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Ye Smudge Pot. By Arthur Perry. Science has discovered there is enough energy in half a peanut to provide steam for an hour of thinking.

The favorite publicity trick of the professional friends of the farmer, now as always, is to pay the farmer, to ask themselves a series of questions on the Sales Tax, which they answer immediately. It is too much to expect that the type will ask themselves a question they can't answer.

... the dollar may go off the gold standard, and in both foreign exchange and native, products be worth less than they were six months ago; but good poetry is itself pure gold.

The suit of the government against the Alcohol Trust for \$8,000,000 unpaid income taxes, is a gentle reminder to the rank and file to send Uncle Sam the \$8 they owe, without further delay.

Enumerating the possible Democratic aspirants for governor, the esteemed Oregon Voter lists "Ester Snedecor, who has the brains and character but not the votes."

Under a decision of the United States supreme court, mortgage loans in certain states, on farm property, do not have to be paid for three years. The state law covering the mortgagor, is held valid, etc. This, however, is one of the well known double-edged swords. The man with money to loan, can wait as long as he pleases before lending any of it.

PIONEER BEAUTY NOTES (Pendleton East Oregonian). I've not seen as yet an old or ugly woman in eastern Oregon. They all seem to be angels in disguise.

The rumble seats of the 1934 autocar are reported as "commodious." However, the occupant can still look at the scenery, without the haunting fear of unexpectedly bouncing out. He is still as securely moored as a sardine. In the old style rumble seat, the victim had to be a human frog to get in, and was removed like a back tooth.

Babe Ruth, a baseball player notorious for his ability to knock a baseball long distances, will only get \$34,000 this year. It is thought Mr. Ruth will make it, without working on a CWA gang, in the forenoon.

The milk situation has been clarified and regulated, and the price set. There was a time when it was felt that the cow did not put enough water in the milk, so the discrepancy was corrected at every water faucet between the barn and the ultimate consumer. It is now conceded that the cow knew what she was doing, and very little if any milk blending is going on.

Missionary slain. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Word that Father Ludwig, young Dominican missionary, was slain by Chinese bandits when they failed to receive \$50,000 ransom for his release, was received here today by Father William E. Cummings, N. M., San Francisco superior of the Maryknoll fathers.

Suits cleaned and pressed \$5c. Dresses 75c up. Phone 835-J. Economy Cleaner.

Grangers Think for Themselves

WITH one statement in Ray Gill's communication to this paper a week ago, opposing the sales tax, we heartily agree. Mr. Gill wrote: "The members of the state grange are not easily led. They think deeply on all public questions."

There is increasing evidence to support this contention. The grangers of the state are thinking deeply on this sales tax question, and more and more of them are refusing to sign on the dotted line of opposition.

As previously pointed out, one member of the state grange introduced the present sales tax in the legislature, 12 members of the grange in that body voted and spoke for the measure.

In this county the Roxy Anne and Jacksonville granges have endorsed the school relief sales tax; the farmers of Polk county, many of them grangers, have also endorsed the measure; similar action has been taken by the Coquille grange, Coos County Polk grange and White Eagle grange. Many other granges while not approving the sales tax, have REFUSED to go on record against it.

This certainly shows the grangers are thinking deeply on this question, and are refusing to be led blindly into opposition, until they know just what the measure provides, and if passed, just how it will affect them, as individuals.

SUCH a spirit we believe is entirely in harmony with the fundamental principles of this great organization. The grange is essentially democratic. Two of its most cherished ideals are individual freedom, and uncompromising independence. It is not a partisan political organization. Every member is free to vote on any public question, as that individual wishes. In every unit the majority rules. Grangers are not expected to take their orders from their officials; but their officials are expected to take orders from them.

This is as it should be. As long as such principles are adhered to the grange can't fail to be a great bulwark to genuine democracy, and a force for better government.

Get the Facts for Yourself

WHETHER or not this sales tax passes, depends on our opinion, upon how many people of this state, follow the example of these independent grangers.

That is take the word of NO ONE, regarding this measure, but determine the facts for THEMSELVES. Find out just what this sales tax will do, and how, if passed it will affect their own fortunes, and then vote accordingly.

Such careful and independent action will, we believe, convince them of two things:

First: If the public schools, particularly the rural schools of this state are to be kept open, this sales tax must pass.

Second: If real property, particularly farm property is to be relieved from its present crushing tax burden, passing this sales tax is the ONLY possible way to do it.

The more the problem is studied, from all angles and in the light of all available facts, the more inescapable is this conclusion.

So the question for the individual comes down to this: What does he WANT?

Does he want the schools to be kept open? Does he want his property tax reduced? If he does, then he should vote for the sales tax. For there is absolutely no other way, to bring about these two results.

