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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

California is rated as the largest and wildest state with the biggest grape acreage, and employment down there increased 13.5 per cent last week.

It might be a good idea for science to find a way for counties to quit fighting, when they get through battling.

These are the days when a lively halfback gets more space in the papers than a June bride, or a holiness candidate for sheriff, specially anointed by the Lord.

THE GREATER EVIL
 (Emporia, Kan., Gazette)
 The whole thing simmers down to this: Armed bandits are bad enough. But if everyone is armed, it is to carry a gun, there will be armed forces in addition to the bandits.

A horse and buggy shows up fairly regular on the Main Stem, the driver thereof looking as mad as Hoover, as if he were leaning up against a bank.

The young men of Delmaria and adjoining lands want war. Now what does Del Corchell think of his idea to turn the running of Creation over to mustached dancers, in order to get "the enthusiasm of youth into governmental affairs."

Col. Voorhees, J. Kort Hall, and Lady Democrats are artists at falling back on the tariff, when cornered in a political argument. The political argument is becoming quite promiscuous and plentiful, and is seldom worth listening to.

PLAIN FOXINESS
 (Cleveland Plaindealer)
 A pleasant bit of hot weather news tells how a Polynesian pearl prospector protects himself from dishonest employees. The problem is to prevent pearl extractors from becoming extractors. The pearl prospector has a simple way. He employs girls to take out the pearls. When they find an especially valuable one they squeal with delight and their faces brighten. All the boss has to do is to use his ears and his eyes.

The bill to close Rogue river is again before the voters. It has been up a time or two before, according to the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Many people are gaining the notion that something besides Rogue river should be closed.

Candidates are in the field—also the front yard, the back yard—in fact every place but the hall. It looks like George Porter would be shot for the legislature.

Heppner is enjoying balmy days but on the last few nights. They have turned out as cold as winter with all the pomp, honest enough to confess, taking the faithful hot water bottle to bed.—(Heppner News) The first B-r-r-r!

Quite a few of the Youngest Daughters are armed with rouge sticks, and not helping out female pugnacity around here as much as they think they are.

The ugly word, and a number of homely words have been hurled at late.

C. Hoover, the milkman, has resigned his Republicanism, and decided to vote to eat his own winter bluegrass for the next 4 years. A year ago, Mr. Hoover was a good prospect for the Nihilist society. Last week while riding in the brush, an unknown democrat—probably Franklin D. Roosevelt—pulled back a sapling and hit Mr. Hoover in the neck, inflicting a noticeable but not serious scrotum.

These are tough, but no careless hunters made his red hat out of a piece of his daughter's red dress.

Prof. Preiner has received word that Jackson Foster will be here next week.

The Treasury Department has figured out that everybody in the land has \$418.73 in the bank. The bank's figures—the mathematics that really count—fall to jibe with the Treasury Department, in at least one instance.

For those "thrifty"
 Pure silk hose—Special 75c
 ETHELWYN B. HOFFMANN
 Sixth & Holly
 Sell your old gold at Lawrence's Jewelry Store.

The Tariff Fiasco
 FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT assures the cattle men of Arizona that he believes in a protective tariff, and if elected will not lower the present schedule.
 While in California, one of his chief supporters assured the Golden State ranchers, he believed in tariff protection against Sicilian lemons, Italian cherries, and Chinese eggs.
 In Seattle it was announced the lumber tariff would not be lowered, and before representatives of organized labor in the industrial East, Mr. Roosevelt assured his hearers, he favored a tariff which would protect them from the cheap labor of foreign lands.
 And now in Utah, and southern Arizona, democratic leaders assure the people that the tariff on copper will not be lowered, if Roosevelt wins.
 ALL OF WHICH MAKES THE STAND OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ITS LEADER ON THE TARIFF, JUST AS CLEAR AS MUD.

JUST where the democratic party and its leader stand on this moot question, we frankly don't know, and we don't believe anyone else knows.
 For many months democratic newspapers and orators have been blaming the Smoot-Hawley tariff for most of the ills of this harassed land, from bread lines in New York, to farm foreclosures in Oklahoma. It has been the chief cause of the depression, responsible for the lowest commodity prices on record.
 Yet ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO, the democrats were blaming the Republican tariff for the HIGHEST commodity prices on record,—it had to shoulder all the blame for making rich men richer, and saddling the poor with the insufferably high cost of living.
 Just how the tariff can be responsible for HIGH prices one year, and for STARVATION prices another, has not, and we fear, never will be explained.

