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Ye Smudge Pot

A Smart-aleck got hold of a bottle of whiskey during the week, and made 564 votes for the return of Prohibition.

The Gleemen will warble the end of the month, without the aid of a percussionist, or base drummer.

Plans continue for the 18th Jubilee next June, in honor of the 76th birthday of the state, and the accumulating years of the city.

L. Bardwell also has one of the fancy dogs that always need a haircut.

Louisiana and Cuba are acting like Jackson county when aroused, and amateur anarchists are at large.

Atty F. Farrell is in Washington, D. C., and reports a great concentration of Democrats, fine weather, but private enterprise still too private, with the govt. doing the spending.

Kort Hall switched a billiard game Fri. He is an adept hula-hula artist, without the aid of a grass skirt.

The 50c dollar is reported in circulation here. The dime is still 10c.

The R. Vallee divorce suit is much in the local ear, and wonder is expressed that the crooner did not brain somebody with his saxophone.

A movement has been launched for a revival of the GREAT PASSING-OF-THE HAT in these parts.

Politics are dormant, and it does not look like everybody without a telephone, would run for something.

War has been started against black crows, and their annihilation ought to help out business, agriculture, horticulture, and marksmanship.

Several are getting ready to erect abutments and igloos, and cause a resumption of mail-driving—the first since the crash. The tent and the cave have been feared during this period by many.

A lively background for a law suit was staged on the Specific Dieway the first of the wk, when a couple of vehicles rubbed fenders. The navigators of the wounded juggernaut pulled their lead pencils and looked serious.

Wrestling was resumed last week, none of the combatants being able to break the neck of foe.

Doctors met and mingled Wed. eve, and dress suits and Van Dyke mustaches were in the minority.

Things seem to be picking up, but still lack the verve of the shipyard days, when a plumber would not look at a monkey-wrench for less than \$17.

It is about time to start another argument on the Rogue River fish question, and no difference which side is taken.

Joe Brown suffered last week in a hard-boiled shirt, and wore a pair of nickel gloves to show his faith in the administration, and the return of Prosperity. He acquired the shirt in McKinley's regime, and the gloves last October. He is a veteran Democrat, being one before he got mad at Hoover.

In spare moments from filling out federal blanks, farmers are plowing.

Weeds, horse chestnut trees, and the haddif vegetation are showing signs of life.

Flood Destitution Gains. SEATTLE, Jan. 20—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Mark A. Matthews, chairman of the Seattle chapter of the American Red Cross, said today reports from the Pacific area indicated destitution among northwestern flood refugees was much greater than first reported, as nearly 2000 families have turned to the Red Cross for assistance.

The Political Comedy

POLITICS is funny. But so few politicians ever think so. We have just been reading the Congressional Record of January 11th, containing the debate on the gag rule recently adopted in the House. It covers nearly 30 full pages, and yet in all that blather we fail to find a single parenthetical note of (laughter).

Applause is scattered through that voluminous record liberally, but never the hint of a smile. How do they do it? How can these congressmen, particularly the older ones, take themselves so seriously?

Perhaps part of the answer is that if congressmen don't take themselves seriously, no one else will.

THE gag rule in question was a REAL one. Were Uncle Joe Cannon alive it would convince that veteran dictator that he had passed out of the picture a decade too soon. For nothing could convince him the "good old days" had not returned.

Yet the party in power, the party of Thomas Jefferson, the party of popular rule, the party of open covenants openly arrived at, fought for that air-tight muzzle on free parliamentary action, as passionately as the Knights of Old ever fought for the Holy Grail.

THE comedy of the situation rested in the fact that the traditional roles of the two major parties were COMPLETELY reversed, and no one on either side had the sense of humor, or the good sense—to comment on the fact!

All the speakers delivered their oratorical efforts in the most serious, stately and declamatory fashion—the Democratic leaders urging the adoption of the rule on the ground of supporting the greatest president since Jefferson; the Republicans opposing it, on the ground of liberty, freedom, and the sacred rights of the minority.

