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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
A \$1 a year candidate in this state would mark himself down to 80c the week before the election.

Any way, the buying power of the community never got so low, a few dimes could not be yanked out of hoarding places, to buy stock in a Bolivia gold mine, or a phony home-grown project, or any kind of a Get-Poor-Quick scheme.

Fighting roosters are being imported to these parts. There is no lack of roosters, but a deficit of fighting and fighters.

Now is as good a time as any to start a war on the 1931 straw hat. The womenfolk, as the symbol of thrift and the depression, make their spouses wear last year's bird's nest, but their own headgear is of recent vintage. You never see one of the Older Girls with a permanent wave, that was waved in 1931.

NO SPOILS FOR VICTOR
(Pendleton East Oregonian)
The postmaster of Pendleton pays a good salary, \$3200 a year, and it is therefore natural that there should be many applicants. Some may be surprised to know that the new man will hold office for four years even though the democrats carry the election this fall, but that seems to be the law at present.

All the honesty seems to be rammed into one aspirant for office, and all the caseness evenly distributed among the other 49, who have been accused of everything but assisting the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby. Already a few candidates have been robbed of votes, before they were cast.

Some of the boys shipped hogs out of Gifford with the Farm Club Tuesday. (Bucklin Herald.) Hard times make strange travelling companions.

Optimists have started sharpening lead pencils, which means the construction of 17 railroads to the coast before the leaves turn brown.

"The Wild Oats Boy Is Scheduled for April 30; Trees Planted" (Hilfline Baker Democrat-Herald.) Fate knocks things askew again.

The \$10 goldpiece is coming back, as something chic and smart in the way of watch chains. They used to be quite frequent, but disappeared the past two years, in the manner of the buffalo and the noble redskin. There used to be a man here, who gloried in \$180 stretched across his vest front, in denominations ranging from \$2.50 to \$20. He wandered down to Frisco, and a strawberry blonde twisted off \$170 in an evening.

Portland has started fretting about what to call their ball team, i. e., what to call the ball team and not run afoul of the postal regulations and city ordinances dealing with loud and profane language.

A Corvallis youth has won the honor of being the best saxophone player in the state. Let all strive to find the worst saxophone player.

Rog. Bennett of Salem Stayed here on state biz. Mr. Bennett has personality, efficiency, common sense, common sense, business ability, and a C. Chaplin mustache of unique design. For many years he was one of our forward-looking and forward walking citizens.

"Trenchant" is getting to be a popular word among the Humdingers, Inc. It looks like there would be a trenchant crop of peas.

It now costs 93 per cent. less to live, if you call this living. (Erie, Fr. Times.) Buy way of remarking.

"I think I will be defeated," said a gent Sat. after a place at the public trough. "This is as it should be, and will be a blessing for all concerned. I will come out of Ashland without a single vote."

Doek Salade's dog nearly had a fight on Main St. Fri. with a canine the size of a yearling steer. The Doek Salade hound is just a comfortable hound, and was the aggressor, as long as he was firmly held. The country dogs should behave themselves when in town, and not create disgraceful disturbances in public.

The rheumatism has been getting the best of J. Kort Hall.

The Same Old Story

IN this morning's mail were two communications. One urged this newspaper to wire the Oregon senators to vote for tariff protection on lumber. The other, from the Northwest Newspaper Association, urged us to wire the SAME senators to keep pulpwood on the free list, and strenuously oppose any attempt to GIVE it protection.

SO there you are! The first communication, of course, was from the lumbermen of the northwest, who want their product protected from cheap foreign competition. The second was from newspapers who don't want pulpwood protected because they use it in their business, and want to buy their newsprint at the lowest possible cost.

IT was ever thus. The tariff has been a political issue, in this country for a hundred years, and for 20 of them at least there has been a persistent effort to take the tariff out of politics via a non-partisan tariff commission.

But the tariff remains today, essentially what it was half a century ago, not only a local issue, but a decidedly personal and selfish one.

The same newspapers that oppose a tariff on a product they must buy, favor it on a product that not they, but SOMEONE else, must buy.

