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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
1933 MARCHES ON

JANUARY—The new-born year starts with much genial hating, and the fond hope that high office will cause the holder to sober up. Cold spell causes wide-spread shivering like a Ford tender. Courthouse is shivered, and the courthouse steps become a soap-box. The well-dressed citizen wears either a Bible, or a horse-pistol. . . .

FEBRUARY—Official announcement made that the truth will prevail. Groundhog day arrives. Ground-hog stays in his hole, and is complimented for his good judgment. . . .

MARCH—The Ides and Slides of March complete. . . . New president. Banks close, and many have no pocket money, or a pocket to put it in. . . .

APRIL—All-Pooled day finds nobody fooled, but many "rained". Green onions and grass available. Jack Frost delayed in annual visit, and December rains get here. . . .

MAY—"As ye sow, so shall ye reap." is again proven 100 per cent correct. . . . Charlie Strang defies the depression, and buys new pair of golf pants. . . .

JULY—The nation has a birthday. . . . The celebration is dimmed by the edict to buy an auto license, or stay home. . . .

The Law of Compensation

YES, this is a great country. As the New Year starts, the elements appear determined to demonstrate to all, that Southern Oregon is the best place on the coast in which to live.

While there have been record breaking rains and devastating floods to the north and south, the Rogue River valley has enjoyed the most perfect winter weather.

While farmers in Washington have been fleeing to high land in row boats, the farmers in this section of the state, have been peacefully plowing.

Destruction was so great north of the Columbia river that the national Red Cross had to be appealed to. Now Los Angeles county, California is taking the toll of one of the most destructive floods in its history, with the loss of over a score of lives and property damage in the millions.

A year ago this same section of the Golden Bear state, was stricken by a devastating earthquake. A ghastly oil well explosion and fire followed soon after.

Southern Oregon has suffered from swollen streams and high water in the past, and may again,—but the character of the wooded land and the natural drainage, render serious floods practically impossible.

Earthquakes are unknown in this part of the world, and as there is no oil, there can be no oil fires.

What we are driving at, aside from rendering thanks that we live where we do, is to call attention to that old law of compensation.

Oregon has been called the poor relation,—the Little Orphan Annie—of the Far West. In development of its natural resources, in the attainment of wealth and growth of its population, it has lagged behind its northern neighbor and been completely outdistanced by its southern.

But there have been—and are compensations. As a place in which to live,—to live safely and peacefully and enjoy from day to day the blessings of a kindly and beneficent Nature, hasn't Oregon and particularly Southern Oregon all the best of it?

We think so. And when all is said and done, isn't that a good deal?

Is Sales Tax a Fair Tax?

WRONG in theory, for it attempts to classify tax levies in an arbitrary order of importance and serves to discredit assessments for other governmental purposes in the public mind, the segregated school tax payment plan only serves to increase costs of tax collection. It cannot operate to bring in more money from people who have no money. While there are those who have taken advantage of the removal of penalties on delinquent taxes to make bankers out of tax collectors, most of the delinquency of the past two years has been due to depressed economic conditions, and to a system which imposes upon a few the burden of paying the governmental expenses of all.

Tax relief to be effective and equitable must come through distribution of the load among all in proportion to their ability to pay. Particularly is this true in the case of schools, where the benefits are universal, but where now a comparatively small percentage of benefactors carry the entire burden under an arbitrary system of compulsion enforced by the threat of confiscation of their property.

HOW much more equitable and just, particularly for support of the schools operated for the benefit of all citizens regardless of property ownership, is the proposed sales tax, which applies wholly in proportion to a person's ability to pay. The family that spends \$50 a month pays a tax of 75 cents; those who spend \$500 contribute \$7.50. The transient and the tax-dodger are automatically assessed—when they buy they pay.

The farmer who produces most of that which he consumes pays a proportionately smaller tax, but benefits from the larger contributions of non-producers, thus enabling rural schools to operate on a basis of equality with those in the cities, which is impossible on a land assessment basis.

