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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

VALLEY OLYMPIC GAMES

Not to be outstripped by Los Angeles, or any other place, the valley has decided to hold some Olympic games of its own, as soon as we can get around to it. There will be a couple of pageants, and the following list of events, pulled off in the order of their enumeration, viz:

OPENING DAY PARADES

Parade of the Winning Candidates, followed by the vast array of losing candidates. (The militia will be on hand to see that this parade does not stop near a dance hall and hold a candidates' ball. None of them have had a waltz since the May primary.)

PAGEANT

Portland politician will enact the role of Grim Famine, and represent a wolf at the Grange Hall door. As the allegory unfolds he will be seen inside the Grange hall, eating a leg of fried chicken.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

(All will be held on the kilometer basis. It has nothing to do with "free-power-at-any-cost-to-the-taxpayer," though it sounds that way.)

(a)—Running-the-government contest. All entries must qualify by first fixing a wheelbarrow to the satisfaction of the judges. They must also furnish legal proof they can run their own business, if any.

(b)—Turning-the-rascals-out contest. All the rascals used must be home-grown and full of rascality.

(c)—Getting-mad test. All entries must confine their anger to themselves or their wives. The constituted authorities will see that the wives don't knock it out of them, before they get a good start. Entrants will be permitted to squeal, jump up and down, and pound a desk, to warm up, but this will not be allowed after the starting gong sounds.

FEATS OF STRENGTH

Lifting the burden off the farmer's back.

The winner of the above contest will be required to lift himself up by his bootstraps, without busting his gallus buttons.

SPEED EVENTS

Starting a wild rumor, and trying to catch it.

Truth will compete with a Lie, to see which the public will believe first. Truth is just entering this contest, to fill out the program, and with no hopes of winning.

THROWING PROGRAM

Throwing-A-Fit. The winner must look like a Roman candle whirligig, at the apex of his effort.

Throwing-A-Tantrum. This is the same thing, but more of a spasm.

Throwing-The-Bull, with both or either hand. The targets will consist of one farmer, and two other farmers, as they fall hardest for the political bull when heaved.

Throwing-Down-the-Gauntlet-to-President Hoover. (Special event.) (At the conclusion of the above event Prof. Jim Bates will perform his hair-raising stunt of throwing-up-the-Republican-party.)

The committee hopes to secure a young man who has experience in throwing-himself-at-a-woman's feet. Most men have thrown themselves in that direction at least once.

PACKING CONTEST

(a)—Packing seven people (4 girls, 3 boys) in front seat of coupe.

(b)—Packing slim girl and fat youth in rumble seat. The management will not be responsible if they can't get unpacked.

FIXING THE WATER FAUCET

For plumbers only. Any plumber who brings his monkey-wrench the first time will be disqualified.

LYNCHING BEE

Contestants must lynch President Hoover, Secretary of State Hal Hoss, and District Attorney George A. Codding, with the same rope. If they try to lynch themselves, as the cause of their own troubles, they will be disqualified.

In the evening one and all will gather in the city park and listen to hard luck stories, by those who have had no hard luck.

FINAL PAGEANT

The citizen who paid his taxes, and bought his auto license, without threatening a civil war, will be exhibited for a short time.

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EXTRA SPECIAL

Gent with elephantitis of the ego, will cast dirty looks at the top drawer of a mahogany desk, to prove he is a dirt farmer. Watch out for this.

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Some pears have pin-hole rot, but they can't read the pin-head rot.

Keep your skin soft and lovely. Use Coty Hand Lotion, $1 bottle special 89c. Heath's Drug Store.

Editorial Correspondence

ROCKFORD, Ill., July 31.—Plenty of green fields outside of Rockford, but few green lawns within. Reason: plenty of water but not plenty of money. Everyone, generally speaking, is broke. And water is on a meter basis. Good business is good times. Not so good in bad. With green grass around everything would look better, and everyone feel that way.

"I shouldn't have shot poor Joe. It was a dirty trick and I am sorry."

Thus spake Mrs. Dorothy Pollak, pretty brunette, 26 years old, in Chicago yesterday morning according to the "greatest newspaper in the world."

This must be consoling to Joe. How much better he must feel than if she had said, "I am glad I killed him, the dirty rat."

"When I get out of this mess" adds pretty Mrs. Pollak, "I will probably go into the beauty culture business."

That will be nice. Joe who left her $100,000 as a result of his profitable alcohol racket, will be pleased to learn his wife intends to be self supporting.

Chicago appears to be running true to form.

Coming back to the old home town is something like visiting a museum,—where you select and classify your own exhibits.

