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Ye Smudge Pot

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY. MAY ALL SUPPER FROM ENLARGEMENT OF THE POCKET-BOOK AND BE BUSY ALL THE COMING YEAR KEEPING THE FENDERS OF A NEW AUTO FROM GETTING SCRATCHED.

The Youngest Set is in ambush for Santa Claus, and as excited about his coming as old folks over an election, that really makes no difference which way it goes.

Friday was the shortest day of the year, and only extended to the middle of last feature in a pitcher show.

Abbe Cunningham's boy Bill, is back from the campus, and has a bum foot.

Ochardists report the cork is being kept in the red ink bottle, and several have rainbows around their shoulders.

The Vern Brophy dog is wearing a fashionable blanket. This is a fine thing for a dog belonging to a two-fisted cowboy of the Old West, and the wide open spaces.

P. DeSouza is the new postmaster, and feels good enough to paint the postoffice at his own expense.

P. Callison, coach at "Old Oregon" spent a few hours here last week, before hitting for Frisco. "Old Oregon" is bearing up well under his successful coaching.

Young men have started playing marbles again, and the gambling spirit is rampant among the future presidents, insurance agents, members of the legislature, service station attendants, etc. The rules of the game are so complicated a veteran lawyer can't comprehend them.

A mild reform wave hit Jim Bates, the barber Fri, and he expressed opposition to all the vices, such as spending money, blasphemy, and dressing up.

Dock Robinson, the Sultan of J'ville, is over a pain and again spoofing the fair sex, as they were spoofed in pioneer days.

Agitation has practically ceased. It is not known whether the agitators have given up in disgust, or are thinking up new devilment.

A victim of the Depression called last week and bought the price of pancakes. He should have asked for the price of getting his C. Chapin mustache shaved off.

All parts of the state were doused with a good rain last week, which is what we get for being too far from Portland, and not close enough to Frisco.

Work is progressing on the road to the Roxy Ann park stop that noble eminence, with govt. spondulez. The peak of Roxy Ann should be brought up to a point, and then knocked off. Everybody will have to climb up there some hot day next July to attend the formal dedication, and listen to a speech. This will be more exciting than a country fair horse race. It is feared.

Several have new autos, and are trying to look like they were behind the wheel by accident, instead of owners.

Tom and Jerry will be swigged today, but many doubt if hot water and an egg will improve the blend whiskey any. The brand whiskey was the blue ribbon for alcoholic vittles.

Your cork, has been requested to play a joke on a lady, and get his hide punctured, as she used to be No. 2 girl on the OAC, Girls Pistol team. We did not enthrase a bit over the idea, and stand accused of not co-operating.

Citizens with the welfare of the nation at heart have started to ask, "Whose ox is getting gored now?" A majority of the people have no idea, but suspect that many will again be gored by the political bull, between now and May 18.

T. GeBauer passed a milepost between the 30 and 40 mark Thurs., and was the recipient of a charming noon luncheon, after which all present returned to their work instead of playing bridge, until the worst is has to cook his own supper.

Gold has been mined at Grass Valley, Cal., for 83 years.

Its the Perfect Time

CHRISTMAS has been celebrated on the 25th of December for a very long time. Did you ever happen to think how fortunate that is? We mean that Christmas should come in December.

For December—at least so it seems to us,—is the zero month of the year, just as three o'clock in the morning is the zero hour of the night and day. It is the month when all nature, and therefore man is at the lowest ebb; when the sun is farthest away and shines the shortest time; when vitality in the bulb of life is steadily sinking, and its ability to resist extinction on one hand and, conserve its forces for a new birth on the other, appears most doubtful.

THEN comes Christmas! A new note is suddenly struck in the Old World symphony, a note entirely out of key with the note of nature, foreign to what is really going on, all over the surface of the globe, as the dance of life slows down,—a note that proceeds not from material conditions, but solely from the heart of man.

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men!" Good will toward men,—that new note sounded nearly two centuries ago, the note of human brotherhood.

And its symbol is Santa Claus,—a roly-poly, pink-cheeked, merry old gentleman, with white whiskers and a pack on his back full of good things for old and young but particularly for the children.

How fortunate it is! How obvious it is that Christmas could not—and should not—come at any other time.

For then, as at no other time, it symbolizes the triumph of man over nature,—the heart over the head, the SPIRITUAL over the PHYSICAL.

So come on Ye Merrie Gentlemen,—things haven't been so good, in fact perhaps in many ways they have never been worse,—but TOMORROW it's a Merry Christmas and WEEK from tomorrow it's a Happy New Year!