So tariff opinion in this country continues to depend entirely upon whose ox is gored.

Can't Keep a Good Man Down

FOR at least a generation, international wisecracks have predicted the setting of the sun of the wideflung British Empire. And every time the collapse of Albion seemed imminent, old John Bull has snapped out of his coma, and proceeded to demonstrate there is a perfectly amazing life and vigor in the old boy after all.

At the outbreak of the world war, Germany was convinced, Old John was all through. Prosperity had spoiled and softened him, he cared too much about week-end parties, and tea-drinking during office hours, ever to compete with either the German business or military machine.

England did get off to a poor start at Mons, but before the war ended her navy had swept the seas, and her army with its back to the wall, fought as gallantly and fiercely, and with as little regard for sacrifices, as in the days of the "Six hundred."

WHEN after a few feverish years of post war prosperity, the bubble burst, England failed to balance her budget and was finally forced off the gold standard, the same old cry was raised, that the final collapse had come.

But once more not only did Uncle Jonathan demonstrate he could still muddle through, but in a few short months, that budget was balanced, and today England is emerging from its economic cyclone cellar, sounder in wind and limb than any other world power.

OF course someday the final fade out will come, England must suffer the fate that eventually overtakes all human organisms in this mortal world.

But as long as the English people will stand patiently in long queues, for the privilege of paying the HIGHEST INCOME TAX IN THEIR COUNTRY'S HISTORY,—as they have during the past few weeks,—people of wisdom will agree that that day is still far distant. John Bull can declare like Mark Twain, that obituary notices at the present moment, are, to say the least EXAGGERATED!

Just Do it!

A SUBSCRIBER endorses a recent editorial urging the people of Jackson county to look up the records of the various primary candidates, before they vote on them, but somewhat pathetically inquires "how is one to go about it?"

Going about it seems simple enough to us. We live in a small community. Not only here in Medford, but throughout the county, we resemble one large family. No one is unknown. There is none of that "pitiless anonymity" which is such a striking feature of the larger centers of population.

The way to go about "finding out about the candidates is simply TO GO ABOUT IT.

Each candidate has a name, a place and a record in this community. Let us assume our correspondent knows none of them personally, undoubtedly he has trustworthy friends who do. Let him inquire, nose around a bit, and if the candidate has had a public record find out what that has been.

THAT'S all. No elaborate program is needed, merely the same interest and curiosity regarding the quality of these applicants for public office that the individual would have if they were applicants for private office,—came to him—or to her—asking for a job.

We have no difficulty doing that in our private affairs. With the same attitude of mind, there should be even less difficulty in doing it in our public affairs,—for facts concerning applicants for public office are by the nature of things even easier to obtain.

SOLDIERS ADMIT PORTLAND CRIMES

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18.—(AP)—Portland police detectives said today that three recent holdups here had been solved by the confessions of Clarence Ortega, 29, soldier at Vancouver, Wash., barracks, and Earl V. Whetsell, 22, ex-soldier at the barracks. The detectives said Whetsell was arrested late Saturday after he had boarded a streetcar with the alleged intention of robbing the motorman. Police said the two soldiers admitted holding up two taxicab drivers and one streetcar motorman. Ortega has been in the army for the past 12 years.

Coquette-Whitall Bros. opened a milk depot in Shelby building.

RUSSIANS BLAME JAP MILITARISTS

MOSCOW, April 18.—(AP)—The government organ Lavesta, today reiterated a charge that Japanese militarists in Manchuria inspired Russian "white guards" to anti-soviet violence. "The Japanese militarists," the newspaper said, "are seeking to enlarge the frame of the military conflict in Manchuria." The organ added that a raid by white guards on the office of M. Kuznetsov, soviet manager of the Chinese Eastern railway at Harbin recently, was instigated by the Japanese, who "bit the white guard snake."

Nyssa—George B. Swan completing modernizing of his apartment house.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane
Cheerful Monday Note, Mr. Rockefeller's Service, M. B. Skaggs's Short Story, Assorted Religions.

