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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The fall crop of liars are getting ready to tell the truth, and save the nation and the farmers, and the votes for themselves.

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F. Weeks, who busted a shank, is showing marked improvement, and rapidly becoming himself. He has no idea who marked his improvement.

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The lack of money continues, and is becoming boresome alike to rich and poor. Those who are neither, do not mind the paucity much.

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Hot weather came Thurs., and was welcome, it was said. It made a dog on the East Side act like he was mad. Towser had some excuse for being mad. Everybody has been mad at everybody and everything for so long now they will never get over it.

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The Great Petition Robbery Hoax was unravelled Fri. This is the first outstanding hoax in this state since the Great Electric Lights for Nothing hoax.

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H. Flewher, the demon baker, was accidentally on time the first of the week, and was thoroughly disgusted.

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C. Wig Ashpole has hit out for Idaho. He will be back in 30 days, to report that he never saw a republican in a 3000 mile trip, and Hoover will not even get his own vote.

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The Portland Journal comes out for "Peace in Oregon." This will cause the biggest fight in the history of the state.

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Stan Sherwood of the po., is going to look a preacher in the eye, and will then go to the Olympics, and will return and be the victim of the mild form of mob law known as the shivaree.

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C. Von der Hellen, the Wellen district country-jake, was in town in mid-week and up to his old tricks. He says the farmers are about ready for anarchy, as politicians will soon invade the Grange halls, with the deadly campaign speech. Herr Von der Hellen would an imposing looking anarchist be, and has been mentioned as the Grand Keeper of the Dynamite Cellar.

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F. Fry, the tonsorialist, yanked a fish out of Rogue river last wk, that was about his own length. Nice work, Frederick.

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A decrepit typewriter belonging to your corr., which we had been trying to give away for 7 years, was stolen from its crib recently, by a mental weakling. Of all the things to steal in this world, that typewriter was the poorest. It was not worth the physical effort required to pack it off. It never showed the slightest inclination to work—not even during this Depression, when there is no work. The fellow who sold it to us in the first place has been forgotten and forgiven. It once fell on the foot of a Klan Kleagle, but was too weak to inflict any lasting damage.

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A couple of Espee big-bugs were here Mon. and were pleasant chaps to meet.

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Neighbors are being teased by twirling pistols under their noses, and if something serious should happen, nobody would be to blame, and it would be regrettable.

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The moon came up over Roxy Ann Fri. eve, in a manner to awaken the nobler instincts. Due to the steep grade, it had a hard time getting over the brow of the hill.

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One of the Older Girls reported last week that her boy could hardly wait until school re-opens. After she left the room, four old friends exonerated the boy and swore it was his Maw who was on the anxious seat.

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The governmental affairs of the state are now bawled up almost beyond belief, due to inefficient efficiency, and the bum advice and thinking of the deputy-governor.

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A nice appearing man, who looked like he knew what it was all about, was visiting C. Brewer of the lighthouse recently.

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Seth Bullis had his tonsils lifted last wk., and will take more interest in his school work in the future.

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The economic truth, that the way to make money is to spend money, however painful, continues abhorrent to those with money to spend.

The Bates Case

THE Mail Tribune is surprised that it should be accused of any attempt to try the Bates case in its columns or to prejudice this case in any way, before it comes to trial.

As everyone knows—or should know—a newspaper's opinions are expressed SOLELY IN ITS EDITORIAL COLUMN. The Mail Tribune has never mentioned this case editorially, has never expressed an opinion concerning it, and does not intend to do so,—at least until the trial is over.

How then can it be accused, as M. O. Wilkins, attorney for Mr. Bates and independent candidate for District Attorney accuses it, in another column, of "prejudicial discussion" and cooperation "in a miscarriage of justice, leading to a breakdown of law and order?"

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MR. BATES has been indicted by a grand jury, his innocence is to be assumed until his guilt has been established in the regular way.

We heartily agree with the Medford News when it declares:

"The Bates case is now before the court. It has no place in this or any other newspaper."