The Laws Delay

ON August 25th, 1931, former U. S. Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee and his son Luke Lea, Jr., were convicted of violating the state banking laws. There was no question of their guilt. There was no question the bank, whose funds they had manipulated, failed, and thousands of depositors lost heavily, some all they possessed.

But have Senator Lea and his son ever been punished? No. They have not even been sentenced.

Why? Because, with money and influential friends behind them, they have appealed—and appealed—and appealed.

THEY appealed three times to the supreme court of North Carolina, and every time lost; they have appealed twice to the supreme court of the United States, and lost; they have appealed to the governor of Tennessee not to permit their extradition and lost; they have appealed to a Tennessee state judge on a writ of habeas corpus and lost; they have appealed from that decision to the state supreme court of Tennessee and lost; and they are now going to appeal to the U. S. supreme court again.

Every judge and governor who has heard their pleas have ruled against them. Yet after TWO AND ONE HALF years they are still free, and still pleading, and who will deny that as long as their money holds out they will continue to be!

THIS isn't an isolated case. The courts of this country are literary full of them. The Salem Capital Journal, from which the above facts are taken, also points to the case of Hugh Black, former county clerk of Polk county, this state, who was convicted of larceny of public money May 26th, 1933, but has never been sentenced, such action at last report having been extended to July 14, 1934! In the opinion of that paper sentence will probably be suspended indefinitely.

Why? Because the defendant has money and influential friends, and our legal procedure, particularly the constantly abused right of appeal, deals out one sort of justice to a man with money and friends, and an entirely different sort to a man without them.

Does anyone doubt for a moment that if some penniless bird, had stolen a dollar from that Tennessee bank, or a five dollar bill from the clerk's office in Polk county, he would have been behind the bars, less than two weeks after the crime?

And yet some people wonder why there is increasing disrespect toward our courts, and a rising popular demand from one end of the country to the other, for RADICAL REFORM in our courts and adopted methods of procedure.

The WONDER is that the people of the country as a whole, have suffered such an outrageous situation so long in SILENCE!

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CALIFORNIA, burdened by debt like the people of other states, proves a bond issue of \$170,000,000 to dam the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

Debt, you see, staggering as its total is getting to be in this country, still doesn't deter people from voting bonds in order to get things they want.

THE purpose of the dams will be to conserve irrigation water, prevent flood, provide power, improve navigation and prevent ruin of lands in the delta region through encroachment of salt water.

THE REAL purpose is conservation of irrigation water, upon which the whole future development of Northern California agriculture depends.

The other purposes are merely sales lures, included in order to get votes. Plenty of irrigation water is what Northern California wants.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, where the dams are to be located and

where the water will be used, votes almost unanimously for the bonds. Southern California votes heavily against them.

When it comes to voting taxes—more bonds, you know, MUST mean more taxes—self interest is the dominating factor.

IS CALIFORNIA wise to vote to add so heavily to its bonded debt? As to that, only time can tell. They DO need water badly down there. But they need also to secure reduction of burdensome taxation, and that can come about only through reduction, not INCREASE, of public debt.

THE French government, we read, is preparing rigid quotas on United States industrial products for next year. That is to say, the French are preparing to limit sharply the amount of our products they will buy.

If that is the case, the thing for us to do is to limit sharply the amount of French products we will buy—including wines, of which they have a vast surplus for sale.

What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

BUT, you say, "If other nations are to refuse to buy what we have for sale and we, in our turn, are to refuse to buy what other nations have for sale, foreign trade will languish and die."

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.

JOHN J. PRACTITIONER, A. M., M. D., L. I. A. R., ETC. Correspondent writes from a factory town:



My doctor says I must have my tonsils removed by cutting. If I asked him if it is not better to have them burned out by electricity and he said they could only remove two-thirds of the tonsils that way on account of some of them being a pillar. Then he said the burning sears some pus in and there was more danger of infection. I take it the correspondent refers to diathermy extirpation of the tonsils. There is no "burning" in that method.

No doubt Dr. John J. Practitioner still harbors a vague notion that the diathermy method is merely a kind of modern revival of an ancient attempt to dispose of infected tonsils with the electric cauterizer—that was burning with a vengeance, and not a few victims suffered the ill consequences of such crude maltreatment before the method was discarded.

But I do not hesitate to say that any practitioner who tells you the diathermy method, in competent hands, is less effective or less satisfactory than the guillotine and snare, the standard tonsillectomy, in competent hands, is entitled to the degree granted above.

This practitioner, apparently, labors under a misapprehension concerning the diathermy method, for which we may thank the apathy and supineness of the rank and file of the American Medical Association (of which, remember, I am a member or fellow).

