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Ye Smudge Pot. It's getting along towards the days when amateur Krls Kringle get their cotton batten whiskers too close to the pink candles...

People who have swayed the same report that whiskey aged in four days takes about that long for recovery.

WHAT COULD IT BE? (Chico, Calif., Enterprise) I do far more for my friends than they do for me; I entertain more than they do; I call them on the phone twice to their office...

Only ten (10) days left in this year in which to win an argument.

In the past few weeks there has been one lynching, and several near-lynchings. The lynching was conducted "in an orderly manner," and no one legally empowered to stop same knew anything about it until those concerned had "quietly dispersed."

The Don Bunyard kid pedaled down town Wed. on his velocipede. He is still too young to ride a bicycle, and not watch where an autoist is going...

Dock Robinson is getting over his minor rheumatisms, and will soon be more substantial than ever.

A traitor yesterday declared that the NRA had no more to do with the return of Prosperity, than the stork has to do with the arrival of babies.

It is noted that the Portland demagogues are polishing up the time worn "mandate of the people," to befuddle the voters on the Sales Tax.

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS (Mercury)

As soon as his committee was created, Senator Nye of North Dakota hired three investigators at \$500 a month each, plus expenses...

Farmers report that thieves are still bothering them, and stealing everything but the hired man.

Another lites matter coming before Oregon voters at no distant date, will be county unit plan for schools...

Dickens' Son Killed. LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Sir Henry Dickens, 85, son of the novelist, Charles Dickens, died today from injuries received several days ago when his car was hit by a motorcycle on the Chelsea embankment.

Has Gill the Right Idea?

HAS Ray Gill, master of the state grange, got the right idea? Are the members of this organization a lot of easy marks, whose votes can be delivered by their "master" in any direction he chooses...

We wonder. No doubt the result of the sales tax referendum will answer that question for the present at least.

For in his first official letter to the leaders of the various granges, he plainly shows that in his opinion, all you have to do to grab the grange vote is to wave the red flag of "Wall Street," talk about the moneyed interests, arouse class fear and prejudice...

In this official communication Mr. Gill declares "Big Business stormed the capital" to put over this iniquitous sales tax measure, which is only "the entering wedge and once established will be added to from year to year and soon become a heavy tax leading to great waste!"

Undoubtedly Mr. Gill is convinced the grangers will accept that statement as true,—swallow it bait, hook, line and sinker,—without analyzing it or asking for the facts to support it.

Otherwise he would not make it, in black and white over his own signature for he knows—and everyone else who attended the session in Salem KNOWS,—that Big Business never stormed the state capital for the sales tax. There was not even a sales tax lobby.

No one wanted a sales tax. But as the session progressed, it became more and more obvious, that if the schools WERE to be kept open, some sort of sales tax HAD to be passed.

An action with less regard for what Mr. Gill calls "big business" and more regard for the best interests of ALL the people of this state, was never passed by any legislature in the history of the state.

But this action which the legislators well knew might mean, thanks to demagogues like Gill, and the rabble rousing Portland Journal, their political extinction, this action which they took only from the highest sense of public duty, the master of the "state grange" declares "disgraced the state of Oregon!"

AND it will "only be the opening wedge for heavier sales taxes leading to great waste."

Mr. Gill neglects to state the sales tax expires automatically in two years. It was only passed to meet an emergency,—all that the advocates of it ask, is that the people give it a TRIAL during that limited time. Even if it comes up to their expectations it can't be continued AFTER that time.

NOT content with this Mr. Gill goes further. He categorically states there are two important issues in this contest. "The first is, shall the people rule?" The second "shall we let the governor and Wall Street fasten a vicious sales tax upon the people of Oregon?"

There you are, grangers! If you believe in the rule of the people and don't believe in bending your neck to the yoke of Wall Street "then there is only one course for you to pursue, rush pell mell to the polls and vote down the sales tax.

