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Ye Smudge Pot

Newspapers are still being bitterly abused for disapproving of lawlessness, pinhead agitation, and the capture of criminals who do not use the Hubbard squashes on their shoulders, before, during, or after a crime.

Thurs. and Fri. were fine days to remember next January, when the joy winds do blow.

An old-fashioned young couple were seen holding hands in a 4d Wed. evng during the full moon, on the Main Stem.

The late hysteria over hokum and hokey is becoming extinct.

The Wig Ashpole boy was downtown Fri. in the custody of his Grandmam, with his Papa close by. Wiglet was asleep. Mrs. Ashpole, after a few words of praise of the youth said: "He pays no attention to me. One of these days he will come to me for a nickel, and if the price of beef don't get better, I will have no nickel to give him."

Two wrestlers endeavored to dismember each other at the Army Thru. evng. to the great delight of the fair sex, and the great disgust of the stronger cup.

The H. Flewler Bakery is assuming form and shape, in spite of the deadly efficiency of the prop. and bid.

Dock Robinson of Jville, who recently quit going to shows with his tulleum, Emma Britz, to become a gay blade, and give the girls a treat, is still a social lion, and merrily whirling in the social whirl. The jilting of Mr. Britz is awful, and shook many old pioneers on their foundations.

The Older Girls are all busy making jams, in the kitchen, instead of autos.

New auto licenses are very plentiful. The colors of the new licenses were not picked out by Tomus Swann, the artist.

Lofty sentiments are being expressed, which is a sign, some more meanness is on the fire.

The Young Democrats are planning a meeting. Some of the Young Democrats are old enough to know better.

Jim Bates, the chinwacker, is running around in a pr. of 1910 model, toothpick toed shoes, which should have been donated to the starving Armenians in 1916. As yet Mr. Bates has not screwed up enough courage to wear the pants and coat that go with the tooth-pick shoes, for fear of having his throat cut, with one of his own razors.

Del Getshell, the banker, was arrested in medford with his coat off, and suspenders showing.

Corn is nearly up to 81 and the average knee.

The Hob Duell boy is encased in his initial pair of ice cream pants, and is supposed to be cog.

GUENTHER, CAVE P. O. DELEGATES

Hugo B. Guenther, vice president of the Oregon branch of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, and W. H. Cave are attending the state convention of the organization in session at Bend, attending as delegates from the Medford post office.

Great Opportunity for Medford

GRANTS Pass, Roseburg and several cities on the Willamette, have applied for government aid in constructing sewage disposal plants. This aid will undoubtedly be granted. It will mean improved community health, both the beautification and sanitation of surrounding streams—therefore better fishing—and added payroll during construction and consequently relief for the unemployed.

ON July 23th, the people of Medford will decide by their votes, whether or not, this city is to secure a similar benefit. That Medford needs an adequate sewage disposal plant, MORE ACUTELY, than Grants Pass and the other Oregon cities applying for them, there is no DOUBT. Sewage conditions here are so bad, that in the past typhoid epidemics have been suffered,—as had, at any time return,—and the city has lost several damage suits to nearby ranchers along Bear Creek, who have suffered from sewage disposal conditions.

Local officials have long realized this,—so have all well informed citizens—but until recently there appeared no prospect of securing such a needed public improvement without a bond issue,—adding to the city indebtedness and increasing the burden on the tax payers,—something it was generally conceded COULD NOT BE DONE, under existing business and financial conditions.

BUT with the recent passage of the National Recovery Act, this insurmountable obstacle has been removed. Believe it or not, this relief measure, makes it possible for the people of Medford to secure a new sewage disposal plant, "WITHOUT COST TO THE TAXPAYERS." We know the doubts that will be aroused by this familiar and overworked campaign slogan. But these doubts are not justified. The statement is literally true.

