought to bear upon them, because these men are any less devoted to what is best for the welfare and prosperity of the city, than those who are opposing this bond issue?

Certainly no one can believe that. The members of the council are too well known,—men like Clarence Meeker, George Porter, D. R. Terrett, Pete Kershaw, Bill Allen, Charles Furnas, C. C. Darby and J. O. Grey—for anyone to doubt, either their integrity or their courage; or to believe that they are unanimous in this action, for any other reason than being in possession of all the facts, they KNOW that for the protection of the health of this community, this action must be taken.

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THE members of the Lions club endorsed these sewage bonds. Why? Because the members of this organization were unduly influenced, because they wish to impair the credit of the city in which they live, because they are any less interested in what is best for their city, than those who now condemn their action?

WHO CAN BELIEVE THAT? They endorsed these bonds, simply because, when all the facts were presented to them, they became convinced that there was nothing else to be done, that for the best interests of Medford, these bonds had to be voted, and the Lions club pledged the organization to work toward that end.

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SIMILAR action has been taken by the Kiwanis club, also by the Chamber of Commerce. Why? Because the officers and members of these two organizations were deceived, coerced, misinformed, subjected to anything but a full and free presentation and discussion of all the facts?

CERTAINLY NOT. These endorsements were made, and scores of members, originally opponents of the bonds, became uncompromising supporters, simply because, GIVEN ALL THE FACTS, they realized that the future development and welfare of their city demanded it.

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AS WITH these representative organizations, so with the people of Medford at large; all that has been needed, all that is needed now, is for the voters to KNOW THE FACTS, know the situation, not as certain interests try to make it appear, but as it really is.

Now the campaign ends. We are confident that every man and woman in Medford, in possession of all the facts, will vote for these bonds, because, like members of the city council, the members of the Lions, Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce, they have become convinced by these facts that as it is to the best interests of the city, so IT IS TO THEIR BEST INTEREST, that this action should be taken at this time.

IT'S NO TIME TO QUIT

THIS paper has done everything in its power to give the people the facts of this sewage situation—not to misrepresent one of them,—to picture the situation exactly as it exists.

We have shown that the bond issue of $235,000 represents the cost of two projects, a sewage disposal plant and a trunk sewer, the former to cost $112,500, the latter $108,000, with $15,000 as a necessary contingent fund.

These figures have been examined and approved by a group of the foremost sanitary engineers in the country, including Samuel A. Greeley of the firm of Pearse, Greeley & Hansen of Chicago—a firm of international reputation (Mr. Greeley making a personal visit to this city); by William J. Roberts, consulting engineer of Tacoma, Washington, who also visited Medford, — by Harry N. Jenks, engineer, of Berkeley, California; by Burns, McDonald & Smith of Los Angeles; by L. R. Stockman, consulting engineer of Baker, Oregon; by Clyde C. Kennedy, consulting engineer of San Francisco.

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ALL these men agreed the preliminary work had been efficiently done, that the estimates were, in their opinion, approximately correct. To remove all doubt, C. E. Green, sanitary engineer of the state board of health, was called in, has made frequent visits to Medford, and not only endorses the plans of City Superintendent Scheffel, but has publicly stated that such makeshifts as enlarging the present septic tanks, or constructing one of these projects without the other would not correct the situation, or offer a solution that his department could accept. He further called attention to the fact that similar projects in other cities, La Grande, Oregon, and Walla Walla, Washington, cost proportionately the same amounts.

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IN THE face of such evidence can anyone believe that City Superintendent Scheffel and the city council have entered into some strange conspiracy to foist upon the city a sewage system, that is not needed, at a cost that is not justified, or are advocating a move that the welfare of Medford does not demand?

Well, those who do are beyond the force of logic or reason as far as we are concerned. We realize nothing we could say would change their minds.

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BUT we think we know the people of Medford well enough to know that they will not be influenced by suspicions of this kind. We think we know them well enough to know that when an improvement is as necessary as this improvement is, when the evidence is so overwhelming in its favor, that, in spite of hard times, in spite of discouraging conditions, they will vote for what is best for the city tomorrow, as they have always voted in the past.

