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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

LETTER TO ST. NICK.
 Dear Santa Claus:
 I want a de-hating machine for Christmas, that will cure me of thinking all my friends and neighbors are anarchists, and need something that will cure me of hating everything, including myself. We are also out of good-fellowship, and low on human kindness. We have won all the battles for political righteousness, but have lost the Oodly quality of being friendly and sympathetic. This used to be the "Italy of America," but has been taken over by the Balkan states. Russia and one of the Balkan states. Try and do something about that. Try and get the climate, like the dispositions, have gone hay-wire.
 Hoping to see you soon,
 I am your ex-sunny friend,
 METROPOLIS J. MEDFORD.
 P. S.: I have been a good old boy, and am not mad at anybody—much.

The fashionable, but chilled hussies, continue to mock the icy blasts with their bare heads, and these days, and then perhaps our officials will try to put a stop to such a practice. It is made the duty of the sheriff to arrest men for riding through the streets or on other public highways faster than six miles an hour and we hope to see the matter looked after, as it is dangerous for persons, especially women and children to walk the streets.
 —(50 Yrs. Ago Col.)

THE EVER CHANGING TIMEN.
 (Pendleton East Oregonian)
 It has got to be a custom of certain parties to bring their wild bucking cayuses to Pendleton to ride in the streets. Some one will be run over and hurt one of these days, and then perhaps our officials will try to put a stop to such a practice. It is made the duty of the sheriff to arrest men for riding through the streets or on other public highways faster than six miles an hour and we hope to see the matter looked after, as it is dangerous for persons, especially women and children to walk the streets.
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"TIME FOR NATION TO THINK"
 (Portland Journal)—As General Grant yelled at the 2nd lot, at the Battle of Shiloh: "Stop trying to think, and do something!"
 "Each told the police, he could give no reason for the bank robbery try."—(Press Dispatch)—Is that so, Mr. Bach may have had the sneaking suspicion there might be some money in the bank. He also entertained the notion that he would not get caught. Because he can give no reason for the bank robbery try, does not excuse the state from giving a reason that will send him to the penitentiary.

An attempt was made to assassinate ex-Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany yesterday. This is the same Kaiser the Allies were going to hang, without delay, as soon as the Great War ended, but never got around to it. He moved to Doorn, Holland, and started splitting wood, as you may recall. Movies last summer showed pictures of the All-Highest welding an axe. His awkwardness with the woodshed implement, is on a par with President Hoover's awkwardness aboard a horse.

Misses B. Harder and G. Deane were frightened six weeks ago when J. Curtis Barnes gave them an article entitled "Technocracy" to read, and they are now invited to read "The Answer to Technocracy," and quit their quivering for civilization. The Technocrats now claim that they have found a new social and economic system, "whereby money as now known, will be extinct." This will not make much difference, as it is already extinct, as far as your corr. is concerned, always being just a whistling post for dollars. Other promises are more alluring, for instance: "Men may work but a few hours a week, and the world will see clothes and autos that will last a life-time." An automobile that possesses eternal life might not be so bad, but man has not yet discovered to the point where he would be content to wear the same pair of pants, all his days. Little is known of "technocracy" by the layman, who feels that it would have to be little of nothing, not to work any better than the current so-called civilization.
 Phone 547. We'll haul away your refuse. City Sanitary Service.

What Price Politics?

THERE is a widespread demand for greater economy in government. President Hoover a few days ago, tried to answer that demand, by offering the most drastic regrouping and reorganization plan, ever considered in our national history. The plan would cut out duplication, and concentrate federal administration under more appropriate heads, at a great saving to the tax payers.

But as predicted in this column several days ago, this program will in all probability, never go into effect.

President-elect Roosevelt also has a reorganization plan. Yesterday Senator King of Utah, (Democrat) offered a resolution disapproving of the entire Hoover program. He will undoubtedly have the support of the Democrats and of every office holder and bench warmer affected by the executive order.

THE financial condition of this country is truly desperate. A deficit of nearly two billions is threatened. Every consideration of the public welfare calls for the immediate reduction of federal administrative expense.

