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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
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At this writing the voters have started to drift. Yesterday a down-trodden farmer who drifted into the Republican party to run for office last spring on a Meier platform, was in town and announced he had drifted into the Democratic party. He sported a Roosevelt button to prove that he was through drifting. This morning Claude Saylor, a graduate of the Bates Bros. Barber College and School of Oratory, was drifting around town in a pair of overalls. Mr. Saylor was denunciatory of Mr. Hoover because in 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, and 1928, the president caused him to drift in an auto from this valley to Pennsylvania and back again.

Our idea of an unshaking hero is Fred Strang, a Hoover defender entirely surrounded by mad and enraptured Democrats. His Paw regards him as a snitch on the political ecstasies of the Strang family.

NOW, ALSO ABUSED
(Cass, Mo., Democrat)
M. T. Hoed of Harrisville had a good job this summer and the depression wasn't worrying him. Then came the 2-cent tax on checks, and he was always being deducted the 2 cents from my pay check. I quit," he said. The depression is worrying him now.

Credit must be given for thinking up an alibi for wholesale lying, in these parts. The liars performed a civic service with their lying, it is argued, and did not from any mental depravity, but to wake up the people—who have never been asleep—for their own good. Thus, it can be readily seen the truth won, but lies scored a moral victory. To be sure the lying bred hate, and aroused the lawless rabble, but this was a tonic, and was nothing but righteousness wearing a false face. Later in the month a series of hootchie-coochie dances will be staged to intensify the refinement of the waltz. The current epidemic of petty thieving is not criminal. Thieves are just demonstrating that "honesty is the best policy"—if you get caught.

Gitzo Shimoda, 8, had an argument with his Paw Sunday, which he lost by a heavy plurality, and failed to carry a single precinct. His Paw thought Gitzo was Manchuria.

Two or three Ashland Democrats were up yesterday, hopeful of victory, and smiling with tears in their eyes.

The Tuesday Bridge club will meet this afternoon to vote on whether they will go and vote next Tuesday, or listen to a Frisco expert explain the new bridge rules. This will be a test between governmental welfare and when to lead the ire of spouses.

If American-born citizens don't like the way things are sneering at the American form of government, the American-born citizens can move to the homeland of the sneering aliens.

The frost has laid a heavy hand upon the trees, and now the leaves are almost as numerous as candidates.

The Two Best Speakers

"Sincerity of feeling is the sterling mark of all good literature whether by the written or spoken word. Without it no literary skill can produce a great book; without it, no oratorical facility, can produce a great speech. But WITH IT, IN A HIGH DEGREE, any literate person, may attain, by the written or spoken word, true distinction, and that inner integrity which raises effort inevitably above the commonplace."

A CLEARER definition of what distinguishes permanent from transient achievement in the realm of letters and the spoken word, has perhaps never been given than this quotation from the published lectures of Brander Matthews.

Applying this test to the present political campaign, establishes the fact, that the best speeches to date, have unquestionably been given by President Hoover, and Norman Thomas—the candidates of the Republican and Socialist parties.

Absolute sincerity of feeling distinguishes both men. President Hoover believes, ABSOLUTELY and profoundly in what he calls the "AMERICAN social and economic system." He believes it is the best system of civilized government yet devised. He believes that this country's salvation lies in remaining true to that system, and working itself out of the present morass, by cleaving to its FUNDAMENTAL principles. He feels this so strongly, that in his Madison Square speech last night, and in the speeches that preceded it, IN SPITE of his shortcomings as a public speaker, IN SPITE of his ineptness as an "exhorter", by the SHEER INTENSITY of HIS FEELING, the strength of his conviction, he did attain that inner integrity, which raised his effort above the commonplace, and gives it a place in the political history of this period.

WITH equal sincerity, with equal strength of conviction, Norman Thomas does NOT believe in the American social and economic system. He believes it is all wrong. He believes ONLY through its destruction, and its replacement by the socialization of industry and government, can conditions be improved. However one may disagree with the Thomas creed—and we do disagree with it completely—no one who has followed his speeches can deny that he too has attained that "inner integrity" which distinguishes the permanent, from the transient and the commonplace.

The "Real" National Issue

IF we COULD as a people, shake off this partisan psychosis, which has us in its grip, and renders any comprehension of the realities or true perspective, impossible until after the 8th of November; it would be obvious to us all, that the real contest now being waged, is NOT between President Hoover and Governor Roosevelt; not between the Republican and Democratic parties; but between President Hoover and Norman Thomas—between the Republican and Socialist parties.