THE CITY TAX SITUATION

A FRIENDLY subscriber has called attention to what he supposed was an error in our last Sunday's editorial, when it was stated Medford's debt in "general obligation bonds" was $277,500. He said the debt of the city is $1,978,530.

He is right as to the total city debt. And we were right as to general obligation bonds which must be paid for by taxation.

All the city debt except $277,500 is paid for by water rentals or by special assessments against property, NOT BY GENERAL TAXATION.

If these sewer bonds are voted, they will raise this general tax obligation to a total of $512,500, which, as was pointed out, would still leave a credit balance available to the city of $326,000, over the 10 per cent charter limitation.

We did not suppose anyone would misunderstand our contention. The city debt is a large one. But it is all self sustaining, being paid for and retired outside of taxation, EXCEPT THIS $277,500. And it is this amount only that would be increased by the passage of these bonds.

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.

TING! TING! 'TIS THE BRASS SPECIALIST AT WORK

Here is an instance from actual practice illustrating the way the brass specialist works. The majority of laymen, at least the wiseacres, are addicted to brass specialism and for their benefit I suppose we'll have to append a footnote to explain the joke.

Dear Dr. Brady:

I have a goitre and have been doctoring for it six months, taking iodine, etc., and have noticed no improvement.

Two weeks ago I went to another doctor. He gave me a metabolism test, the result being metabolism plus 60. He then advised immediate removal by operation, because my pulse seldom varied from 120 to 140 and I am extremely nervous.

Our family physician does not advise immediate operation. He believes that by intensive treatment I may be able to get rid of it, but he would not be positive. I might doctor it two years and then in the end have to undergo the operation anyway.

I am writing to ask whether treatment brings lasting results or would the goitre only disappear to reappear as soon as I ceased treating?

I have a caustic (probably the correspondent meant to say "toxic") goitre, and several people have remarked that my eyes look staring.

Is there any other way to remove goiter? Is dithermy used for this disease?

I do not wish to undergo an operation unless there is no other way. (Evidently the correspondent ignores the other way her physician advises.)

This goitre specialist says it is making my heart work twice as fast as normal and if I wait too long for the operation my heart will have become incurable. Is that true? (In general it is just a brass specialist lie.)

Thank you,
Mrs. ———

Where the patient made her first mistake was in "going to another doctor," you know, to check up on the opinion or advice of her family or regular physician. That is typical of the wiseacre class. They feel they must outsmart the doctor in any case. They are untrustworthy themselves, so they just have to "check up" on the advice of the doctor.

The brass specialist, this lady consulted promptly ran her thru his wonderful machine, and she came out bearing the imprint "metabolism plus nothing minus 60 equals immediate operation." It was all over but the mortgaging of the house.

Even under the exasperation imposed on him the family doctor still kept his temper and gave the unfaithful patient his best opinion and advice, and gave it honestly. Of course no doctor or specialist or human being can promise or guarantee successful results or cure from any treatment. Only unequivocal fakers, mail order healers and brass specialists in our regular medical organization hold out such assurances to the prospective sucker.

At the very best, operation can only give the exophthalmic goitre patient a boost, by radically reducing the dose of the thyroid secretion the patient has to stand. Quite as careful and prolonged medical treatment is necessary following the operation as may be required to restore many such patients to health without operation. Of course the brass specialist carefully avoids explaining this to the prospective victim. His game is to let the prospective victim go to the operating room under the illusion that a miraculous cure is about to take place.

Had the child — the woman played the game honestly with her family doctor, it would have gone something like—oh, oh, no more space available today. I'll tell you later.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Nickel Platers Do Not Have Tuberculosis

The boss of a nickel plating concern tells me his men rarely have tuberculosis. Can you account for this? (D. L. H.)

Answer.—No, and I can find no data relating to it.