Anyone with a file of Congressional Records, could point to speeches delivered in the past, by Democrats,—perhaps by the same men—identical in spirit and principle with those delivered by Republicans in this debate, and vice versa.

THERE was Snell of New York, for example, the ultra conservative G. O. P. leader, fighting the time honored practices of Cannon and Longworth, with all the fire and fervor of a "Sockless Simpson"; and Democratic war horses like Byrnes and Bankhead, upholding those principles, extolling the virtue of silencing debate and crushing all opposition, in the sacred name of loyalty, patriotism,—AND party regularity!

ACCORDING to every fundamental principle of a free government, and democratic institutions, this gag rule was wrong—in fact, OUTRAGEOUS. Its passage reduced the membership of the Lower House, to a pitiful group of futile and pusillanimous rubber-stamps.

But—there is nothing new in that. It is a way parliamentary majorities have—or at least HAVE had, in this country. Except for a brief interval following the downfall of Speaker Cannon, similar gag rules have been adopted by the party in power, whenever the leaders deemed it advisable.

And then the men who are FAVORING it now, fought it tooth and nail; and the men FIGHTING it now, blandly acquiesced and probably murmured "Well what are you going to do about it?"

It's a great comedy, isn't it? Parties may come and parties go—it's tweedle-dum or tweedle-dee,—but human nature goes on FOREVER!

They Made a Fight For It

IT would be hardly fair to leave the matter there. For we will say this for the Democrats—they made a better fight for political freedom and fair play, than the Republican majority did, a few years ago.

The Democrats have a working majority of about 200 in the Lower House. One of the strongest arguments against this gag rule, was that the party in power didn't NEED it.

The final vote was yea, 197, nay 192, with 41 prudently retiring to the cloak room, or staying tucked in their beds, under doctor's orders. Thus in round numbers a majority of 200 was reduced to 5,—or at the outside to 46.

That was a close squeak for Czaristic methods!

ALSO the best speeches against the overthrow of popular government were made by Democrats.

Here is a part of the speech delivered by Congressman Knute Hill of Washington—we judge a descendant of the early Vikings:

The minority always has rights which should be protected. Not only the minority party but the minority within the Democratic party. I believe it was the great Frenchman, Voltaire, who said to one of his opponents, "I WHOLLY DISAGREE WITH what YOU SAY BUT WILL DEFEND WITH MY LIFE YOUR RIGHT TO SAY IT." The present leaders insisted on the rights of minorities for years. They fought for them. They have been eloquent in their insistence that they should be heard on every question. Read the Record for the Seventy-second congress. Listen to our eloquent floor leader only on the opening day of this session, January 3:

There is no disposition to prevent any member of the House from having every opportunity to discuss any question that he may desire during this session, and my objection does not go to that extent. . . . If I can bring it about, every gentleman upon both sides of the House will have the fullest opportunity to discuss any question that is relevant to any matter that is before the House, and at the very earliest opportunity.

How does this promise by the floor leader on the 3rd comport with his stand this afternoon? Why this drastic change on the part of the leaders now when they are in the majority? Do they for a moment think that the great electorate throughout the United States will approve such a course? If so, they are greatly mistaken and had better keep in closer touch with the people back home who are taking far more interest in legislation and methods of procedure than ever before.

to cooperate, but only as men to men, with our full rights and responsibilities to our constituents recognized. (Applause)

SOUND DOCTRINE, THAT! But our own Walter Pierce, the eloquent and lachrymose defender of the rights of the common people; that great apostle of Jeffersonian Democracy, apparently did not THINK so.

He voted on every test, with the majority—that valiant and gallant majority of FIVE! There he stood, full of rectitude and emotion for gag rule and the famous steam-roller.

What a comedy, brethren, WHAT a comedy!

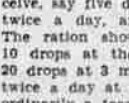
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By William Brady, M.D.