AND now after shooting the present Republican bill full of holes, and advocating its repeal in THEORY, Governor Roosevelt and his leaders, in PRACTICE,—in every district where the provisions of that tariff apply, and the protection accorded is popular, go on record, as the democratic candidate did in Arizona yesterday, as favoring the retention of present schedules.
 Certainly it is to laugh! Nor is the reason far to seek. The plain truth is there is no tariff issue between the two major parties, and the effort of the Democrats to create one, is merely political molasses to catch the voting flies.
 Draw a graph of Mr. Roosevelt's endorsements of tariff protection when he completes his swing around the circle, in the industrial centers of the East, in the lumber districts of the northwest, in the citrus country of California, in the cattle and mining country of the southwest, and any impartial observer will find him, standing precisely where President Hoover stands.
 For the principle of tariff protection, where it is locally desired, for tariff reduction, through a non-partisan tariff commission and executive action, whenever tariff protection is higher than the circumstances warrant.
 In short the tariff differences between them and their parties, as we have so often pointed out, is merely the difference between tweedle dum and tweedle dee.

Looks Like a Hoss Race
 For people sportively inclined, who wish to wager on the presidential election we would advise, waiting a while
 The first Literary Digest poll gave Hoover a slight edge, the second gives the edge to Roosevelt; but the figures, thus far, are neither conclusive, nor important.
 Presidents are elected by states, not by cities, and not by the popular vote. The winner in fact may well be far behind in the popular vote and still have a majority in the electoral college.
 The straw vote thus far clearly indicates only ONE THING, that this is going to be a hoss race.

BUT the real reason we advise caution to those sportively inclined is that we don't believe the American people as a whole have made up their minds how they will vote.
 Two things are going to determine that very largely. First, and foremost whether the business curve continues to go up, and secondly whether the business curve continues to go down, and whether it will take the going up or down.
 THIS is what the two opposing candidates do and say, during the rest of the campaign. There is no doubt that Roosevelt said things in Seattle endorsing certain radical candidates, which lost him many votes, and probably the editorial support of the Seattle Times.
 He may say similar things elsewhere, which in a close contest may swing the tide against him.
 Hoover on the other hand, runs no such risk. His cautious temperament insures him against breaks. As his acceptance speech demonstrated, his fighting spirit is aroused; his political senses are more alert than ever before. With other things equal, he might win the decision, by the three or four speeches he plans to deliver.
 So the result still lies in the laps of the Gods. Those who want to wager on the outcome, better keep their hands on their pocketbooks, until the first of October.

NORMAL PUPILS HEAR GREENLEAF
 (By Charles F. Champlin, Jr.)
 At the regular assembly held yesterday at Southern Oregon Normal school, the students were pleasantly surprised when Wm. Lee Greenleaf, noted humorist and reader, presented a very excellent program.
 His first selection was the story of Rip VanWinkle. Mr. Greenleaf took all the characters parts himself and depicted the famous myth from beginning to end. When he finished this selection the students were so enthusiastic over his performance that he gave an encore, a reading about the young man who was getting ready to go and propose to his sweetheart. This piece held the students in constant laughter.
 Preceding the program by Mr. Greenleaf, Mr. Strange, professor of education, announced to the students that the first "mixer" would be held October 7 in the auditorium. One of these so-called "mixers" is held at the beginning of each school year, in order that the students may become acquainted with each other. The rule is that a student can't leave this affair until he or she has made themselves known to at least six other students. The entertainment will consist of music and other fun which has not been definitely decided on as yet.