Baby in the Sun

This last winter we were too hard up to buy cod liver oil, tho our baby's legs were noticeably bowed and her belly looked big. Babies with rickets are not particularly tough, are they? Well, in February we had a few days of sunshine. We put her out in the sunshine, with re legs and head bare. She liked it. She was always warm to the touch. In April we had more sunshine, and she absorbed plenty, so that before May she had a fine coat of tan and she gained so much. How wicked it is to cling to a silly notion that infants must not have any "exposure." We are thankful for Dr. Brady's teachings. (Mrs. H. G. M.)

Answer—I am happy to know about it. Your baby is a lucky baby even if she didn't get her cod liver oil ration—she got the Vitamin D just the same.

Pains Removed While You Work

Thank you for recommending Dr. ——— to me for diathermy of my tonsils. I have finished the treatment and I am more than pleased. My throat is as clean as can be. Also I got rid of pains all over my body after the second treatment . . . (F. R.)

Answer—It is a good conservative plan for those who are not the best risks for surgery. Find some doctor skilled in this modern method and put the diagnosis of focal infection to a therapeutic test. If two or three diathermy treatments fail to bring improvement in the general condition, then you may well hesitate about pursuing that idea further.

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

July 14, 1921
(It was Thursday)

Warrant issued for the arrest of Dr. Brumfield, prominent resident of Roseburg, charging him with the murder of Dennis Russell, a laborer. Body found beneath Dr. Brumfield's burning auto, and it was first thought to be that of Dr. Brumfield. Object of murder was to collect heavy insurance. Coastwise search for Dr. Brumfield begins.

All sleeping space at Crater Lake lodge taken by sudden rush of tourists.

Old fashioned country dinner to be feature of Scenic Preservation society picnic.

Seven autoists fined for violations of the traffic laws by J. J. McMahon, traffic cop.

Wall Street stocks dwindle to low marks.

The Pacific highway between Grants Pass and Gold Hill opened to traffic.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 14, 1911
(It was Friday)

Regular auto service to Crater Lake is inaugurated.

Food and drug trusts after scalp of Dr. H. W. Wiley, pure food crusader.

Mercury reaches 101 degrees and it is hottest day of year.

Griffin creek forest fire extinguished.

Trial of McNamara brothers, accused Los Angeles Times dynamiters, set for October 1.

Gaby Des Lys, who lured the king of Portugal to abandon his throne, to appear in New York vaudeville.

SUNDOWN STORIES

BATS' TREE HOMES

By Mary Graham Bonner

"We're going to visit members of the red bat family," the Little Black Clock began. "They do not live in caves, but in trees."

After they had traveled a short distance they came to some bushes where they saw a family of bats and their cousins hanging down from thin little branches.

"What an uncomfortable way of resting," said John. "You've turned the time back to daylight. Don't they mind the light?"

"The red bats don't mind it so much as some of the others, and let the sun pour down upon them as they hang on to the branches. If they objected to the light they would join their cousins who live in dark caves or crevices.

"In winter some of them go to darker, quieter, more protected winter homes such as caves, but most of these bats will go south in cold weather.

"Come along. I want to introduce you to a mother bat."

So John and Peggy were introduced to the mother bat and in her squealing bat talk, which they could understand because of the Clock's magic, she told them her story.

"We eat insects," said Mother Bat, "and I hope you'll tell this to people who do not like us.

"And tell them about my lovely children, please," said Mother Bat.

Peggy laughed to herself, for she thought the people she knew would not think bat children lovely.

Suddenly she decided she would show how she could fly with the children hanging on to her.

It was marvelous to watch them and then the Clock asked the bats to do some flying stunts.

Tomorrow—"Flying Saunts"

BANISH PILES THE NEW WAY

TWO COLAC PILE PILLS INTERNALLY WITH SWALLOW OF WATER EACH MEAL RELIEF IN ONE DAY IN MANY CASES. 40 Tablets 75 Cents At Drug Stores.