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SALMON OIL INSTEAD OF CODLIVER OIL

It is now a widely popular practice to give every baby from a month to a year old a daily ration of cod liver oil, to promote healthful growth and to prevent rickets, also to help the baby develop normal immunity against respiratory infection. This latter purpose is only theoretical; we do not know definitely whether the vitamin A in cod liver oil is essential in the development of immunity. But the value of vitamin D, as in cod liver oil and in fresh milk, cream, butter and egg yolk, for promoting growth and preventing rickets, is well known.



The month-old baby should receive, say five drops of cod liver oil twice a day, after regular feedings. The ration should be increased to 10 drops at the age of 2 months, 20 drops at 3 months, a teaspoonful twice a day at 4 months, and then ordinarily a teaspoonful twice a day until the end of the first year. After that no cod liver oil is necessary, for the older baby should get his vitamins from milk, eggs, butter, etc. Only when the doctor prescribes it for some particular condition should cod liver oil or any substitute for it be given to children over a year of age.

When it comes to procuring the cod liver oil, I should prefer plain crude cod liver oil of no particular brand, but a grade a reliable druggist sells in bulk. This is available at reasonable cost and I believe it is the best. I do not recommend any substitute for plain cod liver oil. In some instances where an older child has great repugnance for the plain oil of the child will readily take a mixture of cod liver oil and malt syrup, so-called extract of malt, about equal parts. There are various preparations of this character on the market, if your druggist is too dumb and incompetent to mix them or to sell the two items separately so you can mix them yourself.

Lately it has been found that half-cod liver oil is as good if not better than the whole cod liver oil, but I am afraid the sharks have control of this and the price is artificially maintained. Salmon oil, according to exhaustive tests made by experts of the U. S. Children's Bureau, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, and Yale University medical school, is as good or better than cod liver oil, and, besides, children take it quite readily. It is high-

Communications

A Socialist Speaks. To the Editor: Your editorial in the Tribune of January 12, "Who Is Ruling This Country," is critical of socialism and socialists. We imply that we socialists are capitalizing on the present state of unrest for our own party advancement. If so, why are the socialists giving their plans and specifications of their dope free gratis? Do they think these would prove impractical? Just ask the man who knows one. You say some of our thunder has already been stolen, but you can not go "whole hog." If this is so, where is the dividing line going to be? Can a nation endure half slave and half free? Personally we joined the NRA and are glad to do our part. I have studied the retailers' code and find it as elastic as a new pair of suspenders or most lawyers' sense of honesty.

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 21, 1924 (It Was Monday) Delroy Getchell addresses the Kiwanis club on "Thrift."

Presbyterians subscribe \$4260 towards the construction of a social hall—the first unit of a new church.

Truckmen of state grid to fight state regulation.

Nicola Lenin, premier of the Soviet, dies.

Carl Tengstrand throws his hat into the ring for county clerk Sheriff Terrell says, "It's none of Sheriff's business what I am going to do. I will run if I feel like it."

Paving the road to Ruch to be decided this week.

Gasoline jumps to 24c per gallon.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY January 21, 1914 (It Was Wednesday) Local inventor has method "to take the flicker out of the movies," he says.

Nearly an inch of rain refreshes the earth in this vicinity.

Illustrative of the deadening effect of the so-called financial depression, pictured as settled down over the Rogue river valley, and proof perfect of the shortage of money in these parts, forty or more citizens will begin to learn the tango and hesitation waits next week, at the modest rate of \$2.50 per hour.

Manager Walter Merrick of the Natorium has closed negotiations whereby a tango professor and his wife will be imported from Portland to teach the natives the intricacies of the fascinating Argentine dance.

Wind of last week blew down several barns near Eagle Point.

New B. L. Polk directory will contain the names of women.

Al Jennings, former trainrobber to run for governor of Oklahoma.

Increased wages we simply have the boot-strap proposition again.