Communications
 Roosevelt's Power Program.
 To the Editor:
 With reference to your editorial endorsement of the Roosevelt utility plan, may I submit the following pertinent questions as to the extent of that endorsement as it applies locally.
 If the people of Grants Pass can install an artificial unit that will generate electrical energy at a cost, roughly, of one-eighth the price they are paying for lighting the place, do you believe they would be entitled their rights in so doing, and within the scope of the present?
 Do you believe that the Oregon Utility Commission is right in its present endeavor to influence the action of the Portland city council in the matter of granting a franchise to the Portland Traction Co.? If so, do you not believe that the same commission was guilty of a gross dereliction of duty in their failure to advise the Medford city council similarly in the matter of their consideration of a new Copco franchise a few weeks back? And particularly so in view of the fact of the commission having knowledge that the average rate for lighting throughout the province of British Columbia is 3 1/2 cents per k. w. as against 8 cents in Medford—the cost of development and transmission being equal in both places.
 On the basis of this extortionate proportion of the 3 per cent federal tax, something in excess of 50 per cent now levied as tribute upon the consumer, should be absorbed by the utility? Otherwise the consumer is doubly penalized by the dereliction of his public servants.
 FRED KELLY,
 317 E. Jackson St., Medford.

Ed Note: Governor Roosevelt endorsed public regulation of electric light and power rates, privately owned, as preferable to public ownership and operation. He only favored the latter where the former failed to give the people fair rates, and the advocated public ownership and operation, as a threat to make the public utilities behave, rather than as a permanent policy. This is, and always has been, the view of the Mail Tribune.
 If in Grants Pass, Portland, or anywhere else, such regulation through a public service commissioner or commission, after having been given a fair trial, fails to give the people just rates, then and then only would the people of such communities be justified in launching into public ownership and operation,—building their own light and power plants,—thus injecting politics into, and eliminating private initiative from the entire matter of light and power service. Many factors enter into the complicated question of what is and what is not a fair rate to give the people, such as investment, interest, etc., etc.—and the question is not one for the power companies or the consumers to decide, but for an impartial and judicial body of experts.
 As to the final question, The Mail Tribune, three months ago editorially condemned forcing the consumer to absorb the federal tax, and maintained this tax should be absorbed by the power company.

Phoenix Church Dinner Planned
 PHOENIX, Sept. 27.—(Special)—All members of the Phoenix church and others interested are invited and urged to attend the congregational meeting Wednesday night at the church. Covered dish dinner will be served at 6:30, and each person coming is asked to bring their contribution to the dinner, and stay for the meeting to follow.
 Pender and Sheet Metal Works, Pender, Brill Sheet Metal Works.

Women of Yreka Aid Celebration
 A unique organization has recently been formed by the women of Yreka to assist in putting over the big "Gold Rush" celebration there October 7 and 8. The women call themselves the "Gold Diggers" and will act in an auxiliary capacity to the "Gold Miners" who are sponsoring the pioneer celebration.
 Not to be outdone by the men who are appearing in pioneer garb and whiskers, the ladies are wearing old-time costumes of the "vintage of '49" and causing much comment from the tourists and visitors.
 The purpose of the "Gold Rush" is to revive interest in gold mining, provide jobs for the unemployed and to raise money to help care for the city's needy families during the coming winter. Everyone in Southern Oregon is cordially invited to participate in Yreka's pioneer celebration on October 7 and 8.
 PRESBYTERIAN FORUM OFFICERS ARE NAMED
 Rev. Leonard C. Brown, assistant pastor at the First Presbyterian church of Pasadena, led the Westminster forum meeting Sunday night at the Presbyterian church. Miss Eleanor Curry, soprano, sang for the group.
 The organization elected officers for the new year at a meeting held at the home of Emily Brown. Mrs. Brown was elected president; Frances Barr, vice-president; Nadene Mayfield, secretary, and Frank Van Dyke, treasurer. Plans are being made for interesting social events, Sunday night discussions, and special speakers for the Sunday meetings.
 Those young people of college age or older are welcome to join the forum.
 If you are interested in flying, see Mack Griffin at Peoples Electric store.

