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Ye Smudge Pot (By Arthur Perry): Ponderous thinkers of the state, writing for and to the papers, have come to the conclusion that "the way to reduce the taxes, is to reduce the taxes."

POTENT STUFF (Heppner News): The lone dance was well attended according to reports and was a gay and festive affair.

Henry Ford, the tin-limale billionaire, whose thinking is generally as erratic as one of his contraptions, pops into the news again with the argument that "charity is unnecessary, because it is unnatural."

Up to the time of going to press, the juvenile communists of Portland have not dynamited the city hall.

Mrs. Fred Bolser was hostess yesterday afternoon to a group of friends.

REMARKS ON LETTUCE: Health and diet propaganda, says the bureau of agricultural economics, has produced a demand for lettuce that has pushed it into second place among vegetable foods.

But the health and diet propagandists, who never can let anybody alone, got the notion there must be some connection between lettuce and the superior intelligence of the rabbit.

The "champion of the people" crop is now the heaviest in the memory of living man.

Many proprietors of false teeth, are complaining about their faculty.

Fears are expressed that hunters will not be able to get out and shoot each other for deer on time, owing to the drought.

Blueberries are getting more plentiful and several were seen starting off with this morning.

JACKSONVILLE DANCE SWELLS TRUCK FUND: JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Aug. 20.—(Special.) The next sum of \$100 was realized from the benefit dance given Saturday night for the fire department to buy a new fire truck.

President Dale Gear of the Western league favors "cheaper baseball to compete with the times."

Making Matters Worse

EVEN if conditions were as bad as the anvil chorus maintains, to constantly talk about them only makes them worse.

Material conditions are important, but THE MENTAL ATTITUDE ONE TAKES TOWARD THEM IS MORE IMPORTANT.

World business has been seriously ill, and is still far from well. But the rules which apply to business health, are identical with those which apply to physical health.

Imagine what would happen to an individual who had been seriously ill; if in the midst of the illness, or when convalescence had started, the doctors, the nurse, the members of his family and his friends, did nothing but talk about his aches and pains, and the slight chance he had of ever regaining his health again.

IT IS the same with business. The anvil chorus with its constant squawking, its insistence upon looking upon the darkest side of things and predicting the worst, is doing everything in its power to invite the supreme disaster it deplures—and presumably wishes to avoid.

There is no point in disregarding the seriousness of any illness, physical or economic,—underestimating the dangers it is harmful and absurd, as overestimating them.

BUT there is no need, and no excuse, for doing EITHER. The sensible course—also the courageous and intelligent course—is TO FACE THE FACTS AS THEY ARE ON ONE HAND; AND THEN PLACE THE BEST POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION UPON THEM, ON THE OTHER.

This isn't Pollyanna optimism; it is merely common sense. It is the gospel of the worker and the fighter; as opposed to the gospel of the squealer and the quitter.

It is, in short, the true spirit of America,—the spirit that has made the country what it is; and was NEVER MORE ACUTELY NEEDED THAN IT IS TODAY.

The Medford Public Library

HERE is a bit of good news. The Medford public library, under the able direction of Miss Wooley, has been going quietly along from year to year, doing its job, without any blare of trumpets or clanking of cymbals.

Everyone has known it was a good library. But we didn't suspect, and believe few others suspected, it was as GOOD as it is.

A pamphlet entitled "The Letter," published weekly by the Manchester Educational Center, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, edited by Samuel Ely Eliot, came to this desk the other day, and from a report of the meeting of the American Association for Adult Education held in New York city, we quote the following extract:

"In one of the general sessions, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, closed a magnificent address with the following significant personal anecdote. Referring to the special interest which library reading lists have always had for him—and incidentally he cast a slur on a great many of them by saying they tend altogether too much to include 'Best Sellers' and 'Books of the Month'—he told about an experience he had when he dropped into the library of the little town of Medford—returning from a visit to Crater Lake:

"I picked up the reading list, from the library desk, and was delighted to find a well balanced piece of work. The treatment of a subject from one angle was offset by its treatment from other angles; its approach by an author of one type with an entirely different approach by some author of another type. It was an inspiration to encounter a genuine example of creative work of this sort in a distant part of the Union."

Not bad, coming from one of the foremost educators and publicists in the country today, a man with both a national and international reputation for never indulging in hot air, and never giving credit except where credit is emphatically due.

Good Work

HERE is a bright side to this much-advertised depression. It has been a truism that public officials are always asking for more money for themselves and their departments, and always fighting against any suggestions of retrenchment and economy—EXCEPT FOR THE OTHER FELLOW.

But thanks to aggressive leadership and good business sense in Jackson County, local officials yesterday voluntarily accepted reductions in their departments which will total approximately \$11,000 a year.

