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Ye Smudge Pot

Complaints are being filed daily about the present uneven distribution of wealth, which is better than no distribution at all.

Elmer Hull of C. Point, made one of his hurried trips to town Fri. and spoke highly of the recent rains.

A relapse from Halloween occurred Thurs. night, causing some innocent pranks, which could have been cured with the innocent side of a boot, in the right spot.

All the Associated Oil station operators are following orders of the head office to "smile at the customer," except when the customer endeavors to escape absent-mindedly without paying. Absent a homely man gets the same smile as a pretty girl.

The school for Public Speakers is coming along fine, but as yet no pupil has been very public.

Kaoru Takuri, 9, had trouble with a dentist, and a tooth, last week.

A number of sheep in the rural areas have been killed by coyotes. In several instances the coyotes hit the sheep in the head with an instrument akin to a baseball bat, and packed off the part of the sheep best suited for roasting.

C. von der Hellen, the Welles country-jacks attended to the European situation in town Thurs., along with business matters.

The county is threatened with more threats of economy from candidates in the spring, the last batch of self-imposed economy only amounting down the financial ears, approximately \$52,000. History shows that a candidate who promises to spend nothing but his own time, is more than you vote for.

A large delegation of citizens will head for Portland this week to see the UOFO-OSC football game. The majority, if they travel like they talk, will hitch-hike.

Intoxication is on the increase, according to the police records, as few if any of the inebriates will stay in the house when on a foot.

The Cole Holmes boy is selling periodicals, and hustles like an insurance agent.

Judge William R. Coleman is fighting a cold, but is not putting up much of a battle.

Taxes, the cause of all the trouble, and most of the speeches, were being paid this week.

Only 90 per cent of the population now desire to be named to the legislature.

The opening phogge of the season came Fri., and was dispelled before noon, revealing an A-1 day on tap.

The lickety-split species of autolot is still rampant, and quite plentiful on East Main, and other thoroughfares where prospects for wrecks are excellent.

The home-grown economists are trying to think again, and one savant proclaims that if women would quit wearing silk socks things would improve. The women think if the economists would shut up, things would improve.

More new autos are slithering around. Battleship grey and strawberry roan are the favorite colors. Improved mechanism have been added, and a vehicle when it starts makes no more racket than a wrist watch. Some are equipped with shiftless gears, but the owner can't be shiftless and keep it. The "Easy Payment Plan" is used in purchasing, it not being either easy, or possible to get out of the payments. The auto finance concerns do not believe in a delinquent list. Though full of complicated machinery, it is so simple a child can operate the modern auto—and many do. Owners of the new vehicles are getting more brazen, and are parking them downtown, in the daytime.

A Correction

THE young man with a wife and two little children, in dire need, we commented upon in Friday's issue, have not been rescued. By the father securing a permanent job, as we were informed. He secured a job but it was only for one day. So the need for relief is still acute. Anyone with work for a deserving young man, whether steady or not, will help a good cause by conferring as soon as possible with Otto De Jarnett, at the Medford post office.

Write In, Your Views

IN a communication printed today, J. C. Barnes again offers his sales tax with shelter value offset, which met with general favor in this community a year ago, but which failed to pass at the last session of the state legislature—a straight sales tax being preferred.

As everyone knows this straight sales tax was overwhelmingly defeated by the people at the referendum election, and it is generally believed that such a tax can not be passed in this state at the present time.

Mr. Barnes, however, is convinced his form of sales tax CAN be passed, and his measure rewritten and revised, will be presented at the special session of the legislature which meets the 20th of this month.

In his communication the author explains the main provisions of the revised bill, and we trust all those interested in the matter of taxes, will read them over.

We would also like to get the views of as many tax payers as possible regarding this new proposal, what they think of it, whether or not they approve of it.

If this new measure should meet with as strong local approval, as it did a year ago, we feel sure the special session of the legislature would carefully consider it. There may be no chance of securing a straight sales tax, at this time, but there should be a good chance of securing such a tax, with a \$1500 shelter value exemption.

We would particularly appreciate comments from those of our subscribers who at the last election, opposed the straight sales tax.

The Darned Thing "Works"

SPEAKING of the sales tax, the United Press has recently given us a very interesting report on the California sales tax. California passed this tax, the same time a similar tax, was defeated by Oregon.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. How has this sales tax worked out in our neighboring state?

According to the United Press representative it has worked out exceedingly well. In fact to date it is a great success. The first wave of popular resentment when the tax first started to function, has entirely disappeared; and now, if put to a vote the people of that state would sustain the tax by a large majority.

This is interesting for it confirms the experience of practically every state where the sales tax has been tried. The tax is not popular, in theory, always meets with determined opposition at the outset, particularly in the ranks of organized labor and agriculture, but the "DARNED THING WORKS!"

Receipts from the California tax are exceeding expectations. At the present rate the sales tax will put \$90,000,000 in the state treasury, during the two year period.

POPULAR opposition to the tax has therefore declined to the vanishing point because the tax payers find their tax bills have already been materially reduced, and will be reduced more. The U. P. cites innumerable instances of tax reductions, most of them concerning the average small home owner who has found so much difficulty in meeting his tax payments.

