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Ye Smudge Pot

The weather has been uncertain like everything else, causing galoshes and a few poems about the beautiful snow.

Farmer Bill Carl of the Applegate, author and orator, predicts if the present trend keeps up, it will not be safe to make a speech without putting on a bullet-proof vest.

The mild flu continues to leave its victims that way.

Only two (2) weeks till Ground Hog Day, when the womenfolk start worrying about their Easter bonnets.

J. Kort Hall towed Pri. and was as jovial as an aged wildcat with the asthma.

Wm. Briggs of Ashland is attending the legislature of his own free will and accord, not being sent there by the people.

Peoria Bill Gates and Jno. Wilkinson have recovered from falls, that prove they would never get far in the wrestling world.

A bunch of Louisiana citizens robbed a courthouse while singing "Onward Christian Soldiers". It was a religious burglary, and not a patriotic felony which it would have been had the culprits sung "America."

H. Flewber, the demon baker, has joined the ranks of the skiers, a sport ideally suited to his monkey-wrench impetuosity.

Doctors of the valley met and mingled Wed. evng. and gave a toast to each other's health.

Tournaments are the order of the day. Farmers are getting ready for a plowing tournament, and the Older Girls for a housecleaning tournament.

The Depression continues every place except around slot-machines, and the state saloon.

The Jennings Boys, at whom suspicion formerly pointed, have taken over a gas allo.

Traffic on the Speer increased the past week, and automobiles failed to land a locomotive's cow-catcher.

The has. bb. team is still shy on the fundamentals of the game, but it is being prayed that what they lack in fundamentals will be overcome by the ability to put the ball in the basket. One of the main fundamentals of the game, is to be able to hit a barn, as well as a point one.

A bunch of East Side boys staged a series of fights in the front yard of an East Side Shirley Temple, Thurs. pm., after school. One of the combatants could stick out his lower lip like the film kid frequently seen on the screen with W. Berry.

Five Brit of 'Vville towed Pri. He reports mining activity break in his home town, indicating there are a few placing more faith in Mother Earth than politicians, as a means of getting gold.

STATE COPS BUSY DURING DECEMBER

"Poo-ee! Poo-ee!"

THE boys are a bit hard on John E. Cooter, the new speaker of the house of representatives at Salem. He is being lambasted on all sides for lack of leadership and absence of authoritative control.

Such criticism comes with particularly poor grace from members of his own party.

For John's predicament is partisan, not personal. The blame rests not on his shoulders but the shoulders of his party. What could a poor man do?

NATURALLY manners were forgotten. The outstanding objective was to get there first. A few black eyes, cracked skulls, and torn habiliments, were to be expected as a matter of course.

The wonder is NOT that Speaker Cooter, temporarily lost his composure and his self control, but that he DIDN'T lose his shirt, and seek sanctuary in that Willamette valley nudist colony.

One should not forget—to continue our rural metaphor—that John was the farm hand at the pork barrel. A tough spot. The problem was NOT to observe Roberts' rules of order, or uphold the principles of parliamentary procedure, the problem was to PREVENT, riot, mayhem and bloodshed.

THIS the democratic speaker did. True he passed out chairmanships too liberally to members of one party—his own—instead of naming one assistant sergeant-at-arms, which has been the established custom, he named EIGHT. He also authorized two assistant door keepers, where one is too many; and four pages, where in the good old days there were none at all.

BUT, we repeat, consider the poor man's predicament. It is easy to criticize and point to confusion worse confounded, but what deserving democrat forced to preside at the pie counter, at this critical time, could have done better when the bars were finally let down?

We doubt if anyone short of "Crack'em-down" Johnson, "Cactus Jack" Garner, or Max Baer, could have handled this crisis, with any less chaos, head punching and confusion.

At any rate the house of representatives still stands, a score or more of supernumeraries were paid off today and are leaving never to return. It even appears probable the legislature will be able to get down to some serious business, tomorrow morning.

NOT bad considering the circumstances. Just a week lost, a few headaches and pains in the neck,—a few unsatisfied ambitions!

Let the Republicans stay on the OUTSIDE looking IN, for quarter of a century, and then suddenly have the doors swing open and hear that "poo-ee, poo-ee" call, BEFORE they raise their eye-brows so high at the deplorable spectacle of this democratic stampede.