It's a "War" Measure

THE greatest single obstacle to a sales tax—any sales tax,—is the traditional prejudice which exists against it. This is an inheritance from normal conditions.

If normal conditions existed today no sales tax would have a chance. This paper, for one, would never favor a sales tax, if a genuine economic and tax crisis did NOT exist.

IF property taxes were being paid, if expenses of education and government were being met, if income taxes had not reached the point of diminishing returns—in short if there were any practical way of getting the cash, EXCEPT by a sales tax—few thoughtful people would favor that procedure.

But property taxes are NOT being paid—the ordinary methods of financing local government, have broken down. If we are to go on, maintain our schools, keep up our public credit, prevent general collapse and bankruptcy, money must be secured from SOMEWHERE, and all competent students of the problem admit, that the only place to secure it is through a tax on sales.

Now this prejudice against the sales tax is not peculiar to Oregon. It exists throughout the country.

WHY then have the people of California adopted a sales tax; WHY have the people of Indiana, of Illinois, of Washington, of Mississippi, of Utah taken similar action? WHY are still other states like New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland, expected to adopt sales taxes within the year?

Not because they LIKE the sales tax,—not because they deny that it has, like any other tax system, its IMPERFECTIONS,—but because they have decided that under present conditions, it is the only way out,—the only way to survive.

The Proof of the Pudding

AND when ALL IS SAID AND DONE, isn't the best proof of the pudding in the EATING?

Isn't the best evidence of what the sales tax is, or isn't, the WAY it has ACTUALLY WORKED OUT?

We don't know about all the states, but we do know something about California. We know that the grangers of that state did not favor the sales tax when it was proposed, we know organized labor did not.

But where does the vociferous opposition to the sales tax in that state come from now? From the farmers, the ranchers, the workers?

NO! The people of California, AS A WHOLE, are enthusiastic over the sales tax, because it has brought in the money—kept

their splendid schools open and decreased the tax burden on their homes.

But according to our information, the high priced movie stars of Hollywood DON'T like it. These gilded butterflies, who have so successfully evaded their income taxes, find they can't evade their SALES taxes—they have to pay as they go! And they like to go in foreign cars and sable coats, and expensive jewelry to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year!

Isn't that about as strong an argument in favor of the sales tax, under conditions which exist today, as ANYONE COULD DESIRE!

Personal Health Service

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ARE YOU SUSCEPTIBLE TO CATARRHS? It is only in the past twenty years, or less that America has become the greatest center for postgraduate medical instruction.



Prior to this generation Europe, particularly Germany and Austria, held the lead. No young physician was quite the cat's until he had had his fling at post-graduate study in Europe, through the home papers.

The Germans, I think, are responsible for most of the quackery in American medicine. I don't mean honest newspaper, radio and almanac quackery, but the subtle sort which every physician, surgeon or specialist practices more or less, consciously or without malice, as a forethought. It comes from German psychology.

There is a fatal fascination in German psychology. It gets you before you can gather the wits to break the spell and beat a disinterested "yahbut." When the German expounder gets underway you hate like anything to interrupt; his very earnest absorption, and his rapacious conviction in the right and truth of his, forbid the slightest suggestion that you just step aboard and ride with him.

Here's Herr Dr. P. Schmidt expatiating in Deutsche med. Wechschr. Dec. 2, 1932, on the idea: subject for German analysis, Who's Afraid of the Big ... I mean Who is Predisposed to Catching Cold? and the shrewd Herr Schmidt explains what he means by "cold" before the general hum quite down as you can get set to jump on his neck. "Colds," says he, are the common nasal, pharyngeal or bronchial catarrhs. Predisposition thereto may be congenital or acquired, and if the latter ...

What would you get from the audience if you had the audacity to stop the beggar in the midst of his chatter about congenital and acquired predispositions to inquire, like a grinning idiot, what the common nasal, pharyngeal or bronchial catarrhs might be? Glare and contemptuous smiles. I tell you German psychology will not tolerate it. Dr. Schmidt avers that normal persons may have their body heat-regulating mechanism put out of action temporarily by a fall into ice water, by alcohol, or by narcotics.

But he candidly admits that persons who are not predisposed to suffer from "catarrhs" from the most rigorous chilling. He estimates that only about one person out of ten is so predisposed. Not a bad guy, at that. It is only

by motor for one of those lovely vistas of Manhattan only after midnight brings. Beneath moon rays is the time to see the metropolis, to adore it, to make promises to it, to pray and plead with it. For the big city, all snug and serene, seems yours in illimitable loneliness. For once in 24 hours harmless, unable to hurt or bless ... lost in dream.

