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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
After next Friday, there will be Beer Checks, one of the most popular items in the collection box.

"Turn the Hascalls Out," one of the leading war-whooops of the turmoil, is just as good as it ever was, and really means something now.

After all, the drenching the valley got last winter from rain and snow, farmers report there was no rain and same is badly needed.

The Older Girls are in the throes of housecleaning and working like bees and ants and bees. Some think they are carpenters, and making their own repairs, Saturday.

Dewey Hill, the prize hired man of Prospect was down Tues. Dock Emmons fixed something for him.

Motorcyclists are abroad in the lanes again. Some are the go-devils with their hands off the handlebars, but deny they have suicidal tendencies.

Isaac Fridger of Ashland was up yesterday making people believe he was going to run over them while crossing the street, per auto. This is a playful trick, like pointing a loaded-unloaded gun at a friend.

Sir Henry Jeans, the British scientist, reports that "the world was once all gas." There has been considerable improvement locally.

It would have been a "Perfect Crime," but for a Perfect Capture. Many of the innocent little children, who are defenseless, have to eat rind-bread these days so they will contain the right amount of iron.

"F. F. Augur has gone to Trinity county where he will mine this summer"—(Greenhorn Items). Many knew him when he was a gimlet.

Rev. O. C. Rankin at Centenary Methodist church will speak Sunday on "Purity of Wilson Girls." Rankin is inclined to be sensational, but he'll find little material for it in that subject.—(Wilson, Tex., Vidette). An editor miscues again.

The fair sex are once again decorating the tennis courts playing tennis. Tennis quickens the eye, strengthens the wrist, and gives poise. Dish washing weakens the grip on the racket.

Some of the heads are too high for the swains. C. von der Hellen, the Wellen cloud-hopper, has showed up again in his white starched golf pants.

But the \$95,000 was promptly transferred to the credit of the fish committee, and Representatives Hall of Mississippi, Bachman of West Virginia and Zelick of Tennessee were named to serve on it. New York, not Moscow, beckoned; later, San Francisco, San Francisco, in fact, lures so many congressional committees to the Golden Gate that one house member was unkind enough to say during a debate on contingent expenses that an investigation of the Atlantic tides, if it were ordered, undoubtedly would be made on the Pacific coast.—(Mercury). Why the inside lining of the taxpayer's pocket-book is chewed out.

As near as can be determined at this time, no cornfields will be hoped-for, as a means to throttle John Barleycorn. Many homebrewers plan to put pancake batter in their malt jars.

TALENT P.-T. A. PLAY FUND FOR LUNCHEES
TALENT, April 5.—(Spl.)—Friday evening, Talent P.-T. A. sponsored a play, "It Was All a Mistake," at the high school auditorium.

The following cast handled their parts like veterans and certainly pleased the house, which was packed. Everett Bost, Miss Opal McLarrain, Mrs. Everett Bost, Mrs. Regina Dixon, Wiley Hill, Fred Morse, Clarence Holdridge and Mrs. Vera Montgomery.

The proceeds of the evening will be used to furnish hot lunches at school.

Why All This Delay?

To the Editor:
Can't the trials of the ballot burners and Banks be speeded up a bit? The ballots were burned over six weeks ago and George Prescott was murdered three weeks ago, and yet the dates of the trials haven't even been set. What are we waiting for? With all these confessions there is no doubt about who killed Prescott. The longer we wait, the greater the expense to the tax payers, and the more resentment there is at the delay of justice. Medford and Jackson county can't get together and go ahead, until these cases are cleaned up, justice is done, and one of the darkest chapters in local history closed and forgotten. I can't see any rhyme of reason in this dilly dallying. Can't the powers that be see that the accused men are given an immediate trial and the slate cleaned for full steam ahead. What is to be gained by either side, letting the cases drag along and drag along. I would like to see some action and I believe most of the people feel the same way about it. J. J.

No doubt they do. At least the Mail Tribune has received a number of complaints, verbal and written, similar to the above. There are several reasons why speed in trials of major crimes is difficult. The main reason is that American law is designed primarily to protect criminals, instead of convicting them. Where any doubt exists, the benefit of the doubt is always given the accused.

TAKE the matter of disqualifying the presiding judge, for example. There is no way of preventing a defendant from employing this method of gaining time and delaying justice. It has been used for this purpose and this purpose alone for a year or more in Jackson county. Everyone knows no judicial prejudice has actually EXISTED. None exists now. Nevertheless five of the defendants in the ballot burning and criminal syndicalism cases have already filed affidavits of prejudice against Judge Duncan of Klamath, who was only called here because Judge Norton was summarily disqualified. There is no reason to doubt that when another judge is named, he will also be disqualified, as Judge Brand was disqualified six months ago.

