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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Quite a number were too weak to get to the polls Fri., and did not feel like wasting their strength when they were not mad about something.

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The Wig Ashpole youngin' was downtown Thurs. showing five of his six new teeth. He was with his Pappy, who says he is full of the Old Nick and vitamin D.

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A Klamath river millionaire towned Wed. and told about the time he was chased out of Ore. to protect the mining rights on the Rogue, which were going to be developed, but never have been. He said California did not sic 2x4 lawyers on him when he wanted to build a $27,000 tepee. He exposed a roll that would choke a horse, and had no rubber band on it. The state needs some of his ilk, and fewer transient indigents, whose 4d won't run, and whose kids are always getting caught in juvenile meanness.

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The barberahop code will go into effect soon, and provides the chinwhackers shall work from 9 to 4. This ought to perk up Prosperity more effectively than killing all the pigs.

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The new gas silo at Main and Ivy, will be ready soon, and will not ruffle the tail feathers of the civic artiatic sense.

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H. Flewher, the demon baker, tore the seat of his britches at a society event Wed evng, revealing what the social lions are wearing in the way of lingerie this season. He also made a speech over the radio, the result of going to public speaking school last winter. He did fine, but should go back for the next semester. Thurs. eve our hero attended a grappling match and saw two wrestlers maul each other around. It reminded him of his treatment of Frederick Heath, Jr., on picnics.

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Wild roses are blooming on country roads, and look beautiful in the glare of headlights on torpedo shaped autos.

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Harold Brown is beneath a straw hat, shaped like those worn by Frank Buck, the African wild animal catcher, and Len Carpenter, the horticulturist.

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The I. Coleman girl attended the movie Fri evng. She squealed with delight, like the grown up ladies do, when she saw the 3 little piggies, and the big, bad wolf terrified her more than a mouse would her Grandmaw. She is a little beauty, and in about 14 years will have the ha. football players talking to themselves, and performing prodigious feats on the gridiron.

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Local Nipponese report the state saloon sake is feeble, as one drink only knocks them down and renders both legs useless.

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The campaign is over, and farmers who have been letting Portland politicians do their thinking for them, will have to do their own, till the next one starts.

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The government is getting along as best it can, due to painting causing the adjournment of economic conferences at the Bill Gore corner.

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All the banks closed Friday, giving the tired bank clerks a chance to get more so.

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Haying has started. There has been no rain or broken pitchfork handles.

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Rural residents report they can now come to town, without fear of thieves breaking in and stealing everything they can put in their mouths, or the hind wheel off a tractor.

Lights Controlled by Wind.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—(UP)—Electric lights which could be turned on and off by a puff of wind featured the electronic show of Pennsylvania State college electrical engineering students recently. The students also demonstrated transmission of sound over light beams; reading name cards on discs revolving 2000 times per minute, and machinery controlled by a wave of the hand.

A Fine Job, Well Done

THE best thing about Friday's primary was the overwhelming vote against the Good Government congress!

With one exception—that of George Dunn of Ashland,—every candidate endorsed by this organization, or indirectly connected with it, was completely and properly snowed under.

This is as it should be. There is no place in this community for any organization, with such a record as this one has,—a record of violence and crime, of misrepresentation and destruction; and all for but one purpose,—to gain political control, for selfish ends.

Those sincere in their desire for better government, should AT LEAST have had the good sense to have dropped the name of an organization that was interested in nothing but the OVERTHROW of good government.

As Judge Dunn, the only survivor on the G. G. C. ticket, said, following his endorsement:

"I am for good government but I am AGAINST the Good Government congress!"

This forthright repudiation of an endorsement he never sought, probably accounted in large measure for the overwhelming vote Senator Dunn received.

For the people of Medford and Jackson county were plainly out to ELIMINATE this misnamed organization, once and for all, and not leave enough POLITICALLY to make any second revival possible.

That has been done.