Phoenix Grange Has Unique Program for Enjoyment Tonight
 PHOENIX, Sept. 27.—(Spl.)—The meeting planned by Phoenix Grange for tonight which will be presented during the Grange lecture hour will be one of unusual nature, and entertaining. Two newspaper members of the staff to bring to the Grange the nature of the article assigned to them, and when called upon by their editor will present the same. The two appointed staffs are as follows:
 Staff No. 1—Editor, Vaughn Quackenbush; society editor, Addie Steadman; advertising man, Mr. Knutzen; columnist, Fay Carver; sports editor, Mr. Putman; art editor, Florence Drake; poet, Sybil Caster; culinary department, Mrs. Walker.
 Staff No. 2—Editor, George Drake; society editor, Mabel Quackenbush; advertising man, Mr. Lusk; columnist, Lucille Wilcox; sports editor, Lee Denzer; art editor, Florence Putman; poet, Minnie Putman; culinary department, Mrs. Chub Anderson.
 Harry Ward of Eagle Point will be present and will talk on the old referendum.
 Musical numbers are being prepared by the music committee.
 All members of the Grange are urged to be present, and further, full plans will be announced for the Grange Booster program, to be held on Friday night of this week, to which the public will be guests.
 Dry slabs \$1.00 per tier. You haul 'em. Med. Fuel. Co.

Today
 By Arthur Brisbane
 Wheat for China.
 Mussolini's New Plan.
 Ruining an Old Name.
 Twenty Millions Death Tax

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 President Hoover is conferring with the reconstruction finance corporation to find some way of financing the sale of 15,000,000 bushels of wheat to China. China offers to buy the wheat, the question is whence the money is to come from?
 In view of the fact that millions are starving in China some way of shifting the wheat from our surplus into starving Chinese stomachs should be found.
 We managed to send ten thousand million dollars to Europeans, killing each other, and we shall not get that money back.
 If we sent fifteen million bushels of wheat to starving Chinese men, women and children, Providence and the farmers certainly would applaud, even if we never got the cash.

Mr. Knickerbocker, studying Europe sends extremely interesting information to Cyrus H. K. Curtis about Mussolini's plans. He grabs the depression situation by the horns and not gently. There is trouble with the big bank, the Italian government takes charge of it. There is trouble with big industries, Mussolini's government also takes charge of them.
 Mussolini is doing in the name of conservatism, capitalism and monarchical government what Stalin is doing for Russia in the name of Communism, Marxism and Sovietism.
 Both apparently believe that something better than hit or miss individual initiative and free competition are needed.
 Our best minds will watch the programs carefully.
 The ancient market city of Nishni-Novgorod has been renamed "Korki" in honor of the distinguished Russian writer.
 Maxim Gorki's genius deserves any reasonable honor, but Nishni-Novgorod does not deserve to lose its ancient, romantic name, and Gorki probably will be first to protest against the change.
 To Nishni-Novgorod's great fair traders came from all over Mongolia and Russia. There the strange creature Ivan the Terrible inflicted some of his worst brutalities on men and women, including nuns.

It was bad enough to take from St. Petersburg the name of the czar who created the city and the power of modern Russia, and name it for Lenin.
 To rechristen ancient Nishni-Novgorod as "Korki" is as bad as it would be to rename Venice "Lagoonville" or rechristen the Taj-Mahal "My Best Girl."
 To do a thing well always pays. Attend to your business ably and your business will attend to you.
 Dr. John T. Dorrance, able head of a great canned soup company who recently died, evidently knew how to make good soup and sell it. The state of Pennsylvania will collect \$20,000,000 as taxes on the property that he left. But taxing a man's success so heavily after death, when the government takes half he earns while he lives, seems a little greedy.

Because Britain's government "gave in", approving a compromise on the privilege of India's "untouchables", Gandhi has ended his fast.
 He took nourishment at 6.30 a. m. yesterday, eastern standard time, for the first time in six days and five hours.
 For a man wasted to a shadow by habitual semi-starvation, such a fast must mean serious shortening of life. There is no doubt that Gandhi would have starved himself to death. The wise British know when to give way.
 General Von Seeckt, called the "most famous German military strategist" says that since the other nations will not disarm, Germany will bring herself up to full military strength and "there is no force on earth that can prevent Germany from becoming a great military power."
 That is true; one victory means nothing. France lost in 1870 and won in 1918. Germany lost in 1918 and inevitably will be making another attempt to wipe that out, and take back Alsace and Lorraine before the century is half ended. UNLESS human beings suddenly become enlightened and refer national quarrels, as they no longer refer personal quarrels, to the long hand.