But unfortunately in congress, partisan considerations come before all others. The Democrats can't allow President Hoover to steal any of their leader's thunder.

Unless all signs fail, President Hoover's plan will be thrown into the waste basket, and shortly after March fourth, President Roosevelt's plan, embodying many of the recommendations of his predecessor, will put over—with cheers, and thunderous applause from the democratic side.

Thus four months that might contribute to federal economy, will contribute to continued federal extravagance. Once more, the man in the street, has cause to inquire:

"What price politics?"

Behind the Scenes

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, famous Kansas editor,—who usually knows what he is talking about,—gives some inside history of the recent meeting between President Hoover and President-elect Roosevelt regarding war debts.

He declares President Hoover laid all his cards on the table, and maintained that a radical scaling down of war debts, with ultimate cancellation WHILE UNPOPULAR IN THIS COUNTRY, should be brought about, in the interest of world recovery—and if Roosevelt would agree to back him up,—he would take the responsibility for urging such action.

He explained that he would not feel justified in recommending such a drastic move, unless it met with the approval of the man who in a few months would succeed him.

ACCORDING to the Kansas editor, President-elect Roosevelt replied that the war debt issue was "not his baby," that he would sanction international discussion of the war debts, but would not commit himself to any policy concerning them, until after his inauguration.

Well, we don't deny taking such a stand constitutes smart politics. Governor Roosevelt is going to have enough troubles, without becoming involved in any that rightfully belong to the opposing party.

But from the standpoint of statesmanship, as OPPOSED to partisanship, the future historian of this period, may record, that in refusing to cooperate with his predecessor, President Roosevelt missed an opportunity to contribute to more rapid economic recovery, and refused to write himself down, four months before taking office, as a truly GREAT MAN.

On the Hair Trigger

A LITTLE item in the press dispatches deserves more notice than it received.

The other day a government employee went gunning for a certain newspaper correspondent, because aforesaid correspondent had printed the fact that the employee rode about in an automobile at government expense.

The item was perfectly true, and came out in Liberty magazine the day the incident occurred. Only the disarming of the enraged employee, in the press gallery, prevented a probable tragedy.

This curious bit of melodrama, calls attention to two interesting facts. First, some public men honestly believe only news favorable to them should be published. Second, because of the depression and general emotional strain resulting, the temperamental boiling point has been reduced, about as far below normal, as stock prices—which, need we add is SOME REDUCTION.

Incidents which in normal times would be passed over, with scarcely a comment, are today, justification for at least assault and battery. This fact might well be considered in all our human relationships today—and our international relationships for that matter.

CHRISTMAS SEALS MAY BE OBTAINED AT POST OFFICES

The sale of Christmas seals in booths at the Medford postoffice and the sub-postal station in the Medford Hardware and Furniture store will begin tomorrow under the general supervision of Mrs. Gordon-Yoerkes.
 Mrs. Yoerkes said last night that in view of the great need for funds for carrying on the work of the National Tuberculosis Society and the Jackson County Public Health Association, the public is asked to make a special effort to buy the seals during the next two weeks.
 The sale will continue daily until the evening of December 24, and should exceed that of last year since there will be no community chest demand, so that the seal sale and personal contributors will be the only funds for continuing the dental clinic, tuberculosis prevention and care, immunizations, aid in supplying one county health nurse, emergency sur-

