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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Winter hereabouts continues more

the spring, than last spring was like

winter. There are several cases of

spring fever, in the afternoons.

M. Flewler, the demon baker, has

evolved a new brand of bread, that

cannot be improved upon, even by

Mr. Flewler getting at it with his

favorite monkey-wrench.

The largest congregation of the

season attended the bend and break

contest at the Armory Thurs. evng.

One of the gladiators was catapulted

from the ring, with a kick on the

wishbone, and narrowly averted land-

ing in a customer's lap. Several

arguments arose on whether he landed

in the second row or the third row.

Walt Looker is smoking cigarettes

that contain no nicotine, and with

every package gets a patented igniter

that does not ignite.

The mushroom season is again at

hand, and experts are explaining how

to distinguish them from a toadstool.

Any fumble on identification is an-

noying.

Horticulturists and agriculturists

are feeling fine, as every frost now

means less bugs to squirt spray on

next June.

The Phoenix Grange is backing a

contest to see what district has the

best cook among the womenfolk.

The contest has caused great excite-

ment among the fried chicken experts

and authorities on rural cooking.

The h. b. team will start drilling

for the quint season tomorrow, and

will strive for victory in every game

get their spelling, and paint no barns.

Bert Harr of the Applegate town

Fryer is wintering well, and claims

to have gained 10 lbs. on his own

cooking.

The juvenile element is getting ex-

cited over Santa Claus, and behaving

themselves accordingly.

The Court Hall boy Seeley, is still

visiting the old homestead and caus-

ing his Paw to wear his Sunday suit

all week.

Several fancy dogs, each of which

cost more than a set of tires, have

been added to local dogdom, the past

10 days.

The cold weather has brought out

many new 1934 model overcoats with

a tuck in the back and youths heard-

ed within two of the whiskered

swarlers.

The Moore Hamilton boy has ceased

his night crying, to the great delight

of the junior member of the lower

house from Jackson co.

Vocalists have started practicing

Christmas songs, largely composed of

Hocanah.

J. Frank Wortman, the Phoenix

farmer-banker ran into town Wed.

and is in the final stages of celebrat-

ing the Democratic victory of a

month ago. He expects to finish the

rejoicing now underway by Christmas,

unless the unforeseen intervenes.

Religion Got Thief

DANVILLE, Va.—(UP)—Jesse Ber-

man received a money order for \$5

in payment for a sweater stolen from

his store several years ago. The re-

mitter said he had "got religion" and

was trying to make the crooked paths

straight.

Traveled 15 Miles to Vote

LAKEVIEW, Ore.—(UP)—Ezek

Lapudling, cowboy rancher, and his

wife traveled 15 miles from the Shirk

ranch to the nearest polling place in

a snowstorm to vote during the gen-

eral election.

One-Time Gambler Dead

CLEVELAND—(UP)—Alex ("Yan-

kee") Goldstein, one-time king of

Cleveland's gamblers, is dead. For

years Goldstein played "hide and

seek" with police here and his name

was an authority with the gaming

fraternity.

Should Our Courts Be Upheld?

WE SUPPOSE—and we know the people of Jackson County supposed—the Banks case was a closed incident. But, according to a dispatch from Salem, it is being opened again—an organized attempt is being made, to secure an unconditional pardon for Banks, from Governor Meier, before the latter goes out of office on January 1st.

We have too much confidence in Governor Meier, too high a regard for his sense of justice, and sense of right, to believe for a moment that he will treat such a preposterous suggestion with anything but the emphatic denial which it deserves.

FOR on what possible grounds could a pardon for L. A. Banks at this time be justified?

Didn't L. A. Banks shoot down George Prescott in cold blood? Wasn't he given a fair trial, on neutral ground, before an impartial and fair-minded judge, and defended by two of the most able criminal lawyers in the state money could buy? Didn't the state supreme court review every DETAIL of that trial and sustain the verdict of guilty and the life sentence, in every particular?

IF UNDER such circumstances, a man guilty of cold-blooded murder, sentenced to life imprisonment for that crime, is to be turned back to society a free man, without the sanction of the court that tried him, the state that prosecuted him, or the members of the jury that convicted him, with nothing but the unsupported edict of a retiring governor of this state, then WHAT indeed is to become of our courts, our law enforcement agencies, our entire system of jurisprudence,—what indeed is to become of what we call civilization?