Knowing these officials, one is safe in predicting that their service to the people will be as efficient and satisfactory, in the future, as in the past. The county officials have simply done voluntarily what every well managed business has been forced to do,—cut here and save there, to successfully meet the changed economic conditions.

ALL CREDIT TO JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS! Lessons of economy and greater efficiency in public business, as well as in private business, imposed by hard times, will bring larger profits when good times return again.

It's an ill wind that blows no one good.

Signs of Better Times

(By The Associated Press) Net income of \$1,006,997 for the first half of 1931, as compared to \$1,271,111 in the corresponding period of 1930, has been reported by International Paper & Power Co. The net income for the June quarter was \$1,018,436, against \$1,001,056 in the June quarter of 1930.

Budd Wheel company has declared the usual extra dividend of 75 cents on the preferred stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents on the common and \$1.75 on the preferred.

Directors of the Chicago Yellow Cab Company, Inc., a unit of the Parnefte system, had declared a 25 cent dividend payable December 1 to stockholders of November 20.

An initial quarterly dividend of 12 1/2 cents on the common stock has been declared by F. & R. Lazarus & Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Grading of 5.2 miles Heppner-Spray road completed at cost of \$83,981.

NEXT HIGHWAY MEET EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP) The next state highway meeting is expected to be held early in September, it was announced here yesterday by William Hanley and Charles T. Spaulding, two members of the commission. Illness of Chairman H. B. Van Duzer, Portland, resulted in no session being held during August.

SKULL OF SHOWMAN CRUSHED BY TRUCK

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP) Frank Miller, itinerant employee of a road show, was crushed to death between a truck and its trailer here today. He was 39 years old. Miller was coupling the trailer to the truck. Another employee, believing Miller had completed the job and was out of the way, cranked the truck, which was in reverse. The truck backed up and crushed Miller's head.

RABBIT BREEDERS HOLD PICNIC ON APPLGATE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Aug. 23.—(Special.) The Southern Oregon Rabbit Breeders' association enjoyed its annual picnic on the Applegate Sunday. They also picked blackberries while there. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wilson and Mrs. Mamie Nelson were members from Jacksonville who attended. At cost of more than \$27,000 cut-off road from Marshfield to Empire completed.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Second 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. Only one letter 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.

THE DIET HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH PEPTIC ULCER. Gastric (stomach) ulcer or duodenal ulcer is much more common than it was formerly, or at any rate we make the diagnosis in a larger proportion of cases of chronic "indigestion" than we did formerly. If there is an actual increase in the prevalence of peptic ulcer it is interesting to speculate on the possible factors, but we don't know enough about it to speak with any great assurance.



I am no expert, just a plain garden variety of, er, medical student. Browsing about through the amazing quantities of current medical literature I get impressions here and there that seem to dovetail, and when you find the idea or theories or observations of one observer fitting in like that with the thoughts of another from a distant quarter of the globe you can't help thinking that maybe both investigators are headed in the right direction even if they are approaching the problem from different angles.

There are a thousand and one cut and dried "diets" for stomach or duodenal ulcer patients, each having its eminent originator and sponsor and a following of more or less important specialists who peddle the menu out to patients and get fat fees for it or at least considerable fame.

I find I can peddle complete diet lists for gastric or duodenal ulcer patients at a nickel or a dime per customer and make a profit on the business! My diet lists are neatly printed and accompanied with brief recommendations or suggestions which would probably cost the customer an extra ten berries if he got it from some alleged stomach specialist.

But I'm not peddling diet lists. Not that I like to be mean and unaccommodating. Only that I don't believe they are worth your nickel or dime, my poor gullible friend. Oh, yes, I have a few little things like that, menus, sample diets, as it were, in one thing and another which I do send to a correspondent when I think it may be of use to him. What I mean is you can't purchase a diet list for this or that from me, not at any price, and neither can you get one free of charge, by asking for it. If you get any such list from me it will be strictly voluntary on my part and NOT in response to your request or order.

Now, then, readers who have gastric or duodenal (peptic) ulcers will please stand aside. I want to have a few words with the rest of the family—the unfortunate folk who have to live with such patients. I have here, folks, a carefully prepared menu for

People Who Have to Live With the Peptic Ulcer Patient, and it covers three meals a day for a full week, with the stems the patient may take marked with asterisk. I am happy to send this list to any correspondent who asks for it and incloses a stamped envelope bearing his address. On the back of the menu, just to prove I'm not so crabbid, you will find a complete menu of six meals a day covering the first week's diet for an ambulatory peptic ulcer patient, so if the patient at your house gets peevish with the two, three or four star meals he shares with the rest of the family, just turn him over and give him the diet on the reverse side of the menu, or rather, turn the menu over and feed him for a week from that side.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Varicose Veins. Is it possible to cure varicose veins by exercise, such as running, and the application of hot and cold packs? Can the ill effects be remedied by this method?—J. R.