As a result the entire tax crisis in California is clearing up, the schools are operating on full schedules, and while even with this \$90,000,000 the state budget may not be balanced, with proposed changes in the tax, it soon will be.

THE special session of the Oregon state legislature might well study the result of the sales tax in its neighboring state, while it is considering the Barnes sales tax plan,—or any other sales tax proposal.

We can advance the stereotyped objections to the sales tax until we are blue in the face, but if the tax WORKS in such an emergency as now exists, what valid objection is there to giving the tax a trial?

Hard Times, Then and Now

HERE'S an interesting query. A retired farmer from the Middlewest asks why, if low commodity prices bring hard times, and high commodity prices good times, were there no hard times when farmers were getting 5 cents a quart for milk, ten cents a dozen for eggs, and 40 cents a bushel for wheat.

That such market prices existed half a century ago, no one denies.

WHAT'S the answer? Well such a question should really be left up to the Roosevelt brain trust, but in lieu of that there are a few facts for consideration:

What were the taxes on the average farm, forty years ago? What was the cash investment in it? How many automobiles and tractors were in that farm equipment, how many radios and telephones and electric lights and washing machines in that farm home? In short what was the standard of living in rural America then and what is it now? What was the overhead on an average farm then and an average farm now? In other words what did five cents a quart for milk actually represent, in buying power?

Another thing. What was the price of a pair of shoes, or a suit of clothes or a loaf of bread,—how much did the average farmer of that period, buy in town, and how much did he raise on his farm? What was his need of cash then, what is it now? What would a bushel of wheat bring to the farmer in commodities then, what will it bring now?

Answer those questions, and perhaps no one will have to ask the brain trust, why five cent milk, 10 cent eggs, and 40 cent wheat didn't mean hard times 40 years ago, and do mean hard times NOW.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to discuss diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady at a stamped self-addressed envelope 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 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

THE PHYSIOLOGY OF BREATHING.

Old timers assumed that the "type" of breathing was determined by sex; that in men the breathing is "abdominal" and in women it is "costal," that is, more a matter of rise and fall of the upper chest and ribs. More precise observations and measurements made with the hindrance of clothing removed have shown that sex has nothing to do with it, and that the natural and efficient breathing for every one is the breathing I call belly or bellows breathing.

Vital Capacity. This is the measurement of the quantity of air that can be breathed out by the deepest possible expiration after one has taken the deepest possible inspiration. This total lung capacity measured with a spirometer amounts to approximately a gallon.

Tidal Air. This is the amount of air breathed out in a normal quiet expiration, approximately a pint.

Complimentary Air is the amount of air one can breathe in by an effort, over and above the tidal air, and measures a little over three pints.

Supplemental Air is the amount one can breathe out or blow out by an effort after the ordinary quiet expiration of tidal air, and this also measures a little over three pints.

Residual Air, approximately a quart always remains in the lungs after the most forcible expiration one can make.

During ordinary, quiet, unconscious breathing there is a reserve supply of air in the lungs amounting to two quarts or half the vital capacity—the residual air plus the supplemental air.

Don't get confused about all these airs. We are not trying to air our erudition. We just thought you might wish to know.

There is still one more air to mention—Minimal Air. This is the small amount of air that remains in the lungs after the thorax has been opened. Opening of the thorax surgically or accidentally causes the lung to collapse, but while collapse of the lung drives out the residual and supplemental air, enough is trapped in the air cells to make the lungs float, even if pieces of lung are entirely removed from the body. The minimal air makes the lungs "float."

If the lung will float it is proof that a child was born alive and breathed at least once. It is not of definite significance in drowning cases, for in most drownings there is little or no water in the lungs.

Exchange of Oxygen and carbon Dioxide. Air ordinarily is a mixture of 79 parts of nitrogen with 20.96 parts of oxygen and 0.04 part of carbon dioxide. In the lungs some of the oxygen is absorbed and considerable carbon dioxide given off from the blood is added to the air, so that the air expired is a mixture of 79 parts of nitrogen, 16.02 parts of oxygen and 4.88 parts of carbon dioxide. The increased proportion of carbon dioxide in the expired air is put to good practical use in a simple home

treatment that has proved efficacious in cases of intractable hiccups. Hold an ordinary paper bag over the patient's nose and mouth and let him breathe into the bag for a few minutes. He thus inhales a concentration of carbon dioxide and oxygen similar to that administered from an inhalator and gas tanks. It is quite harmless in any case.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Iron Is Cheap.

Indeed "Four Bits Is Enough"—too much. Iron and ammonium citrate costs the druggist a few cents an ounce. Water doesn't cost much. It dissolves instantly. I buy four ounces of iron and ammonium citrate for less than "four bits," and dissolve it in a pint of water—that is the formula you advise.—F. V. O.

Answer—Thank you. But you know people are fond of that dumb hypnotic feeling they get from the mystery of such things. Especially people who are sound—from the cynic's viewpoint. The dose of the medicine prepared as you describe, is a teaspoonful after each meal, and taken in a little water flavored if you please with fruit juice. It should be continued for two or three months, for simple anemia. No matter if it blackens everything. Iron naturally does that.