They alone hold to sincere convictions, adhere to honest principles, which are FUNDAMENTALLY AND INHERENTLY, OPOSED. Their battle is a real battle, the Hoover-Roosevelt battle is only a sham one. Important from the standpoint of partisanship it is true, important as to the IMMEDIATE fortunes and material welfare of this country. But unimportant,—when merely considered as a part of the great cosmic plan.

THEN why make all this fuss over it? Why care whether President Hoover or Roosevelt wins! MERELY THIS. Norman Thomas can't win. The contest is solely between Hoover and Roosevelt. The question then comes down to this:

Which candidate and which party is better fitted to take control of the government at this critical time,—under this "AMERICAN system."

The party, that sincerely believes in it—the system of free initiative and equal opportunity—(the capitalistic system if you prefer!) or—

The party that for political purposes only, doesn't believe in it, (but as Norman Thomas has truly said either does believe in it, or has no honest belief whatever).

In President Hoover who has built the machine of rehabilitation and reconstruction, and who knows how to run it, or in Governor Roosevelt who has built no machine, has offered no concrete plan, who prattles about the forgotten man and the new deal, in the farm belt; but who returns to New York, joins his plutocratic pals Vincent Astor, Barney Barnuch and John J. Raskob, in the exclusive Racquet club, and assures them so charmingly they "have nothing to fear."

In other words,— We either BELIEVE, or we DON'T believe, in this American system, that President Hoover believes in so completely, and the essential principles of which he expounds so clearly.

If we DO, then we should support the man who also believes in it, the one man in this country, best qualified by character, knowledge and experience to run it,—

If we don't, then we should not turn to Roosevelt,—the synthetic apostle of the forgotten man,—the left-handed friend of capitalism—but to Norman Thomas, who proposes a NEW deal that IS new; who offers a plan that is a real plan; who doesn't approve what Hoover approves in private, and then condemn it in public,—but who is opposed to Hoover and what he stands for privately and publicly, all times, and all down the line.

THERE is the issue,—the real issue—in this campaign, but not one-half of one percent of the people will believe it.

If we were as a people, CONSISTENT, if we could throw off our partisan blinders for just a brief lucid interval—the people of this country would either be for the American system, and the man who best exemplifies it, PRESIDENT HOOVER, or they would be against the American system, and the man who best exemplifies that opposition,—NORMAN THOMAS.

They would not allow themselves to be stranded HALF WAY BETWEEN, lured on the fatal political fly paper, by promises that can't be kept,—or stuck on the rocks, because they kicked out the best pilot under that AMERICAN system, for a makeshift and inexperienced one.

Oregon-Louisiana Clash Postponed
BATON ROUGE, La., Nov. 1.—(AP)—The Louisiana State-Oregon football game here December 10, has been postponed to December 17. Athletic Director T. O. Heard of L. S. U., said today.

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.

BARE KNEES AND GOOD HEALTH
Correspondent sends in a clipping and asks for my view of the subject. The clipping purports to be the view of several world famous authorities, who's names are not divulged. One of the coy authorities is quoted as follows:



"Bare knees in damp weather predispose to arthritis. People have enough trouble in their knees without exposing them to any more."

Have you ever noticed that we eminent medical authorities do NOT quote our arbitrary assertions by the clause "in my opinion"? We go on the good old plan of pronouncing it so. That was enough to make it so in the halcyon days.

Another well known but unidentified authority, divulges the secret of his success in practice. He says that when parents bring a child to him he always advises covering the child's knees, as he would rather err on the side of safety. By the same logic this gentleman would probably advise against all ventilation, lest a draft reach the child, and he would prohibit all rough play in order to protect the little darling against stone bruises, skinned shins and punches in the nose.

The prime "authority" of the lot divests himself of this one: "Doctors have noted an increase in cases of inflammation of the bladder among those who dress scantily. This is thought to be due to chilling of the lower parts of the body."

This hypothetical "authority" makes use of the old device—he releases into the passive or furtive mood, he doesn't say "I think" or even "we doctors think," but "it is thought." For all you know all the thinking may be done by the office boy or the janitor. You're just a dumb customer and if it ever does occur to you to wonder who does the thinking, you are too timid to call the bluff.

There is no scientific evidence that bare knees in damp weather predispose to any disease or in any way imperil health. The clinical, actual or everyday observation is that baring the knees is a healthful practice whenever the child (or adult) finds it comfortable.

Years ago, when women began to follow the fashion of scanty attire, on in advance and endure the hardships of a pioneer?

Saul of Tarsus was honest, in the world's acceptance of the term, when he persecuted the Christians, thinking he was doing God's service, but all the time he was making a mistake, and helped forward the work of the adversary.

O that believers would only stop and think that the views of truth they seek to stereotype—the views inherited from their forefathers—were once as novel and unconventional and obnoxious to the coadjutors of their forefathers, as any fresh truth which they now seek to stereotype.

