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Ye Smudge Pot

There seems to be considerable difficulty encountered in launching employment relief work in various sections of the nation.

The fall bridge playing season has opened, as a number of husbands have been loose evenings lately.

The week-end rush of deer hunters has subsided, and hill-billies have started coming out from under the barn.

It has reached such a stage that persons neglect their own business to bemoan hard times and discuss chemical panacea.

It looks like OSC. would have a football team this year. They have no three year veterans.

WHY MAN STRUTS (Pountain Inn Tribune)

If a lady doesn't get the man she wants—assuming she is foolish enough to want any—it is because she is too timid or too proud to give the luncheon's hand a gentle pat and thus addle his wits.

These are the kind of days, when men stroll into the hills, and mistake a hole in the ground for the world's richest platinum mine.

In many areas, the YMCA will have charge of the winter's relief. It is hoped a better job of getting bacon to the poor is consummated.

Atty. H. Skyrman is slipping a new suit in the face of the panic.

The news pictorial magazines did not print enough copies their last issue. They contain a picture of the Prince of Wales, eating a ham sandwich, while "shooting over the Yorkshire moor."

"Flat money" is coming to the fore, as a public debate topic. As the great majority know less about flat money, than they do about the tariff, it is probable that the discussion will be carried on, with great vigor, gusto, and gun-play.

M. Gandhi, the Hindu Messiah, is "remaining indoors," and if you were nothing but a smile, and a commodious G-string, you would do the same.

The crows are guffawing on the Alice Hanley place, and the opening Hahl Rahal of the season will be emitted Saturday.

TOO MUCH (Brush, Colo., Tribune)

Too much oats and too much wheat, Too much corn and too much heat, Too much cotton, too much oil, Too many hours that we don't toil, Too many highways, too many cars, Too many people behind the bars, Too much poverty, too much wealth, Too many people have poor health, Too much politics, too much booze, Too many wearing high heeled shoes, Too many loafing, too many bets, Too many falling to pay their debts, Too many spending their dough for sex, Too many talking of Europe's seas, Too many buying beyond their means, Too many buying canned corn and beans, Too many sowing their crop of wild oats, Too many candidates after your votes, Too many airing their washing done, Too many playing bridge for fun, Too many looking to Uncle Sam, Too many people don't give a damn, Too many poets, too much prose, Too many girls without underclothes, Too much buying of goods on time, Too many people don't save a dime, Too much bull, too much play, Too many officers on the pay, Too many taxes, too much spent, Too many folks spend every cent, Too much fun, too much ease, Too many rips in my B. V. D.'s, Too much reform, too much law, The darndest mess you ever saw. (Via A. W. Lynch, city).

Another Way to End Depression

THE announcement that Mrs. Carl Von der Hellen has sold a story to the Ladies' Home Journal, and had been advised by the editor of that publication that she might sell a book to Houghton Mifflin company, deserves a few words of comment.

In the first place, Mrs. Von der Hellen is to be congratulated upon her success—the result, as is usual in such cases, of HARD WORK AND PERSISTENT EFFORT IN THE FACE OF MANY DISCOURAGEMENTS.

In the second place, her success should encourage others hereabouts, who believe they have a story to tell, but who don't know how to go about it,—think that some special training is needed before they can START.

Mrs. Von der Hellen had no special training, and there are scores of other successful writers who had no special training. In fact, special training is seldom needed. The best way to learn to write is SIMPLY TO WRITE,—try one's hand at it and keep on trying. Disregarding the positive geniuses—which are few in number—practically all successful authors are self-trained and self made.

ANOTHER item of encouragement is the undeniable fact that there is SOMETHING in the atmosphere of the Rogue River valley that is conducive to creative literary effort. Edison Marshall, of course, leads the local list,—now recognized as one of the first half dozen of the most successful writers of romantic fiction and adventure in the United States. There are others. Brainerd Beckwith, for example, who started his early literary efforts here, and whose recent novel "Galloping Down" is one of the season's best sellers. Then there is Colonel C. G. Thompson, former Crater Lake director, and our own A. C. Allen and his son, Jim,—all have added to their incomes simply by writing of their own experiences, and elaborating upon them.

