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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry. A number of Clatsop county residents signed a petition...

New Orleans became highly indignant at the idea of christening a Mae West picture...

The Pilot Rock hotel has changed hands, Mr. E. J. Alexander having taken charge of it...

The president has come and gone, and all the photographs of the historic event have been printed...

Violence continues to flare around the hiring hall in Portland, without any regard for the 8-hour day...

Economists report again that what the country needs is a nickel cigar, that won't appatize everybody but the smoker.

Business on the railroads is back to the 1931 level, when every time a train stopped, the hind-end brakeman would throw three miles down the track...

Oregon editors hope the "voters will be good-natured in the coming campaign. This will probably turn out as well as previous editorial edicts to "vote intelligently."

Cutting the Property Tax

EVERYONE wants lower taxes, particularly on real estate. At the fall election a new proposal to reduce the property tax will be presented.

This proposal is based upon the assumption that the way to reduce the property tax is to reduce it. A flat reduction to 20 mills would be estimated, reduce the present income from property tax, from 30 to 40 percent.

We have as a people become accustomed to certain comforts, and advantages of what we regard as civilization. We have become accustomed to free public schools—the largest single item in the tax budget.

WE can't however eat our cake and have it. We can't have these things unless we raise the money to pay for them. With the present income from the property tax this is a very difficult thing to do.

De we wish to make that sacrifice for the sake of an immediate and flat reduction in the property tax? Do we wish to close our schools, give up adequate police and fire protection, abandon the repair and maintenance of streets and roads?

For unless some other source of revenue is found, to replace this bisection of the property tax, our various forms of government, can't go on as they have before.

WITH two successive defeats of a state sales tax, what other source of public revenue, CAN be provided? The state income tax, has reached the point of diminishing returns.

They don't say. They merely say in effect, that somehow, anyway, if this measure is approved, the next session of the legislature will provide.

This seems to us, a matter of placing the cart before the horse. Would any sane individual who wished to maintain his accustomed standard of living, deliberately cut his income in half, before he knew where the money to replace that loss was coming from?

Hardly. He would provide something to take the place of that reduction FIRST,—unless as we say, he had decided he was willing to return to not only a simple, but a primitive life.

SO there is the issue as we see it in this property tax reduction proposal. The measure will appeal to the people, at first blush. For we all want lower taxes, and are eager to find a way to secure them.

But on closer analysis it will be found to be merely another case of trying to raise ourselves by our bootstraps.

McNary Is Right—As Usual CHARLES L. McNARY is a good senator and a good Republican. But he is big enough and patriotic enough in time of national danger, to place principle and welfare of the country above mere partisan advantage.

As a member of the last congress, he fails to see in the New Deal any violation of the Constitution, or departure from the essential principles of a free democratic government.

As this paper has often pointed out, the administration's program has been one of trial and error, some new features will be permanent, some modified and some abandoned entirely.

"The session just closed was an exceedingly active one, not unlike the preceding session which followed the inauguration of President Roosevelt. A portion of the legislation passed by the congress is temporary in character, experimental in nature, and in the coming session of congress may meet with repeal or substantial modification.

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"A stupendous amount of federal funds had to be expended to carry on the various government projects and activities, and it is the profound hope of all who believe in the welfare of the state, that the federal government will justify these expenditures. Congress is aware that these expenditures cannot continue through the years and that they must be supplemented by private ventures and business revival such as obtained in normal times.

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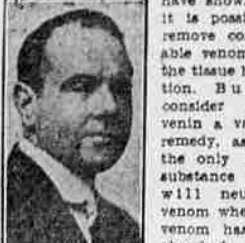
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Personal Health Service

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.

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These investigators have tested several of the popular remedies for snake bite, particularly magnesium sulphate and glycerin packs, choral hydrate, alum and gunpowder, kerosene and finally permanganate of potash. All of these remedies proved useless, and the permanganate is likely to cause serious swelling and sloughing—almost as bad as the snakebite itself.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Superstition. When my mother was expecting me we lived on a farm. Father had occasion to geld some boars and mother held them while he worked. Result: I was born with cryptorchidism. But the condition corrected itself spontaneously when I was 13 or 14, and I am married and have two children.—B. L. A.

Book for Mothers-to-Be. I wish you would suggest a good book for an expectant mother. I am not one—only a reminiscent one. But my daughter-in-law is, and I'm her only mother now.—Mrs. L. W. A.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letters direct to Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

MR. BALDOCK, state highway engineer, who swung through Southern Oregon on an inspection trip the other day, along with members of his engineering staff and two members of the highway commission, thinks the railroads will pass out of the picture as the dominant factor in interior transportation.

There's something for you to think about—especially if you happen to own railroad stocks or bonds.

MR. BALDOCK'S suggestion starts an interesting train of thought. The dinosaur, which once ranged widely over the face of the earth, passed completely out of the picture. We know of its existence only by its fossilized bones.