Car Owners Bought More Firestone Tires During April, May and June than in any like period in History

THERE are reasons for this—Firestone is now building the Greatest Tire Values in history, with the result that Firestone factories are operating 24 hours a day, 6 days a week, to meet public preference.

This is the year everybody is scrutinizing his purchases. This is particularly true in tire buying because of the many confusing and misleading statements made about tires.

To give car owners the facts, Firestone published comparisons showing quality, construction and prices. Then the public came in — made their own comparisons with cross-sections cut from Firestone tires—and from special brand mail order tires and others.

When they saw the facts, they bought more Firestone tires during April, May and June than in any like period in Firestone history.

Drive in today and let us show you these Firestone Extra Values and have your car equipped for Safe, Trouble Free Summer Motoring. *We can save you money and serve you better.*

COMPARE PRICES

Firestone
OLDFIELD TYPE

MAKE OF CAR	TIRE SIZE	Our Cash Price Each	★Special Brand Mail Order Tire	Our Cash Price Per Pair
Ford, Chevrolet	4.40-21	$4.98	$4.98	$9.60
Chevrolet	4.50-20	5.60	5.60	10.90
Ford	4.50-21	5.69	5.69	11.10
Ford, Chevrolet, Whippet, Erskine, Plymouth, Chandler, DeSoto, Dodge, Durant, Graham-P., Pontiac, Roosevelt, Willys-Kt.	4.75-19	6.65	6.65	12.90
Essex, Nash	5.00-20	7.10	7.10	13.80
Marquette, Olds'bile, Buick	5.25-18	7.90	7.90	15.30
Buick	5.25-21	8.57	8.57	16.70
Auburn, Jordan, Reo	5.50-18	8.75	8.75	17.00

MAKE OF CAR	TIRE SIZE	Our Cash Price Each	★Special Brand Mail Order Tire	Our Cash Price Per Pair
Gardner, Marmon, Oakland, Peerless, Stud'b'k'r	5.50-19	$8.90	$8.90	$17.30
Chrysler, Viking, Franklin, Hudson, Hup'bile, LaSalle, Packard	6.00-18	11.20	11.20	21.70
	6.00-19	11.40	11.40	22.10
	6.00-20	11.50	11.50	22.30
Pierce-A.	6.00-21	11.65	11.65	22.60
Stutz	6.50-20	13.10	13.10	25.40
Cadillac, Lincoln	7.00-20	15.35	15.35	29.80

TRUCK and BUS TIRES

SIZE	Our Cash Price Each	★Special Brand Mail Order Tire	Our Cash Price Per Pair
30x5 H.D.	$17.95	$17.95	$34.90
32x6 H.D.	29.75	29.75	57.90
36x6 H.D.	32.95	32.95	63.70
6.00-20 H.D.	15.35	15.35	29.80

★A "Special Brand" tire is made by a manufacturer for distributors such as mail order houses, oil companies and others, under a name that does not identify the tire manufacturer to the public, usually because he builds his "best quality" tires under his own name. Firestone puts his name on *every* tire he makes.

Double Guarantee— Every tire manufactured by Firestone bears the name "FIRESTONE" and carries Firestone's unlimited guarantee and ours. You are doubly protected.

COMPARE
CONSTRUCTION and QUALITY

Firestone Gives You	4.50-21 Tire: Firestone Oldfield Type	4.50-21 Tire: ★A Special Brand Mail Order Tire	6.00-19 H. D. Tire: Firestone Oldfield Type	6.00-19 H. D. Tire: ★A Special Brand Mail Order Tire
More Rubber Vol. Cubic Inches	172	161	298	267
More Weight, Pounds	16.99	15.73	28.35	26.80
More Width, Inches	4.75	4.74	5.98	5.84
More Thickness, Inches	.627	.578	.840	.821
More Plies at Tread	6	5	8	7
Same Price	$5.69	$5.69	$11.40	$11.40

SPECIAL!
From July 15th to July 22nd
Brakes Adjusted $1.25
(Passenger Cars Only)

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Complete Firestone One-Stop Service