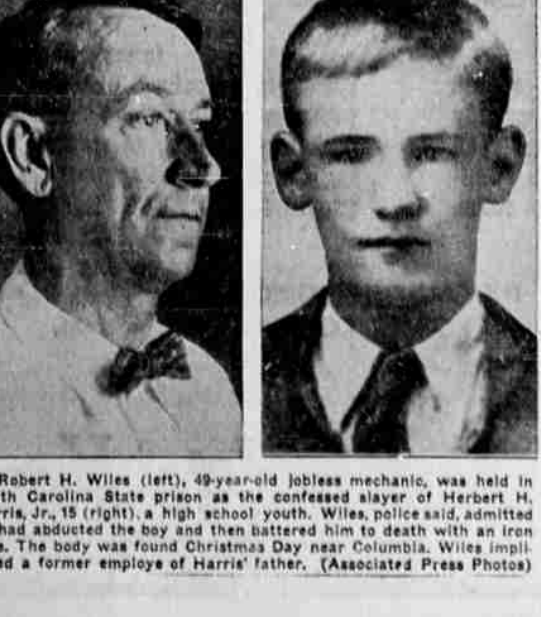
True tax relief for school purposes lies not in further draining the earning power of land, but in tapping new sources of revenue.—(Salem Capital Journal).

and loosens up the dimes. . . . Foot-ball begins, and leaves start falling. OCTOBER—Indian summer, and Indians from Klamath arrive, the latter to attend federal court. . . .

NOVEMBER—So much to be thankful for, entire month is devoted to it, with the fancy eating on Thanksgiving day.

DECEMBER—John Barleycorn returns, and amateur saloons pop up like mushrooms. . . . The blended

MECHANIC HELD FOR KILLING BOY



Robert H. Wiles (left), 49-year-old jobless mechanic, was held in South Carolina State prison as the confessed slayer of Herbert H. Harris Jr., 15 (right), a high school youth. Wiles, police said, admitted he had abducted the boy and then battered him to death with an iron pipe. The body was found Christmas Day near Columbia. Wiles implicated a former employe of Harris' father. (Associated Press Photos)

Personal Health Service

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.

Someone sends a handsome brochure which is evidently distributed to promote the interest of a sanitarium. In the brochure we read that flesh meats of all sorts, including red meats, fish, fowl, oysters, clam, lobsters, etc., are excluded from the Sanitarium bill of fare, and the brochure further gives "several reasons" for this "fresh practice, among them this quaint assumption:

"1. The great majority of invalids are suffering from the ill effects of flesh eating. Rheumatism, gout, certain forms of Bright's disease, gallstones, renal calculi (stone in the kidneys), many forms of neurasthenia, migratory or headache, gastric ulcer, hyperacidity, and many other maladies belong to a class which has been aptly designated as 'meat-eater's disorders,' because directly promoted by flesh eating."

Now as far as I know the sanitarium that propagates such nonsense is a high class institution, probably as pleasant a place as a nervous invalid could spend a month. Some of the medical men on the sanitarium staff have accomplished notable work in their special fields. Nevertheless, I feel it is only fair to say here that Reason No. 1 given by the institution for the exclusion of meat is nothing more than a collection of idle and exploded theories, vagaries or fancies. . . .

Notice that the taboo does not include eggs and milk, though both items should be excluded from the diet if there is any real ground for the notion that the various maladies mentioned are "directly promoted" by flesh food. There is no significant difference between the nitrogenous protein part of lean meat, fowl, fish, oysters, etc., and the nitrogenous part of milk or egg. . . .

It's just an old Yankee custom—cereals, vegetables and fruits are fine filler, you know, and happily, don't cost much. . . .

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Few in the New York whirl are so hospitable to every manifestation of life as Will H. Hays. Visit him any half hour of the day and there is a splutter of interruptions by telephone and graph and courier. . . .

Yet in this constant flight from thing to thing he has managed to find time to bring order to a chaos. No one in the industry will deny that when he tackled the movies it was a snake-ridden grocer's shop. He has been the innocent meat dangling over the vipers' den, a target for the venom. . . .

But of all executives I have known he is least rebellious against a changing world. He simply gives to it a serene, before realising it, and inevitable changes less painful. His electric hustle may inspire the laggard's jeer, but no one who knows him doubts his utter sincerity and honesty. . . .

