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Ye Smudge Pot... By Arthur Perry

Owing to unavoidable detention elsewhere, John Barleycorn, who returned December 5, but as yet has not arrived, is represented in this section by the well known J. Mountain Dew.

The legislature in its throat-quenching, job-providing, and tax-relieving enactments, completely forgot the Old Folks. With typical political shrewdness they passed on to agencies that have no money, and no means of furnishing money, the problem of procuring funds for the Old Age Pension. The house passed a bill to provide funds. The senate, many of whose members are now clandestinely running for governor, talked fearlessly about it, but adjourned without voting. Therefore the Old Folks are not protected, but the Chinese pheasants are. One of the first bills considered was to keep the Chinese pheasants from getting shot in 1934. Evidently the hunters have more votes, and are better organized than the aged. The Old Age Pension bill received less consideration than the state owned power line notion. Grey hairs deserve better treatment, and are entitled to a kinder deal. The depression has added to their worries; they have been gyped out of their rights by professional indigents, and now they are pestered by politics and politicians.

The outdoor gal is busy skinning, the raw wind not reddening her nut-brown neck to a noticeable extent. The only way to get the breakfast dishes washed is to take the kitchen sink to the foothills.

The magic lantern shows are lasting longer than a campaign meeting, with all the candidates making a speech.

"Earl Hodge is all excited, as he will go into fiberts next year" (Gazette item). And who wouldn't be.

The editor of the Albany Democrat-Herald should win a journalistic prize. Though a Democrat, he wields a sane and sensible lead pencil, on national issues, which must be disgusting to his brother Democrats. He keeps this up the year round, and is humane, even when discussing Hoover.

The Public Speaking class is making good progress under the direction of Prof. Bailey, and their wives.

Fruitmen met yesterday in annual confab, and discussed everything from inflation to how to keep the scum off the pear brandy. Discussion of pests was confined to those in the orchards. Soil culture was debated. The evidence showed that an amateur can no more plow than he can make a batch of pie crust that will melt in the mouth. One of Prof. Reimer's hired men explained how to keep grass in the dirt so the weeds and alfalfa would prosper. Eddie Carlton officiated, and retains his high-voltage optimism.

Declare War on Crime!

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOMER S. CUMMINGS has an interesting article in the current Liberty on "How can you prevent crime." Every word of it is worth reading, but we are particularly enthusiastic about the attorney general's conclusions, for they coincide exactly with our own.

The greatest single obstacle to checking the crime wave lies in the refusal of the legal profession to clean its own house—the complacency with which the various bar associations pass resolutions, advocating judicial and court reform and then do nothing about it. Even more reprehensible is the refusal of the profession to disbar the shyster lawyers, who resort to every tricky and dishonest subterfuge, to free criminals, particularly the rich and powerful ones who line their pockets with gold,—who are in fact criminals themselves, merely using their profession as a smoke screen behind which they can operate, without fear of prosecution.

Second the author places the need of laws which would prevent the sale of deadly weapons, without care or discrimination, to all who wish to buy them; and third the necessity of an aroused and militant public opinion, in favor of court reform, and unyielding in its fight against organized crime.

Mr. Cummings a lawyer himself and the head of the legal department of the government, admits that the courts and legal procedure as at present constituted, instead of checking organized crime encourage it. Certainly a startling admission from a man in his position.

But he concludes: The law need not remain the tool of the criminal a day longer than the public desires. The purging of the bar to eliminate the unscrupulous lawyer cannot be done by the public alone. The unscrupulous lawyer need not remain the tool of the criminal a day longer than the legal profession desires. It is up to the lawyers themselves to drive out those scavengers who disgrace their profession.

The American Bar association has been making heroic efforts to stimulate its grievance committees to take drastic action. The disbarment of the shyster lawyer would be a heavy blow to gangdom. The NRA is trying to get industry to discipline itself. The legal profession also needs self-discipline. Disbarment—that is to say, cancellation of a lawyer's right to practice his profession—is a simple and direct weapon of attack against the racketeer. It should be used unsparringly. The legal profession should be given a chance to reform and purge itself. In this work it can depend upon the support and assistance of the department of justice.

In summation, I firmly believe that the department of justice, with the help of all law-abiding and well thinking citizens, is in a position to smash the American racketeer in his organized war against American society if our legislators can agree to prevent the sale of deadly weapons to the criminals. If our lawyers can agree to interpret their professional duty as being to safeguard the rights of the accused rather than to thwart the punishment of the guilty, and if our newspapers and our business men and citizens generally will stand up vigorously for their right to be protected against criminals. The war against predatory crime can be won in no other way.

