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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

Thinking continues brisk throughout the valley. This is due to most anything but the cussedness of the thief.

H. Flewler, the demon baker, is now an accomplished equestrian, and rides a horse as if he was a part of the nag he bestrides.

Taxes, weight, buying power, and jobs are being reduced.

The fire chief had a birthday Fri. The years roll on and the kids grow up.

The Gossips who became frightened a month ago at the ravings of their blabber, are rapidly regaining their wind and nerve.

The claim is made that "nobody could starve to death in the valley." They might not be able to starve to death, but several allege they are not missing it any too far.

Many were aghast last week to read that Steve Nye, Jr., had filed for precinct committee on the Rep. ticket. The job is the lowest form of political life and the holder thereof has no influence except to put in a good word for the new postmaster. Fim Davis bobbed up as a Democrat precinct committee man, and caused no surprise.

The new autos will soon be dusty enough to drive down the Main Stem.

William Heath is the bouncing father of a proud baby boy.

Money is being dug up more freely by one and all. "Dug" is right.

Otto Shimoda, 7, now has \$1.11 in the bank, which he earned by the sweat of his brow. This is fine, and Otto is a good boy.

This is a Democratic year, politically. The main battle will be to keep it from going Democratic, morally, spiritually, physically, socially, and culturally.

Some California strawberries are showing up. They cost more than a wedding necktie, slightly larger than a shoestring.

The corporations that in the past have provided something for the state legislatures and Portland politicians to pester and annoy, and received nothing much but the hostile roar, and a tax receipt, have been asked to extend the helping hand in this dark hr.

C. Von der Hellen, a prosperous and prominent hygienist of the Wellen area was in Pr. on his and pits.

An Ashland beauty was trading in town Fri. and was the cynosure of several sets of eyes. She was real pleasant to chat with, and was stewing about the danger of row's feet around the corners of her mouth.

A man was at the chise Thurs. who wanted to make an affidavit not to make any more affidavits.

A heavy smudge came the end of the wk., causing many dirty faces, which were that way to start with.

Women auto drivers are being congratulated by candidates on their skillful driving.

The governmental affairs of the metropolis are a sad mess, due to continuous harrasing at council meetings. All the Willamette valley editors have written editorially on the stench, and apparently know as little about it as the Portland editors. All the virtuous are on one side of the fence, and all the vicious on the other, as usual.

A survey of the sewage situation has been ordered. No matter what the decision, it will do something to the fishing in the Rogue.

The G. Fabrick boy, who is attending laundry school at Joliet, Ill., has got 7 A's in a month, and was not absent or tardy for the same period.

Bend. — Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Co will reopen for business April 3.

Sheridan. — Hilda called for Jesuit novitiate project. Structure to cost about \$150,000.

Etacada. — P. L. Read, Haselifer Place, Portland, submitted low bid of \$90,000 for general contract on school building.

Why Al Smith Is Fighting Roosevelt

AL SMITH comes to the front again with the statement that he is in the presidential fight to a finish and will be a stalking horse for no one.

Like most political statements this one should be taken with a grain of salt.

Al Smith is in the fight to a finish, for to be anything else at the present time would be to admit his failure and defeat.

But he is too clever a politician to believe for a moment that he has the slightest chance to win. He knows, as far as the presidency is concerned, he is through.

So in reality he IS a "stalking horse"—a stalking horse to kill off Roosevelt, although neither Al Smith, nor any other public man, assuming that role, would admit it.

GOVERNOR Roosevelt says he can't understand this. After all he did to help Al during the past 10 years, he can't understand why Al should not only refuse to help him, but try to stab him in the back.

No doubt Roosevelt is perfectly sincere in his mystification. For he is essentially a very idealistic and trusting young man. He regards politics as a thrilling sport, which should be played according to the rules of good sportsmanship, with noblesse oblige, as a cardinal principle of the code.

AL SMITH suffers from no such illusions. He wasn't educated at Harvard. He was educated at Tammany Hall and on the sidewalks of New York. Which is only another way of saying he recognizes no purely political loyalties, only PERSONAL ones.