WALL Street. Good old Wall Street. What would the demagogues and the office-hungry professional politicians do without it! What would Brother Gill do? He has been fighting Wall Street and Big Business interests ever since that political bee started buzzing in his Stetson,—and as everyone knows—so will he continue.

Just get on a soap box, yell "Wall Street" loud enough, and the people, poor saps, will run over each other trying to mark their ballot for you first.

And far be it from us to say he isn't right. Wall Street has no more to do with this sales tax, than with high tide in the Bay of Fundy,—it was no more the product of Big Business and the International bankers, than Greta Garbo's new wig is the product of erosion,—but what difference does that make to a candidate for governor or any other office-seeking politician.

THE old Wall Street wheeze, in the bright lexicon of practical politics, is sure fire. Just tack it onto any issue, or any candidate, and watch them go down! Sprinkle your official orders to the state grange with it, and watch the grangers fall for it, and vote as you tell them to.

It has always worked in the past. Ray Gill, master of the state grange is certain it will work again.

True the sales tax has been a success in other states. True, also it will keep open the public schools and reduce the property tax ON THE FARM by from 25 to 30 percent!

But what are facts in the face of political ambition, and the time honored battle cry of "Down with Wall Street!" If Mr. Gill is right,—nothing, NOTHING at all!



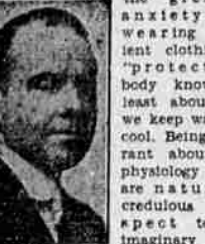
(published Thursday, December 21) may not have been censored, but it was certainly written cautiously. The survey of business is included after having been omitted last month.

The present day standing of the treasury books means nothing because the real outflow of money has only started. For instance, on December 15 only \$133,000,000 of the three billions allotted to public works had then been disbursed.

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.

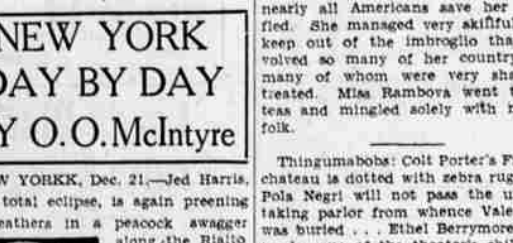
IN WINTER EVERY ONE IS HIS AGE. Most people know little about the heat regulating mechanism of the body, and the fustibudgets who evince the greatest anxiety about wearing sufficient clothing to "protect" the body...



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. It Sounds Expensive. Member of our family has a disease called pemphigus vulgaris. I would like to know the origin and nature of this disease...

CHILD LIKES DIRT. One of the children in my nursery-school has an insatiable appetite for dirt. She is a chubby, healthy looking child, and her parents are not very co-operative.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O.O. McIntyre. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Jed Harris, after total eclipse, is again preening his feathers in a peacock swagger along the Rialto.



Co. A Notes. Quarterly inspection and muster will be held at the Armory next Tuesday night. As this is the last drill of the year every member will be expected to be present.

Oregon Weather. Occasional rains tonight and Friday; little change in temperature; southerly gales offshore.

Atkins Improved—M. G. Atkins of the Table Rock district, who is in the Sacred Heart hospital for treatment of pneumonia, was reported in a slightly improved condition today.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. HAVANA, four hours ahead in time of the Pacific Coast, starts the day's news off bright and early on Monday morning with this: "This city counted six dead and 13 wounded today in Cuba's latest bloodshed and disorders."

CUBA, one of the most beautiful spots on earth, has been for 400 years one of the most turbulent. Odd, isn't it? Still, there are men who will tell you that the most beautiful women are the hardest to get along with.

THE shooting in Havana broke out on Sunday afternoon with the sacking and burning of the Spanish newspaper, El Pais, which was attacked by a mob of negroes who regarded it as unfriendly to the government.

NOTE, however, that this newspaper, which is not regarded as a partisan of EITHER SIDE, and in consequence is looked upon with a certain amount of fear by both sides, is STILL PUBLISHED.

IN CUBA, somewhere from five to ten per cent of the population is enlightened, comfortable and happy. The other 90 to 95 per cent is ignorant, oppressed and miserable.

