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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.
The season of cooking schools approaches, and if the newspapers of the state are as wide-awake as they claim to be, they will instead conduct a Bartender's School.

Sam Brown of Gervais will run for governor. Hurray for the Sam Brown belt without oost to the taxpayers!

Sympathy gains for Rudy Vallee, the radio crooner, since his wife, in her divorce proceedings, seeks \$2000 a month for dresses. Otherwise she will have nothing to wear.

J. A. Rook ground feed at the Walter Wallace home Friday. (Natron News, Eugene News)—The result of the government referring to eating as re-vegetalization.

The state treasurer is now battling the chief executive with regard to the probability of the type-writing on two bonds. Constituents of both officials hope neither some morning show up for work, as it is called, wearing a necktie that does not harmonize with his shirt.

Another gent—again in Marion county—has made it to the penitentiary in the record time of 20 hours. He jabbed a pistol in the tummy of a doctor, carelessly overlooking \$300 the professional man was packing on his person, probably through lack of faith, either in victims or backyards.

WELL, the most we can wish for the referendum election (assuming that it is called) is that the people of Oregon as a whole try to escape from their "inherited" PREJUDICES, drop their preconceptions,—look at the question realistically, in the light of facts, instead of fiction,—and then vote accordingly.

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WELL, the financial life of this state is at stake. The public school system is at stake. We have no particular quarrel with the man who has reclaimed the thing all out and is against the sales tax (although we don't know WHAT his reasons can be) but we have a quarrel with the man—or woman,—who hasn't reasoned the thing out and is merely voting against the tax because someone has told them to, or because they have a prejudice.

Drop the prejudice. Look at the problem fairly and squarely, as it actually, exists. If this is done the sales tax will pass, for it is, under the critical circumstances that exist, "the only thing to do!"

ASTOR, GILLESPIE MARRIAGE IS OFF

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The engagement of John Jacob Astor III and Miss Eileen S. Gillespie has been broken, and what was to have been one of the season's most brilliant weddings will not take place on February 6.

Pride and Prejudice

NOW prejudice is a bad thing. It is not only bad for those against whom it is directed, but for those who hold it. We once knew a man who was prejudiced against quinine. He would have none in the house, and permit none of his family to take it. Any doctor that prescribed it, was a quack and an ignoramus.

This man took a trip to Central America. He was advised to take frequent doses of quinine to ward off malaria. Of course he refused. A few weeks later he contracted the disease. Quinine was again prescribed. He said he would die before he would put any of that "poison" in HIS system. He didn't die but he came near it.

THERE was another man who had a prejudice against operations,—ANY operations. More people died from the knife, he said, than from all the germs discovered by science. No one was ever going to cut into him.

No one ever did. But the man died after a period of acute suffering. He called it just a stomach ache. But the doctors called it a ruptured appendix.

We are not writing a brief for the quinine manufacturers, nor for the American Surgical association. We never hear of quinine anymore, something superior to it may have been found. But at one time it was the best preventive and cure for malaria. It saved much suffering and many lives. Those who had a prejudice against it, suffered. The prejudice injured them more than anyone else.

Nor do we deny that some surgeons are over-zealous, nor that many operations have been performed, which never should have been. That's not the point.

We have merely cited these examples to show that dangers of strong and unreasonable prejudices—how such prejudices never do good, and often do great harm—particularly to those who hold them.

NOW there is a great deal of prejudice against the sales tax. This is entirely an inheritance from normal times—the National Grange opposed it, the American Federation of Labor opposed it, at a time when the issue was essentially between a sales tax and an income tax.

Such opposition was, at that time, entirely justified. As long as the income tax had not been exhausted,—had not reached the point of diminishing returns—it, and not retail sales, was the proper place to transfer the tax burden. For it placed the tax upon those best able to pay.

BUT when this devastating depression overtook us, and incomes tumbled along with everything else,—in short when the accepted tax structure COMPLETELY COLLAPSED—the situation COMPLETELY changed.

The question then became, not what tax is theoretically the BEST,—not what tax is the most popular (assuming any tax CAN be popular)—but what tax can be levied to BRING IN THE MONEY—sufficient money to keep our government going, keep our public schools open, maintain our state and county credit.

TWO sessions of the state legislature after studying the problem for weeks, going into the matter from every angle, decided that some form of sales tax was the ONLY HOPE. Under practically identical circumstances the legislatures in California, Washington, Idaho, Indiana, New York, Mississippi, and many other states decided the same thing.

