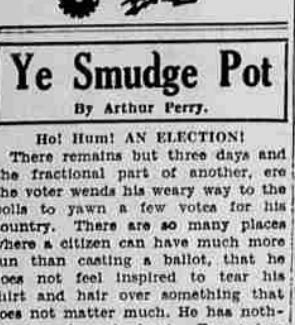


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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry. Hol' them! AN ELECTION! There remains but three days and the fractional part of another, ere the voter wends his weary way to the polls to yawn a few votes for his country.

The campaign has been marked with some old-fashioned, snappy lying, wherein one convict nobly defends the honor of another convict. But speeches have been few, and very poor, and the canards scarce. No mud has been thrown worth mentioning. It has been a dry year, which may account for this lack.

There have been no straw votes, and the silent vote has kept still. Both contribute to the damnable serenity. There have been no racials in office, and few out of office. No John the Baptist has arisen, to sacrifice himself as a janitor and sweep out the courthouse. The driven has been light, and what little inflicted, shot at the masses from a long distance. After the election, the people will feel like free-born Americans.

Experts predict that the total vote cast will be slightly less than the total number of beer parlors and service stations. Some optimists think it will be more, but they are including the hamburger stands in their count. The most appealing issue is the plan to whack up all the wealth. This is the pet notion of a Democratic gubernatorial aspirant, who in a general way promises to provide a full grown millionaire for every citizen now in a low financial straits.

Under the present system of counting the votes, there are more losers than winners. This is unjust, and could be adjusted by having more ties, or neck-and-neck affairs. The losers always take defeat gracefully, and the winners are not awfully either. Besides, the word "loser" sounds mean. It should be changed to voteless, and applied to those jilted at the polls.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14.—(UP)—Mildred Miller, 3, literally had a temperature Sunday when she swallowed the mercury out of a broken thermometer tube. Hospital attendants last night said she was recovering.

Start Voting,—Now

THIS has been the quietest primary campaign in the memory of this newspaper. Things naturally are beginning to warm up somewhat now, but for the past month or six weeks, no one outside of the candidates themselves have appeared to take any interest. Apathy of this sort is always unfortunate. For it gives the undesirable candidates, with some self interested minority behind them, an excellent opportunity to slip in.

AS has often been stated before, we get just what we vote for. If we as a people show no interest in an election, the result of that election, is no better than a disinterested electorate deserves.

So with election day only four days off, the Mail Tribune urges the voters of Jackson county to get busy now, secure all the information possible regarding the candidates and issues, and make up their minds today, NOT to be among those missing when the polls open this coming Friday.

Let's make this primary a true expression of public opinion in this section of Oregon. The self interested and undesirable always vote. Unless there is a marked change in the prevailing atmosphere, only a small percentage of those who like to call themselves NEITHER, will.

As a matter of fact every election day is a test of good citizenship. Those who stay at home and let George do it, are guilty of about the worst citizenship that a democracy can produce.

So snap out of it, brethren. Make up your schedules now, so that nothing will interfere with your marking your ballot as you WANT it marked, four days hence.

Do You Want Good Gov't?

IF we don't support good government when we have it, then how CAN good government ever be maintained? In recent years it has been harder and harder to get good men to run for public office.

The only way to cure that situation, is for the people of a community to support good government when they have it. In the opinion of this newspaper,—and we believe in the opinion of all citizens who have studied the situation, Jackson county has in the past year enjoyed good government,—in fact the best in many years.

There has not only been harmony in our county administration, but there has been the highest grade of efficiency. Under the most trying and difficult circumstances, the county officials have worked as a unit, with only one end in view, to give the people the very best that was in them.

Under the capable and conscientious direction of County Judge Day, order has been brought out of chaos; people in suffering and want have been helped, every possible economy consistent with legal requirements, and the maintenance of efficiency, has been observed.

ON Friday Judge Day, and several other members of his administration came up for renomination. They should one and all be returned. Their defeat will simply be the defeat of good government,—and render the securing of good government in this county again in the future, the harder to obtain.

WE know all about the promises of other candidates to do this, that and the other thing. Promises are easy. Any number of miracles can be performed in WORDS. Criticisms are easy too. It is easy enough to criticize, when one doesn't have to perform.

But how about DEEDS! County Judge Day and his co-workers have done their job and done it exceedingly well. Their record is there and that record stands.

It would not only be base ingratitude, it would be a body blow to good government in this county, if the people should desert them at this time.