So now let's FORGET it,—let the dead bury the dead.—and let's go on to better and more worth while things.

Why Medford Endorsed Sales Tax

IF the state had voted as Medford voted on the sales tax, the measure would have passed, and Oregon's school and financial problems would have been solved.

Why didn't it? Because of local press support? Well this newspaper and others HELPED, but as we see it, that is not the entire answer. Other good newspapers in the state, supported the tax vigorously, but in their communities the measure was snowed under.

Why was Medford the only "white spot" on the entire map?

Well, we have the answer to that, which we believe is the correct one.

Medford and Jackson county leads the entire state in the quality of its citizenship, and its GENUINE public spirit.

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WITH 200,000 non-taxpayers in this state,—the only chance the measure had from the outset, was that the spirit of what was best for the state, AS A WHOLE, should overcome a spirit of narrow individual self interest.

If a majority of the people of this state only voted for what best suited their POCKETBOOKS, the sales tax was beaten from the outset,—for its defeat meant that thousands who had escaped taxes would continue to escape them, and ONLY the property owning minority and the schools would benefit.

The main service performed by the Mail Tribune was in showing the people of Medford and Jackson county JUST WHAT the sales tax meant,—the real issues involved. With this information, the intelligence of this section of the state, was sufficiently high and the spirit of disinterested devotion to the state, sufficiently strong, to overcome a blind self interest, and in a mood of genuine patriotism, put the measure over. That's the answer to the Medford vote.

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THE present writer spent six weeks in California the first of the year and made a special study of the reaction to the sales tax in that state.

We found no one who, from a purely selfish standpoint liked it. No one LIKES to pay a few cents extra for what is purchased, no merchant LIKES to bother with an excise tax, on every sale.

But—we also found no one, who objected to it, to the extent of wishing it repealed. The common answer, from all classes, was to this effect:

"I don't like it, but look what it's doing for the state. It's saved us at a very critical time. And I am for it, as long as it's needed."

Garage men, clerks, street car conductors, hotel men, every type and class was contacted at one time or another, and the reaction was the same.

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NOW we talk a lot about California being just a hot air state,—a crowd of chronic boosters and humdingers,—who claim the earth and get away with it.

There IS plenty of that sort of thing down there, and it gives any sane observer a pain in the neck. But California has something more than that or it never would have accomplished what it has accomplished.

And that is a sense of state loyalty, of disinterested devotion to the welfare of the state as a whole, which is nothing short of phenomenal!

They may fight over LITTLE things; they may fuss and fume over this and that; but when the WELFARE OF CALIFORNIA IS AT STAKE, when something comes up which affects the state AS A WHOLE, watch them fall in line and fight till the victory has been won.

It was in that spirit that the people of California passed the sales tax—and in spite of the false charges made during the recent campaign—the PEOPLE DID pass it.

It was that same spirit that passed the sales tax in this part of the state, and it was the absence of that spirit, that caused its overwhelming defeat elsewhere.

Oregon has tremendous natural resources, a fertility and native beauty that can't be surpassed, throughout the country. It's truly a great state.

But as a state it still lacks that STATE spirit, that "Oregon for all, and all for Oregon" loyalty which must be aroused and maintained before it can ever achieve its proper destiny.

KIWANIS WILL VIEW FRUIT AUCTION SCENES

Harry E. Greene, representing the American Fruit and Produce association auction market of New York city, will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis club luncheon tomorrow at the Medford hotel, according to announcement by John Mann, program chairman.

Mr. Greene illustrates his talk with a most complete and unique film of movies, showing every operation of the fruit auction in New York.

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.

THEY'RE NOT ONLY QUACKS, BUT PIRATES

A reader sent in this inquiry:

"I heard on the radio a man talking for the ——— (an aggregation of quacks)—with offices at (this and that address). He spoke about the non-operative methods of curing hernia, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, etc., and offered booklets free to the public on request. I have written for the booklets. Do you know anything about this association? It does not seem that they would be allowed to broadcast over the radio if they are not genuine. I have had (so-and-so) for two years . . ."