All of this takes time—precious time. But that is the law, and in the last analysis only the people themselves are responsible for the laws they have. UNTIL public opinion is sufficiently aroused, to demand reforms in criminal procedure, what our correspondent calls "dilly dallying" will continue. We have no doubt as far as the state is concerned, these trials could be called tomorrow. But unless the defendants WANT them called, there is no legal way of compelling them to do so.

Oregon is not peculiar in this respect. Look at the case of Mrs. Judd in Arizona. She murdered two girls in cold blood over two years ago. She was convicted and sentenced, but she is still alive, and if the sentence is finally carried out public sympathy will be with her, NOT with the unfortunate victims of her homicidal rage who will be forgotten.

THUS NOT ONLY IS JUSTICE OUTRAGEOUSLY DELAYED, BUT WHAT CORRECTIVE OR PREVENTIVE VALUE, PUNISHMENT MAY HAVE, IS LOST ENTIRELY.

THEY do things differently in England and Canada. In fact they do things differently in practically every civilized country, except the United States. The laws over there are designed primarily to promptly punish the guilty, not protect them; to protect society; not the criminals.

During the past ten or fifteen years, many efforts have been made to correct this obvious evil. But while there has been considerable talk, little or nothing has been done. And little will be done we fear, until the people of this country become sufficiently aroused to DEMAND it!

What Price, Crime!

IN THIS connection it is interesting to note what Louis McHenry Howe, confidential secretary to President Roosevelt, wrote about this problem in the New York Herald Tribune, two months ago. He called attention to the fact that a National Crime Commission was organized by the late Judge Gary, under the chairmanship of Richard Washburn Child, and later of Newton D. Baker.

The organization was front page news. The press hailed this action as a great step forward in stamping out crime, and furthering prompt justice,—but nothing was ever actually done. STATES were asked to pass remedial legislation. Not a single state did so. A law against the private ownership of machine guns, and strict regulation of the sale of firearms, were demanded; but machine gun are still being sold to all who wish to buy, and anyone who wishes to pack a "gat" does so.

According to the author the reason was simply this: "Complete public apathy and indifference." Not that the people of this country don't WISH crime reduced, but when it comes to taking definite action, they want "George to do it!" To quote: The desire on the part of our people to have crime reduced is not lacking; but apparently there is a feeling that it is not a matter which touches their lives or fortunes personally. Any politician will tell you that unless an issue involves a voter personally he will not become really active in the matter.

I am beginning to think that he will never really do anything about crime reduction until some passionately earnest leader of the William Jennings Bryan type arouses the people and keeps them aroused long enough to secure action. We believe there is a lot of sense to that. What we need in this crime business is personal and inspired leadership. Why there is none puzzles the author—who certainly knows his politics, as chief of staff in the Roosevelt administration. I have always been puzzled at the fact that the reduction in crime—a determined vigilance by the public as to what the courts and the district attorneys do in criminal cases.

Occasionally the press in some city will take up a bad situation and, instead of dropping it after three or four days as being no longer of interest, will hang on to it until it is remedied. Some years ago in Cleveland the papers for months printed a daily record of cases brought to trial and what happened to them. As a result the district attorney's office became the most efficient in the country and the crime wave came to an abrupt end in that particular city. This example points out something else that is necessary if we are to have real reduction in crime—a determined vigilance by the public as to what the courts and the district attorneys do in criminal cases. Usually when the criminal is found, the public considers the arrest a triumphant ending of the case, and only once in a hundred times inquires later as to whether the man was actually convicted or not. Yet when a case, where the prisoner escapes through one legal loophole or another, is brought to the public's attention, it always brings a demand that "something must be done about it." It is, of course, easy to do something about it. It only requires the legislature to be convinced that the public cares about it—but is this ever done? I DON'T REMEMBER ANY SUCH CASE.

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.