It's this way: The new project will cost \$100,000. The government, if Medford's application is accepted, will present \$30,000 as a gift—cash money which need not be returned. The remaining \$70,000 will be loaned by the government, secured by Medford bonds, over a period of 30 years, at not more than four percent interest (anyone familiar with the present bond market and the impossibility of floating new bonds at the present time, will realize what a bargain for the city, this would be!)

That \$70,000, of course, must be paid back to the government, at the end of 30 years. But, under the financial arrangement affected by the city, this CAN be done without ADDED cost to the taxpayers.

FOR this refunding, will be assumed by the present municipal water department. The present \$2.50 per month rate to the consumer is more than providing for the administration of the water system, and its proper refining. Therefore without any increase in rates, the sewage bonds can be financed and paid off, by taking 15 cents per month from this water charge, and devoting the proceeds to providing for sewer bond interest and retirement.

In other words, with the city tax situation UNCHANGED; with water rates UNCHANGED; a new \$100,000 sewage disposal plant can be constructed, a \$30,000 gift received from the government, a real menace to community health removed, further damage suits eliminated, and needed work given the unemployed, during the fall and early winter period, when it will be most needed.

TRUE, a reduction in water rates will be impossible, but the present rate has not worked any noticeable hardship upon the consumers. In fact paying only \$2.50 per month for practically an unlimited supply of the purest and finest water in the state, is dirt cheap. For a similar supply, Los Angeles would pay ten times that amount, without a murmur.

SO there is the proposition the people of Medford will be called upon to settle three weeks hence, with their votes. We can't understand why any citizen, UNDERSTANDING the situation, should vote against it. It's like getting money from home. It is securing a necessary public improvement, which eventually must be constructed, RIGHT NOW, delivered to this community by Uncle Sam on a silver platter.

Meanwhile to those who don't understand it,—or who think there must be a nigger in the woodpile SOMEWHERE—our advice is for them to consult with the mayor, the city engineer, or members of the city council. It would also be wise to contact B. E. Harder, A. W. Pipes or Hamilton Patton, the three members of the Chamber of Commerce committee which perfected the plan and endorsed it. These men are all well known and are thoroughly familiar with every phase of this proposition and the city's financial condition.

The measure should on July 23th receive the overwhelming approval of the people of Medford.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of The Mail Tribunes of 20 and 10 Year Ago.) TEN YEARS AGO TODAY July 9, 1923 (It was Monday) Dahack garage at Eagle Point burns causing \$3000 loss.

Twenty Years Ago Today July 9, 1913 (It was Wednesday) Local sports increased by report from Los Angeles that Bud Anderson, "pride of Medford," defeated by Leach Cross, "never championship material."

THOMAS SEEKING FUND FOR PROBE

SALEM, Ore., July 6.—(UP)—Authority to spend an additional \$7,800 on investigation of the California Oregon Power company and other Oregon public utilities was sought today by C. M. Thomas, state utility commissioner.

Editorial Comment

From Corvallis. John Glenn was acquitted in the Medford ballot stealing case, tho from reading the testimony we wonder if the jury was swayed by sympathy and didn't regard him merely as a tool of the real conspirators.

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, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

WHAT A SPOONFUL OF IRON?

The body of a healthy adult contains 3 grams (a little less than one-tenth of an ounce) of iron. That is the weight of a cent (48 grains). Physiologists estimate that the body requires only one-fourth of a grain (15 milligrams) of iron daily, and this quantity is present in any one of the following items of food: Six and one-half ounces of egg yolk.

Questions and Answers. Drink to Me Only With Thy Lips. While playing tennis to reduce a young medical student advised me not to drink water to relieve thirst. Besides the foods mentioned, items comparatively rich in iron are wheat bran, old fashioned molasses, oysters, spinach, cocon, maple syrup, dates, dandelions, lettuce, items comparatively poor in iron are asparagus, potatoes, raisins, grapes, cabbage.