In taking life in quick bounds, he throws off a contagion of hurry. No calls at his office—and he sees all who call—without feeling it must be said quickly and be off. Indeed, many, before realising it, find themselves a few blocks away, breathless and walking fast. . . .

Ethel Barrymore Colt's valiant efforts to follow the footsteps of the distinguished mama have been disheartening. She was first badly cast in a series. She retired to study. This season she was cast in a vapor-comedy that evaporated in a jiffy. She suffers from inevitable comparisons, but she has real talent. . . .

Lovers of the gentle and whimsical in literature, regretted that Morley's "Thunder on the Left" just so much in stage translation. But were cheered that a brave little lady in a wheelchair salvaged from it the thrill of her life. Jean Ferguson Black loved the story since the days she was made an invalid by infantile paralysis. For years her daily orison has been for a producer for her version of the book. This season a sponsor was found and she was wheeled into a stage box on the first night. . . .

Few actors will admit they are more than 30. In the profession the 40s are dangerous and among the players the reason is never questioned. At the Lamba not even the totterers are ever more than 33. Such vanity is excusable because youth is a prime essential of what is now a hazardous calling. . . .

Hicksville, L. I., has suddenly become conscious of its hill-billy name and the youngsters want it changed. They imagine it indexes them as "hicks." And clamor for some magnificence connected by a gassy realtor such as Floral Oables, Pleasant View or the like. Yet Hicksville gave the Latin Quarter of Paris Arthur Moss, best known of the American Bohemians. Long Island names of Indian origin have the murmur of the marshes—Queogue, Patchogue, Syosset, Speonk and Yaphank—and should be left alone. . . .

No one has made such a quick exit from the front pages as Daddy

ACCUSE ALDERMAN IN SHOOTING



Mathias Bauer (right), Chicago alderman, was arrested on a charge of assault with intent to kill as the result of a beer tavern shooting in which Policeman John Ahern (left), bodyguard for the late Mayor Cermak, and a deputy sheriff were wounded. (Associated Press Photos)

Another odd antipathy of the sanitarium people is the assumption that cane sugar is not good food for man. The great minds that conceive these funny notions for the sanitarium's propaganda do not explain why cane sugar is so bad for us and almost any other kind of sugar is rather healthful. They do drop a dreadful suggestion into the middle of the anathema they pronounce against the eating of cane sugar, namely, that inspection of the public schools in a large city showed that 90 per cent of the children were suffering from decay of the teeth. . . .

What, only 90 per cent? I'd like to find out what kind of diet the children in that city have. As a general rule such surveys seldom find a child who has no dental caries. If 10 per cent of the children in the schools of the large city were free from dental decay, it speaks highly for their nutrition and general good hygiene. . . .

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Pernicious Anemia Conquered. I can give no advice as to the treatment of pernicious anemia. The booklet "Blood and Health" (ask for copy and inclose a dime and a stamped addressed envelope) contains no particular information about pernicious anemia, except that injections of liver extract or extract of swine stomach into the muscles once or twice a month seems to cure. . . .

When I recovered from an automobile accident the insurance company sent me to a prominent physician in town for a thorough examination. To my amazement he found my heart is on the right side and all the other organs are reversed. He called several other doctors to see me. I am a twin. Different people tell me that I cannot expect to live long and if I should marry I could never have children. . . .

Answer—Those people are not different—their hearts are not in the right place either. No reason why you should not live 100 years and have a dozen children. (Copyright, 1933, John F. Dille Co.)

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scribing its quota of men and equipment. These quotas to band together to enforce international law, order and peace. Much the same as communities have policemen and the sheriff for the same purpose. . . .

Referring to the Japs being isolated and condemned, it reminds one of seeing the mote in your brother's eye, but not seeing the beam in your own eye. The justice of a war is a good deal a matter of precedent. The Japs wanted to expand their commerce and colonies. They found it impossible to do this in Manchuria, until they conquered it, as it was overrun with bandits. The other countries said: "Let the Chinese govern themselves, and get rid of their own banditry." Well, this sounds plausible. But let's see what the British did to the Boers less than 40 years ago. . . .