None of them LIKED the tax. None of them had any illusions about the popular prejudices against it. But with ALL THE FACTS before them, they were convinced it was the sales tax or unpaid warrants, closed schools, in short virtual bankruptcy.

They chose the SALES TAX. And in the opinion of this paper there is no question whatever that they chose correctly,—did the only thing they could do, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

But the prejudice still remains. And those who for personal or political reasons, wish the sales tax defeated, are trying to capitalize that prejudice in every way.

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No one likes quinine. It's a bitter, unpleasant drug. No one likes an operation. It's terrible to be tied to a slab and have someone cut and probe, within.

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With life at stake isn't it foolish to pride blindly to one's emotions,—persist stubbornly in one's PRIDE OF OPINION,—isn't it wise to snap out of it, face the facts as they are, and be ruled not by your prejudices, but by your reason?

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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.

TRYING THE FAT OFF

The credulity of the obese too is marvelous. Many overnourished individuals seem to be fatheaded as well as corpulent. If they have ever learned any of the elementary facts of physiology they forget the fact that the hypodermic persuasion of Madam the ex-chorus queen or the glorified barber who has gone in for beauty culture.

Doctors who take "reduction" treatments are morons. Women who have had high school and even college education sometimes indulge in a course of massages and massages which purport to "break down the fat cells" and push it off or move it to some less conspicuous place where it will give less distress pending its final disposal by the wonderful machine or magic solvent.

As for moving fat hither and yon at the will of the client, that hypothesis is but a step more ridiculous than the stupid practice of wearing chin straps, face masks, rubber girdles and the like things to mold or press away any unwanted prominence or bulging.

Baking, plain old fashioned cabinet sweat baths, heat applied by means of electric lamps, mud packs, steam baths, diphtheria, hot packs, yeast baths, and since we have a ROMAN YANKEE population in this country, baths medicated with salts, are one and all not worth a tinker's dam as far as reduction of fat is concerned.

Yes, I know a sweat bath will pull down the weight several pounds in some instances. I told readers recently about a man who reduced 20 pounds in a sweat bath. He was sitting in the desert in the hot sun when the shade temperature was 104 F. He walked 20 miles, lost 20 pounds, but drank 13 pounds of water, so there was a net loss of seven pounds—practically nothing but salt and water.

That is all anybody ever loses by honyesuck! The scent of a half asleep but, serenely contented town.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O.O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—In the dark of the moon, as it were, my wife and I have been plucking flowers from the garden of memory. One we loved, one we loved, one we loved.

From the coolly arched recesses of "Aunt Kate's" porch we see men from the furniture factory going to work. Nearly all would call to her "Good evening," Mrs. Small. This was almost her sole contact with life's hurry.

The earliest place in Oregon to borrow money now, is from the public treasury. If people need a little money, why shouldn't they borrow it? You simply neglect, and presto! the money is in your pocket.

I came from a state where any delinquency in tax payments brought an immediate penalty of 10 per cent, and in a few weeks another 5 per cent. The law was soon sold, and as I remember it, that added a 12 per cent interest until redemption. Pretty severe, of course, but the people there who wanted to borrow money didn't regard the state as an "easy mark."

When we saw her begin to fall, she had lived 75 healthful years. In her final year she palely loitered toward the last illusion with a fortitude memory will never dim. In a lucid flicker out of comatose, her last words were a mumbled half sigh for "being such a bother."

To our friends she was "Aunt Kate," soft voiced with snow-white hair and the pink complexion of a healthy girl. Until after 60, she had rarely been beyond the confines of her native Ohio. Yes, she adjusted herself to a cosmopolitanism with no dilution of the charm of those cloistered years on the ivy-clad porch of a small community.

Notable weddings, such as Frazier Hunt, Floyd Gibbons, Irvin Cobb, Raymond Dickson, Tommy Millard, Carl Selts, Courtney Ryles Cooper, Harry Siley, Will and Mike Hoag would drop into see "Aunt Kate" and sit for hours. They found refreshment in her gentle philosophies so sharply in contrast to blusters of the world. There was little in modern literature or the classics she could not discuss.

And now that she has passed from mortal glow so many remembered scenes flow across the peaceful pastures that "Aunt Kate" seemed to nurture. About them seemed clinging mingled aromas of wild fennel, smart weed, golden rod, dog rose,

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
FIFTY-CENT dollars! By a stroke of the pen, we cut the gold backing of our paper money in half, and since it is gold that gives value to paper money we expect the value of our paper dollars to shrink to half what it was before, thus causing prices to rise.