A CRICK IN THE BACK

A man aged 43 years leaned over to pick his baby up from the floor. He says he did this suddenly. The instant he raised himself up with the baby he felt a terrific pain back of the hip toward the spine. He could neither sit straight nor lie down. He was afraid to try to move. This pain and rigidity lasted a whole day. For two weeks thereafter he was compelled to squat sideways if he had to reach down for anything. Owing to the rigidity and pain in the lower part of the back and behind the hip. For a year thereafter he had much pain and disability, and was never able to lift anything or to bend down without paying dearly for the attempt in renewed pain and lameness. It is now eight years since the crick developed, and he is almost disabled for two or three days whenever he makes an attempt to lift anything.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It Is Not a Bet
I dare you to print this in your quack column. I bet \$10 you will not have the nerve. When I read your article on nerves I took it to our nerve specialist and he said: "Good doctors do not write for the newspapers. I don't see how they permit anyone so dumb as you. (Two Readers, Man and Wife). Answer—Well, there it is, and now how can I collect my ten dollars unless you get a nerve tonic from your nerve specialist and muster up courage to sign your name next time you put me in my place? Hold—I'll give you the ten dollars if you will give me the name and address of the nerve specialist who made the devastating comment. Maybe he is the elusive eminent nerve specialist who still dares to string patients along on a diagnosis of "nervous exhaustion" in lieu of finding out what ails them. I don't believe there is such a specialist in good standing in the medical profession. Please show me.

Salve for Athlete's Foot
A long while ago you printed a recipe for a salve for athlete's foot. It cured two cases in our family, after many other treatments had failed. Now my nephew has it and we can't find the recipe. (G. T.) Answer—It is an ointment suggested by a London skin specialist, Whitfield: Salicylic acid.....15 grains Benzoin acid.....25 grains Soft petrolatum.....25 grains Cocoonut oil, enough to make one ounce. Apply to affected patches each night for a week, then rest a week, then another week if necessary.

STOCK EXCHANGE SURVIVOR HAS HEADS MAY SEEK OWN REGULATION

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—One member of the Akron's crew has gone through the navy's two major shipwreck disasters and is still living. He is R. E. Deal, of Lakehurst, N. J., one of the four picked up by the German tanker Phobos.

Three other members of the Akron's crew were also survivors of the Shenandoah tragedy in September, 1925, but so far they are among the missing. They are A. E. Carlson of Moscow, Idaho; A. C. Querhell, of St. Louis, and J. Shevlovits of Brooklyn.

The Shenandoah was caught in a terrific storm while over Ohio in September, 1925. She had been built only two years before and was the latest word in dirigible science. Sung about by the wind like a straw, the Shenandoah finally split in two and went crashing down. Fourteen officers and men lost their lives.

THREE APPOINTED TO STATE BOARDS

SALEM, April 5.—(AP)—Appointments to three boards by Governor Julius L. Meier were announced here today. Alice Montelth of Albany was appointed to the new board of cosmetic surgery examiners to serve until March 22, 1935.

Dr. C. H. Jenkins of Hood River and Dr. L. R. Andrews of Astoria were named members of the state board of dental examiners. Reappointment of Carl G. Washburne of Eugene to the state highway commission was also announced.

FORGER SUSPECTS NABBED IN SALEM

SALEM, April 5.—(AP)—Paul Lewis and Mrs. Doris Lewis, alias Mrs. Charles E. Hill, and said to be Josephine Huntington, who escaped from a San Francisco hospital, are held by local authorities on a charge of forgery and were given until tomorrow to enter pleas. The couple, claiming to be man and wife, allegedly passed a number of checks here Saturday. Police said they found \$23 on Lewis, but that the woman successfully got rid of \$40 in currency down the sewer at the city jail.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE Akron, newest and largest dirigible, follows the numerous other airships of the Zeppelin type to disaster, and 73 members of her crew perish with her.

Chairman Vinson, of the house naval affairs committee, announces immediately that no more large airships will be constructed in America.

IT is a wise decision, for our experience with dirigibles has been disastrous. One after another has been destroyed. Knowing when to quit is a good thing to know, and it certainly looks like now is the time to quit building Zeppelin-type airships.

IN Oakland, a big passenger plane crashes into a house, and 14 lives are lost. A few days later, another big plane crashes in Kansas. A few days after that, there is another spectacular crash in Europe. Now comes the Akron.

PROGRESS in aviation, however, will not stop because of these disasters. Danger never yet stopped ANYTHING that involved real progress.

MICHIGAN, the first of the states to vote, goes for repeal of the prohibition amendment by an overwhelming majority. Wisconsin, as these words are written, is expected to follow along.

When 34 more states vote similarly, repeal of the prohibition amendment will be completed. Please note use of "when" instead of "if." It may be taken for granted that 34 more states WILL vote for repeal. The pendulum is swinging that way.

IT WILL continue to swing, in this writer's judgment, until it reaches the other extreme. Before we are through with it in all probability, we shall see the sale of liquor as wide open as in the old days.

Mark this prediction: We shall not be satisfied with wide open sale of liquor, when it arrives, any more than we have been satisfied with prohibition.

