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Ye Smudge Pot. By Arthur Ferry. Through the frosted spring chicken season is three months away.

Stanford's hand picked selection for the Rose Bowl game failed to materialize as gridiron weaklings.

BURLINGTON, Wis., Dec. 30, (AP) - Nineteen thirty-three produced a "bumper" crop of lies in the United States.

The usual annual rush of city mountaineers to climb snowy Mount Hood was held New Year's day.

PIONEER GETS DANDER UP (Pendleton East Oregonian). A prominent officer of this town has made threats that he will use a pistol if the E. O. criticizes his public acts.

Papahood was bestowed upon V. Swanson and S. Ganton Sherwood of the P. O. was elevated to a sub-uncle New Year's day by the coming of the Hon. Stark.

More elastic will have to be placed in the ages of youths to permit them the joys of repeal.

A wedding of infelicity to local people was held Sunday afternoon at the Central church at Blachly.

Madames, maids and the Older Girls have received notice that spring styles in feminine shoes call for flat heels.

Another diversity north of 120th continues to be the "rent party" and its location. These festivities flower Saturday night and offer the delinquent renters of Harlem flats a chance to catch up with the landlord.

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Report Road Slippery. The muddy, slippery road in the Applegate section was given as the cause of the automobile accident which caused the CCC truck which Aubrey Wisdom of Camp Applegate was driving to crash into the automobile being driven by Grand Neely of 9th Murray avenue.

The President's Message

THOSE who anticipated something new or startling in the president's message to congress will be disappointed. There is nothing new. There is nothing startling.

It is very apparent the president regarded this annual message, as merely a formal gesture, and not the occasion for him to show his hand in any direction.

He gives no intimation as to when the dollar will be stabilized and at what figure; he expresses no opinions regarding the monetization of silver; he approves in general the various relief plans already adopted, but refuses to be explicit as to how long he believes they should be continued, or in what directions, if any, he believes they should be modified.

IN other words President Roosevelt starts the new year, plainly on the defensive. He intends to let the congress do the leading. Then and then only will he counter and show his hand, as the occasion demands.

So the really important messages from the White House will come later. There will be the budget message tomorrow, and from time to time there will be other messages.

Today in his annual address, the president in truth, merely rings up the curtain. The action, the drama, and the real human interest will come later.

The Bank Insurance Plan

IT will be interesting to see how this bank deposit insurance, which went into effect yesterday, works out.

The immediate insurance plan is temporary, which unless modified by the present congress, will be supplanted by a permanent system July 1st.

The government, during this period, guarantees individual deposits up to \$2500. This includes about 97 percent of ALL individual depositors.

Participation for members of the federal reserve system is compulsory, but of the 8,300 non-member banks, all but about 500 scattered around the country have applied for membership.

SUCH a system certainly should materially help the banks and greatly improve the business situation. Bank runs will certainly be eliminated; large cash reserves for banks should no longer be necessary; the release of additional credit should stimulate industry and augment purchasing power.

Obviously those who now trust to the well worn sock, or the tin can back of the clock, or to ANYTHING but their bank for the safe keeping of their money, should call in an alienist and have their head examined.

For the average bank depositor, every bank that comes under this guarantee plan is just as strong as Uncle Sam. Banks not qualified to receive such protection, will naturally pass out of the picture,—and should.

TO our mind the great pity is such a plan was not adopted years ago. Plain panicky fear, based upon nothing but rumors, doubts and gossip accounted for a large proportion of the disastrous bank failures.

OBVIOUSLY such a guarantee plan must be meticulously administered and regulated. There must be an examination, which IS an examination, a control over methods and policies which IS a control, and not just a perfunctory gesture.

We believe such a policy will be adopted by the government, when the final system is promulgated. Then bank runs and bank crashes, depriving innocent people of their life's savings, and where they should have been placed, years ago.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Harlem now has its own tabloid, the Daily Citizen, which is attempting to gloss life with a hi-de-ho, in the Black Belt.

The section has long been a stronghold of tabloidism, flashy pictures especially catching the fancy of sidewalk sunners along Lenox avenue and under the "Wishing Tree."