Judge Day's Mileage

IT is really a great compliment to Judge Day, that the only criticism of him we have heard, is the unfounded accusation that he has charged the county with more gas mileage, than he properly should.

This is ENTIRELY untrue. He has only taken the gas mileage the law allows and inferentially the law DEMANDS. True he could have refused to take the mileage and have paid for it out of his own pocket. Probably no one would have had the law on him, for that.

But just WHAT would such action have involved? It would be in spirit at least been a violation of the law, and it would have been a violation of the corrupt practice act.

For as was held when Governor Meier told the voters of this state he would if elected, turn his salary back to the treasury, such action would virtually amount to a bribe. Not only that, but such action by Judge Day, would practically eliminate anyone holding the office of county judge, who wasn't rich, or did not happen to live in Medford.

For with the county judge on the job practically every day in the week, this gas mileage to anyone not living in the county seat is a very material item. In accepting this gas mileage Judge Day not only obeyed the law, but he established a precedent which gives the poor man, and the non-resident of Medford, an equal chance with the man of means who happens to live here, when it comes to holding the position of county judge.

Isn't that a principle which in the interest of the people should be sustained instead of repudiated?

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 E. Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

HUMAN BAROMETERS MAKE ME TIRED

Without argument I concede that all sorts of invalids or valetudinarians are more sensitive to weather changes than are the normal folk. And to momentary variations of the environment of the environment that are normal folk. But that gives them no license to blame the climate or the weather or exposure for their troubles. I can listen, or rather pretend to listen, with out question or comment to the ordinary run-of-the-mill blather about this changeable weather making the rheumatiz, neuritis, acitosis or what have you worse. A doctor gets to taking it that way in self-defense. Otherwise, he must go to the trouble of explaining, and people object to paying for the extra time that takes.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Aspirin is Heart Poision. Does aspirin affect the heart? I take at least one every day.—G. K. Answer—In my opinion it is injurious not only to the heart but to the blood and the nervous stability. However, I know of no pain-killer or sense-deadener that is less injurious, and probably most of them are more injurious. I think anybody who takes such doses habitually or on slight pretext is foolhardy.

It is Too Cheap. Druggist refused to sell me iron and ammonium citrate. He said it would be harmful to take so much.—Mrs. D. O. C. Answer—What's biting him is the small profit he can make. Send a dime and stamped envelope bearing your address, for the booklet "Blood and Health." The recipe for the iron tonic as given in the booklet is tried and true, and you must not permit any trick druggist to prevent you from taking advantage of it. (Copyright, 1934, John F. Dille Co.)

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O. O. McIntyre. CHICAGO, May 14.—Chicago is to me the rowdy of American cities, roaring with honest challenge, lush odors, and blunt defy. It has not emerged from its civilization's laundry, as has New York, with snowy cuffs, the scent of pomade and a twirl of the bamboo. Haircuts are still round.

Chicago's Champs Flysees, Michigan avenue, is loveliest in 10 o'clock-morning sunshine with the aqua-marine sparkle of the lake at its feet. Rightly it takes its place as one of the beautiful boulevards of the world. There are late breakfasters through windows at the Blackstone and Congress. Traffic rolls into a thick purr of glittering limousines, smart ladies patrol the pavements and Boul' Mich, as much as its Parisian namesake, is dotted with accomplished saunterers, a type never seen in the New York busy-buckity-buckity.

Our taxi driver did not have the prairie politeness that is a marked Chicago brand of the charioleers. His accent was broadly Delaney street. "You're a long way from Times Square," he suggested. He grinned. "If you've seen my kisser when I gets here!" he grinned. It appears he was on the wrong side with his fellows in the Manhattan cab strike recently and they gave him the business. He's camping out!

The mellow old Santa Fe station, with its two sept poriers from Galisteo, awakes shortly before the Chief thunders out. Photographers flash-light the movie stars and lesser figures on the great American comedy. Our luggage is aboard and as I did the packing this time in a fit of pique, I feel it is a thorough job. When I'm mad I never forget. It's the elephant in me. I even brought pants grade in case some fool suggests bicycling. (Copyright, 1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

Will H. Hays mentioned the other day he and his wife were departing for the coast. I called signals for a family huddle, prostrated myself before a few creditors and we tagged along. The Chief westward ho's at noon and we'll be aboard, bag, baggage and dog. O, yes, we are to see this trek through the eyes of my wife's aunt, Mrs. Emma Kerns, a lady 82 years young, who has lived most of her life in the quiet places and is thus highly attuned to amusements to which many worldlings are blind.