In face of such an unprecedented violation of all considerations of justice, respect for our law enforcement agencies and our courts, there would be no logical outcome but to frankly return to the lawlessness of the law and the tooth, to the might-makes-right of the jungle!

NO, WE have too high a regard for Governor Meier, too clear a realization of his high sense of responsibility to the people of this state, and of this state's responsibility to the law-abiding people of this country, to believe for a moment, he will even countenance such a suggestion.

Such action would not only stir this community but the entire state to its very foundations; it would create a scandal and cause a turmoil that it would require years to calm down.

A man fairly convicted of murder, sentenced to life imprisonment, given his freedom FOR NO OTHER REASON than that he has people of wealth and political influence behind him, and after serving LESS THAN TWO YEARS of his time!

Everyone knows what an appalling problem the crime wave in this country has become. Everyone also knows what a tremendous factor the abuse of the pardoning power—the liberation of criminals before they have served their time—has been in stimulating organized crime.

What a spectacle then this state of Oregon would present—liberating a murderer sentenced after a fair trial to life imprisonment, after serving a term of some 18 MONTHS!

The reverberations from such an outrage would—and certainly should—reach from one end of the land to the other!

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Purely personal piffle: I can read the dictionary for hours, fascinated. Two beautiful words: Autumn and Calvary. Will Rogers should never be cast in the movie without Steve in Pritchett. Best remembered creepy, mysterious story: "The House of a Thousand Candles."

A gypsy with a ring in his ear once chased me through a Massachusetts meadow.

And the Wright brothers carried on where I left off. Irvin Cobb wiggles both feet slowly, reading. The most informed man I know thinks America's greatest danger is the hoodlum influence of Huey Long.

Never met a southern girl, who didn't say "itty-bitty." Or an Englishman who didn't say "whither." Noisest hotel in the world: Hotel Praxetti at Havre. Bloodiest ring battle ever witnessed: Aes Hudkins and Sammy Baker in Los Angeles. Even the umpire was drenched a ruby red.

First New York correspondent I ever met was James Murray Allison. First Washington correspondent: Gus J. Kager. No one has baglamoared artificiality like Noel Coward. Or spread out a thin talent like E. Phillips Oppenheim. I never tire watching J. P. Jackson, tramp bicyclist.

The waiter in a French cafe scene asked Johnny Hay at the Walnut theater in Cincinnati if he would have a demi-tasse. And when he replied: "Yes. Kill me two of them and bring me a bowl of coffee, and I rolled in the aisle. I never walked through the forests of Fontainebleau without feeling I ought to pray. The most disappointing thoroughfare in Europe: Unter den Linden. One that never disappoints: Champs Elysees. Two cities I want to see: Minneapolis and Seattle.

I once worked with a reporter named Donald Dunbar. What a name for a fiction hero! The most ardent poker player was the late Dr. George A. Dorsey. Every time I've applied for fancy engraved stationery, I've moved a few weeks later. No actor gets as dramatized picking up his hat gloves and cane so successfully as Adolphe Menjou. I always mistake Martin Beck for someone else. And I've spoken to Ernest Lutich. A hell down times thinking he was Harold B. Franklin. Kitty and Collier at the London's Savoy, were the first bar maid I ever faced. And to be worldly I ordered a double stringer and rode out astraddle a cloud or something.

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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.

HEALTH OFFICER, HEY?

Here is a choice specimen of the bogus-pocus issued to the press by the so-called health authorities. I quote from a radio talk broadcast over a New York station by the New York State Department of Health, and multigraph copy distributed to the small town papers throughout the state. The snappy title of the piece is "Our Balky Intestines."

Having played up to the practitioners by urging people with such trouble to consult their physicians, the politicians of the state health department got off this astute observation:

"If you do the things you will be advised to do (that is, by your physician)—not for a week or a month, but every day—you will overcome the belching gases of fermentation, the colicky pains of intestinal putrefaction, the torpor of body, the dull headache and the dizziness of an overworked liver crying for relief. Incidentally had temper, morning grumpiness, and office crankiness may disappear like a June frost."