A few blocks northward the bleak Tomba prison lifts gray walls and bastions in the dark. Only one small window is lit; a tiny block of gold flung high in a turret. The mind fastens to it in thoughts of a knight hurriedly donning armor and lance, his charger ready below. Of men sitting dazed on the edge of prison cells awaiting a dawn that may mean freedom or Sing Sing. Of weak humanity making the first false step and homely regretting it. Such a speculative little window in the frozen calm of a New York night!

Personal nomination for the gayest shirt, excepting Isaac Marcosson's, in all the towns—those of Grover Whalen.

Something utterly fascinating, too, about a railroad station as dawn pink the sky. Grand Central, for instance. I killed in its desolate depths watching a whistling Sam sweep up oddments of the day. A queer litter; reams of silver paper, bits of cracker, apple core, cigarette packets, old envelopes, the heel of a silvered dance slipper and an unexpectably disreputable umbrella that had snapped in two. An unfair reminder of the cluttered floor of a monkey cage at the Zoo. A station becomes so sad and lonely in the waning night. Advertisements, so chirpy by day, become insolent to weary 3 a. m. eyes. Think of drinking certified cream at such an hour or departing on the Palm Beach sands!

Bagatelles: Nat Burns, straight actor of Burns and Allen, is a riot of laughs off stage ... While Miss Allen is very demure ... Charlie Russell originals are now higher priced than original Remingtons ... When Helen Kane tries to reduce, she gains so she has quit trying ... Noel Coward wanted most to meet Max Baer on his recent visit ... Ashton Stevens always occupies the same seat locations at Chicago first nights ... Will H. Hayes

keeps his home in Sullivan, Ind. open the year round ... John Held, Jr. once lived in New York on \$8 a week ... Dave Montgomery was billed first in Montgomery and Stone because when the partnership was formed he was the bigger attraction.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Prostitute. Please tell me the best way to treat frothing fingers, cheeks or ears. (S. P.) Answer—The best treatment is very gentle massage with your warm hand. Apply no ice, snow or cold water, and avoid friction or excessive handling. As soon as the blanching area becomes pink again, stop all manipulation. Do not be perplexed by ancient medical superstitions. Too much treatment does more harm than frothing itself.

Puffs Under Eyes. Do puffs under the eyes come from a particular disorder or may it be a complication? What had I better do about it—consult a physician? (M. B. V.) Answer—Puffiness under the eyes often results from various illnesses and often from trifling disturbances of health, faulty hygiene, loss of sleep, improper diet or drinking, and should at least warrant a health examination.

Grange Member Challenges Master Ray Gill on Sales Tax

Mr. Ray W. Gill, Master of Oregon State Grange—Dear Mr. Brother Gill: Permit me to suggest that by virtue of your office you possess a very great political power.

Our order has more than 300 subordinate granges, each one having a hall in which you may express your views to a membership of 20,000 voters who naturally are prejudiced in your favor. You have funds at your disposal to pay your own traveling expenses and those of speakers of your own choosing while visiting subordinate granges. You have the State Grange Bulletin, which goes every second week to each member. You have funds to pay for printing initiative and referendum bills and petitions. These funds come from dues which we members pay. We circulate your petitions by unpaid volunteer work.

Most of us down in the ranks are without political ambition. We are prone to follow your lead without suspicion or question. In our organization you possess an instrument with which you may inspire and build, or with which you may repress and obstruct, even though having good intentions, which none of us question.

Our organization gives you a very decided advantage over the government and the legislature. They possess no corresponding machinery for defending their side of a controversial question. Because of this advantage of yours, they must of necessity fear you. When they oppose you there is a reasonable presumption that they do so at a personal sacrifice rather than betray a public trust.

Your responsibility, therefore, is very great, both to us grangers and to the state. You should not impose your own personal wishes. You should open the columns of the Grange Bulletin and the doors of grange halls to a fair and open discussion of public questions, which you do not now seem to encourage.

When we were obligated we were told that the obligation did not interest us our political and religious rights. Issues in taxation are political. Just now you would have the Oregon grange use its funds and the labor of its volunteer workers to invoke the referendum on our sales tax law. This would hold up its operation for more than two months at a loss of \$750,000 to our school funds. Yet, so far as any of our rank and file members know, it violates no principle of the grange. On the contrary, you have led us in favoring sales taxation.

Under state leadership we initiated a sales tax law on butter substitutes. We sought a tax of 10 cents a pound, which was more than the price of the article to be taxed. It was more than 87 times higher than the rates of the present sales tax law. It was to be imposed on an article used especially by the poor, who like butter, but who could not afford it.