And in breaking with the man who never broke with him, Al as usual is standing by his friends,—Raskob, Young and Barnuch. As a matter of fact Roosevelt was never his friend. Being inexperienced and gullible, he was merely persuaded by the democratic powers-that-be to assume that role.

In Roosevelt's gentlemanly code that was ENOUGH. In Al Smith's rough and tumble sidewalk code, it wasn't—and ISN'T.

SO WE come to the real reason why Al Smith has broken with Roosevelt, and is going to do everything he can to defeat him.

In a sentence it is this: AL SMITH DOESN'T LIKE ROOSEVELT AND NEVER HAS. He doesn't like him because he realizes Roosevelt isn't his kind, doesn't belong to his crowd, doesn't speak his language. They are brothers politically, but they are NOT brothers under the skin. They are, indeed, by training, temperament and character as far apart as the poles.

THESE essential differences could be enumerated by the score, but the respective attitudes of the two men on prohibition and the League of Nations are sufficient to prove the point.

Al Smith is a sincere wet and always has been; he is a sincere advocate of "America first" and always has been; he is a two-fisted rough and tumble fighter, who whatever his faults, not now and never has been a straddler.

Governor Roosevelt's record shows he has been on both sides of both these issues and on nearly EVERY important issue—has been everything by fits and starts and nothing long.

HE STARTED out as an ardent pro-Wilson idealist. Yet a few months later he boasted that he wrote the Haitian constitution, and directed the marines' invasion of that unhappy land.

He took the stump for the League of Nations, only to proclaim a few years later, he was "at this time" against the League of Nations.

For years he was bone-dry, personally and politically. Back in 1911 he sponsored the first local-option bill brought to New York by the anti-saloon league, and announced that hard liquor had never passed his lips or his threshold. A few years later he was campaigning for Al Smith on a wet platform.

Accused of being a Wet in 1930, he denied the accusation and publicly declared a national referendum would disclose the country to be dry.

A few months later, apparently convinced of his mistake, he came out as a "modificationist," yet despite this conversion, he secretly mobilized southern dries against Raskob's request, that the Democratic national committee consider the matter of repeal!

In short, the Roosevelt record shows that he is merely another politician,—a trimmer. Smith is a politician too, but he ISN'T a trimmer,—and down deep he has a hearty contempt for the breed.

So there is the real reason Al Smith is opposing the nomination of the man who was responsible for nominating HIM.

In this effort it is a ten to one shot Al will fail. Everything today points to Roosevelt's nomination, and Al Smith's permanent disappearance from the political stage of this country, in any major role.

But that doesn't bother Al. He will have the satisfaction of knowing that in his "last stand," he was true to himself, to his convictions, and to his friends. And that is the "Tammany sidewalks of New York" code.

Trail, and one lot fronts on the river at Rogue Acres.

Two lots and a cabin were purchased by Mr. Atchison, a retired Spanish War veteran, who arrived in Medford Friday to take up his residence here.

This is a land of ups and downs. One stock very popular through the middle west, was so eagerly sought for that men paid a premium for "rights" to buy the stock at \$140 a share. It is selling, right and all, today, for less than forty cents a share. "He that put down the mighty," and the quotations.

Dispatches from Washington say the house of representatives won't change the mind, so the senate has abandoned hope of revising the sales tax. It should be remembered that newspapers advocating the sales tax advocates taxing themselves, for the tax would fall heavily on print paper, chief item in newspaper expense.

W. B. Hearst, for instance, advocates the sales tax which operates successfully in Canada and elsewhere, believing it to be the best way of solving the nation's financial problem and restoring prosperity and em-

ployment, without irritating or injuring any particular business.

The sales tax would cost Hearst at least one million dollars a year for the tax on newspaper alone, and other editors in proportion to the size of their paper bills.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, and the human race presumably is no stronger intellectually than its low average.

The good ship Hagen, a Hamburg American freight ship, arrives in Boston with two baby elephants and thirteen monkeys, after a terrible storm.

There were fourteen monkeys from Java and the terrible tempest arose, after one of them died, leaving the unlucky thirteen. The sailors knew what caused the tempest and wanted to throw the remaining thirteen monkeys overboard, but the captain saved them. They were more fortunate than Jonah. You remember what happened to him when a storm came up.