A while ago I received an official circular from the—well, from a Medical Society in a great city. The secretary apparently had taken it upon himself to protest against some of my bad habits—albeit I had been carrying on in the leading newspapers of that city for 20 years and had never been so criticized by a reputable physician of that city. My flippant offense was the prescribing of calcium lactate as a remedy in migraine. I promised the doctor that if I ever learned that calcium lactate does any harm in any case I'll cease suggesting it in my column and I'll apologize to the public for having suggested it.

Now I commend to the same medical society the flagrant practice of the New York State Department of Health and the same abuse by many other state and city health authorities in this country. Something should be done about it.

The old quacks in the palmist days—the gay nineties—could not have printed anything better than this radio and newspaper broadcast of the New York State Department of Health, to put morbid notions into the heads of unsophisticated laymen. Oddly enough, the ballyhoo of the

Safe to eat fish caught in waters the health department says are heavily polluted? (H.V.)

Answer—Provided the fish is thoroughly cooked. No raw or underdone fish or shellfish from polluted water should be eaten. Cooking kills any germs or parasite there might be in fish.

Good Bye Corn and Callus

Please give the formula for your famous corn and callus cure. (Mrs. S. A. H.)

Answer—It is not a cure. Paint corn or callus daily with solution 30 grains salicylic acid in one-half ounce flexible collodion.

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

"I was talking the other day to a man who knows and is interested in the cattle business, and he is greatly encouraged. He says it will be three or four years before they can expect any considerable calf crop in the Middle West, and for that time, at least, the country will have to look to the West for its beef. Senator Powers, of this state, (California) asserted that next year cattle will be at peak prices in the West, holding that price for at least two years."

THAT has an interesting sound. The cattle business has been among the worst depressed of our industries for several years, and it

By Friday, the dispatches tell us, the list of victims of the firing squads had grown to 200.

RUSSIA is ruled by a dictatorship—a "dictatorship of the proletariat."

(Webster defines the proletariat as the "poorest and lowest class in a community or state; those with no property and only the meanness or most irregular employment.")

It is thus that punishment is administered under dictatorships—especially punishment for suspected treason.

There's little delay to be complained about.

REASON, of course, is punished sternly, and usually swiftly, by ALL governments.

Even in our own country, where the law's delays are notably great, we execute rather promptly the convicted assassin of a President.

The first and most important business of government is to DEFEND ITSELF.

BUT remember this: Dictatorships punish promptly ATTEMPTS at treason. They punish with equal promptness those SUSPECTED of treason.

Under dictatorships of the past, SUSPICION of treason has been a mighty convenient excuse for getting rid of those who have made themselves obnoxious to the government.

All that is necessary is to line obnoxious persons up against a wall and give the firing squad its orders.

IF we are wise, here in this really enlightened, although sometimes badly confused country, we'll give fervent thanks that WE don't live under a dictatorship.

BUT let's get away from dictatorships and foreign politics and foreign blunders, which are depressing in the extreme.

A friend writes from Cedarville, down over the California line, where he is spending a vacation:

"I took your iron recipe for nearly two months and I have gained wonderfully... but I have just heard that iron is very injurious to the teeth... (B. W. D.)"

Answer—It is possible, of course, that the iron has increased the acuteness of your hearing so that you now hear more than the truth. In the booklet containing the instructions for preparing and taking the iron you will see that it does not injure the teeth. Copy of the booklet "Blood and Health" will be mailed on request if correspondent incloses (a) 10 cents in coin, not stamps, and (b) 3 cent stamped envelope bearing his address. If either (a) or (b) omitted, no booklet and no acknowledgment of the letter will be sent.

Fish Should Be Well Done

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IT COMES BACK the west will feel the stimulus strongly.

Communications

Mr. Pipes Criticizes Budget.

To the Editor: Since the public hearing for the final passage of the Jackson county budget on November 28, your correspondent responsible for the write-up of that hearing gave a garbled account of the proceedings and facts, and has since that time made two or three further attempts to apparently convey the impression to our readers that our levy has been lowered.

In fact one article stated that the levy for Medford for 1935 will be 62.5 mills, a reduction from 1934. The facts are the levy for Medford for 1934 was 59.1 mills. Therefore, the levy of 62.5 mills for 1935 is a boost of 3.4 mills over 1934, and it is a much greater boost over 1933.