WHAT these individuals have done, others can do. AND THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN THE PRESENT TO DO IT. For not only are a few added dollars especially welcome at the present time; but the literary market is one of the few not affected by this world-wide depression. In fact, there is reason to believe that when business is slack and unemployment extensive, the people read more than at any other time.

ANOTHER point in favor of giving the writing game a trial. No capital investment is needed. Outside of paper and pen (or a typewriter) the author needs nothing but WHAT IS IN HIS HEAD. He can stay in his hall bedroom, or travel abroad de luxe, keep his regular job, or chuck it. It makes no difference. He is absolutely independent and self sufficient, as long as he has his ideas and has something to put them on.

SO HOP to it, boys and girls, women and men. But just one word of warning. DON'T send your efforts to the editor of this paper for advice and suggestions. If he knew how to write, he would be writing, instead of keeping his nose on the editorial grindstone. If you have a story to tell, or experiences to relate, just put them down in your own words and in your own way. Then blow yourself for a 2-cent stamp and send the MSS to some eastern magazine. Don't expect a check the first time—although that sometimes happens. Remember that Booth Tarkington had 89 rejections before he rang the bell. For, we repeat, the only way to learn to write IS TO WRITE; and the only way to write successfully, is never forsake that time-honored adage: "IF YOU DON'T AT FIRST SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN!"

Birds and Boys and Girls

WE WILL close today's discourse by commenting favorably upon two recent communications.

Today a "lover of birds" warns against shooting meadow larks during the open season for game birds which will soon be here. We emphatically second the motion. The meadow lark is not only a thing of beauty and a joy forever, but a very effective pest eradicator. He and all other song birds should be protected at all times.

And we might amend this motion by including pet dogs, family cows, front porches and garages—these also should be exempt from the barrage of birdshot which always marks the opening of the hunting season. This should be particularly true within the city limits.

THE second communication urged the people of Medford to assist in giving deserving young people, particularly from the rural districts, a High School education.

Whatever doubts may exist about the necessity of a college education, none exist—or should exist—regarding the necessity of a High School education. Any boy or girl deprived of this, suffers a handicap throughout life which is seldom overcome. There are many girls and boys in the country districts, who can't afford such an education, unless they can work for their room and board. No money is involved; merely a place to eat and sleep, in return for which the student assists in the performance of necessary household duties.

NO DOUBT the difficulty in finding places for such students has been the result of indifference rather than that no places for such employment exist.

We gladly add our word to that of the communicant, in urging Medford residents to consider this matter,—help deserving young people and also help themselves, by giving the former a chance to get an education, and securing assistance in household duties practically without cost.

Ye Letter Box

Support is Appreciated. To the Editor: The Medford American Legion Auxiliary wish to express to you their sincere thanks and appreciation for the fine publicity given to the recent Baby Show sponsored by us.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. Helen Willson, Corr. Secretary, September 22.

SEEK SYNTHETIC RUBBER IN BY-PRODUCTS OF GAS

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Synthetic rubber, motor fuels and perfumes may be made in the future with by-products of natural gas that now go to waste, says the bureau of mines.

Form "Last Man's Club." ENID, Okla.—(AP)—Oklahoma's American Legion formed a "last man's club" at its recent convention here. It is to hold annual sessions until death claims its last member.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane Mr. Shapiro's Dread. In India and in Iowa. Shall the Idle Hibernator? Canada, Gold Mountain.

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Shooting of gangsters by gangsters continues, and would make an interesting added chapter for Kropotkin's "Mutual Aid As a Factor in Evolution."

Mutual destruction thins the gangster ranks, but the empty places are soon filled.

Benjamin Meyerson of the Shapiro group boasted that he was "the best dressed racketeer in Brownsville." His next costume, not fashionable, will be supplied by an undertaker.