For unfortunately for the dignity of the American Medical Association, an employee of the association saw fit to publish rashly condemnatory editorial articles about the diathermy or electro-coagulation method before he quite grasped what it was all about. This hasty condemnation, this going off half-cocked, worked much harm, for a lot of the plodding practitioners of the country took it as "authoritative," tho, heaven knows, he is not and was not an authority, for he had never used the method in practice and in all likelihood had never even seen it used by a competent physician. The truth is that at the time of the editorial outburst

True enough, probably. But foreign trade isn't as important as we have come to think it is. Even in the big years, when we were lending money to other peoples in order to enable them to buy our surplus, foreign trade amounted to only about 10 per cent of our total business.

It is much less now. We could probably get along without it altogether, if we had to.

THE nation's 1933 potato crop, we learn from Washington, is valued by the department of agriculture at

\$222,667,000. Production for this year is figured at 317,000,000 bushels, which is a SMALL crop.

This writer does not have at hand, at the present moment, the figures showing the value of last year's much larger potato crop, but is quite certain it was materially less than the value of this year's smaller crop.

It isn't the big crop, by any means, that is worth the most money. Value depends on price, and price depends on supply and demand.

When supply is too big, price is too small.

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 24, 1924 (It Was Monday) All Medford and Jackson county ready for "the most joyful Christmas." Business good, and everybody happy.

Manzanita trees in bloom, due to the warm winter, hill resident report.

Dorothy Newman is home from the University for Christmas.

Crater Lake due to get large sun for road work.

DeAutremont brothers reported in St. Cloud, Minn., with three girls.

Snow reported melting fast in hills, and lack of moisture is predicted for next spring.

Twenty Years Ago Today December 30, 1913 (It Was Wednesday) Food and money will be given to 25 families of the city and county, who through adversity would not have a happy Christmas, by the Associated Charities.

The high school basketball team has returned from northern California, where they played three games and lost all of them.

People out about one o'clock this morning were surprised to see a human being, shy even the proverbial smile standing in a September morn atmosphere in front of the Mission on South Front street. Police and citizens approached, and the figure ducked around the corner and disappeared. It was not determined whether it was a man or woman. The actions are supposed to have been caused by drink, and if so, it was cold enough to sober the party in record time.

Charlie Barnes, son of J. C. Barnes has written a letter to Santa Claus, and writes no time on details. It was: "Santa!

Wow-wow, kar, tick-tick, topp's, shoot, Charley Barnes." Santa Claus will understand that Charles wants a dog, car, watch, top, and gun.



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haps some of the valves can be fixed. New phases may be added. The best guess now is that he will have to get a bigger and better gyroscope to acquire the price altitude he is seeking.

Milk. A recent issue of the consumers' guide (AAA) asked people to write in their ideas on the milk situation. The first 100 replies showed a majority blaming inefficient distribution for the high cost of milk. Most of the answers approved government control of distribution, but felt the time was not yet ripe for city-owned milk distributing plants. That may come eventually—but not now.

Notes. Win Reiffers' general statistical board quarters look almost as big as the NRA's, which confirms the sus-

picion that he is going to do more than merely co-ordinate statistics from other departments. There are indications that he will gradually take over most of the government statistical works.

The hungry Democratic political leaders are getting some plums out of the national emergency council. Representatives slated for selection in Ohio and Indiana are Herbert Jones, Zanesville, Democratic county chairman, and Richard A. Werneke, Democratic leader of Terre Haute.

Observers report the TVA has brought quasi-prosperity to the Tennessee valley already because of the army of men it has put to work down there.

The AAA reorganization will go even further than already indicated. The next adjustments are due in the licensing and enforcement division. The AAA intends to see to it that marketing agreements are adhered to.

Booster Staff. GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—For Christmas decorations, one local fancier today picked panicles measuring 3 1/2 inches across the bloom. They grew outdoors without covering. He said they were stunted by the winter.

Wanted: Upright steam boiler, 3 to 3 1/2 horse capacity. Address or call at 612 So. Riverside.

Advertisement for Studio 15 Theatre featuring 'Midnight Mary' with Loretta Young, Ricardo Cortez, and Franchot Tone. Includes showtimes and production credits.

Large advertisement for Studio 15 Theatre featuring '42nd Street' starting tomorrow. Includes showtimes, cast members, and promotional text.

Advertisement for 15c Roxy Theatre featuring 'Moonlight and Pretzels' today and Monday. Includes showtimes, cast, and promotional text.

Advertisement for Merrie Christmases featuring 'Alice in Wonderland' now playing. Includes showtimes, cast, and promotional text.