My reply to this inquiry was:

I cannot recommend the doctor your inquire about. Dr. (say Richard Roe, of such and such address) gives the treatment you inquire about.

Later came another letter from the reader, inclosing two booklets and several other cards or circulars setting forth all the extraordinary advantages the quack outfit offers gullible customers. Among the handbills these trick specialists peddle I was astonished to find an article by William Brady, M. D., and article on "The Ambulant Treatment of Hernia" which appeared in my column on October 14, 1930. This is reprinted in the quacks' circular exactly as I wrote it for my column, EXCEPT that the version the quacks ascribe to me, and reprint without my knowledge or consent, omits this pertinent paragraph:

All cases (of hernia, rupture, breach) in children can be cured. In fact a well fitting truss constantly worn will cure most of them without further treatment of any kind. Even in adults a well fitted truss will cure some cases.

That paragraph, I hoped, would serve to impress upon the reader's mind the importance of the proper fitting and wearing of a truss while the hernia is under treatment. No instrument maker or salesman is qualified to fit a truss in any case. If the patient's own physician prescribes or recommends wearing a truss he should and will if he is a capable physician attend personally to the selection, fitting and periodic adjustment of the supporter. Without such skilled care, the truss is likely to be useless or even harmful.

In many items about the ambulant (not ambulatory, for it is the patient, not the doctor, who keeps walking about) treatment of hernia I have expressly cautioned against two risks. First, that of the doctor who injects some secret or semi-secret nostrum. If a doctor is not capable of preparing and using his own simple medicine for these injections—at a cost of a nickel or so—the chances are he doesn't understand just what he's trying to do. So I warn everybody to beware of anyone who pretends to use any expensive "imported" or proprietary formula for the injection treatment of hernia or anything else. There is no legitimate excuse for such dumbness.

The second caution I give the public is this: If a doctor is good he practices under his own name and his satisfied patrons send their friends—that's the way a good doctor acquires a reputation and builds a practice.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Difficult Order

Please inform me what drugs or food elements would tend to counteract any bad effect caused by eating too much salt, salt-peter or soda. (H. A. T.)

Answer—I know of no such drugs or food elements. Best way to remedy such trouble is to cease eating soda, salt-peter or much salts.

Registered Nurse Inquires

Reading your statement concerning the lack of power of absorption through the skin, I am tempted to tell of an experience I had. A small bottle of iodin in my bag spilled on my nightgown, but having only one nightgown with me I had to wear it the first night, even though it was spotted over with iodin. Next morning there was not a sign of iodin stain left in the gown. What happened? (H. M. M., R. N.)

Answer—Probably most of the iodin evaporated when it was votalized by the heat of the body, and some of it combined with starch in the nightgown to form blue starch iodid, or with ammonia or with soda or potash in perspiration or in soap or other cosmetic or medicinal preparation in the environment, to form white or colorless iodid of sodium, potassium or ammonium. An immediate application of ammonia water or aromatic spirits of ammonia is the handiest way to remove iodin stains from cloth or from the skin.

Ed Note: Readers wishing to should send letters direct to Dr. communicate with Dr. Brady William Brady, M. D., 265 E. Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TWO paragraphs in the day's news are of more than ordinary interest in these days.

Here is the first:

"A vast inland dust storm whirled across parched fields of mid-America tonight and added its ravages to that of a major spring drouth which is taking heavy toll of crops."

AND here is the second paragraph:

"Higher milk prices are predicted. Zooming food costs are feared. La Salle street (the Chicago grain exchange is located on La Salle street) predicted $1 wheat would become a reality unless the grain-raising midwest is relieved of the current drouth curse within a week."

FOR many years, the government has been trying to raise prices of farm products BY LAW, but hasn't got very far. As a matter of fact, in the face of MOST of these efforts prices have declined.