"There is where Old Man Sanford lived,—Time would have dubbed him early Victorian tycoon. It's now a tire shop and service station—The Lane mansion still standing, but roof badly in need of repair. A sign on the impressive big weather stained porte-cochere—"Rooms to rent, furnished and unfurnished." That old barn on the river bank—used to belong to J. P. Manny who invented the harvesting machine before McCormick—made a fortune and lost it. On that wall silver plated harness used to hang, in those stalls two blooded carriage horses, over there a Victoria with an umbrella canopy—very grand—a racing phaeton, a closed brougham, upstairs lived the Irish coachman—Dennis—one of the only three in town. No rubber tires then,—hard tires but soft dirt streets. Floor has rotted out, roof is half gone—but the big timbers are as good as new. Over there Dennis posted alluring circus lithographs, "Forepaugh and Sells, Barnums"—trapeze girls with hour glass shapes—Della Fox—Ah, them were the days! All gone now, still part of the barn is used by the boarders in the Mannymansion-de-luxe boarding house, as a garage.

Among things that have improved over the gay ninety period is the Rock river, that still flows gently to the Mississippi, still looks beautiful within its wooded banks from a distance, but not so beautiful close to. In the old days it had something more than an ancient and a fishy smell—the odor during the summer dog days, was enough to drive a dog mad. But today there is a large and expensive sewage disposal plant in Rockford, put in by the way by Samuel Greely, the Chicago engineer who surveyed the Medford situation and Bear Creek. As a result the flower gardens along the river have a chance, so have the kids who want to swim, so have the noses of the inhabitants. The city fathers never made a better investment, in health, civic self respect and beauty.

The sporting editor of a Rockford newspaper boosts the Western golf amateur tournament to be held in Rockford during August as follows:

"Word comes from the Pacific coast that two of the outstanding golfers in the Far West, Don Moe and H. Chandler Egan of Oregon will compete for the title. Chandler Egan who lives in Medford, recently won the northwest title at the age of 50 (sic!) he is an ex western and national, title holder and is headed for high honors this year. He will play with his brother, Bradshaw and his nephew Bill of Chicago. It also has been learned Charles Sever, Stanford university football player will be on hand, with his father Charles, Sr., a sterling performer, and director of the Western golf association."

Chan has apparently been keeping something from his Medford admirers. It was known he had a golfing cousin, Walter Egan of Chicago and Carmel, but Brother Bradshaw and nephew Bill, as stars of the golf world are something new. Walter should come to Rockford also and put on an Egan family foursome.

AVIATRIX BARES COMPETITION IN HER AFFECTIONS

Lancaster Planned Suicide Says Mrs. Keith-Miller at Trial of Flying Partner, Accused of Writer's Death

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Mrs. J. M. Keith-Miller, Australian flier and former aviation partner of Captain W. N. Lancaster, testified at the former British army aviator's murder trial today that Lancaster had contemplated suicide in order that she and Haden Clarke, her fiance, might receive $1,000 from his insurance policy on their wedding day.

Called as a witness for the prosecution in its efforts to prove Captain Lancaster killed Clarke, a young writer, in a love triangle, the aviatrix said the men quarreled over her affections at dinner the night before Clarke was shot at her home. They settled their differences, however, she said, after Clarke admitted Lancaster's accusation that he had been unfaithful to the former army flier in making love to her.

Kept Door Locked.

Her voice broke as she spoke of locking the door of her room upon returning that night.

"Why did you lock the door?" State Attorney H. Vernon Hawthorne asked.

"Because Haden told me he did not want that —— (Lancaster) to come to my room and talk me out of our marriage plans," she responded.

Mrs. Keith-Miller said Lancaster hurried home from a business trip to St. Louis after learning she and Clarke had become betrothed, as the youth wrote her memoirs which she hoped to sell.

"Mrs. Miller, were you engaged to Captain Lancaster?" Hawthorne asked.

Intended to Marry Him.

"You can't be engaged to a person who is married," she replied. "I always intended to marry him—for almost five years."

"Were you infatuated with Haden when Lancaster left here on March 6?" Hawthorne inquired.

"No, I changed my mind later. I advised Bill (Lancaster) by letter sent to St. Louis, and so did Haden. We read each others' letters before they were mailed."

She said Lancaster was sad upon his return from St. Louis because of her engagement to Clarke and told her he planned to kill himself in an airplane so she would benefit from his insurance.

Later, he learned the insurance company had failed and he abandoned the plan, she added.

Policeman Earl Hudson quoted Lancaster as saying on one occasion that Clarke had contracted a disease and it was preying on his mind.