That the forefathers, amid what hurricane of excitement, opposition, contempt and prosecution their forefathers fought for the very truths they are now standing still in, and holding so sacred that they cannot bear to think their needing modification or adjustment. Do you see how unreasonable they are acting? If the forefathers had taken the attitude they are taking, they would have made no progress in the knowledge of God's word and some of the truths which are today the common heritage of the saints would never have been unearthed from beneath the rubbish of decayed "ology. These people stand in the path of traditional and spiritualism, just where fathers left them, occupying all their time in admiring the stadium and knowledge and devotion of their forefathers, instead of imitating their aggressive faith, and reaching after the delectable pasture of truth that lie just beyond.

There are, notwithstanding the persistent efforts of explorers, regions of the world upon which which most still be written "unexplored territory." In the scriptures of Truth, too, there are, notwithstanding the strenuous labors of successive generations, unexplored regions. And what task could be more inviting than venturing off the beaten track, to search out "fresh fields and pastures new" for the refreshing and pasturing Word in the spirit of God's saint? Happy is the man who approaches the Word in a spirit of constant expectancy, breathing the Psalmist's prayer: Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold Wondrous things out of thy law. I am a sojourner in the earth; Hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing That it hath unto thy judgment at all times. —Psa. 119:18-20. A. E. KELLOGG, 1786 North Riverside, Medford, Ore.

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WHERE'S THE EGG?



Courtesy New York Herald-Tribune

V-Valley View

VALLEY VIEW, Nov. 1.—(Sp.)—Grant Davis and D. Nance of Ashland were Valley View callers this week.

Chas. Butchart, milk tester, was a business visitor here last week. Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Penland visited the Throckmorton home in Eagle Point Sunday.

R. G. Fowler was a business visitor in Valley View Friday. Miss Dorothy Leale went to Hornbrook Friday to visit, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Glenn, Mrs. J. R. McCracken and Mrs. Jas. Lennox attended the "Who Do" class at Mrs. H. J. Marter's in Ashland Friday. Mrs. L. Gallatin and Mrs. W. A. Stratton attended a ladies' aid meeting at Mrs. Warren Cook's Tuesday afternoon.

R. E. Runyard, Coop investment man of Medford, was a Valley View visitor Wednesday. Miss Georgia Coffee, Mrs. Lillian Schofield and Mrs. L. Pierce called on Valley View voters in the interest of S. A. Peters, Jr., of Ashland, candidate for justice of the peace.

Tom Fankley of Central Point, Democratic candidate for county commissioner, Louie Ulrich of Medford, Democratic candidate for county clerk, Everett Beeson, Republican candidate for sheriff, S. A. Peters, Jr. and Judge Roberts of Ashland, candidate for justice of the peace in that district, were in Valley View last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Penland were Central Point visitors Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mills of Westwood, Calif., assistant manager of the Red River Lumber company, are visitors at the Jewell Lowe home this week.

Mrs. Agnes Merrill of Medford visited with Mrs. C. W. Glasgow Sunday. Russell Hawk and the two little Williams girls of the Suncrest orchards are back in school again after having the chickenpox. Albert Stratton is out of school since Tuesday with the chickenpox.

Valley View community club met Thursday afternoon. After the business meeting and roll call Mrs. Perozzi of Ashland gave an instructive talk on the amendments to be voted on. Mrs. F. Craig, Mrs. S. Childers and Mrs. R. N. Chaney served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blibbee of Dunsmuir visited at the Fred Garle home Sunday.

Another early project of the league was the study of fruit maturity. The objective in this study has been the proper harvesting and handling of the valley pears and apples so that the consumer, whether in our eastern metropolitan centers or in the cities of Europe and South America, might enjoy all of the natural delicacy and aroma of fresh fruit. The earliest instrument, a "mechanical thumb" or "pressure tester," was developed by the county agent in Medford. The latest device, an electrical apparatus, is Jackson county's new contribution to the industry.

The next step of the organization was equalization of taxation on orchard property. The league also set up a voluntary assessment of its own members to provide sufficient revenue to adequately maintain the Medford office of the extension service of the agricultural college. Two county agents, a home demonstration agent and an office secretary keep the farmers and fruit growers abreast of current researches and practical innovations.

The membership of the league became acutely aware of the need of irrigation. As the orchard acreage increased and the bearing capacity approached commercial importance, auxiliary water became an evident necessity. At the instigation of this body of growers two irrigation districts were financed and constructed.

In 1926, when spray residue on tree fruits became a matter of international moment, the valley became aware of the advantage of proper organization. Medford bore the brunt of solving this problem. The practices instituted by the league are utilized in all important fruit areas.