The News refers, of course, to editorial treatment. As far as legitimate news of the Bates case is concerned,—such as dates for trial, lawyers involved or witnesses called—that is a perfectly legitimate part of the routine news.

Only when expressions of editorial OPINION are made in a paper's news columns,—a violation of journalistic practice which this paper guards against in every way—or when items of news are INCORRECT,—can there be any valid criticism, in that direction.

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THERE HAS BEEN NO EXPRESSION OF OPINION REGARDING THIS CASE IN THE NEWS COLUMNS OF THIS PAPER. There have been no misstatements of fact.

But even more important there has been no editorial comment on this case, and we repeat, until the trial is over, there will be none.

Under the circumstances we can see no justification whatever for Attorney Wilkins' accusations. The Mail Tribune has carried on no "prejudicial discussion" of this case,—for it has not DISCUSSED THE CASE AT ALL,—and has no intention of doing so.

Our attitude toward this criminal case is the same as our attitude toward ALL criminal cases,—"hands off until the case is tried—a fair field and no favor."

We stand just where the News stands that "DISCUSSION" of the merits or demerits or the Bates case—

"HAS NO PLACE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER."

All we ask is that Mr. Wilkins, and the newspapers supporting him, adopt the same policy, not only now, but UNTIL THE CAMPAIGN is over!

A Different Roosevelt

ACCORDING to the New York Herald-Tribune Governor Roosevelt is not expected to take definite action on the removal of Mayor Walker until after the campaign.

The same paper is authority for the statement that Roosevelt is being advised to follow the Harding example, "conduct a front porch instead of an active speaking campaign."

Both items can be properly placed under the heading of "good politics." Handing down a decision on the Mayor Walker case, would lose the governor votes. If he REMOVED "Jimmy," Tammany would knife him, and New York city might be lost. If he WHITEWASHED him, the rural south and west would brand him with the stripes of the tiger, and thousands of his liberal supporters would be alienated.

Good politics, therefore, to dodge the issue, until the votes have been counted. And Governor Roosevelt likes good politics!

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LIKEWISE with the front porch campaign. The conditions which face the Democratic party today are very similar to the conditions which faced the Republican party twelve years ago.

"Anyone can win." Why go into the highways and byways, harranguing the people, when all one has to do is sit still and let nature take its course!

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MOREOVER Roosevelt like Harding, makes an excellent appearance, gives a fine impression, but doesn't qualify either as a rabble rouser, or as a competent performer in rough and ready debate. Like Harding also there are certain thin spots in his armor, which might break completely, in the wear and tear of a swing around the circle. Far better let Cactus Jack Garner do this sort of thing.

Perfectly sound and sensible from the standpoint of practical politics. If the Republicans were in the present position of their opposition, they would do precisely the same. They played safe and went into power on the anti-Wilson vote. The Democrats are going to play safe and go into power on the anti-Hoover vote.

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ONLY one little fly in the ointment, as we see it. Namely, that the people of the country as a whole, are in a different state of mind than they were in 1920. They want a change now as they did then,—even more strongly perhaps—but they are completely fed up and disgusted with politics and politicians. And the old army game that was so successful 12 years ago, may not be so successful this year.

The PEOPLE LONG FOR A REAL LEADER—a man who will cut away from political tradition entirely, chart a new course, and gather the people regardless of party, around him for a new deal and a housecleaning all around.

Franklin Roosevelt might do that by adopting the example of Woodrow Wilson or T. R., but he can't do it by sitting on the front porch of political expediency and taking the easy path of least resistance.

If he IS beaten it will probably be because he and his followers failed to realize that what was perfectly sound political doctrine and strategy a decade ago, are neither today.

In other words granted that Hoover can't beat Roosevelt, perhaps Roosevelt CAN beat himself.

Prefers Cell to Wedlock

BELGRADE.—(AP)—For swindling 25 fiancees in five years, Michael Obradovich was sentenced to that term at hard labor and ordered to pay back every cent. Several of his victims offered to pay his fine if he would keep his promise to marry, but he chose the five-year stretch.