WITH Christmas only a week away, the news is running to war and preparations for war. A London dispatch says: "Great Britain, fearing that a sudden war would find her almost defenseless, is preparing to mobilize an air fleet of TWICE the present strength."

THE dispatch continues: "Only a last minute agreement among the chief powers to disarm down to her level—which no one seems to expect—will deter this country (England) from embarking on the greatest air re-armorment program since the world war."

A THOUGHTFUL woman, watching a new reel of the fighting in Cuba the other day, remarked: "Will the time ever come when men will stop fighting?"

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Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Now in progress. Dance at the Regue Elk Saturday night, December 23.

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 21, 1923. (It was Friday.) Hottest business Christmas season in history predicted, with buyers plentiful.

It is requested that people with regenerative radio sets be more careful in tuning, as an over-oscillation disturbs neighbors who also wish to enjoy concerts.

Gates & Lybrand give \$100 to Ben Cross to buy clothing for children.

Local merchants are victims of transient forget to the tune of \$305. Tax delinquency in Jackson county shows slight increase.

Building boom looms at Gold Hill. The Robert Lightbody home in the Willow Springs district is destroyed by fire.

Christmas tree to be held at Wilmer Grange hall.

Twenty Years Ago Today. December 21, 1913. Little interest shown so far in the coming city election.

Wind and rain sweep valley, but the storm ends by noon.

Sam Hill predicts "an era of prosperity" if the "currency bill passes."

Fifty-seven sacks of Christmas mail arrive at the local postoffice.

Considerable difficulty in being experienced by Manager Walter Merrick of the Natorium in enforcing his anti-ragging edict at the Saturday night affairs. Last Saturday night a gentleman "ragger" from Ashland was

Hyde Park

HYDE PARK, Dec. 21.—(Spl.)—Hyde Park residents, near Talent, gathered at the Thatcher residence December 17 to serve a covered dish dinner and give a parrel party for Mr. and Mrs. Merle Baker, who leave soon for their old home in San Jose, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker was a teacher for a number of years there. Music and works on bladders similar to castor oil on bowels. After four days is not satisfied, go back and get your money. If you are bothered, frequent desire, burning, getting up nights, you are bound to feel better after this cleansing. Heath's Drug Store and Jarmin Drug Store say BU-KETS is a best seller.

For FUEL OIL delivery, Phone 332 Reinking Trucking Co. Pump and long hose. We give S & H stamps.

Western Auto Supply Co. will remain open evenings this week.

Why Get Up Nights? Drink lots of water and milk. Not much tea or coffee. Eat plenty of fruit and non-starchy vegetables.



COMING SAT. DEC. 23 FOR ONE WEEK—Playing Day and Date with the Paramount in Portland



LEWIS CARROLL'S "Alice in Wonderland" with CHARLOTTE HENRY as Alice and RICHARD ARLEN, ROSCO ATEs, GARY COOPER, LEON ERROL, LOUISE FAZENDA, W. C. FIELDS, SKEETS GALLAGHER, CARY GRANT, RAYMOND HATTON, EDWARD HORTON, ROSCOE KARNs, BABY LeROY, MAE MARSH, POLLY MORAN, JACK OAKIE, EDNA MAY OLIVER, MAY ROBBIN, CHARLIE RUGGLES, ALISON SKIPWORTH, NED SPARKS and FORD STERLING

BIG DOUBLE BILL NOW PLAYING TODAY and FRIDAY "BROKEN DREAMS" With Randolph Scott and Martha Sleeper

Mary Brian in "One Year Later" MANAGER MARSH AND THE ELKS LODGE SPONSOR—Free Matinee Sat. Morning at 10 for the Kiddies

HOOT GIBSON in "SPIRIT OF THE WEST" ADMISSION: FRUIT-VEGETABLES OR ANYTHING EATABLE—FOR THE NEEDY. If You Haven't Any Eats to Bring—Come Anyway!