Not long ago human beings of high position thought it beneath their dignity to refer a quarrel to anything or anybody except their swords. Duels, miniature wars, decided who was right.
 Cardinal Richelieu did a great deal to discourage that. Some way should be found to discourage the international murdering, the wholesale duels called "war."
 At about fifty many men lose courage. At that age, courage should increase, for if you have gone through life's troubles for fifty years, you should be able to cover the rest of the ground.
 But, it does not work in that way. Two middle aged men killed themselves in New York yesterday. One George F. Eleanon, fifty, jumped from the 16th floor of a hotel. Another, Isidor Dubinsky, younger, jumped from the 42nd floor of another building.
 Why not wait and see what will happen? Napoleon thought of suicide, before his name was known. What interesting days he would have missed.

De Valera, president of the Irish Free State, presiding over the League of Nations general assembly, says strange things. Instead of calling the league perfect, he said it stood under suspicion. "A defendant at the bar of public opinion." He also demanded that the league deal with all alike, weak little nations, or powerful big nations.
 De Valera takes the league too seriously if he thinks it will talk to Japan or Italy as it talks to Austria, and other countries hamstrung by the treaty of Versailles.

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 A year ago I wrote you in regard to my child's bedwetting. I am happy to report that your advice has proved the right psychology. I purchased from the stationer a lot of red stars, gummed on the back. Every night the child kept dry she was allowed to stick one of the stars on the big kitchen calendar. The whole family became interested. In the plan and the child saw how pleased everybody was about each day's red star. By the end of three months she was able to cover every day with a star, with no numbers left uncovered on the calendar. We are sure this made such an impression on the child's mind that it worked a cure ever during sleep.
 The mother has the right idea. Bedwetting is a habit and not an ailment. Neither is it "kidney trouble." Nor a "weakness." It is a mistake for a parent or other guardian of such a child to utter any excuse for such a habit in the child's presence, especially harmful to explain that the child "comes by it naturally" because some forbear has had the same habit.
 The child who wets the bed can overcome the bad habit and remain dry if he wants to.
 Any parent or guardian who takes this to mean that scolding, censure, punishment or shame will make the child want to remain dry is too dumb or vicious to have charge of the training of a child.
 In exceptional instances it may be possible for the entire family to take such an interest as this mother describes, but as a rule the matter should be kept as nearly secret as possible, between child and guardian. The calendar plan is an excellent one for the child three or five years of age, but for older children the mark or reward for each dry night should be more appropriate to the mental age.
 Have you ever had to wake up at an unusual hour in the night or early morning to catch a train or keep an appointment? You wanted to wake and you did wake. Wouldn't have done any good if somebody had threatened, ridiculed, embarrassed or shamed you about it. But if you want to wake up—or you fall to wake at the designated time, work the child can control the emptying of the bladder during sleep if he wants to. But he must want very much to do so if he is to make a success of it. Sometimes it is hard for a harassed mother or an embarrassed father to avoid showing impatience, annoyance or disgust, but any such manifestation is fatal to

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Flight 'o Time
 (Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of '99 and 10 Year Ago.)
 TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 September 27, 1922.
 (It was Wednesday.)
 War in the Near East held intractable.
 Snow appears on Mt. Wagner, and it will be a long hard winter.
 Twelve transients travelling by autos ask Red Cross aid and money and are granted same.
 Fall roundup of cattle underway. People rejoice over pear awards at the state fair.
 B. F. Lindas, attorney, challenges his rival, E. C. Gaddis, for mayor to a debate. Lindas adds "there is a nigger in the woodpile." Wild charges hurled at councilmen by weekly, regarded as "huge joke by citizens generally."
 TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
 September 27, 1912.
 (It was Friday.)
 Human blood found on shirt worn by Mike Spanco, accused of murder.
 Plan huge parade against vice in Portland.
 Officers Cady and Mego have hard battle jailing an up-country tough.
 Barn near Barron burned, due to carelessness of cigarette smoking tramp.
 Brickyard promoter departs suddenly.
 Charge umpires stole National League pennant for New York Giants.
 Four hours clipped from train travel to Chicago.
 Kaiser of Germany visits Switzerland.

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