Rumania Studies Malaria

BUCHAREST—(AP)—With $7200 tion, a section of the insane asylum donated by the Rockefeller Foundanear Jassy is being converted into a malaria research laboratory.

Broken windows glazed by Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Texas To Albany.
Watching Ottawa.
The Magic Slipper.
Railroad Common Sense.

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As this is written, looking from a New York Central train at Rhinecliff, on the Hudson, a big ship of the Texaco Oil company is going down the river "very light."

On the up trip it had distributed oil from Texas along both banks as far north as Albany, taking advantage of the new deep channel.

Britishers also are using that channel. One of their ships recently took a load of locomotives from Albany to Russia. Good business people, the British.

American ships that by some strange freak of common sense are allowed to keep coastwise trade to themselves, bring cargoes of canned fruits from the west coast up the river. We are beginning to develop the transportation by water that Europe understands so well.

Americans will follow closely the proceedings at Ottawa.

King George's "thoughts and prayers are with the delegates of my government." Those governments, England, Scotland, Ireland and the Dominions, plan to buy only from each other while selling as much as possible to outsiders.

The conference thanks the king for his gracious message, and "present their respectful duty, with thanksgiving for your majesty's continued health," hoping "your majesty and her majesty the queen, may long be spared," etc.

Sean T. O'Kelly, representing Ireland, made a good speech, if he did not like the message sent to the king and queen he said nothing about it. That message showed tact, with Ireland in mind, avoiding any reference to "loyal subjects" and saying nothing about "allegiance."

In the news nothing is more interesting than the five thousand women in Morocco, bowing down before a small silver slipper, supposed to possess miraculous power to help childless women.

First cattle were sacrificed to mollify a demigod supposed to keep the children from coming. Then the women bowed before the silver slipper, a thousand Moorish men looking on.

Not long ago, in a Christian church in Spain, you might have seen childless mothers on their hands and knees, licking the dust of the floor, from the entrance to the altar, praying for a child. They, at least, addressed their supplications to the ruler of the universe, not a magic slipper. If you offered the Moroccan women a good obstetrician, instead of a slipper, you would be called a shameless unbeliever.

The interstate commerce commission approval of a merger of three hundred eastern railway lines in a 4-system railroad plan is a step in the direction of common sense. There ought to be only ONE railroad system, run by our government, as the postoffice is run, with the ablest railroad men well paid to do the running, and the present private owners justly compensated.

Suppose the post office in the east had three hundred sets of managers, three hundred kinds of overhead, three hundred varieties of wasteful competition. How much do you think it would cost to send a letter from Florida to Alaska?

Our "best minds" say our government is not sufficiently able or honest to manage a great railroad system, but they may be wrong.

Railroads and great railroad men like Harriman, Hill, the original Vanderbilt and others, have been the great "pioneers," builders of this nation.

Railroads are as important to the country as elevators to a sky scraper and should have public support and fair treatment, whether private ownership persists or private owners, discouraged by their problems, decide to "let Uncle Sam do it," and take a fair price for their property.

The way to rule the air, earth's new ocean, is to have airships. France and Britain know it. The British have built the biggest land and water fighting airship in existence. The French are testing their "stratosphere plane," planned to fly from New York to Paris in ten hours. The plane will travel eleven miles up, where the "thin" atmosphere offers little resistance.

Its engine, thanks to super-chargers, will have vastly increased power at 20,000 feet up, and in the stratosphere, 60,000 feet above the earth will develop 20,000 revolutions a minute. The pilot will work in a cabin hermetically sealed, with an automatic oxygen supply system.

The French air ministry "has generously provided funds for the construction of this plane." We don't do that here, we are too poor, and besides we haven't any air ministry.

With us the airplane is merely "an accessory" under the management of the army and navy. That is as intelligent as though our surface warships were under divided management of sailing captains and canal boatmen.

Buried deep in the speech that Premier Bennett of Canada made to visiting Britishers you find this about the new St. Lawrence canal:

"THIS WATERWAY WILL BE FREE TO ALL SHIPS OF THE COMMONWEALTH."