Answer—Sounds like a farcical cure. Varicose veins in any situation cannot be cured by such fool remedies. Varicose has no particular ill effect, save the discomfort it gives in some cases. I dislike to answer impersonal queries about morbid conditions, either here or by letter, but I am always glad to give the best I can to anyone who cares to inquire about any question of his or her own health or happiness.

First and Last Time. Bothered with roaches for first time. They get into everything. Please send me the instructions for their annihilation which so many of your correspondents praise.—Mrs. D. G.

Answer—Yes'm, and if you follow the instructions I'm mailing you (not safe to print) this will be the last time you'll be bothered by that particular race or band of roaches. Shortly after you offer 'em the remedy I suggest they'll get out of everything and quit your premises cold. I'm really sorry about this, for I doubt the amusing little fellows do you any harm, and I feel as cruel in killing them as I would in killing ordinary garden or country cottage snakes.

Gasoline Cleared Up Foot Itch. Perhaps you like to hear what effect your suggestions have. I had ringworm on the feet and I could find nothing to help it much. I tried soaking the feet in plain gasoline (not ethyl) for a half a minute, and the trouble completely cleared up inside of a week.—E. H. G.

Answer—Yes, the gasoline treatment has given remarkable relief or cure in many cases. Anyone who tries it should be careful NOT to use ethyl gas, but just ordinary gas. Perhaps half a minute is longer than the foot need be soaked in gasoline, and usually one or two such soakings in one or two days will suffice. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

IS JEALOUSY CUTE? By Alice Judson Peale. The behavior of three-year-old Bobby on certain occasions when his father monopolized his mother's attention was considered most amusing.

Bobby was in the habit of running down to the gate to meet his father when he came home at night. Dad would pick him up, kiss him, and bring him into the house.

Then abruptly he was put down, his small presence entirely forgotten, while his father and mother absorbed each other's attention.

Bobby would wait patiently for a few minutes, then he would tug first at mother's dress and then at father's trouser leg, sometimes even thrusting himself between them, and shouting loudly to attract their notice.

Time and again this performance was greeted with gales of laughter. Sometimes they even teased him by pretending to be more and more engrossed in their conversation, purposely ignoring him.

It was not until the day when Bobby, overcome with rage, sank his small sharp teeth into his father's wrist that they ceased to think his behavior was cute.

Childish jealousy is not a joke, for it can become a consuming passion which fills the spirit with feelings of hate and inferiority that in turn give rise to guilt and more inferiority.

The parent who encourages exhibitions of jealousy through teasing, ridicule, or indifference is guilty of something which is actually a crime against his child.

The jealousy which a child feels toward either parent is peculiarly devastating in its effect upon the entire personality. It does more damage than almost any other emotion.

Guard your child against it. Be sure that the family circle is a threesome, rather than a twosome, when he is present. Give him a chance to enjoy the attention and friendly companionship of both parents.

Boundary Boards Lack Route Veto. SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—A district boundary board has no power to veto establishment of school bus routes, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle held in an opinion today. The law provides that the authority of such boards is merely regulatory concerning bus routes, and not prohibitive.

Earl A. Nott, district attorney of Yamhill county, requested the opinion whether or not the boundary board of his county could veto a school route already established.

Ashland—Tom Hill plans opening grocery business in this city.

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 August 20, 1921 (It was Saturday) Jackson county is footing bills for series of prohibition raids. Raids called in by county court after grand jury probe.

Catfish planted in the Rogue river at Gold Hill. Rich strike reported at the Gold Ridge mine.

M. F. & H. building is sold to Salt Lake company. Reginald Pifer of the Jackson County bank is suffering from an infected right foot, while his father, T. A. Pifer of the Medford National bank, has a carbuncle on the back of his neck.

The showing made at the Mundy oil well causes some local excitement. Twenty Years Ago Today August 20, 1911 (It was Sunday) Medford opera house undergoes repairs for coming theatrical season.

University club bachelors defeat University club married men at baseball. Update editor draws editorial wrath of Mail-Tribune, when he complains of "too much Medford

is characterized, as "indiscrete to say the least." Chief witness in the local white slave case is caught in Nevada. The Ray power properties are sold to the Shalypou Power company for \$3,300,000.

Dr. J. F. Reddy is named vice-president of the Pacific Highway association. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey is mentioned as a Democratic nominee for the presidency.

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