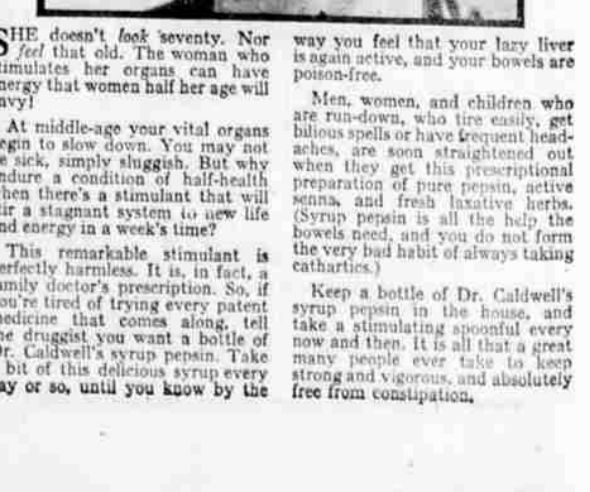
In all of this work the league has looked to the agricultural college for aid in the solution of the particular problem. The backing of the college has been instantaneous and effective. Sharing with other districts the knowledge of the vital importance of freight costs, the league perfected an executive committee representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Rogue River Valley Traffic association and its own membership. In addition to many minor endeavors this committee did valiant service on the northwest rate case. Through this closely knit body the new Medford experiment station was established.

The present head of the Fruit Growers' league, E. W. Carlton, is quietly recognized for the active aggressiveness with which the producers of southern Oregon are attacking the new problems springing from the general economic situation.

The league has shown its capacity to fight its own battles in the past. Such leadership must win through. —Oregon Journal.

Schedule of G.O.P. Meets in County

Ashland, city hall, Tuesday, Nov. 1. Applegate, Grange hall, Wednesday, Nov. 2. Winner, school house, Thursday, Nov. 3. Butte Falls, Woodmen hall, Friday, Nov. 4. Speaking at each place begins at 8 p. m. Jas. W. Mott, candidate for congress, speaks at the Gold Hill and Ashland meetings. Two or three good speakers will be at all the other meetings. The Ashland Scotch Kilty band will play at each meeting at 7:30 p. m. The republican candidates will attend each meeting and be introduced. Medford, Friday, November 4, radio talk over KMED by Burton Pitts, district attorney of Los Angeles. He will also address a big meeting in Medford that evening.



Where Does She Get Her "Pep?"

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 29 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
November 1, 1922.
(Minneapolis) A mother who stole food for 18-year-old son, is betrayed by youth for \$5 reward. He is held in jail as a material witness, but the police can't find the mother.

Campaign in Jackson county reaches its height, with Klan and compulsory school bill as red-hot issues. A wave of wild oratory sweeps over the valley. Ashland politics scrambled beyond all recognition and Jesse Winburn is bone of contention.

Rogue Valley Cannery packs 40,000 cases. The wife of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg, who committed suicide in state prison death cell, becomes the bride of a road worker.

Oregon has best climate in Union for raising babies. U. S. health board reports. Fine midsummer weather continues.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 1, 1912.
(Medford) County campaign seethes and rages with seven speeches in a night in this city. "When Justice Winks" at the Star theater. Chester Parker wins the automobile in the Toggery Bill contest.

"Vote Against Bill 371. It will destroy free speech." (Adv.) Gov. Os West urges all Jackson county voters to vote for Col. E. E. Kelly for prosecuting attorney, "as he is a man of ability, and has a backbone."

Tearful appeal issued to all voters by Democratic National committee. James S. Sherman, vice-president of United States, laid to rest with simple ceremony at Utica, N. Y.

Communications

Stop and Think. To the Editor: It is self-evident that, until dawn of the perfect day, somebody must be always receiving new light and making new departures, and there has never been an instance in the history of the church in which this has been done, but nearly the whole of that generation has raided a bus and cry against it. There is much talk on every hand about revival. But do we realize that it is impossible to bring about a revival, a grand aggressive movement of Christianity, without receiving new light and departing from accustomed rites and grooves to some path in advance of all that has gone before. Are we in a condition to receive fresh light from God? Are we preparing to go

Editorial Comment

Its Great Example. Organized 30 years ago, a fine example of enterprise and progress has been set by the Fruit Growers' league of Jackson county. It has always stood for conservative, constructive effort. It has utilized all that science could provide in developing the fruit industry. Its leadership has given Jackson county a strong claim as the most progressive county in Oregon. One of its first successful actions was the establishment of a meteorological office to handle frost control. Careful study of spring frosts has enabled growers to intelligently combat this hazard.