We built the Panama canal, we acted the part of sentimental dodos, and made American ships pay as much as foreign ships pay, giving no advantage to our own people.

The British do not do that. With them it is "the British first, the rest nowhere."

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.

BEGINNING YOUNG IN THE ARROW HEAD COUNTRY

This is what you may have heard described as the Arrowhead country, writes a young correspondent. It is one of the finest recreational places for children. In the winter time all the kids have some kind of a hockey stick and a pair of skates. There are some good little players here, but how I hate to see them take a smoke right after a hard-fought game, as a good many of these youngsters do, and they are as young as 11, the majority being about 16. I myself was brought up to think that sweets or candy are rather bad for a young kid. Only since I became a follower of yours have I learned the truth about that. I find that a nickel's worth of candy, or any sweet, is more refreshing after a serenuous effort in work or play than anything in the line of tobacco. I believe it would be a good thing for athletics if your teachings about the eating of candy or other sweets were more familiar to youngsters who are ambitious to get ahead in some such game . . . —B. J. M.

Yes, and probably it would be a good thing for the health of a lot of little boys who are old enough to vote but are not yet really grown up in character, if the physiology of sugar in nutrition and the pathology of tobacco excess were more generally known to the laity. The instruction given in the common schools about such matters is farcical—the controlling interests see to it that physiology and so-called health instruction in the schools shall be harmless, and so the great mass of the population remains as ignorant as ever.

Sugar in any form, whether in its natural state in such foods as milk and fruits, or in its refined state, or in candy or cakes or ice cream or a sweetened beverage, is the ideal food fuel for strong, hard-working muscles. Nothing else can so surely and so quickly relieve fatigue and restore the strength, vigor and endurance one has expended in a hard game or in any kind of strenuous muscular effort, be it work, play or just dull exercise.

There isn't one iota of scientific or sensible ground for the quaint notion that sugar or sweets of any sort cause a child to have bad teeth or in any way favor decay of the teeth. Nor is there the slightest reason for any intelligent person to imagine the eating of much sugar or sweets in any way favors the infestation of the alimentary tract with worms.

There is just one class of persons who should go easy on sugar or sweets in every form, and that is the lazy, parasitic class, people who do not do any real muscular work to speak of, namby-pamby children who are too nice or too delicate to play any actual games, young snobs who are training for the neurotic life, and those who are already obese or diabetic or both.

All normal, healthy young persons should indulge freely in sweets, of course at the right time. No square meal is complete for a healthy youngster unless there is a dessert containing plenty of sugar, such as ice cream, cake, pie, sweet puddings.

At the end of a hard game the youngster who indulges in some good candy, a bar of milk chocolate, a dish of ice cream or whatever sweetmeat appeals to his or her taste, is doing the natural thing, the healthful thing, and it is bound to help in any wise athletic training.

Candy cures fatigue or exhaustion or prevents it. Tobacco merely dulls your sense of fatigue for the time being, but actually retards the natural process of recovery with rest.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Cooking in Copper.

Sister put dandelions in a copper boiler, poured hot water over them and let them stand for two days. Would that liquid be poisoned from the copper?—Mrs. L. K.

Answer. — It may be impregnated with copper, but not poisoned, for any quantity of copper that may be dissolved in the liquid is harmless, rather beneficial, if it does not spoil the taste.

Lotion for Pimples and Blackheads.

Some time ago you advised me to use a lotion for the pimples and blackheads on my face. It has cleared them all up. It was composed of one ounce each of sublimed sulphur, compound tincture of lavender, witch hazel extract, camphor, water and glycerin. We'd feel pretty sad at our house if "Ole Doc Brady" ever deserted us.—Miss R. I. S.

Answer.—I'll never desert, but you never can tell when I may be fired.

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Communications

Depression and Cure.

To the Editor

We, the unemployed, don't want charity. We want to live and let live. It has come to the time where half of us are walking the streets ragged and hungry, looking for work and can not find it.

Now, my dear readers, this dreadful existence can be stopped.