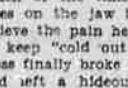
gical dressings and many other practical safeguards of the public and individual health.
 Mrs. Yoerkes has announced her booth committee members, each of whom will supply workers to conduct the daily sales. They are Miss Helen Bullis, Mrs. G. Robinson, Mrs. F. G. Thayer, Mrs. C. C. Lemmon, Mrs. A. V. Graves, Mrs. Ed. Jannay, Mrs. George Roberts, Mrs. J. J. Emmens, Mrs. Howard Hill and Mrs. C. S. Butterfield.
 As the postoffice is closed on Saturday afternoon, a booth will be maintained at Mann's Department store next Saturday afternoon, also December 24.
 The committee asks that every letter and parcel going out of the Medford postoffice bear at least one Christmas seal, beginning tomorrow.
 Auto Accident Fatal.
 EUGENE, Dec. 13.—(P)—Mrs. Rebecca Simmons, 88, injured in an automobile accident last Friday, died in a hospital here Monday. She was walking with Curt Peterson, also of Coquim, when an automobile driven by Claude McKibben of Harrisburg struck them. Peterson died a few hours later.
 Oregon Weather.
 Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, but becoming cloudy, and probably unsettled in west portion; not quite so cold near the coast; increasing southeast winds.
 Buy Christmas Seals

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.

BOIL, CARBUNCLE, LYMPHANGITIS, CELLULITIS, SEPTICEMIA, BLOOD POISONING, ERYSIPELAS, OR WHAT HAVE YOU?

Anyway, it is encouraging to note that the peasants today do not fool with acute septic infection under the belief that they have just "taken cold in it."
 One such sufferer developed alveolar abscess (abscess about the root of a tooth). Peasant-like, he heeded the advice of ignorant folk around him, called it "ulcerated tooth" and remained close to the fire for several days, as a precaution against "taking more cold in it," and much of the time kept meal positions on the jaw in the attempt to relieve the pain he endured and also to keep "cold out of it." The abscess finally broke through the cheek and left a hideous scar, almost as great a reproach as would be deliberate mutilation with tattoo. Had this simple sore gone to the dentist at the very beginning of the toothache and swelling, the dentist could have given instant relief by either making an opening to release the pus or drain the abscess or extracting the tooth if it were damaged beyond repair. This sensible course would save hours or days of suffering, obviate the ever present danger of general septicemia (blood poisoning) and prevent the possible external rupture and scar formation.
 It is not necessary that the layman should be able to distinguish hangnail, whitlow, felon, pimple, boil, carbuncle, abscess, dermatitis, cellulitis, lymphangitis, erysipelas and septicemia, though an understanding of the general principles involved is of practical value to everyone.
 In the first place it is universally acknowledged, except by a few followers of queer cults, that all of the conditions mentioned are caused by infection, that is, invasion of the tissues by bacteria. If the reader has any doubt about the scientific soundness of this premise, the information and advice in these discussions will be of no particular use to him.
 Most common varieties or types of bacteria, microbes, germs are harmless to man. Of the comparatively few types that cause disease in man we recognize several as quite common and a few as seldom absent where the infections now under consideration are concerned. I refer to the Staphylococci, which the physicians or bacteriologists recognize much as you and I recognize wire-hair trimmers and just dogs. But the Staphylococci (s aureus, citreus and albus, according to the golden, yellow or white color of the bacteria produced by the organism) are not so virulent as another type that is fortunately less common, called Streptococci. The physician or bacteriologist or pathologist recognizes Streptococci when he makes a microscopic examination, just as the herpetologist or trained naturalist recognizes rattlesnakes.



Any good deal depends, then, on the type of bacteria present in any such infection. If it is purely or chiefly Staphylococcus infection, chances are there will be just an ordinary boil or other localized festering or pus formation or maybe merely inflammation, which will run a short and easy course and be forgotten in a few days. On the other hand, if it happens to be chiefly a Streptococcus invasion you're out of luck and indeed you're in grave danger. Instead of a simple boil or pimple or whitlow or runaround you are likely to develop a wicked carbuncle or an atrocious spreading inflammation under the skin (cellulitis) or an acute blood poisoning with chills and fever.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
 No Fooling.
 For about three years I have been troubled by an acid system...
 Answer—If you will kindly enlighten me I may be able to understand what you are talking about. Just how do you determine that your system is acid?
 Autogenous Bacterin.
 Some time ago I saw an interesting article of yours about the clearing up of a case of colon bacillus infection of the kidney pelvis by the administration of autogenous bacteria, or something like that. I have been under treatment nearly a year for what the clinic called colon infection of the kidney...
 Answer—Your physician can take a specimen of blood for a blood culture, or any other specimen he thinks likely. The bacteriologist incubates this for a week or longer. The bacteriologist then prepares a suspension of the killed bodies of so many millions of the germs in the culture to the cubic centimeter of sterile salt solution. This is the autogenous bacterin your physician administers.

