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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry.
 It begins to look like several of our extremely pessimistic souls, who confidently expect to starve to death the coming winter, just to keep the gloom raven black, are not going to accomplish their aim. Their remaining recourse is to die of disappointment, a form of demise that would not smirch the Hoover administration.

"Girl Shoots Self in Tennessee by Mistake"—(Headline LaGrande Observer)—The scar won't show like a vaccination mark.
 The burning beans are running the scouring mill a close race for Queen of the Smella, in an ex-home brew area.
 PARKER 12 gauge double barrel trap shotgun, cost \$175. Price \$60. Will exchange for food or milk. —(Eugene Register-Guard)—Signs of the times.

It is noted that the OGO football squad "looks like a reunion of Portland prep players." That used to be the OGO's greatest trouble, next to its campus politicians.
 One of the Older Girls scoldingly pointed a menacing forefinger at your corr late yesterday, and it looked as big as the German cannon in the city park.
 Romantic sets have started to howl their secret sorrows throughout the silvery night.

A number of young men throughout the province are getting their hind legs caught in the jail doors, for crimes ranging from punching a hole in a gas tank, to intemperately whacking the tail off a prize bull. The attendant publicity is always distasteful and distressing. Therefore, it is getting quite the thing, in these changing times, to run for an editor, if caught, instead of a lawyer.
 From this neck of the woods it seems that the state highway work for the relief of the unemployed has degenerated into a political rumpus, to decide what asphalt the proposed road will pass by, and to make room on the state highway commission for a Portland politician.
 The Arkansas Baptists have ceased threatening to shoot religion into each other with the meek and lowly shotgun.

It's a wonder the hunter coming home from the hills with his deer lashed to his auto, would not display the trophy where the general public could get a good look.
 YE OLDE APPLESAUCE.
 (Hayes City (Kan.) Times)
 My friends, let me preface my remarks to this evening by paying tribute to one of your fellow townsmen whom I have known for twenty years. He's a wonderful fellow, my dear friend Bill Blank, whose splendid qualities of character I want you to know are as greatly esteemed away from home as they are here where Bill has lived the best years of his life. In all the long years we have been friends I've never known him to harbor an unkind thought toward anyone; I know he never has been guilty of a dishonest act or permitted an untruth to pass his lips. His first impulse is one of generosity and his splendid record of accomplishment in helping to build your beautiful city and its splendid institutions—a contribution no other man in Western Kansas can equal—speaks for itself as a measure of the bigness of this man, friends, I tell you this man is big, big!

Young men in knee pants, and getting their first doses of education, are being informed by experts, that it is unhealthy to present school-teachers with apples, etc., etc., as a teacher might get a germ, of great ferocity, and imperil the public health. The teacher, realises of her own and the public health, is supposed to frown upon the lad bearing a red-checked beauty of the orchard, and inform that he is passing the bacteria around, and will grow up to be an anarchist. The first romantic impulse of a young man, is to give teacher an apple, and the health experts are in big business to set about to crush it, ruthlessly. There are many things that need correction worse, than rosy-checked boys, giving rosy-checked apples to rosy-checked school-ams.

West Station—New school building nearing completion.
 Florence—Approximately \$600 spent in street improvement work here during August.

Good Work!
 WE CONGRATULATE the Medford Rotary Club upon its decision to devote its cash reserve fund of several hundred dollars to introducing pure bred stock into the dairy herds of Jackson County. In our opinion a more practical and constructive move has never been undertaken by any service club in the city.
 The dairy business is essentially a manufacturing business. Its product is milk, its machinery is the cow. Dairying is an important industry in this county, which has grown remarkably in the past few years. Its immediate problem, however, is not so much increasing the NUMBER of cows, as increasing the VOLUME AND QUALITY OF MILK the cows produce.
 Therefore, the Rotary club, in introducing a better grade of stock, is giving the local dairy industry precisely the type of assistance it needs.

THE value of this assistance may be more clearly understood perhaps if the manufacturing analogy be carried a little farther.
 How successful would a factory be, for example,—a motor car factory, a sock factory, or what not—if a few machines produced say 100 units a day while a majority of the machines produced one-half or one-third that number?
 Obviously it would not be very successful, for the cost of operating the inferior machine would be as great as the cost of operating the superior machine, whereas the production of the latter would greatly exceed the production of the former. As a result net profits on the good machine would be more than eaten up by net losses on the poor machine, and the factory would be operating at a loss or at a serious sacrifice in profits, due to imperfect and inadequate equipment.
 Under such conditions, any capable factory manager would promptly scrap the poor machines and replace them with good machines, thus at no increase in the cost of operation and slight increase in capital investment he would produce a large volume and finer quality and materially increase his profits.