But old Mother Nature takes a hand in the game of reducing the surplus, and immediately everybody sits up and takes notice.

Prices react UPWARD, because buyers have absolute confidence in Mother Nature's ability to reduce the surplus if she sets about the task.

IN THE past dozen years or so, there has been a lot of TRYING to interfere with the law of supply and demand.

The British tried it in the case of rubber, and failed disastrously. Brazil tried it in the case of coffee, and failed even more disastrously.

We are trying it now by the process of crop reduction by law, plowing under cotton, killing off pigs and hiring farmers to keep wheat and cotton land out of production, but in face of all these efforts prices have either stood still or RECEDED.

BUYERS, you see, haven't much confidence in raising prices by process of law, but they have a LOT of confidence in Nature's ability to raise them by the process of cutting down the supply.

WHY do these efforts to raise prices by process of law usually fail?

The answer is that they run contrary to human nature. It isn't human nature to reduce production in the face of efforts that are calculated to RAISE THE PRICE.

FOR example:

This writer talked the other day to a man from Texas. He says that Texas, at least, and possibly the whole South, will produce this year one of the biggest cotton crops in history.

Why?—In the face of all these efforts to reduce cotton acreage. How will it be brought about?

HERE, he says, is how it will be brought about:

Southern farmers draw pay from the government for leaving cotton land out of production. Then they take the money so obtained and with it they buy fertilizer with which to increase the yield on their remaining acres.

Perfectly simple.

HUMAN nature, you see, simply goes into action. These cotton farmers aren't particularly to be blamed. They're simply doing what everybody else does under similar circumstances.

Phoney Francs Being Made.

PARIS—(UP)—Counterfeiters have been busy making bright and shiny five and ten franc pieces in Paris, and merchants are now equipped with marble slabs at their cash registers to test the coins. The phoney money makers are confining their efforts to the small denomination coins, as the 20 franc pieces are more difficult of fabrication.

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

May 20, 1924

Army world fliers conquer the Pacific, and land on Japanese soil.

Gov. Pierce commutes the death penalty to life imprisonment for a youth convicted of killing a bootlegger.

Local barbershop sold.

The mercury hits 87, and hope for rain is universal.

Auto camps report that many transients are leaving without paying, after staying two or three days.

Local merchants request a delay in the "parallel parking" law, as autoists object to change.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

May 20, 1914

(It Was Wednesday)

Court Hall to attempt to drive an auto to Crater Lake, to set a record for so early in the year, and to study conditions.

Mercury soars to 90 degrees at noon. And it is the hottest day of the year.

Users of city water outside city limits must install meters.

Council orders owners of weed covered lots to cut same, or be hailed into court.

Defective wiring causes a blaze in the attic of the Commercial club, which was discovered in time.

Medford golfers headed by Chan Egan to play Eugene.

"One Life to Live" at the Star; "Onions for Breakfast" at the It, and "The Blue-eyed Lass of the Bluegrass Country" at the Isis.

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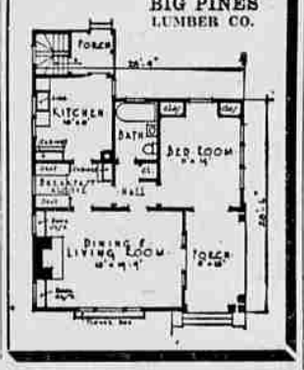

News Behind The News

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within a week or so.

The stock market bill therefore will be delayed that long or longer.

The word had been slipped to senatorial leaders by the White House that they need not worry about the prospective presidential war debt message causing any trouble. It will not be anything previously planned, but merely a report on the existing mess, posibly even suggesting that legislation is undesirable. The senators hope that is true.

Indications grow plainer every day that, when June 15 rolls round, we will get nothing on the war debts. That will leave us about a half billion dollars behind on collection.

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