At the public hearing on November 28 I presented the following comparative figures to show the budget committee how the operating cost of the various departments of county government has increased since the present county court went into office in 1933:

1933 1935 Up
County Court \$ 5,245 \$ 5,020 225
Medford Justice 2,645 3,410 765
Assessor's office 9,462 10,345 883
Treasurer's office 4,099 4,903 804
County Clerk's office 10,275 13,175 2,900
Sheriff's office 12,120 13,800 1,680
District attorney's office 3,305 4,110 805
County School Superintendent 5,120 5,914 794
Watermaster 4,165 5,955 1,790
Fruit Inspector 2,000 2,500 500
Court House Expense 6,770 7,273 493
Coroner 500 800 300
Wonderland 1,500 1,500
Emergency 10,000 10,000

\$27,797

The above figures show an increase in the 14 departments listed of \$27,797. When I called the attention of the budget committee to these figures and facts and protested the increase, I made a motion that the proposed 1935 budget be reduced to the 1933 level in the above departments and passed. The motion was duly seconded. Immediately some one arose and stated: "I offer an amendment to the motion by moving that the 1935 budget be passed as published."

I immediately arose to point of order and stated that such a motion could not be considered as an amendment under any parliamentary proceedings and insisted that we vote upon the original motion. Chairman Dunn of the budget committee refused to put my motion to a vote and stated that he would instead hear a vote on the amendment, which he did, and upon this proceeding the 1935 budget was adopted, Dec. 6, 1934. A. W. PIPES.

Members of the county court issued the following as a true statement of the facts of the budget situation:

"Mr. Pipes, in his letter complaining about alleged mis-statements concerning the budget hearing in his opening paragraph attempts to convey the fact that the levy for the coming year is higher than for last year. We have not attempted to ascertain whether his figures are correct, so far as the schools and cities are concerned. The budget committee hearing in question was for a county budget, and the facts are that the county budget for the coming year is two-tenths of a mill less than it was for the past year, the figures being 9.8 mills as against 9.6 mills for the coming year."

"Out of the 14 departments itemized by Mr. Pipes for 1935, just one-half are correct. The correct figures show a difference of \$17,442.60, instead of \$27,797, but as was explained in detail to Mr. Pipes at the open

hearing, and confirmed by a statement from Dr. Dean, who was a member of the budget committee for 1933, the actual budget, as adopted, was too low for the departments to function and fulfill the duties that were mandatory. As a result, the actual expenditures for the year 1933, not including any circuit court trials, were \$50,701.07 in excess of the budget. It made it necessary for the state legislature to pass a bill making an exception of Jackson county, so far as the budget law was concerned, for the year 1933.

"In spite of the fact that Mr. Pipes openly stated that he had no criticism to offer of the amount of money necessarily spent for relief, and in spite of the fact that the money spent for that purpose in 1933 exceeded the budget by nearly \$40,000, he proposed a motion that the coming budget be cut to the 1933 figure, knowing full well that if his motion had been adopted and the budget committee had seen fit to officially sanction the same, it would have placed Jackson county again in a position where it would have been necessary to appeal to the state legislature for relief."

Would Tunnel Siskiyou To the Editor: Newspapers have heralded details of the marvelous project undertaken

by the federal government and the thirty one millions to be spent in materials and labor to build the new famous Bonneville dam for the benefit of the people in the Portland district.

Columns have been printed on the meritorious government and state projects of constructing the five Coast highway bridges, costing from six to eight millions more and providing months of work for thousands of men in the coast area and opening it up for all time.

Which indicates that each of these projects has had its ardent quota of real boosters and men of vision, who could anticipate in advance what an outstanding development would come after completion of such structures for the public good.

South of us, from San Francisco bay region to the Mexican border and at Boulder Canyon, vast government construction programs, involving nearly half billion dollars, are under way. Bridges, dams, waterworks, nearly a score of tunnels and numerous other projects to serve the public.

But what of the vast area between Sacramento, to the south and Salem, to the north,—between the two state capitals—in the way of major construction project, or similar activity? Between these two cities stretches several rich valleys with a large population, served by the all important Pacific highway,—the commercial road of the West—and further by a railroad system. Both of these arteries for travel are confronted with a huge barrier, the Siskiyou mountains, that has been a real impediment to travel and development since the coming of man to these regions. It is one real travel barrier between Portland and San Francisco, preventing rapid transit between them.