The officer recalled Lancaster insisted Clarke committed suicide and suggested the disease might have led him to it.

SCOTT PONDERING RETURN TO BOARD

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Leslie M. Scott, who recently resigned as chairman of the state highway commission, was today still considering the advisability of returning to the commission, he said today.

"I'm sorry I can't say anything definitely now," he explained, "but I wish to consider the matter further."

Scott has been asked by the other commissioners, E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton and Carl G. Washburne of Eugene, to resume his place on the board and assist in carrying out the extensive program the commission has before it.

Governor Meier has expressed pleasure at the prospect that Scott may withdraw his resignation.

Broken windows glazed by Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Senator Borah's Secret,
Just Down the Street,
Go West, Of Course,
Foolish Things Not Said.

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There is a Borah mystery and it is about politics. The able senator from Idaho has made his choice for president and will not tell the name of his choice. It is not Hoover, not Roosevelt and not Upshaw, the prohibition candidate. Of course it is not Thomas, socialist candidate, although Thomas used to be a clergyman, is extremely intelligent and absolutely honest.

Senator Borah is hard on the platform work of his Republican conferees, saying, "I don't think any more of its economic planks than I do of its prohibition plank."

You must for yourself, guess his choice for president.

Mr. Knudsen, of Detroit, head of the Chevrolet company, and Aylesworth, boss of National Broadcasting, eating TETT LE VEAU A LA VINAIGRETTE at New York's Ritz Carlton Hotel yesterday, decided that better times are coming back. NOT around the corner, but marching up the street.

W. R. Hearst, who publishes newspapers, agrees with them. He says 1933 will be a good year.

This writer shares the reticence of Brer Tarbaby, but hopes for the best. It is a fact the news is more hopeful than it has been in two years past.

One thing is sure and there is comfort in it. The depression has not depressed American athletes, for they are smashing records and allowing competing visiting foreigners to see what they have not seen in war, the backs of many Americans.

If you can arrange it, attend those Olympic games at Los Angeles. This is written on the way there, via Chicago. Oakland and San Francisco. All in one trip, this summer, you may see six thousand miles of your country, going and coming, see the games, the Pacific ocean, and, as Mr. Westbrook Pegler justly observes, investigate many marvellous opportunities for real estate investment.

On such a trip you may learn much about politics and form opinions as to what will happen in November.

This column deals with facts, not opinions, so you will be spared any reading of the future.

John H. Perry, who is on this Twentieth Century train, says "It all depends a good deal on foolish things that the candidates do NOT say. In three months, a candidate can talk himself out of a 100-to-1 shot." So says Mr. Perry, who owns newspapers in many places, including Jacksonville, Florida, and other cities.

He adds, by the way, that Jacksonville hopes to make enough out of its publicly owned light and power plant and other natural monopolies, to free Jacksonville of taxation, as has been done in various cities of Kansas and some other states.

President Hoover is preparing plans for promotion of the five-day working week, the "flexible week," it is called. It is believed that the five-day plan would provide jobs for three million men now idle.

At the beginning, of course, the five-day man would get a five-day salary. But once the five-day week is established, it will be a week as well paid as the six-day week used to be, just as the eight-hour day is as well and better paid in good times now than the old ten-hour day.

If you are short of money, occasionally, your Uncle Sam can sympathize with you. In July he took in $263,290,620 less than the amount he needed and his deficit for the month was $62,000,000 greater than in July last year.

We are running an expensive country, expensive state, city and village governments. Eventually, Americans will be compelled to take a real interest in their government. Germany, with half our population, casts as many votes as are cast in the United States.

That tells the story of American indifference.

Important news for railroad men. Victor A. Miller, Denver lawyer, asks the interstate commerce commission for permission to accept a 185 mile railway that cost $3,000,000 and is given to him by the Burlington road for nothing.

That giving for nothing is not the news, for others might be glad to give away railroads.

The lawyer, Mr. Miller, will run light automobiles instead of heavy locomotives and 100,000 pound passenger cars over his line. That is big news and foreshadows the future. The time is not far away when surface passenger travel will be moved in cars of duraluminum, weighing less than their load of passengers, utilizing the railroads' priceless right of way, at 150 miles an hour and faster, AND THE RAILROADS WILL PAY.

Calvin Coolidge says he favors a general sales tax, also that relying on heavy taxation on large incomes will either make depression chronic, or put the government into the hands of the "wealthy."

It was in their hands pretty thoroughly while our boom and our "wealthy" were still with us. At present they remind you of the "Destruction of Sennacherib."

"The might of the gentile, unsmote by the sword,
"Hath melted like snow in the glance of the lord."