Bathing Eyes.

Please suggest a solution for bathing weak eyes.—T. P. J.

Answer—Please inform me in your own words what you mean by weak eyes. I know of nothing of the sort which will strengthen eyesight. Agreeably warm salt solution is the best wash for the eyes, when it is advisable to wash the eyes. Dissolve a teaspoonful of ordinary table salt in the pint of boiled water. It is not advisable to wash the eyes, aside from ordinary external washing of the face, as a rule.

Ambulant Treatment of Rupture.

Please tell me what you think of treating rupture with serum injections. My husband had an operation for double rupture 18 months ago. Now it has broken out again.—R. R. M.

Answer—A few progressive physicians are successfully treating rupture (hernia, breach) with injections of medicine, not serum. I should want to have this treatment before I should care to undergo the radical operation, if I had rupture. It is as likely to prove successful, or to fail, as is the operation.

Maybe You Need to Train.

I am 18, weigh 122 pounds, 61 inches tall. I look too fat. Please give me a well-balanced diet.—C. N.

Answer—No, daughter, you are not too heavy, but perhaps you have neglected physical training. Send a note (not stamps) and a stamped envelope bearing your address, for the booklet "The Last Brady Symposium." Follow the exercises regularly and soon you will be rid of that fat feeling, and you will look more slender, too.

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When his turn came at the window, he opened up the gunnysack and took from it \$3800 in large bills.

"I want to put this money to work," he explained.

SOME three hours later, a woman walked into the same institution, opened her handbag, and took from it five one thousand dollar bills.

She also wanted to put her money to work.

WE hear a lot of vague talk about return of confidence. Here is DEFINITE EVIDENCE of return of confidence.

When people take their money out of hiding and put it to work again, it is the surest of all signs that they are getting back their confidence in the future of the country and its institutions.

WE hear also a lot of talk about lack of credit, and what this lack of credit means in the way of hampering business expansion and so delaying the return of prosperity.

Why is credit lacking?

Here is the plain answer: Because people have been hiding their money away, instead of putting it to work.

Credit is ALWAYS lacking when people do that.

IN one city of Oregon, in one day, two people take \$8500 out of hiding and put it back to work. Remember that in ordinary practice ten dollars of bank credit is built upon each dollar of deposits.

The return of confidence on the part of these two people added \$85,000 to the bank credit available in that one city.

Just as soon as we have GENERAL return of confidence, so that people want to put their money to work instead of hiding it away, we shall see prosperity returning.

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Have You the Nerve to See? All-DIN IN PERSON-ON THE STAGE a Midnight Spook Party. Don't Come Alone Unless You Can Take It! Make Up a Theatre Party Now. Only as many tickets sold as there are seats. Get your reservations now! Any Seat 35c Wednesday Night, Nov. 8th, 11 p. m. HOLLY

HOLLY NOW PLAYING Also Monday and Tuesday! THE BIGGEST LAUGH NEWS OF THE YEAR! JACK PEARL JIMMY DURANTE The Baron Munchausen Himself. NOW PLAYING Here they are -- radio's Baron Munchausen and the one and only "Snozzle" Durante crashing the campus and mingling with the college cuties in the year's funniest picture! MEET THE BARON with Zasu Pitts Edna May Oliver Ted Healy and His Stooges 4 Days Nov. 4-5-6-7. PLUS—OUR GANG COMEDY "WILD POSIES" "FINE FEATHERS" IN COLORS CARTOON COMEDY NEWS REEL. HOLLY

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN the current news of the day, this paragraph appears: "The Investment Bankers association was told today by its tax committee that excessive taxes on beer and liquor may strengthen bootlegging and racketeering."

TRUE enough—although unfortunate.

If legal liquor, because of excessive taxation, sells at a price far above that offered by the bootlegger, the bootlegger will get the business.

That is a plain, cold fact that will have to be taken into consideration in fixing the rate at which liquor will be taxed.

WE learn further from the news of the day that newly mined gold will be purchased by the treasury on the basis of prices announced yesterday, at the rate of \$32.26 per ounce.

The normal price of gold, over a long period of time, has been \$20.65 an ounce.

Gold, you see, is one commodity whose price has come up quite a little.

THAT is good news to Southern Oregon, where gold mining is still an important industry.

SPEAKING of gold brings up the subject of money—for gold is still the BASIS of money, gold standard or no gold standard.

And bringing up the subject of money brings up inevitably the subject of HOARDING.

THE other morning, about eleven o'clock, a man walked into one of Oregon's important financial institutions. He carried in his hand a gunnysack, and as he sat and waited for a few moments for someone to attend to his wants he remained the gunnysack in his lap, watching it rather carefully.

DON'T WAIT! PRICES AND TERMS YOU CAN AFFORD Phone 70 DENTAL WORK AT PORTLAND PRICES Everybody should take advantage of the extreme low prices of dental work at this time. Prices are raising—gold has raised—Better Dentistry at Lower Prices. DOUBLE SUCTION PLATES THAT FIT SEE DR. THOMPSON Opp. 1st Nat'l Bank—"The Best for Less"—123 E. Main