As prices rise in response to the falling value of the dollar, we expect to sit back comfortably in our chairs and welcome the coming of prosperity.

Editorial Comment

Cripple Them. The former proposal of Budget Director Douglas to cut allowances of federal funds for agricultural experiment stations and extension service is again echoing in Washington.

Last year an executive order threatened to make effective to the amount of 25 per cent the Douglas recommendation for the cut. But through prompt work of Senator McNary the order was suspended and the extension service and experiment stations were saved a disastrous slash.

The proposed slash of last year would have crippled Oregon in the fight to control diseases and pests of fruit, vegetables, farm crops, livestock and poultry. In this alone, the interests of more than 40,000 farmers would have been injuriously affected.

Another \$2,000,000 a year is profited by Oregon agriculture by working out problems of livestock breeding, feeding, managing and marketing, all the result of studies at the experiment stations.

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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 23, 1924.
(Saturday)

Sheriff Terrill charged with "slapping Prohibition in the face," when he again announces his intention of "keeping snooters from behind my counter."

President Coolidge in special message to congress announces "five steps to help the farmer."

J. B. (Blin) Coleman announces he will run for county assessor.

Residents of Narraigan and West Jackson street complain to the city police that a 12-year-old boy received a 22-caliber rifle for Christmas, and "is creating a reign of terror, by promiscuous shooting of chickens, auto tires, bluejays and doorknobs." Fathers of the community threaten to take the gun away from the lad if they can catch him.

Contract awarded for one-story addition to Hotel Medford.

Springlike weather prevails, after a good rain.

Conservative citizens stounded by Greater Medford club plan to serve hot lunches in schools, at expense of taxpayers.

City Engineer Olen Arnsperger ordered to paint a water gauge on Bear creek.

Mike Womack locates a radium mine in the Siskiyou.

San Francisco geologist reports "the Gold Hill granite the hardest in the world."

The tango craze hits Jacksonville.

"Everything Gone But Honor" at the Star; Clara Kimball Young in "Lord Sexton Seeks Revenge" at the Isis; "A Man of the Mountains Meets a Girl of the Valley" at the It.

News Behind The News

(Continued from Page One)
FOR generations we have accepted the doctrine that a dollar is a dollar, and that raising prices by the process of cutting the dollar amounts to nothing more than kidding ourselves.

We have held that when debts become too burdensome to be endured the thing to do is to work and save and pay them off—that going deeper into debt is courting disaster.

This country was built by men and women who worked early and late, rising before daylight to start the day's labor and quitting only when dark overtook them. These men and women would have looked upon 30-hour weeks with horror.

What changes, what MIGHTY changes, have come about in our thinking in these past few years. For centuries, absolute monarchy was regarded as the only successful form of government, and anyone who thought otherwise, was held to be an enemy of the state.

Yet, in time, the ideal democracy or SELF-government, overthrew the idea of absolute monarchy. And the world, you know, survived.

Pet Deer Follows Sams Valley Girl Into School Room

SAMS VALLEY, Jan. 22.—(Sp.)—The table of the little lamb that followed Mary to school was brought almost to reality last week when a beautiful young pet deer walked up the stairs into the study room of her mistress, Eleana Wright. The newcomer created considerable excitement among teachers and children and refused to be dismissed without being accompanied by her mistress.

Windshield Wipers For Winter Goggles

Swirling snows won't hamper any winter sports activities of Grace Bradley of the films. She wears goggles equipped with miniature windshield wipers, which are operated by a wind-driven mechanism set above the eye-pieces. (Associated Press Photo)

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MISSIONARIES SAFE IS WORD FROM CHINA

FOOCHOW, China, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Definite word was received today that four American missionaries, isolated near Kuitien as a result of recent fighting, are safe.

They are Rev. W. S. Bissonette of Carthage, Ohio, Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Brewer of Xenia, Ohio, and Miss Martha Graf of Cincinnati.

PHOENIX GRANGE is serving a chicken dinner from 5:30 until 8 p. m., Wednesday, January 24, at Grange hall. Adults 15c, children 25c per plate. Public invited.

Unsettled tonight and Tuesday, occasional rain west and rain or snow over and east of the Cascade mountains. No change in temperature, fresh and at times strong south or southwest winds offshore.