It is a real war, a war that must be fought to a finish by the weapons of democracy if life and property are to be secure in our country. It is a war in which we must all take part. It has been said that popular government is organized self-control. That is the kind of government our forefathers set up. If we are to pass it on to our children we cannot ignore our duty to enlist in the war against crime.

The indifference of the American public and the laxity of some of our public officials are, when all is said and done, contributing causes of racketeering and organized crime. Police forces are only peace-time soldiers of the nation. They must obey the orders of their superiors—the public and its officials—and be loyal to their duty. In return, the police are entitled to the active support of all honest citizens. If the American people are determined to do their part in smashing the racketeer, they should select officials who will unflinchingly do theirs. With loyalty and the will to win operating all along the line, the victory over organized crime cannot be long delayed.

Certainly with the government thus committed to court reform and an aggressive and uncompromising war upon organized crime, it would seem, that during the present administration, something definite and far reaching to make this country safe for the law abiding citizen, can, at last, be done!

Shameful! WILL wonders never cease! The Portland Journal justifying its opposition to the new sales tax, accuses the proponents of such a tax as being enemies of the public schools.

"And so the Oregon schools are left to starve for this year. It is a situation to be widely regretted. The schools are the bulwark of self government. The classrooms and the teachers in charge are the fortresses of liberty. They are the safeguard of the nation. How unfortunate that in Oregon the schools are to be sacrificed for a year in order to soak the public with a sales tax!"

Now in all seriousness can anyone beat that? This new sales tax was passed SOLELY TO SAVE THE SCHOOLS, all the revenue from it will go to the schools. It was advocated by parent-teachers associations, by county school administrations, by school boards. One of its strongest supporters was our own superintendent of schools, E. H. Hedrick, who is not only one of the most competent educators in the state, but certainly has the cause of the public school system more closely at heart, than any other resident of Southern Oregon.

And YET the Journal would accuse HIM, and thousands of citizens like him with being an enemy of the public schools, a traitor in the ranks of education seeking to tear down what the Journal says is the very "bulwark of self government."

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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HYPOGLYCEMIA So far we have had no response to the call we broadcasted here for a simple yet fairly accurate test of intoxication. If any chemist knows of an agent which would indicate the presence of alcohol in the air that is in a person's breathes thru it, the chemist prefers to keep the knowledge secret. As there is no legal definition and no medical definition of intoxication, I propose this as a fair test: If alcohol is being excreted thru the lungs, that is in the expired air, it proves the individual has taken more alcohol than he can oxidize or utilize, and surely that constitutes intoxication by any reasonable standard.



Whether intoxication is increasing I am not prepared to say. But the frequency of police calls to apprehend drunken drivers or to pick up drunks is striking when one listens in on the police radio broadcast. In London, where plain drunkenness is not so very remarkable, they are now arresting persons who drive an automobile while under the influence of insulin.

For instance, a man with a good record as a driver drove his car at an extraordinarily slow speed between two lines of traffic and collided with three other vehicles on the off side. (That, you know, is the driver's right side—the English are funny that way.) Drivers of the other cars were bally indignant and one or two of them so far forgot the traditions as to shout at the driver the bally swab. The fellow might have gotten away with it, that is, if he had had the forethought to equip his car with one of those complimentary Police or Fire emblems which are so much affected by the upper classes in this country. But he just kept blithely bounding along until he encountered a stationary van and then he skidded to a standstill on the pavement. When the bobbies reached the man he was in a dazed condition, altho the injured drivers had not laid a hand on him. They're funny that way in England. The fellow seemed only partly conscious of what was said to him. Yet he was certainly not drunk. He had diabetes and the police surgeon certified that he was under the influence of insulin and unfit to drive a car. A medical expert, an authority on diabetes, was called and this physician testified that the patient—here again they're funny across the water.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Color of Eyes Is it possible for brown-eyed parents to have a blue-eyed child? A couple I know have three children. One child has pale blue eyes, the other two have brown eyes, and the parents both have brown eyes. (H. P. F.) Answer—All eyes are "blue" at birth—that is, they have only a minimum amount of pigment in the black central pupil. The pigment of the iris is brown in all instances. If there is little pigment, people say the eyes are blue. If more pigment, the eyes are called "grey." If still more, "brown." The most intensely pigmented irises are called "black." As a general rule the eye color of children is not lighter than the eyes of the parents, but there are plenty of exceptions to the rule.