High Life.
 After eating highly seasoned foods, particularly tomatoes with salt and pepper, and drinking cold milk or cold soft drinks, I feel uncomfortable from...
 Answer—Well, Dumb Dora, maybe it is just as well. After a while it will dawn on your consciousness, if any, that condiments and "soft drinks" are not essential.
 This is a Health Column.
 What effect would taking Lugol solution have on the system? I had an operation for inward goner...
 J. B.
 Please explain the difference between an emens, high emens, and irrigation. Have been a practical nurse...
 Mrs. B. L. M.
 What is the reaction on the human body and what the effect on the system from the habitual use of... in tablet form...
 H. D. M.
 Answer—Please excuse me. I'm totally deaf in one ear. But with m. right ear I can still hear personal health questions perfectly. What you people need, I imagine, is medical advice.
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the lime valiantly for the party platform against their own judgment.
 One is a Lame Duck leader. His hands were trembling when he talked later with friends. He told them: "That is the first wet vote I ever cast in my life and I have been in politics for 40 years. I am waiting until the letters roll in from my district."
 Bishop Cannon is around trying to stir up the religious issue on prohibition. He figures the Democratic victory in November was the doing of the Pope. If he could get the fight down to his level the drys would have a better chance of winning. The trouble is no one here will believe him.
 His mimeograph machine is the only weapon he has. He cannot control a single congressman. His home state delegation, Virginia, voted unanimously for the Garner repealer.
 Once you lose your prestige in Washington, you never come back.

DEFEAT OF DRY REPEAL LEAVES HARD FEELINGS
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 They supported Mr. Hoover. Congressmen generally have an idea that anyone who supported Mr. Hoover is not a good man to follow just now.
 The last dry ditchers have deeper motives for their stand. Lame Ducks are playing a long time game and are out for the next two years and they are counting on a reaction from repeal to put them in popular favor again two years hence. They have nothing to lose by voting dry.

The Democratic leaders are trying to forget what their own dry battlers did to them. They are concentrating their course on the Republicans. It always sounds better in public.
 The inside fact is that Republican Leader Snell promised to deliver 128 votes for the Garner resolution. He short-changed Garner by 22 votes.
 The failure of 44 dry Democrats was rather expected. Garner's private poll before the vote showed a maximum of 162 Democrats for the resolution. He got six more than he expected.
 His friends did think that the others would have the political decency to absent themselves from the chamber.
 Personal recriminations are, however, being largely suppressed. That is because everyone knows something like the Garner resolution will certainly pass within the next few months.
 There were many southern Democratic congressmen who went down December 24.

Meteorological Report

December 13, 1932.
 Forecasts.
 Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Wednesday fair but becoming cloudy. Not much change in temperature.
 Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, but becoming cloudy and probably unsettled west portion.
 Local Data.
 Lowest temperature this morning, 15 degrees.
 Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 42; lowest, 29.
 Total precipitation since September 1, 1932, 4.95 inches.
 Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 59%; 5 a. m. today, 44%.
 Sunset today, 4:40 p. m.
 Sunrise tomorrow, 7:31 a. m.
 Sunset tomorrow, 4:40 p. m.
 One a penny—Christmas Seals!

The most difficult problems are, so to speak, "duck soup" to Mr. X, who will be in Medford for five days, starting Thursday, to offer his assistance to Medford residents in unraveling knotty problems and performing unusual tasks. If you have a job for him to perform, no matter how difficult, fill out the coupon below and send it to the Mail Tribune.