Our "wealthy" have melted like snow in the glance of the depression. Labor may as well know that until we raise a new crop of rich men to start labor-employing enterprises, times will be bad under our system, and we are not prepared for the Russian system yet.

Also, the "wealthy," if we ever get them back, will not put their money into enterprises that employ labor as long as the government continues to take 55 per cent of the PROFITS, if they win, and leave them all of the LOSSES if they lose.

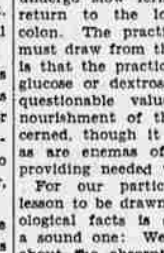
Personal Health Service

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.

THIRD AND LAST LESSON IN COLON'S PHYSIOLOGY.

In actual practice the so-called nutrient enema is a gesture of the past. We regular doctors are beginning to learn physiology. Nowadays we entertain and foster no delusions that it is possible to feed a patient in this way when the natural ingestion of food is interrupted.



To be sure, it is still a common practice to administer saline solution (salt dissolved in water) by this method. We know that water is freely absorbed from the colon or large intestine. Possibly some salt dissolved in water is absorbed. Among surgeons—who, as a class, are generally pretty dumb and unskilled in the science and art of therapeutics or treatment other than operative, it is customary to add some dextrose or glucose to the water administered by enema. This is done on the theory that some glucose or dextrose is absorbed from the large bowel into the blood. Recent investigation of the question has failed to furnish satisfactory proof that glucose or dextrose so administered is absorbed. Accurate scientific tests show no appreciable increase in the amount of dextrose in the blood after the careful administration of enemas containing various amounts of dextrose in solution. Most of the sugar so administered was recovered from the dejecta after the lapse of 2½ hours. But not all of it. The investigators concluded that a small quantity of the dextrose in the enema may be carried to the upper part of the large bowel by reverse peristalsis, and remain there to undergo slow fermentation or later return to the lower part of the colon. The practical conclusion we must draw from these precise studies is that the practice of administering glucose or dextrose in enemas is of questionable value so far as the nourishment of the patient is concerned, though it may be as useful as are enemas of salt solution for providing needed water to the body.

For our particular purpose the lesson to be drawn from these physiological facts is a simple one and a sound one: We need never worry about the absorption of any harmful waste products, alleged poisons or real poisons of any kind from the large intestine. Such a thing can happen in the presence of grave pathological lesions or injuries, of course, but not in the circumstances of every-day life.

Don't let the charlatans, the humbug diet experts and the fancy nostrum exploiters get your goat. When they get onto the line about the "toxins" or "products of putrefacation" which they would have you think responsible for imaginary "autointoxication," give 'em a big horse laugh and ask them to cite the scientific authority for their vicious teaching. They'll be stumped there, tho of course they can rattle off all kinds of names if you let 'em give you mere opinions of arbitrary assertions in lieu of scientific facts.

This is my last word on the subject for the present. I hope these little lessons in physiology will help some of you glum birds who have taken the old quack line too seriously.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Dentist Who Couldn't Eat Eggs.

I failed to see the logic in your article about the Dentist Who Couldn't Eat Eggs. If there is albumen in the urine doesn't that show the patient can't metabolize such food, just as sugar in the urine shows the diabetic can't metabolize carbohydrates? Who has proved it absurd to cut down the intake of albuminous food in such a case?—M. L.

Answer—The point is that no one has shown that there is any such relation as you surmise between the intake of albuminous or nitrogenous food and the presence of albumen in the urine. On the contrary we know that patients whose urine contains albumen can and do metabolize or utilize eggs, meats and milk and cheese without particular difficulty and as a rule should not try to avoid such food. The absurdity in the case of the dentist lies in his ready assumption that his little knowledge is sufficient. I printed the article because I fancied many laymen have similar misconceptions. There is a certain class of laymen, wiseacres, as I call them, who will not and can not learn that the old theory that meat eating or the use of nitrogenous food in the diet is hard on the kidneys has been discarded because it has proved false.

Students Need Physical Training.

One fellow in our class says that every morning on rising he notices a sudden wave of dizziness. On his mentioning this it developed that most of the members of the class have a similar experience. Has it any significance?—M. W.

Answer—The pulse rate of a normal person is 20 beats in the minute greater in the erect posture than when he lies down. The blood pressure, too, is increased. If the heart and circulation is inefficient, the sudden standing from the horizontal posture is more likely to distress one. Perhaps the young persons who notice the slight dizziness should devote more attention to getting physical training. However, normal adults may feel momentarily dizzy on such sudden rising. Sit on edge of bed and lean down as to lace your shoe a moment first.