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They sat next table at one of those marly and glowingly pink tea rooms back of long candy counters on the avenue. They were very young. He was earnestly whispering a plea, the nature of which was not difficult to imagine while fingering something in his vest pocket.

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As a result of a bouncing idea of Harry Acton, the gangster of the gangplank, more than 100,000 have paid a dime a head to get or wish bon voyage to liner passengers the past

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.

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE DEMODEX FOLLICULORUM?

A wee little mite less than one-fifth of a millimeter long, yet examined under a low-power microscope this mite...

Physicians have long assumed that Demodex folliculorum is a harmless little parasite which may be regarded as a normal or natural inhabitant of the sebaceous duct or the sebum or skin oil in the duct.

Now people often pressed out the thick sebum from a "whitehead" or "blackhead" and because it resembles a small worm they think the little cummy of extruded yellow sebum, capped with dark grime or dust, is a "flesh worm."

The ointment is made of 30 grains of salicylic acid, 60 grains of sublimed sulphur, one-half ounce balsam of Peru, and one-half ounce of petrolatum.

Don Marquis, perhaps America's best beloved newspaperman, has fully recovered from a blindness that struck him lightning-like while putting finishing touches on a play a year ago.

Richard Mansfield, of all actors, was most keenly attuned to the intonations of an audience. He could sense neglect or inattention with his back to it and on several occasions stepped out of his part to bluster to the footlights with rebuke.

Complete Holiday Visit - Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McNamara have returned to Medford from their holiday visit in Seattle with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sult.

William Greenwood (left), bearded prophet of Olympia, Wash., who for years had been building an ark, said the recent floods in the Pacific northwest were just a forerunner of what will occur in 1938.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

IN THIS COUNTRY, in round numbers, there are 120 million people. Of these 120 millions, all but the very young and the very old are asking today:

WHO can answer these questions? This writer can't. It is doubtful if ANYBODY can. But hopes are higher than at any time in the past four years, and certain signs are beginning to be apparent indicating that these hopes are not vain.

FOR nearly four years now we have been hoping for the end of the depression, which is a major calamity comparable to war.

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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 3, 1924. Crater Lake to be advertised by Hill Lines coming year.

Statistics show Oregon stage mileage greater than the railroads. Prof. Vining of Ashland in Portland predicts "a new spirit in Oregon."

First candidates for office show up. All announce they are "for strict enforcement of the prohibition law." County court pays county fair deficit of \$4313 due to the horse-racing program.

Decision expected this week on rebuilding the Page theater, destroyed by fire. Fire Chief Roy Elliott, injured in the blaze, improves.

Twenty years ago today January 3, 1914. (It was Friday.) Martial law is proclaimed in Copperfield, Ore., a saloon town of the wild west type.

Bud Anderson, "the pride of Medford," is easily defeated by Leach Cross in seven rounds, at Los Angeles. December short of precipitation. The Japanese of the city hold an all-day celebration in honor of the New Year.

All trains delayed by heavy rains in California. Gaby Dealy, who had an affair with the King of Portugal, is coming to the Page next month.

Wireless station at Central Point talks to Hawaii. With the beginning of work on the Pacific highway, the county authorities will wage a campaign against husbands too lazy to support their families, through hatred of work.

A heart overflowing with tenderness. A nature sweet and true. A life known for its gentleness. My father, that were you!



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To show you how the government news restriction orders are working out, a certain bureau chief recently informed a newsmen: "I would like to answer your questions, but I have four children and I cannot take any chances on giving out information."

ROGUE PEARS SHOWN IN DISPLAY WINDOWS OF ESPEE IN CITIES. Space, which probably could not have been bought at any price, in the heart of New York and Chicago.

ORCHARDISTS ASK WARNER REHIRING. A petition signed by 40 fruit growers of the valley was presented to the county court today asking for the reappointment of Howard Warner as fruit inspector.

DEBT. It certainly looks as if it would be better if we paid off our debts in good times and went into debt in bad times.

NOTHING thought before closing: When you have had a stomach ache and get over it—get back onto your feet—to use a common expression—you feel fine, are full of ambition and go back to work with a will.

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