The presence of the CWA is circumstantial evidence the NRA had failed. The CWA is similar to the relief given farmers in the past, i. e., loaning them money with which to pay their debts. This is sanctioned by the "big shots," who are not only getting the "jitters," but are likewise getting the interest on the billions of dollars loaned the government.

In dashing courageously ahead you claim President Roosevelt is justified because the public are behind him. Poor bewildered public, they would follow a blind sheep as our experience in Jackson county about a year ago well proves. And I recall a time the public backed a man who kept them out of war. But they were in a worse one before the ink on their ballots was dry. Then again, they supported a man who would reduce the tariff and they got inflation instead. Ha! ha!

About the time the NRA was being tried on, we read an editorial in the Morning Oregonian of August 18, entitled "Joshing the Blue Eagle." It stated in substance that if the NRA was peddled to the public the press of the land would do the trick. Of course, this may be truth and again it may be poetry. We only know what we read.

As Ever, BERT HARR. Jacksonville, January 19.

Those Empty Theater Seats To the Editor: Too many of our local people are seen no more at the movies. Many kind-hearted persons do not realize the full significance of this and many others fail to see the menace in the cutting off of this almost universal source of relaxation and fun.

Temporal needs—food, clothing and shelter—are being supplied generously and wisely, but man cannot live by bread alone. Mental sustenance is splendidly managed by our public

News Behind The News. Those who are so fortunate as to fit into the jobs furnished by the various government-foisted projects may be able to manage their relaxation needs, but what of the many who are still dependent upon relief agencies for their existence needs? Remember, they may have been quite as industrious and thrifty as you, and are perhaps your equal socially and intellectually. Try to imagine the depths of their feeling of futility and failure. Some of them have not attended a show in a year, two years. What to do about it?

This: Let theater tickets be placed at relief headquarters and given out with relief supplies to the unemployed. If our theater managers could feel the great need of these "unfortunate souls" for a little real relaxation and fun, would contribute 10, 20 or 30 tickets for each show they would be rendering a high service to their community that would be as "bread upon the water" later.

The real victims of our depression need help to get themselves back to a state of mind that can begin the long, hard pull to a self-respecting independence. It may be hard for those whose investments and incomes have weathered the storm to realize what it means to be a down-and-out. If his faith and courage are at a low ebb, it is not a reflection upon his strength of character for he has suffered appallingly unfair treatment. Imagine yourself in his shoes and help as you would care to be helped.

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In keeping with the times—Drugs and Toiletries at Cut Prices at JARMIN'S DRUG STORE

Mr. Roosevelt's pot shot at the Washington lawyers hit the one particular bird he was aiming at.

Only 20 out of the 35 republican senators attended the last senate republican caucus.

In a typographical error, one newspaper stated: "Mr. Roosevelt alyly hinted at bi-mentalism in his message to congress." Eronous insertion of an "n" in the word made it more accurate than was intended.

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Starts TODAY 15c ROXY 15c. A NEW DEAL IN ENTERTAINMENT! Be Mine Tonight. Says Walter Webster, one of the most famous critics in the world: "One of the grandest talking pictures any one of us is likely to see . . . In the past four years we have had a number of outstanding talking pictures, but none in the same class as "Be Mine Tonight!" ALSO—MOONLIGHT FANTASY—CARTOON—NEWS

A screen play about three people who loved each other very much. HOLLY IS NOW PLAYING EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT. Ernst Lubitsch production. L. A. Examiner, Louella O. Parsons:—"Miriam Hopkins is delightful . . . You'll like Edward Everett Horton . . . Gary Cooper gives his finest performance . . . Frederic March's portrayal of the playwright leaves nothing to be desired." Plus—"Paramount News" "Sport in Any Language" Cartoon—Hollywood Babies. Noel Coward's "DESIGN FOR LIVING" FREDERIC MARCH \* GARY COOPER \* MIRIAM HOPKINS \* EDWARD EVERETT HORTON