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MYSTERIOUS MAN MOLESTS FAMILY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Confronted with one of the most puzzling cases of persistent intrusion they have ever known, Portland police today set about in earnest to entrap a mysterious prowler who for a month has molested the family of Veryl Humphreys in an East Side residential section.

Several nights a week for the past month the intruder has stalked about the grounds at night, peered through windows, knocked on the side of the house, pried screens or windows loose, and otherwise alarmed the occupants.

A climax was reached Monday night when he tossed a burning paper torch through a window which he had broken on a previous visit with the nozzle of a garden hose.

Humphreys told police he has not even a remote idea as to the reason back of the depredations.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson Count) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
August 3, 1922.
(It was Thursday.)

Luncheon club member fined $5 for not having a county fair tag on his auto.

Brownlee-Olds sawmill in north Medford to make first run next week. Plant will employ large number of men, but at present is meeting difficulty in securing help.

Earl H. Fehl appears before city council and presents plan for securing Butte creek water without voting bonds.

Six valley Klansmen indicted for alleged riot, assault and extortion.

Sky cloudy, but heat continues oppressive, as drouth enters sixth week.

Trigonia oil well to resume operations.

Portland drummer aroused beyond words when somebody steals the K. L. G. Y. sign off his rear axle.

Alabama negro surrounded in cornfield, battles 800 men all day, but is finally caught and lynched.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
August 3, 1912.
(It was Saturday.)

Medford and Weed to play for baseball championship and $500 tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap Andrews and Mrs. A. Carey will leave the fore part of next week on a trip to Crater lake.

Earl S. Tumy has returned from a trip to Newport, Ore.

Rural free delivery to the Hillcrest section is considered.

Mrs. Earl C. Gaddis and party are on their annual camping trip to Butte creek.

Haying delayed by deer hunting.

Electric line up Evans creek pleases farmers.

Front street landlady heaves inebriated roomer out of upper window.

Chicago Mayor In Home Visit

BREMERHAVEN, Germany, Aug. 3. (AP)—Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago arrived here on the steamer Bremen today. He intends to visit his ancestral city, Prague, Czechoslovakia, and to take the cure at Carlsbad before going to Berlin, where he is expected about the middle of August.

Auto glass installed while you wait. Prices right. Brill Sheet Metal Works

Body fir in 3-tier lots at $1.75. Medford Fuel Co. Tel. 691.

Mill blocks $5.00 per load in 3-load lots. Medford Fuel Co. Tel. 631.

Shoe Repairing, opening August 3. H. P. Preabt, 41 So. Front.

MORE ECONOMIES MAPPED FOR CITY AT COUNCIL MEET

(Continued from page one)

after a lengthy discussion of the prevailing condition. The inability of the people to meet their obligations was stressed along with the city's need of the payments. Under the plan agreed upon the delinquent assessments will be paid in monthly or quarterly installments (the first installment to be applied to the interest) not to extend over a period of more than three years.

Rev. W. H. Ecton, pastor of the Baptist church, appeared before the council, representing the churches of the city, and asked again that the churches be relinquished from payment of city assessments. The matter was referred to a committee. Such a request was made by the churches several years ago and Mayor Wilson last night expressed doubt that it would be granted.

Growers Protest

Harry Skyrman, local attorney, representing a group of local growers, introduced an ordinance, demanding more stringent action in the prevention of out of state producers flooding the local markets and running down prices of Rogue River valley products.

Local growers are unable to produce fruits and vegetables at the prices they are offered by Californians at the end of the southern season, he stated. And since the local growers are local spenders, he asked that more consideration be given them. City Attorney Frank Farrell referred to the existence of an ordinance aimed toward this end and Chief of Police McCredie informed the council that its enforcement is hampered by merchants, who order produce from the southern state, against which there is no law.

Growers, bringing in ordered produce, regardless of price cuts, cannot be stopped, he stated.

Attorney Skyrman's ordinance was accepted by the council for study and comparison with the existing ordinance and was assured that the city dads are anxious to extend whatever aid possible to the local producers.

Ask Horseshoe Court

Representing the horse shoe throwing fans of the city, W. W. Knips appeared to ask the council for space in the city park for a horse shoe court, the one previously used being taken over by Emil Mohr, owner, as a woodyard. His request was referred to the park and playground committee.

Ben Trowbridge of the People's Electric store, presented the request of electrical tradesmen for demanding a license of local firms doing their own electrical work. He advanced the claim that a discrimination is being made against the professional electrician, who is taxed, when firms are allowed to do their own work, sans license. The matter was referred to the license committee.

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