Uncle Sam's delegation to the so-called disarmament conference at Geneva, expresses the hope through Secretary of State Stimson that it will be able to "curtail greatly the use of submarines and bombing planes."

What our delegation says at Geneva is of no consequence since France really is the League of Nations and France will pay no attention. She needs planes and submarines.

Here in America the government if it has any brains will develop bombing and other fighting planes, submarines, also explosive and other war gases, as fully as possible.

Air planes, submarines, high explosives and war gas, will make this country safe from attack, will put the fear of God and American vengeance into any nation that might attack us, and would enable this country to save half of what it spends now on army and navy, with greater efficiency.

Grangers Enjoy Copco Pictures

Members of the Fruitless Grange of Grants Pass enjoyed a fine program of Copco movies at their regular meeting last night. The films which were exhibited by H. D. Kern of the Copco advertising department included a two-reel feature, several short comedies and some recent current events of local interest.

Several Copco movie programs are scheduled for this week including Monday night at the American Legion meeting; Tuesday, Copco Forum smoker; Wednesday, First Christian church; and Friday, the Provoit Community club.

Some flend, or fiends, Thursday night snaked upon the porch of George Henselman, a n Newtown street, and stole a pan of unbaked biscuits. They were biscuits of rare delicacy prepared by Mrs. Henselman for guests, and she was quite mad about it. The pan and the unbaked biscuits, not heated at passing autos, were found Saturday morning on Laurel street.

The theft of the unbaked biscuits is on a par with the stealing of the legs off the cook stove in a Union Creek cabin, as reported last week.

FRONTAGE ON ROGUE EAGERLY SOUGHT BY NEW VALLEY COMERS

Among the numerous sales of river property being made at the present time are several reported by D. E. Millard, local broker. Alvin Johnson of Santa Paula, Cal.; Mrs. Froebel Malloy of Crescent, Ore.; and Samuele Archion of Glendora, Cal., are among those coming here recently.

Mr. Johnson has moved onto the J. T. Zimmerman ranch on Rogue river and Crater Lake highway, where extensive improvements are being made, including the construction of a new house. Mr. Johnson was accompanied here by his family. For many years he has been employe of the California Edison company, but decided to make his home in southern Oregon.

The tract purchased by Mrs. Malloy contains 770 acres just below

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane
 Chicago's Great Exposition.
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 Two Heads Blown Off.
 Sock the Rich Slogan.

Copyright King Features Synd., Inc.
 CHICAGO, Ill., April 8.—This morning was spent at Chicago's "A Century of Progress" International exposition with Rufus C. Dawes as guide. Mr. Dawes says the exposition will open on the date fixed, June 1, 1933, or earlier. And since he says so, it will open.

The site of the exposition, with Lake Michigan on the east, the great city of Chicago on the west, north and south, could not be more beautiful or more impressive.

Everything that a great exposition should have this one will have. In addition, progress and science being emphasized above all else, will give to the exposition an educational value, that should not be neglected by any American, parents especially.

Great industries and business enterprises will have separate buildings of their own. General Motors, Sears Roebuck, Chrysler, and many others.

Chicago and the whole country owe thanks to Mr. Dawes for the valuable time and intelligent industry that he has devoted to this exposition.

The light of the great star Archcturus by means of a photo-electric cell will put in motion the machinery of the building of sciences when the exposition opens.

Archcturus was selected because of its brilliancy and because the light of that sun travels forty years through the ether, at 186,000 miles per second before it reaches this planet.

If the pastor who solved the mystery of the colds of St. Kilda were living today what a grand customer he would be for the various cough drops, gargles, lozenges, antiseptics and grip cures that catch the sucker by handing him a picture of the victim in the very act of contracting bad cold in a down-

pour of rain or a swirl of snow. This line seems to knock over the heavy trade as well as ever, at least in the big population centers.

Our friend (M. A. H.) who sent the clipping about the colds of St. Kilda complains that his box of clippings is so full that he can't find the one he wants, and asks if I haven't a book of these writings. I know there are some terrible books perpetrated nowadays, and there are times when I feel pretty vindictive, but I hope I shall never go to that extreme. Why not arrange your clippings in a file, with your own index of subjects?

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