You know that the legislature, following defeat of our oleo tax bill, enacted a tax of 4 cents a pound, which is a rate of 40 per cent to 50 per cent on oleo and 25 to 30 times higher than the rate of our new sales tax law. This for our benefit and in answer to our own demand.

You know that our gasoline tax is a sales tax paid by all motor car users, including the poor, who drive old gas-burning contraptions cast off by the well-to-do.

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Comment on the Day's News

MILK strikes hit Chicago. Violence broke out over hundred-mile area in dairymen's war against low prices. Milk prices below cost of production are bad. But violence won't make them any better.

PARAGUAYAN army occupies three abandoned Bolivian forts following expiration of the Christmas armistice. The occupied forests are located in the dense and trackless Chaco forest, which isn't worth any part of the fighting that has been done over it. Whichever nation finally wins it will wonder what to do with it when it gets it.

Most wars are just as foolish as that. FRANCE agrees to increase THREEDOLLAR FOLD the quotas on American products as announced the first of the year.

Is France making friendly gestures toward this country? Not at all. She merely wants to sell more wine in the United States. Whatever the French do has a selfish motive back of it.

PARLOUS times there, for men of wealth, and everybody recognizes it. "If I had a million dollars," a young man said to this writer yesterday. "I'd worry myself sick trying to hold onto it. I have no worries, because I have nothing to lose."

There's philosophy for you. "HOW'S the potato market?" this writer asked a potato buyer yesterday. "Oh, somewhere from 85 cents to a dollar," was the answer. "Pretty low for January of a short crop year, isn't it?" this writer put in. "Yes," was the answer, "but there is no SPECULATIVE BUYING at all this year to bring the price up, so it still hangs low, in spite of the short crop."

No speculative buying, so the price stays low in spite of a short crop over the country. We used to hear speculation thundered at as a curse, yet here we are told that LACK of speculative buying is holding down prices in a short crop year. We're learning a lot these days. WHAT is speculation, anyway? Why, it is buying low in the hope of selling high. Just that and nothing else. Generally speaking, it represents the best judgment of shrewd men who know conditions of supply and demand—or think they do. Really, it isn't half as bad as demagogues have been trying for years to make us believe. IN this column, a short time back, some caustic remarks were indulged in about young men who habitually talk with a cigarette hanging from their under lips. In this city there is a young mother who has mastered marvellously the art of talking with a cigarette hanging from her under lip. No Bowers tough could do it better. She has two beautiful children, and a well-kept home. Her children are being raised as carefully as any children could be, lacking nothing that can be given them in the way of care. She herself has high standards and a charming personality. There are exceptions, you see, to all rules.

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 15, 1924 (It was Tuesday) Jack Thompson of Copco leaves for an upstate tour. Autolists warned they will be arrested, if they don't get their 1924 licenses.

Nineteen twenty-three was the driest year in the history of Jackson county weather records. Roosevelt school wins the Christmas Seal sale prize again. John A. Peri will run for coroner.

National Thrift week opposed by United Merchants association, "as it may be carried too far." County court advises dry enforcement agents "they will be abolished, unless they cease playing politics." Traffic department nabs Paul Scherer for speeding, and he is fined \$15.

Twenty Years Ago Today January 15, 1914 (It was Thursday) "The courthouse ring" is flayed in letter to the editor, and "downfall of the nation" is also predicted. Greater Medford club inspects the city schools and reports "the lack of fresh air is criminal and treasonable to youth."

"Swat the Fly" campaign to be opened next month. Medford to be made a flyless town. Sheriff nips a plot to escape from the county jail. Mike Womack discovers an asbestos mine in the Applegate which he will sell to an eastern syndicate.

Attorney Porter J. Neff leaves for the middle west to gather data on the commission form of government.

Communications

He Wants a Woman Sheriff To the Editor, Well, we have a candidate for sheriff and his slogan is "Common sense and law enforcement without fear or favor."

Now in my opinion it takes something besides common sense and law enforcement. It is necessary to know something about book-keeping to fill the office of sheriff. There is any amount of men in Jackson county who have good common sense, but we need efficiency in the sheriff's office. I'll tell the world, and why should we put a man in the sheriff's office who lacks efficiency and has to depend on a deputy to do the work and a woman at that. Why not elect the woman who has filled the office for 10 these many years, with common sense, ability and efficiency, and let her sign her name Olga Anderson, sheriff, in place of by Olga Anderson, deputy.

Well, by gosh, if I had as good an opinion of myself as some of these candidates, I might come out for sheriff myself, out as I know I couldn't fill the bill I am in favor of Olga Anderson for sheriff of Jackson county, and not pay a man \$266—or to boss her either. JOHN B. GRIFFIN, Medford, Jan. 13.

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