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HODGE, Cal., April 16.—There is a hopeful note for Monday. President Hoover finds the outlook for business improving, and lists many signs of financial and other improvements. Eugene Meyer, Jr., head of the Federal Reserve, is also optimistic and he is no dreamer. The solid fact that this nation, even now, with its high priced dollar, leads the world in exports should comfort you. And, anyhow, under normal conditions we consume ninety per cent of all we produce. We could live and thrive, regardless of the outside world, if we had to, just as we thrive without invading the markets of the planet Mars.

The golf course at which he habitually plays in Florida being closed for the season, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, in his 93rd year, takes long walks that are the equivalent in physical exercise of his usual golf game. He probably enjoys the walk as much as the game. When you walk you look at the sky, and say: "Thank heaven for the beautiful earth." When you play golf, you look at a little white ball and say: "Fore."

The news concerning Mr. Rockefeller reassures his friends, disturbed by the false rumor that he was seriously ill, and the fact that he continued in his old age to enjoy good health is gratifying to everybody, not merely because he has given to education, science and combatting disease more money than any other ten men have ever given, but also, and principally, because he has organized industry and employment on a stable basis, demonstrating the folly of reckless competition.

Success stories are interesting, especially now, when there is such a world wide ending. There is one such story alive, with branches all over the west, that the young and old might study, with advantage. His name is M. B. Skaggs. He started in Idaho sixteen years ago and is just past forty. It does not take long to succeed in this country, if you have a good idea and stick to it.

Mr. Skaggs, living in American Falls, Idaho, decided that it would pay to run a store well, sell food at reasonable prices, AND ADVERTISE, to let people know. He tried it in American Falls, then in other Idaho places, then in other states. Now he has three thousand seven hundred stores, sells more than two hundred and fifty million dollars worth of goods a year. Almost as soon as his well-written advertising started he found his American Falls store too small. He was selling food by the carload, and sold directly from freight cars on the siding. Lacking his ability, his competitors passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of goods from freight cars. Skaggs built a wooden shed beside the siding and sold there.

Mr. Skaggs has ideas for helping farmers that would interest the President and any intelligent farm board. At this moment he is co-operating with California fruit growers, helping them to market a twenty-five hundred car crop of desert grape fruit. No farmer can live at present prices, says Mr. Skaggs, but co-operation among farmers and retailers could restore prosperity to farms, while giving food to housewives at reasonable prices. President Hoover ought to have a talk with this merchant. Distribution is our biggest problem.

No crop in California is more prosperous than the crop of various religions. In Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner church advertisements offered a choice that would amaze the angels. Swami Rama, of India, will convince you that all the ideas you have been nourishing are wrong, and will fill you with "astral science." The Rev. Rose Fisher, pastor of the Second Spiritual church, does not merely tell you, she shows you. Before your eyes she will go into a hypnotic trance, by order of "the famous hypnotist, Mink De Ronda," and she will be buried alive in sand. If that does not convince you of something or other, you are hard to convince.

The United Lodge of Theosophists invite you to hear about "the psychology of dreams," no collection gathered. Five occult churches advertise in a group, and Zenor, the 19-year-old marvel, preaches and lectures, always in a trance. Others of us are in a trance much of the time.

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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.

THIS BABY FEEDING PROBLEM

A good many amateur mothers—and sometimes I feel pessimistic about the mother business—who write to me for consolation, sympathy or encouragement (can you imagine it?) take up a page or two telling me just how many ounces, grams or grains of this and that they mix to make up the poor kid's food and just what time of day they give him the mess, and just how much they dole out at each sad session. I never even notice what ingredients or how much these quaint formulas contain. I'd go nuts if I tried to puzzle my crude intellect over such nonsense. I'd rather serve time at auction or contract bridge, I think. These funny feeding formulas are old stuff, handed down by the bombastic baby specialists of a bygone day. You know, the day of Holt and his disciples. Dr. J. M. Holt's textbook lies mouldering in the museum but his theories go marching on, in the innumerable guidebooks for dumb parents. Then the shrewd commercial interests have managed to contribute several little things to the traditional science and art of care of the baby, and one of the little things is a form of sugar. The name sounds so blessed scientific that even I almost hesitate to crack a sticky grin at the mention of it, but nevertheless there is no reason why anybody should prefer this halfpenny and expensive kind of sugar to ordinary can, beet or corn sugar (glucose, corn syrup) or even the less popular lactose (milk sugar). At any rate, if I ever have another baby and I find it necessary to feed my baby sugar, you may bet your goat against my burro that just plain sugar will be what my baby gets.