MEANWHILE, here is some good advice for the days that are coming: Those who are wise will practice TEMPERANCE. Moderation in the use of liquor is a mighty good thing. Excessive use of liquor, law or no law, is a bad thing. It always has been, and it always will be.

THE next step in the Roosevelt program for rehabilitation of business by government aid is refinancing of farm mortgages on a somewhat lower scale of values and at a considerably lower rate of interest.

This project, we read, will require a new bond issue of something like two billion dollars. If agriculture is to be put back on its feet, there is no denying the importance of refinancing of farm mortgages on terms that can be met. We can't have a prosperous agriculture if farmers generally are facing foreclosure.

AND WE WANT a prosperous agriculture. Without it we can't have real prosperity anywhere in this country. MANY of us, of course, are wondering where all this government financing is going to lead us to. How long can the government go on borrowing? What will happen when the debts now being contracted have to be repaid? What will happen to our hopes of lower taxation?

You can't answer these questions, of course. NOBODY can. Only time will tell. BUT at least we have to remember that the government is doing practically all the financing that is being done these days. About all the securities that are being bought are government securities.

In other words, no more borrowing is being done now than in normal times. The government is merely doing all of it that is being done. So, you see, the task of repaying what the government is borrowing may be no greater than the task of repaying what private enterprise would have borrowed if conditions had been normal.

Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, April 5.—(Spl.)—Mrs. E. S. Severance and Mrs. A. E. Bell attended a luncheon at the home of Mrs. R. Swine in Ashland, Thursday, in honor of Mrs. Anna M. Ellis of Bay City, Ore., worthy grand matron, O. E. of Oregon.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Years Ago)
TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
April 5, 1923
(it was Thursday)
School superintendents announce that students whose parents remove them now for auto tours, will be listed as delinquent in studies when school re-opens in September. Seventeen students quit last week.

Valley Republicans still mad because a Democratic governor of Oregon named a Democrat as fish commissioner. Herb Alford's Imperial orchestra hired to play at the fairground pavilion. Ashland business men ask county for road work.

President Harding announces he will visit Alaska and the Pacific coast in the fall. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 5, 1913
(it was Saturday)
Chief of police announces he "is sick and tired of warning parents to keep their children off the street at night, as I have something else to do besides chase them home."

Ed Root, for many years engaged by the Mail-Tribune, dies at the Sacred Heart hospital. He was widely known and "for over forty years a resident of the Rogue River valley, with a kindly word and cheery smile for everyone. He was an especial friend of children." In youth he was a victim of an Iowa cyclone. His chief characteristic was kindness.

Extra session of congress called to "reduce the high cost of living." Communications
Want Milk Depot Father
To the editor:
In the last issue of the Jacksonville Miner, a long article was written concerning the milk war, purporting to explain the origin and placing the responsibility. The writer of the article was either wholly misinformed or else did some rather blumy guessing. As the father, instigator and establisher of the first milk depot, I take the full responsibility and the idea was not suggested to me by Earl Fehl nor any one else. In fact when I went to rent space in the Ivy Street Market, I did not even know that Earl Fehl was its owner. I resorted to the cash and carry plan for the sale of my milk because the creameries had for the past two years continued to cut the price to the producer month after month until they were paying the producer eight to eleven cents per gallon and continuing to sell it to the consumer at forty cents per gallon. My reason for resorting to the milk depot plan was purely for self preservation—in order to be able to feed my cows and my family, which I could not do on the price the creamery paid me which was eight to eleven cents per gallon. The plan has made it possible for me to continue to milk my cows and has also made it possible for many children to have milk who otherwise would have been without.

(Signed) R. L. WYANT, Medford, April 5.

Talent

TALENT, April 5.—(Spl.)—Rogue River Ministerial association met for an all-day session at the Talent Methodist church Monday. There was a good attendance. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon, under the direction of the Ladies' Aid society.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown left Monday by motor for Portland, where Mr. Brown has employment and Mrs. Brown will assist in the care of her mother, who is not well.

Miss Ollie and Frank Hart of Sams Valley visited Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart. The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church met with Mrs. I. C. Williams Thursday.

Royal Neighbors held their regular monthly meeting Thursday with Mrs. Laura Parks. Annabel Lemming Corcoran of Klamath Falls is here this week, the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spitzer entertained at dinner Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duxbury. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knightman made a business trip to Hill, Cal., the first of the week.

Mrs. LeRoy LeVander of Griffin creek was a dinner guest at Mr. and Mrs. Will Hart's Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Long and George Connor left Friday for Washington to work in an orchard.

Mr. Webster is having the apple orchard on the old Walters place taken out and will put in alfalfa.

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