How? By letting everybody work. This world is built, and now to maintain it doesn't require the amount of labor as it did to build it. So, then let us divide up this employment so we all can get some of it. Don't give it all to me, and let my neighbor go ragged and hungry; he is a good man and helped build up this world, and deserves an honest living, too, and I want to see him have it. So Mr. Employer, if you will double your shift here in Medford and give each man a half shift a day every man in or around Medford would be at work making an honest living and he and his family would be happy. Why? Because he would not have to beg anybody, and his family wouldn't have to go hungry.

Of course there would be lots of objections to this method, and there are some that say it can't be done, because there are some places that require trained or skilled help. Sure, but we have them, and experienced help of all kinds, out of employment, available at any time, but if we haven't enough unemployed in Medford we can get them elsewhere, and by doing so we could fill up a lot of those empty houses and also store buildings too.

But, first of all, let's put our own unemployed to work before we ask for outside help. Yes, some say you can't do that, it would ruin our employes as we have now some who have bought automobiles, radios or homes and furniture, also Frigidaires, and it would ruin them. They would lose them, as they are paying for them on the installment plan.

Well, of course, that would be bad, but a lot of us have gone through with that, lost everything we had, and now shall we just stand around and starve when there is plenty in this world for us all, those who have steady employment, our neighbors, eating three square meals a day?

Now gentlemen, lets get together on this subject and we can all eat three squares a day and we won't need any community chest either. We will make our own chest; all we ask is work. This don't mean the manager or the main foreman. Shift to be divided, just means employes under them. Now give this your attention and see if it won't help out this terrible situation. I understand that Klamath Falls divided the mill work to six hour shifts, working two shifts a day. I understand Portland has done the same on their police force, six hour shift to a man, so let us start the same thing here and make a town of this.

Of course we have some men here that don't want to work as long as they can get by and beg their living, like one woman said: This depression has helped her husband an awful lot, as people used to call him a bum, but now he is just one of the unemployed. So this action I have stated above in this item, will weed them out. Let's do it and see that the people willing to work have a chance to make an honest living for themselves and families. I thank you readers for this, and hope you will give it your full attention. Read it over again, as it is of more importance than lots realize it is.

B. B. OLMSTED,
Medford, Oregon.

Grants Pass Is Grateful.

To the Editor:

We have heard so many pleasing remarks about your editorial on the Cavemen holding up the National Editorial Society train, that I thought you would like to know that the people of Grants Pass appreciate very much the sentiments expressed by you, and the Cavemen especially wish me to thank you for giving them credit for their efforts in behalf of southern Oregon, especially along publicity lines.

GRANTS PASS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
By J. R. Harvey, Secretary.

Rates' Lawyer Protests.

To the Editor:

My attention has been called to numerous articles appearing in your columns, evidently intended as news stories, concerning the forthcoming trial of F. A. Bates for an alleged felony. A secret indictment was filed by the grand jury June 7th, and on June 17th the writer became his attorney. He has now been arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty. Under the law his is presumed innocent until convicted by a trial jury.

We now ask you to refrain from prejudicial discussion of the alleged facts or witnesses until after the trial. In his behalf we take exception to a news item in the Tribune of July 21st, in which you say: "The witnesses will comprise residents of the Gold Hill district and lawyers of this city who previously represented Bates in his encounter with the courts."

Your valuable paper should not cooperate in a miscarriage of justice, or a break-down of law and order, by encroaching upon the duties of trial jurors, or in creating prejudice for or against the defendant, Bates. You may learn and publish that certain persons, including lawyers, were witnesses before the grand jury, but you have no knowledge as to who will be qualified or permitted to testify at a trial, as that matter will be before the trial judge, subject to the rules of evidence.

For your information, section 9-404 Oregon code, provides that "an attorney shall not, without the consent of his client, be examined as to any communication made by the client to him, or his advise given thereon, in the course of professional employment."

The only residents of Gold Hill who appeared before the grand jury were H. D. Reed, a justice of the peace, and D. H. Ferry, and it is not even contended by the state or its district attorney, that either of these persons witnessed the commission of the alleged "felony."