Jos. Grotti, another gangster, was killed near the spot on which Meyerson was placed. Both ex-convicts had been released or let out on bail after crimes that should have made it impossible for them to do any harm for 20 years at least.

The chief of their gang, Shapiro, recently killed, has peculiarities. He was not afraid of bullets, and proved it. "But he would run, gobbing, if anybody pulled a knife on him."

Our imagination and antecedents rule us. Our ancestors have seen knives and their work for so many hundred of generations that we all dread them. Bullets are new and we hardly believe in them.

India's natives, under British law, must submit to modern methods of fighting the plague. They do not like this and fight against it, insisting on their right to swim in the "Holy Ganges" river, although corpses of those dead of the plague may be floating upon it.

Iowa's state law compels testing cattle to make sure that they are not tubercular. A good idea, since children get consumption from the milk of tubercular cows. But it seems a bad idea, to some Iowa farmers and it has been necessary to call out the militia to protect those that have been sent out to test the cattle.

Discovery of insulin, marvelous remedy for diabetes, becomes more important and marvelous in view of recent scientific suggestions.

A learned Briton says that insulin would enable the unemployed to hibernate as the groundhog, bear and other animals do in winter, curling up, taking in barely enough oxygen to keep the heart going and eating nothing. Interesting solution of the unemployment and dole problem, perhaps.

But the thought of five or six million workers and their families curled up in the dark all winter, is unpleasant.

England withdraws temporarily from the gold standard and Canada, her stalwart son, announces a Canadian dollar backed with gold the same as the United States dollar. You wonder how soon England's children, and others, may be taking care of their ancient mother.

Not very soon probably, for the power of intellect in Britain, the most important of all wealth and in destructible.

No doubt about Canada's ability to carry out her gold standard program. Humboldt, quoted by Stuart Chase in his excellent new book on Mexico, described Mexico as a mountain of gold with a Mexican beggar astride of it.

That description is not accurate now, with Mexico building up industry and developing their resources.

Canada, in potential wealth, is indeed "a mountain of gold," and those in control are able, modern men, and in proportion to their transactions, our best customers.

The stock market stands extremely well the "gold news" from England. Important stocks yesterday were higher in price than before the news came. This is due in part to the stock exchange, having wisely put a ban on "short selling," that is to say, on speculators selling stocks that they do not own, in the effort to lower prices.

Since the stock exchange discouragement of speculators on the short side, which is the side of pessimism, has done so much good, why not continue it?

Every man in Wall Street knows that with short selling go rumors harmful to business, innumerable conspiracies against real values.

People of moderate means, who believe the bottom has been reached, and decide to buy stocks representing valuable properties, will, if wise,

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.

WHAT A DOCTOR SHOULD TELL HIS PATIENTS

The other day I told here about the practice of a physician who has a large number of diabetes patients. He gives two lectures a week, and invites all his patients to attend the lectures free of charge. That doctor's patients learn what every diabetic patient must know in order to derive the greatest benefit from treatment.

Pannie Benson Rogers, whose article "If I Had Known in the Beginning What I Know Now," published in the July issue of Journal of Outdoor Life, has attracted so much attention, proposes that physicians who have many tubercular patients should conduct similar meetings, conferences or lecture courses for the benefit of their patients. The National Tuberculosis Association, 450 Seventh Avenue, New York, which publishes the magazine, should distribute Miss Rogers' article widely, for it is the most practical and valuable bit of writing on tuberculosis that has been made available to the public since Mr. Stocker's "How I Won the Battle with Tuberculosis in My Own Home," was published in the same magazine 10 years ago.

This idea advanced by Miss Rogers ought to meet with wide acceptance among physicians who deal largely with tuberculosis. In this disease even more than in diabetes it is of the utmost importance that the patient have a fairly good understanding of the nature of his trouble and the healing process, in order that he may give the physician that complete cooperation which so greatly promotes recovery.