MR. X COUPON
 To Mr. X of The Mail Tribune:
 I hereby apply for your services. The job I have for you is _____ and should require _____ hours.
 This service to be performed free.
 Name _____
 Phone No. _____ Address _____

Sales Tax and Jobless Will Get Consideration At Special Legislature

Oregon, Washington and Idaho Studying Mississippi Plan for Revenue Is Disclosed at State Capital

By CLAYTON V. BERNHARD, Associated Press Staff Writer.
 SALEM, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The special session called for January 3, 1933, in an official proclamation by Governor Julius L. Meier today, will be the seventh extraordinary session called since Oregon became a state, a review of its archives in the secretary of state's office today revealed. Two extra sessions were likewise held when Oregon was a territory.
 F. D. E. Kiddle of Union county will be a president of the senate, and Earl W. Snell of Gilliam county will be speaker of the house in the short session. A caucus will be held here Monday, January 2, for organization of both houses. A resolutions committee and a taxation committee will be appointed by the president and speaker, with the senate and house taxation committees operating jointly. Under suspension of the rules the hearing would start Wednesday, the day after the session opened, continuing for perhaps three days, with the measures coming up for passage Saturday.
 Expects Sales Tax.
 Governor Meier has indicated that he expects the special session to adopt a sales tax, either general or selective, from which funds would be derived to offset the striking decrease in revenues, thus forestalling return of the state property tax.
 He has called attention to the circumstance that if the state tax commission makes a levy on real property for the state, the burden will fall on the counties and not upon the state, for the state will collect its entire levy without permitting delinquencies.
 Tax matters will hold the exclusive attention of the legislators during the special session. None of the other important matters to go before the long session will be dealt with in the short meeting.
 Plan Much Discussed.
 The call for the special session followed several conferences the governor has had with prominent business men and legislators. At all of these the sales tax was discussed as an alternative for the property tax. The governor said that when the property tax was eliminated the state tax would be sufficient to meet the needs from intangibles, income and excise taxes to offset the decrease. But declining revenues of individuals and the decreasing value of intangibles resulted in the state receiving far less than was anticipated.
 In an effort to restore the revenue to the level of expenses, the state tax commission urged revision of the income tax but the suggestion was turned down by the voters in November.
 \$4,000,000 in Red.
 A \$4,000,000 deficit and continuing diminishing returns has made it necessary, state officials declare, to provide some new source of revenue against the time when, with the normal trend of business delinquencies will cease and the usual tax sources will provide sufficient revenue.
 Governor Meier has reiterated that more revenue is not wanted to meet increased costs of government, but to take care of government that already has economized to the limit.
 Session Is Unique.
 Or all special sessions held, the one just called stands out as unique in one particular form, and that is its personnel. For the first time legislators are called into a special session before they have attended a regular assembly, and organization must be perfected prior to the business of the meeting. It will be the first extra session called between the date of the general election and the date of the next regular assembly.
 This situation gave rise to considerable speculation until an opinion by the attorney-general declared the new members would constitute the personnel of an extra session at this time. He held that the constitution provided that members of the house and senate are elected by the day following their victory at the general election. In another constitutional act it was declared that elected officials are to take office the second Monday in January, but it did not mention legislators.
 Last One in 1921.
 The last extraordinary session was called December 19, 1921. The others were held January 12, 1920; March 13, 1909; December 21, 1903; September 26, 1898 and November 19, 1885. The two prior to Oregon's admission as a state were held May 2, 1850, and July 26, 1852.
 While the session was called primarily for consideration of tax raising measures, the proclamation Monday was also called for consideration by the session of unemployment relief. The plan is for the adjournment of the special session on January 7 in order that the regular session may convene January 9.
 Although it was generally understood that the proposals for tax measures would include a general sales tax, no mention of this was made in the governor's statement to the press late Saturday. It was also understood that the extra session would not mention any specific tax, the governor being expected to again emphasize the emergency and the immediate need for some tax to offset the state property tax.
 States Study Plan.
 A communication to the state tax commission from the Idaho chamber of commerce suggested a meeting of representatives of Oregon, Washington and Idaho be held in Portland to consider the special session plan. It was expected to be given, both here and in Idaho, it was learned. Reports from Mississippi indicate general satisfaction after the act had been in force six months, but

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 24 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
 December 13, 1922
 (It was Wednesday)
 Two state prison inmates from this county, who were sentenced to 12 years for robbing an Espree brakeman of a dime and a jackknife, pardoned.