You are unwarranted in assuming or publishing in advance of the trial an insinuation that the defendant in his encounter with the courts will be even convicted by the evidence of his own lawyers or hearsay evidence from bystanders at a preliminary hearing before the justice of the peace. We ask that you desist from these prejudicial statements until after the trial, where the rules of evidence will be invoked by a competent trial judge.

M. O. WILKINS,
Attorney for F. A. Bates.
Ashland, July 22.

Oregon Indians' Condition Today

Written by Mrs. R. C. Van Valzah and read before Crater Lake Chapter, D. A. R.

(Note—Since this article was written there have been before congress several bills relating to Indian affairs in Oregon, which when passed and put into effect will change many of the conditions mentioned).

Chapter 7

At Klamath there is a 24-bed hospital for the Indians and from money taken from the tribal funds. The Indians opposed the building of this building because they all had their own doctors and did not like the agency doctor, maintained by the government and paid for out of tribal funds. He did not seem to like them. He said "they were dirty, lazy, ignorant and liars, and were worse than negroes and Mexicans." It is not to be wondered at that they refuse to be treated by him and resent his being on their payroll. An average of two Indians a month are treated at this hospital and yet we find on government records that there were 3000 hospital days in 1930. This means that the hospital is used by whites—the regiment of whites maintained by the Klamath Indians as Indian bureau employes.

One Klamath Indian testified that "the prohibition laws on our reservation are terrible; there is no law on the reservation. There every man is for himself. It seems as though they hire men who don't enforce the laws. We are in favor of law and order. They are taking about $4500 of our tribal funds for law enforcement and the fines of these men they catch handling liquor, or in any crime, go to the town of Chiloquin and to our county and state and the tribal fund is not reimbursed by any fines or does not get a proportion of the fines.

"We find that the Klamath Indian goes to the public schools at the expense of the tribal fund."

Joseph Bell, a member of the council of the Klamath Indians, stated that he favored public schools for Indian children, "Because you get to mix with a better class of people; and the history of the Indian child which has been reared on the reservation is that he is timid, especially when you put him out in the public, and he is kind of bashful and does not pick up as he would and he has no accent to his voice. But if you put him out in white society——in my experience, you have to associate with somebdy who knows more than you do or else you are not going to learn anything either, and the same thing applies to the child. It has been proven that given the same opportunities and advantages the Indian will compete with his white brother."

The Indians have stressed the fact that where tribal funds are used to maintain a school they would like to have the education equal to the best institution of learning in existence.

Employes are not allowed to become sympathetic or friendly with the Indians. Mr. Wade Crawford states that Mr. Simmons was transferred from Klamath because he was friendly with the Indians. "He was the best friend the Indians had there among the employes." Mr. Simmons was helping the Indians build houses.

(Continued next Sunday)

Climax

CLIMAX, July 23.— (Spl.)— The barn on the lower Kershaw ranch burned late Saturday night. The fire was discovered by L. H. Werth and two daughters as they were returning from town.

A. J. Grissom was a business caller in Medford Friday.

Frankie Jantzer of Persist was a week-end visitor at the Charley home.

Carl Compton and Mrs. K. H. Compton of East St. Louis, Ill., arrived Monday to spend the summer on their homestead.

Ben Oswald called at the Wertz ranch Wednesday.

E. P. Kurtz is building a house on his homestead near Frank Bybee's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Charley and family and Mrs. Ollie Mei spent Friday in Medford.

Mr. Doan and Mr. Hill have returned to their homes near Portland after a two weeks' visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean called on Mrs. Wertz Sunday.

Kayton McLean and Mrs. Meda Comstock were in Medford Monday.

Mill blocks $3.00 per load in 3-load lots. Medford Fuel Co. Tel. 631.

Portraits of distinction. The Peasleys, opp. Holly theater.

Phone 542. We'll haul away your refuse. City Sanitary Service.