Here in the article she contributed to the tuberculosis association's official magazine, Miss Rogers tells her own inadequate understanding of these essentials handicapped her and retarded her recovery. If such lack of education can hinder recovery of a patient with the obvious high order of intelligence, this author shows, how much more harmful it must be for the general run of tuberculosis cure chasers.

Now that Pannie Benson Rogers suggests it, it seems almost negligent on the part of doctors who treat tuberculosis that they have not adopted some such practical method of educating or instructing their patients long ere this.

I know one reason why they have not—petty jealousy and narrow-mindedness. However, I ask any doctor who is on the square and in good standing—who can criticize a doctor for teaching his own patients how to get well? Of course nobody can.

Heretofore, these doctors largely or exclusively engaged in the treatment of tuberculosis have resorted to the comparatively inefficient pamphlet,

refrain from buying on margin. In this day of uncertainty, the ALL CASH plan means safety.

Our important question is "WHAT EFFECT WILL BRITAIN'S ACTION HAVE ON SILVER AND ITS VALUE?"

When an empire that reaches around the world says: "I can get along without gold if I choose," that is encouraging for silver. But we are a long way from bi-metalism.

In the eyes of high finance, nations are divided into two classes—gold standard and not gold standard. Britain will return to the gold standard, gold parity, ranks as soon as it can be done conveniently.

Japan admires the League of Nations, theoretically, but in matters affecting Japan that country cares as little about advice or direction from the league as does Mussolini himself.

League authorities are told that shooting Chinese and capturing a Chinese city by Japanese soldiers is a little matter with which they need not interfere. A Chinese-Japanese commission will attend to that.

SUNDOWN STORIES

By Mary Graham Bonner. "You see," began the Little Black Clock. "I asked for only enough magic to take both of you on trips and to turn the time backward and forward and to make it possible for us to understand the language of all sorts of creatures."

"That was certainly getting a lot of magic," John said. "Yes," the Little Black Clock agreed. "I have always felt we had all the magic we would need."

"As a matter of fact, we have such a great deal of magic and we can go wherever we wish, backward or forward in time—anywhere."

"We can get to places so quickly. I can give you extra hours so you do not miss any of your sleep and when I want something done, as I

Talks To Parents

EDUCATION THAT FITS By Alice Judson Peale. Mary Rose, aged 13, failed last year in her algebra. Her art work on the other hand, was excellent.

Her father, therefore, has decided that, since Mary Rose, already doing so well in art work, she may readily give it up to concentrate on the mathematics which she "needs."

The belief that children should be forced to concentrate on the thing which is most difficult, even to the exclusion of the things which they do easily and well, is based on the old-fashioned idea that education is just a form of discipline, a system into which the child, at all costs, must be made to fit.

Modern psychology lends an entirely new approach to the problem. The disciplinary value of learning a subject merely for the sake of learning has long been expiated.

The energy spent upon hatefully acquiring hateful techniques is wasted anyway, for the child forgets them as soon as possible.

On the other hand, it is now known that the pleasure and self-esteem which a child feels in the happy exercise of special aptitudes are necessary to any education worthy of the name.

Forced to concentrate on the thing which comes hard, deprived of opportunities to work at something he loves, he is likely to do worse than ever in the hated subject, while his entire intellectual and emotional development suffers incalculably.

When your child has difficulty with some particular subject, find out first whether it is necessary for him to continue his study as a basis for further balanced education.

If it is, see that he gets whatever help is needed, but be sure that in the process he does not sacrifice the development of the real aptitudes through which he can find both happiness and success.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Little Red Ants. We have little red ants all over the house wherever anything edible is. How can we get rid of them? Mrs. S. H. B.

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and repeat your question. Superfluous Hair. Most efficient means of removing superfluous hair.—M. M. C.

Answer—Depends on circumstances. Plucking, shaving with safety razor, rubbing with fine pumice stone, electrolysis, and x-ray are all good means in suitable cases. Cocoa Butter Myth. My arms are very thin and someone suggested I should rub cocoa butter into them. —J. P. P.