WELL, that is exactly the situation in the local dairy industry. Bringing in better stock and weeding out inferior stock, means installing better machines and scrapping inferior machines, thus increasing the profits of each dairy farmer and increasing the value and profits of the industry as a whole.
 Or to express it in another way, in the dairy business, which is a competitive industry, the poor scrub cow represents a liability instead of an asset, for it produces milk at a loss; while only the high grade cow produces milk at a profit.
 The Rotary club is starting a movement which if properly supported and carried out to its logical conclusion, will not necessarily increase the number of cows, but WILL increase the volume and quality of the milk produced.
 And this will put dairying in Jackson County, in a position, its natural advantages in Southern Oregon justify, UPON A PERMANENTLY PROSPEROUS BASIS.

THE recent "bargain day" conducted by the Mail Tribune was the most successful in its history. More people than ever before took advantage of it.
 But strange to relate, judging by reactions since then, more people than ever before FAILED to take advantage of it. At any rate, never before have so many desired to secure the bargain rate, after the expiration of the time limit.
 Obviously it would be entirely unfair to those who took advantage of the bargain day to grant the same privilege to those who failed to do so. Far better to hold no "bargain day" at all.
 This is written to correct a misapprehension which apparently exists in many quarters, namely: that the regular bargain day is not conducted in good faith—that the bargain price can be secured at any time during the year.
 This is untrue. Bargain day first started as one day only, was then extended to two, then three; and this year, so that no one desiring the bargain rate, could have an excuse for not taking advantage of it,—to a week.
 When that week ends the bargain offer ends,—it is the only honorable way a bargain day can be conducted.

"Bargain Day"
 SPEAKING of bargain days and failing to take advantage of them—
 In mid-October there will be a bargain day for those who miss good musical entertainment in Southern Oregon and want to hear something really worth while.
 The people of Medford and Jackson County will be invited to join the Civic Music association, a national organization, and enjoy at least three excellent concerts during the winter.
 Probably many who have read of this movement have put it down as another "drive" to get contributions from reluctant donors, but such is not the case.
 There will be no drive in the generally accepted sense, no pleas for help, no super-sales methods.
 It will be entirely an invitational affair. If 400 or more people in Medford and Jackson County care enough for good music to join this association at \$5 per year, they will get it; if they don't they won't. That is all there is to it.
 But this fact should be borne in mind. For only ONE WEEK will the opportunity be open. After that time, if the unit is established, members of the association and ONLY MEMBERS, will be able to attend the entertainments.
 For real music lovers the membership drive will not represent an obligation, but an opportunity. It will be entirely up to them, whether or not they wish to take advantage of it.

Another "Bargain Day"
 An interesting load of Americans sailed on the Bremen last Tuesday, Chief Engineer Kettering, of General Motors, discussing flying accidents, said: "Men should fly only when the birds fly. They have been flying for many millions of years, and know. They do not fly at night, or in a fog, or in very heavy wind, any longer than it takes them to land and stop flying."
 W. S. Knudsen, also of General Motors, and president of the Chevrolet company, on his way to inspect General Motors plants in Denmark, where he was born; in Sweden, Germany, etc., thinks the world is fairly cheerful.
 He had just called on the able Swift brothers in Chicago, to thank them for ordering 1000 Chevrolet trucks at one time, and look over their plans.
 He learned that in depression times people eat as much meat as ever, for the reason that they can't get along without it. But they eat more of the most costly meat.
 One group of passengers interesting those that ask "What is Russia doing?" included "Roxey," moving picture impresario, who will have charge of motion picture houses in New York's "Rockefeller City," to cost \$250,000,000. "Roxey," with five architects, interested in Rockefeller City, will meet in Berlin a special train sent from Moscow to show them new things in theatre lighting and motion picture production that the Russians have developed, superior to our own work.
 Who would have thought that? It is charming to see Japan, po-

EMBEZZLING P. M. GRANTED PAROLE
 PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Victor B. Greenleaf, 48, former postmaster of Huntington, Ore., was granted a parole today after being sentenced to three years in prison on an embezzlement charge. Greenleaf had pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement of more than \$9,500 in postal funds. He was arrested in Medford recently.
 The court granted the parole after

LA GRANDE BARBERS WILL LOWER PRICES
 LA GRANDE, Ore., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Reduction of 25 per cent in the price of haircuts will go into effect here October 23, it was announced by 'ar-bers' here today.
 Haircuts will be 30 cents, and shaves 20 cents.