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

July 24, 1924
(It was Monday)

J. A. Perry announces the anniversary of 24 years in Medford, and tells of the growth of the city since his arrival, when the city had 1000 people.

O. E. (Pop) Gates announces he will not run for governor, upon return from a fishing trip.

Special prosecutor denies report that local members of "necktie party" to be granted immunity.

Supreme court upholds conviction of Dr. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist, for murder.

Business conditions in nation checked by coal and rail strike.

Mose Alford pays $5 fine when caught watering his lawn out of hours.

Rudolph Valentino at Page thrills the women folks.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

July 24, 1912
(It was Wednesday)

Showers break the backbone of the heat wave.

Bull Moose party of Jackson county is formed, with Col. A. C. Abrams a delegate to the state convention.

Miss Maude Gaines and Milton Ottoman, well known local young folks, are wed.

Pug Isaacs, George Putnam and Judge Kelly catch 16 steelheads in three hours.

Woman hurled over cliff on upper Rogue road, when team becomes unruly, escapes death by miracle.

Press Comment

CHASING A RAINBOW

The enterprising people of Medford have resumed their 25-year chase after the rainbow end, in the guise of a railroad from the Rogue River valley to the sea. This time they hope to get a $6,500,000 pot of gold from the Reconstruction Finance corporation, though it is questionable whether such visionary schemes are entitled to its largess. At any rate, southern Oregon people will have a lot of fun out of it, some free advertising, and get their minds off the depression. It is better to merrily chase will-o-the-wisps than to mope in despair.

What would a railroad from Medford to the sea haul? It couldn't get coastwise or foreign tonnage until the government dumped another $6,500,000 into harbor improvements so rail and sail could meet. Even then the only export tonnage would be lumber, the main market for which lies in the midwestern states—and lumber is a drug on the market, and for three months in the year, perishable fruit, which finds its principal sale in eastern states. New mining developments might make some mineral ore available—but this is problematical and the huge surplus precludes profitable copper mining for a decade. The interior population is too sparse to furnish much import business.

But even if the railroad was built and the harbor constructed, the railroad would suffer the same fate that has overtaken other short line railroads everywhere. The busses would take the passenger traffic and the trucks the freight. If the Oregon Electric or the Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific, both tapping a populous and fertile region, can not make expenses, how could the proposed southern Oregon railroad possibly pay?—(Geo. Putnam in Salem Capital Journal.)

Williams Creek

WILLIAMS CREEK, July 23—(Spl.) Lea Spicer had one of his horses with which he has been logging hurt last week. The horse stepped on a manzanita snag, running it up under the hoof. It is feared the hoof will come off.

Mrs. M. L. House who has been ill for two weeks is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepeth who have been living on the old Brown ranch near Provolt have moved to the Elijah Davidson place on upper Williams creek.

Mrs. Bert Harris visited Mrs. Earl Whisler Friday afternoon.

Most of the young people and some older ones of Williams neighborhood went to Brownsboro Sunday where the Williams baseball team played.

Tom Jones is hauling hay for Bert Holzhauser from his lower ranch to the home place with his truck.

Clair Mahan is running the binder for Ray Topping through wheat harvest.

W. H. Lemmon, S. V. Hartman, Emil Voss, D. Mills, George Lovelace, John Mullen and W. Mills are running the Rile Cougle sawmill this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Trask of Medford were Sunday visitors at the Harry Cougle home.

D. M. Rogers, William Tucker and Frank Rubert of Pendleton are mining on Powell's creek.

The army worm has appeared here in our valley in small numbers but are not doing much damage so far, being confined to alfalfa fields instead of attacking the gardens.

Mrs. Harry Kincade and daughters Beverly and Lorrain and Mrs. Nettie Wright and daughter Ruth of Klamath Falls visited relatives on Williams creek last week.

Final clearince on summer dresses and hats. All straws 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00, including Gage hats. Dresses at greatly reduced prices. The Band Box.

Picture frames made to order. The Peasleys, opp. Holly theater.

The best clear Cedar Shingles, $3.00 per 1000. Regular $4.00 shingles. Medford Lumber Co.