WHY did the dinosaur become extinct? This must be the answer: It was unable to meet the new conditions of a constantly changing world, and so perished, UTTERLY.

THE conclusion, of course, is this: If the railroads—which, like the dinosaur, have become vast and unwieldy—are unable to meet the new conditions of a constantly changing world, they, too, like the dinosaur, will pass out of the picture.

THE mastodon, which came somewhat later than the dinosaur, was likewise huge and unwieldy, and in time it also disappeared. But, unlike the dinosaur, it did not disappear UTTERLY. It left behind it the ELEPHANT, which is a modified form of the mastodon; a creature able to adapt itself to the new conditions of a changing world, and therefore able to survive in something approximating its original form.

THE elephant, it is significant to note, is STILL the mightiest of land animals. A GAIN a conclusion: If the railroads, like the mastodon, are able to change their form to meet new conditions, they too will survive; and it may be that in the modified form of their survival they will still be the biggest thing of their kind in existence.

THESE new light-weight, high-speed, cheaply operated trains of which we're reading so much represent the efforts of the railroads to adapt themselves to new conditions, thus making it possible for them to survive.

COMMISSIONER Aldrich, who with Chairman Scott, made up the commission personnel of last week's inspecting party, thinks the railroads will be able to adapt themselves to new conditions, and so survive. He is a newspaper man, and good newspaper men are constitutionally hopeful.

LESLIE Scott, chairman of the highway commission, doesn't commit himself on the railroad question. But he DOES wish the vast sums of PWA money had gone principally into highways, instead of such a wide variety of other projects.

CHAIRMAN Scott doesn't think much of hand work in road building as a means of making more employment. Use machinery, bring efficiency up to the highest possible point and unit costs down to the lowest possible point, employ more men and BUILD MORE ROADS.

IT MAY not interest him, or anybody else, but it is this writer's idea also. This idea of limiting hours, limiting efficiency, limiting production and getting along with less isn't the American way.

OREGON has a mighty good highway commission, made up of men who are giving their time earnestly for the public good; men who, in spite of the past four depressing years, haven't lost their courage or their faith in the future of their state and country.

Southern Oregon, which is a naturally hopeful country, is prospering like that.

SUPERVISE VOTING IN NORTH



These department of labor representatives were in charge of the balloting of longshoremen on whether the workers would arbitrate their differences with employers and end the prolonged maritime strike of the Pacific coast.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, AUG. 6.—In the manner of Arnold Bennett's Journal: I heard a typical Arthur Somers Roche story today. All winter in Palm Beach he frosted a frosty hanker for a summer residence he once occupied near Darien, Ct. He kept the telegraph and telephone wires sizzling to lease it.

A few weeks ago he came east, hurried by motor to his arcadia. He spent one night there and next morning moved bag and baggage to a New York hotel. Several years ago he articulated for a villa in Normandy, carried over a staff of servants and came back on the same boat. Another time it was California.

Hattie Bell Johnston, packing away books against sailing for Tasmania, noticed one in a set of E. Phillips Oppenheim carried a graceful autobiography by the author. Looking further, every Oppenheim was differently inscribed. She remembered at bridge one evening he left to look over her library.

At G's, a visitor from Palo Alto said it was costing Herbert Hoover \$1,500 to answer personal mail. And there was plavater about the American city most unlike the rest. Many said Charleston, S. C. My vote was for St. Joseph, Mo. I have come to have little faith in most dog hospitals.

Silly spectacle—the silk-stockinged radical Cortis Lamont getting himself arrested. M. and I went to the park in the vast heat. Everywhere men with hose and the sound of spirted water. I splurged for ice cones and we sat on a knoll until a falling down drunk sprawled before us and began loudly to snore.

Father Joe O'Connor is a handsome young priest from a Jersey parish who has written many popular tunes. Last evening we heard him play his "By a Waterfall," one of my favorites. This man of the cloth has much spirited table talk and is also an excellent listener, part of a priest's training. I presume. He appears to know all the actors of the day and we aired a mutual fondness for Rube Goldberg. No one hears aught but praise for Rube.

After much slogging, M. and I decided on some economies this morning and wound up in a fit of giggles. The Mark Twains once began a fine-rombing of accounts, deciding the only things they could give up were Harper's Magazine and monograms for guest towels. I don't suppose my wife will sit still in "hubbie" as Lillian Glavin and George Jean Nathan. Or attract more attention.

A man in Seattle writes he did not read me for years because of the frequent mention of dogs. Then his wife bought a Scottie and he's

Preaches Service

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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 August 6, 1924. (It was Thursday.) Drama lovers aroused when tent show is forced to pay both government and state tax.

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Assassinated



War clouds loomed over Europe as Austrian Nazis invaded the Czech territory and killed Engelbert Dollfus (above), chancellor and dictator. (Associated Press Photo)

Ye Poet's Corner

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