Ed Note: Readers wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letters direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

NEW PARK CHIEF HERE AT FORUM LUNCH SATURDAY

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SEEK LOST PLANE TABLE ROCK AREA

Having heard an airplane fly low over Table Rock the night of June 16, when William B. Young left the Medford airport, and has not been located since, a group of Table Rock people, headed by A. L. Smith of Medford searched through that district Friday, but were unsuccessful in locating any evidence of the plane's wreckage.

MORRIS NAMED ON COAST COMMITTEE

Major M. Morris of the Medford Ice and Storage company, who was recently named director in the place of the late Jesse Houck, and who has taken over the management of the plant, was last week named on a committee in Portland in connection with a coast-wide organization.

COLEMAN CROP REDUCTION

WASHINGTON, July 8.—(AP)—Farm administrators today officially described their first major program to adjust American farm production downward as "unqualified success" in announcing that cotton growers had signed contracts offering to plow up 3,566,169 acres of their growing crop.

CHIP OF CONCRETE

A chip of concrete was the unusual obstruction successfully removed from the lung of a 16-month-old Parson's, Kas. girl.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre. NEW YORK, July 8.—It's magnificent relaxation for a writer to be thought of wimp and dash off anything that rustles through mind.

FROM A PAINTING BY PICASSO

From a painting by Picasso to a seasoned housewife. That's the mood for today. Abandonment of the sequence of direct narrative.

NO FORBIDDING PANGS

No forbidding pangs about the final paragraph. Nothing to do but drift. I can write that Gene Fowler often walks through town wearing carpet slippers and let it go at that.

NO DICTIONARY

No dictionary is handy and it's monoglossia. It is fun to clear the mind and set down the first idea that pops. Here it comes: I hope there's chocolate ice cream for dinner! Lloyd Edgemoose sends in a book on thimble magic—a list of 300 evanishments. Stimulating. Magic.

I RECALL ONE

I recall one earthy gem from that volume. Something like this: "A reasonable amount of glass is good for a dog, keep him from broodin' over bein' a dog." With Kin Hubbard in Heaven, there is too little homespun humor any more. Such as Kin's twinge of spirit: "Nuthin' excitin' has happened in this town since Apple Week."

PIET FLIPPANCY

Piet flippancy, as expressed by the Broadway breed of Cantor-Jewel wide-cracks, is slowly going the way of high-powered banking. Even youngsters are acquiring a sober outlook. The 24-year-old son of a friend joined me in an evening walk. He wants a farm in Minnesota and a selected library. Maybe he's in love.

24 I WAS MARRIED

24 I was married at that age. And spent two days' salary for the rubber tired hansom—I smeared it on!—from Cincinnati to the church in Newport, Ky. We both became-conscious of a faint scent in the vehicle, a lavender odor. That was the venerable hackman's contribution to romance. He was one of those garrulous "seem-in-how" talkers. I wonder what life did to him!

I HEAR STUART PRICE

I hear Stuart Price is over at the Waldorf. We were born in the same Missouri town and his brother Jay is a close friend. Yet I hesitate to telephone. A strange man—Stuart Price. Most of his life has been spent in the Orient and he's somewhat the mystic. Kindly, cultured, an intimate of governing figures in the dramatic chessboard of the Far East, he shrinks from contacts, floating around in air of abstraction. He's the sort who loses a handful of cuff buttons a year.

A NAME SWIMS INTO KEN

A name swims into ken—Grace Tyson. Wasn't she a vaudeville actress with a redhead partner named McWatters? Flashy fashion plate act. A statuesque blonde who resembled the belle of our town, Buzette Newcome. She could suddenly twist her face and look like a monkey. Maybe it wasn't Grace but it was Tyson. She had the breezy personality of a Lee Tracy. McWatters and Tyson—where are they?