John Wanamaker, merchant prince who passes after notable career, attributed success and wealth to "always being to work on time."

Mary Miles Minter, in "The Cowboy and the Lady," at the Rialto.

Medford ordered to better its fire fighting equipment or be given higher insurance rates.

Christmas dinner for the kiddies Christmas eve.

Fair crowd hears Frank Branch Riley lecture on Great Northwest.

Portland revels in snowstorm; the valley mild and pleasantly balmy.

Elks to hold annual Christmas tree for needy.

War clouds grow blacker over Balkans.

Sale of "Red Cross Seals" starts in city.

Roller skating tonight at the Nat. Adv.

Local talent scores a decided hit in "The Mikado" at the opera house. Wilson Wait and Grover Corum were Japanese noblemen.

MR. X'S DEFTNESS WILL BE TESTED IN LOCAL STUNTS
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 could do anything that was asked of me.
 "I got the job for a week and did it—although I nearly got stumped when on the last day I was asked to play a saxophone solo in two hours' notice.
 "I had never played a saxophone in my life before, but in two hours I learned to play 'Old Black Joe.'
 "The worst of it was after I played the solo there was quite a lot of applause and I had to play an encore, so I played the second verse of 'Old Black Joe.'
 Has Boxed Dempsey
 Mr. X, among other things, has boxed Jack Dempsey and Jack Johnson. He says both matches were drawn, although he should have had the decision for outrunning his opponents.
 Mr. X will be in Medford starting Thursday and in the disposal of the Mail Tribune readers to do any task that they may ask of him provided it is within the law, does not endanger life or limb, and will give an interesting story.
 Mr. X has stated that during his Medford visit he will be glad to advise any luncheon club or fill the pulpit of any church where his services may be required. He also will be glad to address any Medford organization that calls on him.
 He suggests that those who wish to call upon him to fill in the coupon of this issue and mail or bring it to the Mail Tribune.
 Will Tell His Experiences
 Mr. X will relate his experiences from a day to day in these columns and a lot of interesting stories he will have to tell, fixing this and that and the other thing for Mr. and Mrs. Medford and their families. His services are absolutely free.
 The Mail Tribune foots the bill. Fill out the coupon, mail it to Mr. X at the Mail Tribune office and he will do the rest.

Catching Cold? Quick Relief
 Liquecold at the first sneeze or sniffle. Relief comes quickly. Many say in 30 minutes. Liquecold is the popular new liquid cold prescription.
 Jarmin & Woods Drug Store
LIQUOCOLD

Boys! Girls!
 Genuine Duncan
Yo-Yo FREE
 Just save 20 coupons which are wrapped with BECK'S Breads and present them to any of our wagons or to
Beck's Bakery

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 Unusually Attractive Rates to Permanent Guests.
 Just off Union Square—most convenient to theaters, shops and stores. Only California hotel offering Servidor feature—thus combining "maximum privacy with minimum tipping."
 Garage in basement with direct elevator service to all guest room floors. In every room—connection for radio reception, running filtered ice water, tub and shower. Western-exposure Tower rooms have ultra-violet-ray windows.
 Dinner in Coffee Shop from 7:55 up—in Main Dining Room from \$1.50 up. Also a la carte service.
Hotel SIR FRANCIS DRAKE
 600 OUTSIDE ROOMS—127 single rooms at \$3.50 daily, 118 at \$4. 136 at \$4.50, 107 at \$5. 64 at \$5.50, 43 at \$6. Double rooms \$5 to \$8 daily.
 IN THE TOWER—Luxurious Suites \$12 to \$20 daily—De Luxe Rooms \$5 to \$12 single, \$7 to \$15 double.
 Powell Street at Sutter - San Francisco
 Music—HERMAN HELLER'S ENSEMBLE—during Luncheon and Dinner