The aristocratic Twentieth Century to Chicago is even more successful looking and worldly than Monte Carlo's famous Blue Train. A magnificent conveyance, of course, but I think it wins by its first punch—that near conceit of unrolling a special sky blue plush carpet down the ramp for feet of its passengers. No meandering moujik ever forgets that in the observation car, pulling out of Englewood, this morning, a dazzling blonde, medicating herself against stark realities of the world with a before-breakfast Scotch and soda, sighed: "Well, in an hour I'll snap back into my mother role." A modern matron returning from Bagdad on the Hudson!

In the far end of the observation car sat the shaggy-gray Pullman and train conductors with black valise-like directors of a stage drama awaiting to be off at the curtain call. The play has ended. Their gilt sleeve stripe bespoke faithful years. The whine of a passenger plane's motor roared distinctly overhead. I got through most of the night in relaxing rhythm. Not once did the car-wheels tickety-tack any vident idiosyncrasy as "Little Man to play today!" but about stumpy my reserve was exhausted and the darn things, in staccato, began "it is not raining today, it's raining violets."

COMMUNICATIONS Favors the Sales Tax. Believing that some of your farm-ers or readers may be interested in knowing what effect the sales tax in actual operation will have on their general taxes, I am giving my experience in the state of Illinois where a one per cent general sales tax is in operation. I own 120 acres of farm land in Mercer county, Ill. In 1932 before the sales tax went into effect the general state and county taxes on this property was \$170.58. For the year 1933 after the sales tax went into effect the general state and county taxes on the same property amounted to \$122.90 or a decrease of approximately 30 per cent. I see no reason why a general sales tax should not have the same effect on farm property in Oregon. FRANK ALBERT, 415 Beatty St., Medford, Ore.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS. CO far in Oregon, the sum of \$1,815,106 has been allocated to ten irrigation districts by the drainage, levee and irrigation division of the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

These allocations are based upon appraisals made for the division by F. E. Thompson, its appraiser, and are for the purpose of refinancing the districts, if possible, and getting them going again on a sound basis.

These appraisals, incidentally, represent about 36 per cent of the outstanding bonds of the ten districts. REFINANCING, if it can be accomplished, will be brought about in this manner:

The districts, thanks to the government's help, will be enabled to say to their bondholders: "If you are willing to accept, RIGHT NOW, an average of around 35 per cent of the face value of your bonds, we can borrow that amount of money from the Reconstruction Finance corporation and pay you off."

They will have an immensely better chance than before to pay out and save their holdings. WILL the bondholders accept? Well, that is a question that can't be answered offhand. But, as matters now stand, these districts are insolvent, and all the bondholders can do is take them over.

Relatively few of the bondholders will want to be in the irrigation business. So it may be they will prefer cash at the rate of around 36 per cent of face value. "WHAT does this amount to?" you may ask. Is it repudiation? Reputation is a hard word, and in this instance it isn't strictly accurate. It would be nearer the truth to say that it represents a shaking down to actual values from values that were based in the first place on too much enthusiasm and too little actual knowledge of all the factors involved.

That is to say, both sides have learned a lot about irrigation in the past quarter of a century, and acquiring this knowledge, as usual has cost money.

THE bondholders, of course, will have lost pretty heavily, but then security holders of all sorts have lost pretty heavily in the past four or five years. If we knew all the facts, it might be that the shrinkage of these irrigation securities has been no greater than the shrinkage of the average of ALL securities.

Then we can't overlook the fact that property holders in these districts have suffered pretty heavily, also. As matters now stand, without the intervention of the government, they have lost everything.

THESE appraisals have been made on estimates of ability to pay out on the basis of value of crops for the preceding three years. The preceding three years have been hard ones. If conditions improve, as we all hope they will, paying out will be made easier.

So, if this new deal can be put through, these districts will have an excellent chance of paying out and starting off debt free.

ONE more question: Has irrigation, as judged by these ten districts, which are perhaps an average of

districts all over the west, been a failure? If you are an Easterner, you may be inclined to answer: "Yes." But if you are of the West, with your own future bound up in the future of the West, and above all if you have a fair memory of what these lands were BEFORE irrigation, you will say unhesitatingly that irrigation HASN'T been a failure, and that the losses that have been suffered have been due to inexperience and lack of knowledge rather than to fundamental weakness of the whole idea of irrigation. AND you will also be inclined to say, in all probability, that the drainage, levee and irrigation division of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, which is making possible this refinancing, is at least one sound and constructive activity of the New Deal. For Garden Plotting Tel. 913-J.

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