A lot of Englishmen owned mines in the country owned by the Dutch Boers. The Boers were no miners, but they saw a good opportunity of getting their share out of the rich mines owned and operated by the English in their country. So they taxed the foreign mine owners heavily and kept increasing the taxes. The English mine owners would stand it no longer. They appealed to the home government for help. An army of 200,000 men was sent to massacre bereft four to one and were not as bereft four to one and were not as well equipped as the British. Nevertheless, they made a magnificent fight of it, and most of them died like heroes. . . .

If the English mine owners did not think the taxes fair, they had a right to get out of the country but no right to slaughter 25,000 Boers. Are the Japs doing any worse, or even as bad. No wonder they take no heed of the disapproval of any or all other nations. It all depends upon who does the killing. . . .

Years for peace and goodwill to all nations for the coming year. SYDNEY S. BARKER, Eagle Point, December 31.

Butterfat vs. Nudists To the Editor: I had thought to economize and quit the paper, but liked your editorial about Russia so well, we all need the Bible, not only Russia. Sorry to have left payment late but farmers are hit hard. I had thought the Nudists a degenerative class but guess they are only farmers who got 12c for butterfat. . . .

MRS. L. HEAD, Applegate, December 28.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE deficit in the ordinary expenses of the government of the United States in this fiscal year will be about a BILLION dollars. That is to say, the government will spend for its ordinary expenses about a billion dollars more than it takes in in taxes. . . .

IT HAS been only about a quarter of a century since the total ordinary expenses of the government of the United States were less than a half billion dollars a year. We're headed for SOMEWHERE, anyway, aren't we?—wherever it may be. . . .

REMEMBER, please, that the ORDINARY expenses of the government are only its normal and regular running expenses, and do not include the extraordinary ex-

penditures involved in the relief program. These extraordinary expenses are financed by BORROWING, and by way of kidding ourselves we do not include them in the ordinary budget. . . .

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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 January 2, 1924. (It was Wednesday.) Cold wave in the valley hard on fuel and water pipes. Freezing weather over state, and Salem plumbers go on strike as pipes burst. . . .

Ashland resident on visit to San Francisco is robbed twice by the same bandit. C. M. Kidd home is gutted by noon-day fire. . . .

The tax levy for the year is fixed by the county court at 23.6 mills, a reduction of 2.7 mills from the previous year. Candidates for sheriff show up, but none will make definite announcement. . . .

Plumbing fee scale adopted by city council; plumbers disagree. Jimmy Allen bears a concert in Havana on his radio set, and gets a column on page 6. . . .

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 2, 1904. 1913 was a quiet but prosperous year in the city and valley. Bankers report money had a healthy tone. There was no devastating calamity. Public improvements included the building of the Bear creek bridge, and completion of the Page theater. The tax delinquency showed a slight increase. . . .

Jack Hemstreet, a theatrical man, buys a small tract of land in the Central Point district. The Potter Palmer estate is planting the largest orchard in the world in this valley. . . .

Joe Brown, real estate agent, runs the following poem in an ad in the New Year's edition of the Mail Tribune, along with his picture: This is the face of Honest Joe. With real estate I fight. If you want to deal, just look me up—The man who sees the dirt. . . .



(Continued from Page One) few weeks, he would have reasonably clear sailing. General Johnson once privately paid a high compliment to the president's personal charm in dealing with people. He said he was certain that if he could get Henry Ford into the presence of Mr. Roosevelt that Mr. Ford would do nearly anything the administration wanted.

WINNER!



Winner of the posture contest a main event of annual health week activities among University of Oregon co-eds, is Miss Marian Vinson, who comes from Cottage Grove.

Do You Get Up Nights? Drink lots of water and milk. Not much tea or coffee. Eat plenty of fruit and non-starchy vegetables. Not much meat and starches. Use bladder laxative to drive out the impurities and excess acids which cause the irritation that wakes you up. Take Junifer oil, Junifer Laxative, etc., called BU-KETS (15 gr. tablets) the bladder laxative. 25c at all drug stores. Works on bladder similar to castor oil on bowels. After four days if 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 clearing. Health's Drug Store and Jarmin Drug Store say BU-KETS is a best seller.

STOP ITCHING It's amazing how this tormenting trouble—wherever it occurs—yields to soothing Resinol