Every time I pick up a copy of our hallowed national medical organization's official journal and see the wickedly extravagant colored pictures printed as advertisements of some body's glorified soap and chalk concoction is what makes sound teeth.

So this is a frank warning to fond young mothers, maiden aunts or grandmas who take it into their heads to write me about their troubles in compelling Toodies to take his spinach or his factory-made soap, that I decline to listen to a recital of the imposing formula of Toodie's diet. If you are asking me, I'll tell you what to feed the baby. If you're

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Talks To Parents

PARENTS WHO TEASE. By Alice Judson Peale. Bill's pride in his muscles, sister's crush on her English teacher, Johnny's snub nose, little Mary's trembling eagerness to know whether she may go to the party—how easy it is to make fun of them and how defenseless are the victims of the joke.

Children in groups know how to get even, as every teacher knows, but in the family circle they are helpless.

If their elders choose to make fun of them they can only grow angry, which makes things all the merrier, or they can shrink within themselves, learn to be secretive and wait until they are old enough to employ a counter thrust.

Parents who tease may say that they are doing it just for fun, that it doesn't really hurt or that, if it does, it will be a good immunization against the far more cruel treatment their children will receive elsewhere.

Yet the real reason parents tease their children is not any of these. It is an unconscious desire to make someone else suffer for their own disappointments, for the unhappiness of their own childhood or perhaps for the irritations of their daily lives.

Being embittered themselves and very likely jealous of their children's youth, they employ a sharp tongue to inflict pain under the cover of play.

No practice within the family circle is more thoroughly destructive of confidence and good will than this.

Children teasing each other are at least evenly matched. But if the people on whom the child naturally depends most for security, sympathy and understanding turn against him, he finds himself in a world that is hard and confusing indeed.

Answer—Thank you, Doctors. If the brethren would make a practice of relating or supplementing my efforts, instead of getting peevish and trying to incite somebody to punish me, we'd be of more help to the public.

Prayer of Coincidence. I want to thank you for the alcohol and boric acid treatment for running ear. I am sure I can call my son's ear well now. I went through a great deal trying to help him, doctor after doctor, with no results, and then my prayers were answered like this. It is indeed wonderful. —Mrs. B. L. A.

Answer—Dropping two or three drops of a solution of 10 grains of boric acid in one ounce of pure grain alcohol in the ear two or three times a day for a few weeks does seem to clear up many chronic running ears. Dandruff.

Quite a bit of dandruff and as my hair is dark it shows very plainly. I have tried. —Mrs. D. J. S.

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for instructions for control of dandruff and care of the hair. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

they had been able to get before, and they were able to get these things with LESS EFFORT.

So their standards of living improved. They ate more food and wore more clothing than before.

MODERN machinery is merely a tool. By its use, we are enabled to get for ourselves and for our families more of the things we want than we could get WITHOUT MACHINERY.

So don't be afraid of machinery. It isn't going to hurt us. Instead, it will HELP us, just as the bow and arrow helped our remote ancestors.

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and that this competition is increasing.

"That such competition is conducted under conditions of inequality, particularly in regard to regulation.

"That a contributing cause, aside from the general business conditions, of the present unsatisfactory financial condition of the railroads is the existence of unrestrained competition by rival transportation agencies.

"That there is today, and probably would be under normal conditions, an excess of carrying capacity of existing transportation facilities.

"That unrestrained competition is an impossible solution of the present transportation problem and is incompatible with the aims of coordination under regulations.

"That federal legislation relating to the regulation