Reward for Information Please give me whatever information you have about cervical rib. How it affects one's health, etc. (Mrs. W. H. L.) Answer—Numbness, pain and other sensations in the arm especially at night, in a person over adult age, suggest the possibility of a cervical or supernumerary rib developing above the first rib in the neck. That's all I can tell you about it. The physician's examination and the evidence obtained by X-ray examination make the diagnosis. Surgical removal of the rudimentary rib is the remedy.

Ad Note: Readers wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letters direct to Dr. William Brady M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif. he was the most portentous figure of the time. Valentino appeared serenely unconcerned of his celebrity. There was the time he stepped from his car in front of the Ritz and, after saying farewell to the occupants, turned to find the sidewalk blocked by those spotting him. "This hotel must be on fire!" he said in alarm. Then he realized the cause—and blushed furiously.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O. O. McIntyre NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A week at the Palace, once the goal of every vaudeville artist, is today merely seven days of ghastly memories for old-timers. So many unhappy recollections are being recalled that wings that flutter with "nerves" are now static as the morgue.



Sunday opening bills at the Palace were so electrical with expectancy that the contagious tingling swept to audiences. At 10:30, who fears premieres with unresolvable terror, never played the Palace. Ed Wynna's voice would fluff off into a real squeak opening there.

Today the Palace is a family theater and doing fairly well. But the four-day monotony offers no inspiration for the delightful ad-libbing of yore. Everything is mechanically timed to the split second. The best they allow a "piffawer" who wows "em" is a hurried bow.

The old Palace doorman is at Music Hall. "Music publishers and agents do not use the back-stage halls and dressing rooms. Instead, sax and tie vendors and the usual tailor. The single old-time favor left: Variety and Billboard solicitors seeking bally-hoo ads!

Morgan Robertson, who wrote such fascinating sea tales, kept a ship model on his desk. Without it he could make no headway. Arthur Somers Roche is totally lost without a green eyeshade. He buys them by the gross. Rupert Hughes writes best after midnight, but likes to have his wife, Pat, curled in a deep-cushioned arm chair in his study. Kathleen Norris enjoys writing outdoors in the California sunshine. The late Harris Weston Lyon liked to work where he could head street cars to bump. At though he never used it, Edgar Wallace always kept one of those rocking blotters on his desk.

Joan Crawford does not seem to have mastered the technique of indifference to the public accolade. When the crowds coagulated about her wherever she appeared on her New York visit, she stood tremulously poised as though seeking some avenue for flight. Yet this very languishing bewilderment appeals to the slightly sadistic Manhattan mass psychology. In one large department store she visited not a single sale was registered from entrance to exit. Everybody was gawking.

My celebrity worship along New York streets was keener for the tender Carson when he swung into the avenue from 42nd on his late afternoon promenade. With his cane military fashion, his chest in enormous puff and the wrist flap of one canary chamois glove turned jauntily down.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. THE special session of the legislature, in its 20 working days, passed laws affecting four major problems, as follows: 1. Liquor control. 2. Sales tax. 3. Bus control. 4. Unemployment relief.

FOUR important problems, all clamoring for solution—fully warranting a special session of the legislature: whose members made honest efforts to solve them. How effective these efforts will be, only time can tell.

THE liquor control device finally chosen was state ownership and management of the hard liquor business, the idea being to remove private profit from the liquor traffic so far as this state is concerned. In this way, it is hoped, the evils that formerly existed will be lessened.

A WORTHY hope, whether or not it will be realized, only time and experience can tell. This writer hopes it will, but hasn't much confidence. The way to find out, however, is to try.

THE sales tax, re-enacted by the legislature in a somewhat different form, has been once heavily beaten by the people. Hence, a lot of people tell us, it shouldn't be tried again.

THIS writer can't agree to that. State taxation of incomes, which most reasonable people now concede to be fair and just, was tried some EIGHT TIMES before the principle was finally adopted. So why shouldn't we go on voting on the sales tax?

BUS control, fundamentally, is an effort on the part of the railroads to put their competitors, the buses and trucks, out of business, or at least hamper them to the point where they will no longer be dangerous as competitors.