Today
 By Arthur Brisbane
 Smiles Come Back.
 Bad News for Karl Marx.
 Why Not Keep Our Gold?
 Fly, Only, When Birds Fly.
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On Tuesday wage reductions were announced by big corporations. Yesterday stocks went up in Wall Street, railroads were especially buoyant, important industrials cheerful and higher.
 Smiles have blossomed in Wall Street ever since Monday when it was discovered that Britain's suspension of the gold standard was really a good thing for the United States as well as Britain.
 Labor that objects to wage reductions may find some comfort in the fact that a 10 per cent reduction may mean before long a 100 per cent increase in general prosperity, with restoration of wages.
 Big industrialists know that it is to their own interest to restore wages and raise them even higher. Everybody knows now that PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON THE SURPLUS EARNINGS OF WORKERS AND THEIR ABILITY TO BUY WHAT THEY CREATE.
 Those to whom the word "Russia" is anathema will learn with glee that Britain's gold action, believed to be an excellent thing for us as well as for Britain, is expected to cost Russia about \$25,000,000 a year through diminished exports. It will amuse our "best minds" when they realize that Britain's move away from gold, called by the ignorant "a blow to capitalism," will hurt communism, and help capitalism. You can imagine Karl Marx and Lenin rolling over in their graves.
 Bad boys in Wall Street are inclined to snarl and say that Britain's "degringolade" from the gold standard is a sort of "triumph" for the United States.
 We have the gold STANDARD and we have the GOLD. One plain-spoken "big operator" in Wall Street, changing suddenly from "bear" to "bull," said: "The news from England will relieve the world as lancing a boil relieves the owner of the boil."
 Might it be wise for the United States, taking the advice of a financial writer, employed by Cyrus H. K. Curtis, to "loosen up," which means inflating the currency reasonably, putting out at least enough additional money to offset the five to eight hundred millions in currency supposed to be hidden away in mattresses, stockings and safe deposit vaults by the foolishly frightened?
 And would it be a good thing for the government to say: "We have the gold and we intend to keep it, since it seems to exercise so much influence on the world's imagination! We don't know just how much it really amounts to, but even if it were only a financial rabbit foot, we don't intend to let it go. No gold shall leave the United States from now on. If other nations don't like our currency they need not take it."

lately drawing in her breath with Oriental politeness, saying to the League of Nations: "You attend to your business and I shall attend to mine."
 Brigadier General Reilly, of the United States reserve corps, informs you that in time of war the Japanese prime minister, foreign secretary, the war and navy secretaries, become dummies.
 The chiefs of staffs in the army and navy deal directly with the emperor and go straight to him.
 In this little trouble, if they, metaphorically banging their heads on the floor at the mikado's feet, say, "We wish to win this war by the virtue of the emperor," they can go ahead and win it, while the league looks on. Their "government" has nothing to say.

SUNDOWN STORIES
 THE BIRD'S WHISPER.
 By Mary Graham Bonner.
 The Little Black Clock turned the time back and took the children to a garden early, early in the morning.
 All around were birds, singing and chirping, near the garden was a very old-fashioned house. In fact, the house and garden looked as though they were almost the first garden near the garden that had ever been.
 A little girl came out of the house now and she looked very much worried about something.
 "I do wonder where I left my doll last night," she said. Just at that moment one of the birds chirped an excited chirp.
 The little girl looked in the direction of the bird. He was sitting on a bush and she went over to the bush. The bird flew away, but there, right under the bush, was the doll.
 "Why that little bird's chirp just showed me where the doll was sitting," the little girl said. "I remember I left her there yesterday."
 "And just as he flew away I am almost sure I heard him whisper 'There's your doll!'"
 The little girl went back into the house carrying her doll. But all the birds chirped and said:

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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.
 THE PASTE TREATMENT FOR VARICOSE ULCER
 Following clotting in the vein and inflammation or infection, which doctors call thrombo-phlebitis or just phlebitis (vein inflammation), an indurated or hardened area of the leg remains, and this is likely to soften in the center and break down, thus producing an ulcer. Once such a varicose ulcer develops on the leg, the condition is obstinate to remedy, because the circulation and nutrition of the affected area is inadequate, by reason of the varicose veins.
 Varicose ulcers, however, are never incurable unless malignancy (cancer) develops in a long neglected case. Many victims of varicose ulcers suffer for years, not because there are no cures for them, but because they are—oh, well, you know me, Al. I put it to you, don't you sometimes call your most beloved friends fools or dumbbells or idiots because of things they do or fail to do? I wish I might be as friendly as that in chatting with our readers. But I can't. So many readers are so darn—well, well, I can't explain it.
 What I mean is that, in my own experience, only one out of every six or eight varicose ulcer patients would ever let me have more than one whack at the treatment. If my first, dressing, prescription or plan of treatment failed to heal the ulcer in a week or so, the seven sufferers passed along to the next doctor, no-trump or quack. The eighth took a chance, stayed with me for further trial, and presently was healed. Understand I am not boasting and neither do I know a cure for varicose ulcer nor will I undertake to treat anybody who has one. I am simply trying to enlighten such sufferers about the prospect of cure, I repeat, varicose ulcers are never incurable when properly treated, except in those cases where prolonged irritation has caused cancerous change.
 There is no definite plan of treatment which is best in all cases. Each case as it presents itself to the physician requires individual consideration and a plan of treatment to suit the particular indications.
 One fundamental factor which demands consideration in every case is the inadequate circulation and nutrition of the tissues of the leg. Measures to combat this as far as possible are essential for success in treatment. Many different means of combating the stagnation of blood in the leg are available. Among them are (1) lying on your back and juggling an imaginary balloon with your feet in the air for a minute or so every hour; (2) lying or

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 sitting with the affected limb resting on an inclined plane above the level of your body; (3) wearing very flat low heels or none or going barefoot; (4) wearing elastic stockings or bandage applied mornings before you get up from bed; (5) practicing belly breathing; (6) adhesive plaster strapping of leg and ulcer; (7) wearing paste legging (described below); and best of all, (8) having the varicose vein underlying the ulcer chemically obliterated.
 Unna's paste is made by slowly heating and stirring together 6 ounces of gelatin, 3 ounces of zinc oxide, 10 ounces of glycerin and 10 ounces of water, till a smooth rubbery mass is obtained. To apply the paste, first heat it just enough to melt it to the consistency of paint, then paint the entire leg, ulcer and all from nearly the line of the toes up to upper third of calf, using an ordinary clean paint brush. Of course the ulcer should be bathed with soap and water and carefully dried before the paste is painted on. Upon the first coat of paint, apply a gauze bandage spirally from base of toes nearly up to knee. Then apply a second coat of paint on this foundation. Then a second bandage. Finally a third coat of paint, and after that has dried a little touch with the brush a fourth coat, and you'll have a leg not half bad to look at. It will stand without hitching. The dressing supports the circulation and protects the ulcer, and should be left undisturbed for a week, or better for two or three weeks if there is not too much itching or irritation. When the dressing is removed you'll be pleased with the progress made. If not pleased, tell your friends. If pleased, tell me. Honestly, sometimes I feel pretty gloomy and get to figuring up my debts and life insurance and all that. Nothing cheers me more than a message from some geek who has actually obtained benefit from something he has learned from this column.

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 Answer—It probably is not a goiter. Don't experiment. Consult your own doctor or any good doctor in your neighborhood.
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 Would you advise an operation for adhesions? Had my appendix removed a year ago. Had electrical treatment that made it much worse. Went to osteopath and he massaged my side and made it so very much worse. —(E. G.)
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KIRK'S RETURN
 KIRK had not wanted to come to night. Nelly had pinned for Divitt's and the news that the place was altered had done little to lessen her desire. She had seemed stronger of late. There was really no reason for not taking her.
 Nelly had grieved keenly over Juanita's disappearance. Strange that Juanita had not sent them even a post card from the place to which she had gone. Strange that the marquisa had not written them again. But no stranger than that the marquisa should not have called Kirk the night Juanita was taken ill instead of spiriting her away like that.
 Secretly, Nelly believed that the marquisa had discovered Juanita's engagement to Kirk and had taken this means of breaking it. The difficulty with this theory was that it was hard to imagine any one's taking Juanita away unless she was ill, or willing. Nelly worried considerably about it, and about Kirk. Kirk was so changed.
 Indeed, there were incidents connected with Juanita's visit and departure that Kirk had not communicated to Nelly. Incidents that puzzled and troubled him. Her strange behavior in Ledbetter's presence. Her relief when Ledbetter had gone from some geek who has actually obtained benefit from something he has learned from this column.

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