Answer—That is just an ancient myth of the beauty specialists. Of course you can't feed, nourish or develop any part of the body by any local medicine, food or gadget. Petrolatum. I have profited by several of your good suggestions, one being the Brady way of making coffee (stopping the brewing just short of boiling) and another that plain vasoline or petrolatum is more effective than the expensive mineral oils in helping overcome the constipation habit.—Mrs. D. D. R.

Answer—When you can smell the coffee all over the house you may know before you get down to breakfast that it has been ruined. If ordinary yellow petrolatum is repugnant, the white or colorless kind has the same effect. It is preferable to liquid petrolatum, and less is required. Marking. Please give your opinion on mother's marking their unborn children from unpleasant sight or happening.—Mrs. H. M. J.

Answer—Anyone who has had an opportunity to study embryology or the prenatal development knows how absurd is the superstition of "marking." If you are an expectant mother, or if there is one in your family, I'll be happy to send a letter of advice on receipt of your request and a stamped envelope bearing your address. No clipping. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

did the other evening, you can both do it for me. "I heard about that bird—some of the members of the bird's family outside the door had chirped in to me that bit of information."

"I knew you would both do the best." "It was just like having a little bird whisper something to you," Peggy smiled.

"Ah, you've heard that saying!" And the Clock nodded his head. "It really happened with a bird in the first place—I'll have to tell you about it."

"But now let's celebrate the bird's freedom by having an ice cream soda apiece." The Clock couldn't have made a better suggestion.

The sodas were simply delicious and after they had finished the Little Black Clock said: "Tomorrow I must tell you about that saying 'A little bird told me,' and then after that we're going to see a wonderful discovery!"

Tomorrow—"The Bird's Whisper."

Communications Protect Meadow Larks. To the Editor: As the open season for birds approaches, it is appropos to state that some hunters, especially thoughtless boys, shoot at every bird that flies, even at our own state bird, the meadow lark. Many larks were not able to survive the last two or three cold winters, so they are not so plentiful as they were. Fewer of them gladden the wintry days with their blithesome music. Who so scolded or thoughtless as to destroy any of those left?

Even to those who have no music in their souls, the meadow lark should have a strong appeal as a utility. It eats no grain nor fruit, but lives on insects and the seeds of weeds and wild grass. It destroys millions of grasshoppers and other harmful insects. Scientists state that man is engaged in a battle for his life against the insect world. Shall we destroy our allies, the birds? But for the birds insects would gradually overrun the earth and destroy our crops, leaving us to perish.

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 September 23, 1921. (It was Friday) Espee reduces on cost of dining car meals 10 to 30 per cent.

Roy Gardner, the escaped super-bandit writes President Harding a letter asking for a full pardon, and promising to surrender.

R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist awaiting trial for murder, stages wild scene in cell, and "acts like a madman."

Crater lake season closes. City files for water rights at Big Butte Springs. Ten thousand out-throws trout are planted at Butte Creek hatchery. Medford hunters get few deer. Rush of citizens to Salem to attend the state fair.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY September 23, 1911. (It was Saturday) Fred Hopkins sells his D'Anjou in London for \$2.25 per box. J. Pierpont Morgan puts Wall Street bears to rout with his money, and saves panic. Barber on wheel run over by auto at Main and Front. Uninjured. Two hundred and one people visit Oregon Caves past summer, custodian reports.

"The Girl in the Taxi" and "Baby Mine" next attractions at Medford opera house. People urged to vote for good road bonds on grounds it will furnish work for men and teams.



WHO... WILL CHOOSE A NAME FOR Medford's Newest and Finest Meat Market \$25 Cash To The One Selecting The Best Name—Visit This New Market SATURDAY at 12 NO. BARTLETT. Next Door to Snider's Name Suggestions Must Be Submitted Before 6 P. M. Monday, September 28

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