STERLING, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Percy Beard is spending a few days in Medford meeting friends. Harvey Dutton and family of Medford have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutton. Mrs. Oliver and son visited Mrs. F. P. Dutton December 8.

ALTON Brownlee and family and J. D. French motored to Red Bluff, Cal., to visit Mr. Brownlee's mother, Mrs. Laura French. Mr. and Mrs. George Brownlee were in Medford Saturday, December 2.

Parents and friends of the school children gathered at the school house recently to enjoy a program prepared by the teacher, Mrs. Grace Brownlee. The dance given at the home of Oliver Tom Saturday night was a great success, with an attendance of about 75 guests. Supper was served at midnight.

The Misses Ginet, Virginia, Frances and Josephine, have been spending a few days visiting their mother, Mrs. W. H. Davis, and brother, Everett Beard is working for Wallace Dutton falling trees. S. A. Harris was in Medford recently. Dan Pierce and family motored to Medford Saturday.

LONG MOUNTAIN, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Mr. and Mrs. Dell Holman and Mrs. Ella Holman of Ashland were all-day guests at the Holman home Monday. Mrs. Holman remained for a several days' visit with her son, Bill Holman, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stowell and daughter, June, attended the dance at Butte Falls Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Seaman of Eagle Point spent Monday evening at Mrs. Alice Nichols'. Mrs. Beattie Murphy, elementary teacher in the Central Point schools, was a week-end guest at the George Stowell home.

Be correctly correlated in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann. For FUEL OIL delivery, Phone 332 Reinking Trucking Co. Pump and long hose. We give S. & H. stamps.

SAMS VALLEY, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—Ladies' club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Ayres, where Mrs. Ayres and Mrs. Jim Crawford entertained in commemoration of birthdays of eight club members and birthday cards and greetings were extended in answer to the roll call. Names were drawn for the Christmas tree to be held at the next meeting. President Mrs. Bigman announced \$3.70 was netted from the sale.

That is why the special session was called.

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HAROLD BARTON, Box 288, Medford, December 13. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(Sp.)—President Roosevelt today appointed William T. Mahoney of Kenosha, Wis. as marshal for the first division of Alaska.

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 December 14, 1923. (It was Friday.) Sheriff refuses to divulge name of valley resident who journeyed to Portland and gave his wallet worth \$500 in it to a "strange lady to keep for him."

City council demands that the Espee open the Sixth street crossing. Many communities make plans for Christmas trees. A radiophone owned by A. R. Parker of Central Point gets Los Angeles nightly, and a canary can be heard singing in the studio.

The Kershaw home at Rock Point is broken into by prowlers, but nothing taken. The James Campbell barn at Phoenix is destroyed by fire when a cow kicks over a lantern, a Mrs. O'Leary's cow of Chicago fire fame.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 14, 1913. (It was Sunday.) President Wilson announces that "revision of the money system, as a means to lift the farmer from serfdom" is the next "vital issue." American suffragettes denied special message to congress, by the President.

The management of the Natatorium hit "ragging" between the eyes Saturday night and banished the exciting steps forever from their floor. Manager Merrick made a seven-minute talk, sounding the finale, and gave the "Nats" version of how to dance. His oratory was so telling that a couple began to "rag" as soon as he left the floor. They were ejected from the floor, but not the hall.

County Judge TouVelle will sell hominy at the Public Market Saturday. Court Hall, aggrieved by Canadian sports writers, who declare "Bud Anderson, the pride of Medford, fights like a grandmother." Indignation over the sewer assessment mounts.

The departure of Assistant Treasury Secretary Hewes is leaving some scars inside. Unlike Actonson, he has many powerful friends within the administration. Arizona is a strong veterans' state and it is doubtful whether Budget Director Douglas would care to try for the U. S. senate there, in view of the veterans' economy policies he has had to advocate.

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Free TO BOYS AND GIRLS A HOME CIRCUS! YOUNG La-dies and Gentle-men! Carlo the FREE Clown and animal mask, circus signs, husbands and Carlo's "How is Res a Home Circus?" Send one Pearl of Wheat package top and you get the CIRCUS free. Send two Pearls of Wheat top and you get a circus plus a SIDE SHOW free. Mail to Carlo the Clown, care Carnation Company, 1070 Stuart Building, Seattle, Wash.

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DANCE Opening the Winter Season at DREAMLAND SATURDAY NIGHT Presenting DINTY MOORE'S LITTLE GIANTS OF RHYTHM MEN 35c LADIES 10c DANCE