MY BARBER ANTHONY

My barber Anthony grossed \$602.40 as what he calls his "consorial stipend" near Herald Square last week. He quit a job at depression depths because he had faith in America. I sat directly behind Jack Dempsey at the Schmelling-Bair fight. Three seats on my left Jack Sharkey, loud-mouthed, unsmooth, defiant. Dempsey, silent, chewed a frayed cigar nervously, his black scowl in dulcet glow. He's still the most picturesque figure the sport produced. And shows a more alert flair for promotion instinct than Rickard. Or any snatcher at the Rickard crown. Dempsey seems one ex-champ who won't end up with a benefit. This kind of a column means so much. That is when you quit!

SCHERMERHORN'S ALIBI EFFORTS TOLD BY STATE

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Evidence that the state of Oregon will introduce against Suspended Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn, charged with ballot theft, and now on trial in circuit court, was told to the jury Friday afternoon, by Assistant Attorney General Ralph E. Moody.

The state's attorney declared the evidence will show "that just prior to the commission of the crime and afterwards, Schermerhorn visited several offices in the court house, and the Mail-Tribune, and the News office, building up a false alibi and in many instances left instructions to remember where he was at the time."

Conferred With Glenn. That immediately before the crime Schermerhorn was conferring with Glenn on the first floor and that when he left by the back door, the entire rear of the court house was left in darkness when the outside lights were switched off.

"That when the ax was found with which the vault window was smashed it was turned over to Schermerhorn. Schermerhorn then reported that he had turned it over to the chief of police, when as a matter of fact he had hidden the axe, and it was found where he hid it."

"That after the discovery of the crime, Schermerhorn was nervous and excited, and was in daily secret conferences with Fehi, Brechen, Glenn and La Dieu, in his private quarters in the sheriff's office."

"At the first intimation of a recount contest, Schermerhorn absented himself in California and remained there until after midnight of December 31. He returned on Sunday, January 1, and was told by Fehi, the evidence will show: 'You came back a day too soon. You better get out of the state.'"

"The evidence will show that Schermerhorn did go back to Freka and returned here on the morning of January 2, and went to Fehi's home, cleaned himself up and took a bath, for a meeting arranged by Fehi at which Glenn, Phil Lowd, Amos Walker and others were present. The evidence will show that Fehi instigated the appointment of Glenn and Walker, and that Banks named Phil Lowd."

"Had To Stop Recount. The word went out that the recount had to be stopped, after it had been ordered. The evidence will show that Schermerhorn and Jones, sometimes referred to as the 'Mayor of Rogue River,' entered the sheriff's vault, and it will be strongly indicated that the ballots, had they been stolen in the afternoon as first planned, were to have been hidden there until nightfall, and then removed."

"They planned to steal the pouches from the boys—say it was done by a 'man with whiskers,' a description that would fit everybody in general, and nobody in particular."

"That Schermerhorn aided, abetted, helped, encouraged, counseled, and recommended the ballot theft, and was its chief beneficiary." Attorney Moody declared.

"The state in the presentation of its evidence, will go into detail and show this jury, the passive and active part—and the passive role is the more convincing."

Jennings Mentioned Again. The Jennings family—father and sons—crept again into the case, during the short opening statement of Attorney H. Von Schmalk. In the Glenn trial, O. O. Clancy testified that the morning after the vote stealing, Glenn, then jailer, told him, when he asked who committed the crime:

"Suspicious points to Paul Jennings."

"We believe we can show that Mr. Jennings had notice that the ballot robbery was planned before its consummation, and did nothing about it." Attorney Von Schmalk declared.

"We will also show that one of the Jennings boys was in the clerk's office, near where the ballot pouches were piled, one evening after working hours." Attorney Von Schmalk gave a brief

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CITY DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED

Medford is to have a much needed new city directory, work on which is to start in the near future. The directory will contain a new alphabetical list of all residents of the city together with their street address and telephone number, a classified business directory, street directory and numerical telephone list of all Medford subscribers.

PHOENIX GRANGERS MEETING TUESDAY

PHOENIX, July 8.—(Sp.)—Phoenix grange will meet Tuesday night. All members are urged to be present. The program planned for the lecture hour is out of the ordinary and promises to be interesting and instructive. Refreshments will be served by the degree team.