It may not be edifying, but it certainly is human nature.

Too Many Hypocrites

NOW and then we receive an anonymous communication we dislike to throw in the wastebasket. Not often, for such communications are usually abusive or stupid,—sometimes both.

Here is one just received for example. The writer takes a large sized fall out of the New Deal and everything pertaining to it, closing with this slap at old age pensions:

"Everyone is squawking about hard times. Well just as long as we have this New Deal pap passing out, we will have hard times. There is no substitute for hard work. There is no substitute for self reliance and ambition. Fear of the poor house? How many men owe their success to that fear? But now everyone is crying out for an old age pension. They can't make a living for themselves so they expect Uncle Sam to do it for them. The entire performance is degrading and shameful. New Deal indeed! We won't get prosperity and won't deserve prosperity until we go back to the Old Deal of our forefathers,—the old deal of courage, hard work and saving—which made this country great and can only make it great again."

We like that. Not because we agree with it. But because it is outspoken, direct and sincere. We are tired of those who thoughtlessly go into raptures over the New Deal—as if it were a panacea for all our ills,—and we are even more tired of those who give it lip service in public and then try to stab it in the back in private. In short we are tired of the "rah-rah" boys on the political scene, and also the hypocrites.

To discover a direct and uncompromising opponent of the New Deal is refreshing. For there are two sides to every question and the New Deal is no exception.

The legitimate anti-New Deal position we believe is fairly well outlined in the above quotation. We can't have our cake and eat it. We can't have the advantages of a new social and economic order and also have the advantages of the old. We must choose between them.

This anonymous writer has done so. We don't share his views but we do respect him for expressing them.

Comment on the Day's News

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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

SURVEY OF DEFICIENCY DISEASES

Most people know that goitre is a disease due to lack of iodine in food, water or medicine. It has been known since early times that scurvy is a disease due to lack of fresh food, particularly fresh fruit, fresh vegetables or greens. Modern mothers generally know that rickets is a disease due to lack of vitamin D in the food. That it comprises the common popular knowledge of deficiency disease.

Many well defined disease conditions are now recognized as deficiency diseases. Among them the principal entities are xerophthalmia and nyctalopia night blindness, sometimes incorrectly called hemeralopia; beri-beri or multiple neuritis; scurvy or as doctors call it, scorbutus; rickets; osteomalacia or softening of the bones; pellagra; goitre and hypothyroidism.

Besides these definite disease conditions which are diagnosed by the characteristic signs the physician finds on examination or by characteristic changes in the organs or other structures of the body, there is a vasty greater number of less clearly defined ailments, functional weaknesses or health impairments which we have only recently recognized as deficiency disorders. These are due to partial lack, insufficient supply of the essential vitamin or element as we can prove by the therapeutic test. That means the physician suspects the patient's complaint is due to insufficient vitamin B, say, and prescribes therefor an optimal ration of vitamin B. An optimal ration means more than merely the amount which must be provided to maintain health. The patient, having been on an inadequate vitamin B ration, logically requires a surplus of vitamin B for a while, in order to correct the trouble.

Now if any reader wants to know how one can tell whether one has hypovitaminosis-B or hypovitaminosis-A, or whether one needs this or that vitamin or several of all of them, I'll save time and trouble for us all by saying here that the only way I know is to consult your physician.

Have another look at my title.

State bank, but their plans go wrong and they flee. In the ensuing chase and gun battle through three Illinois counties, two men, a sheriff and a bank cashier are killed, and a boy, taken by the bandits as a hostage, is wounded.

The robbers are finally cornered in a field, and three of them captured, one being seriously wounded in the fight. The fourth committed suicide rather than be taken.

ALL this happens in one day, and the happenings are scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It used to be the "wild and woolly West," but now it seems to be the wild and woolly whole country.

NOTE, please, that in every one of these encounters the officers of the law came out decisively on top. If that goes on long enough, there will be fewer such affairs. There are many reasons for crime, but one important one is the belief on the part of criminals that it can be got away with.

THE four convicts at San Quentin appear at the door of the warden's home with pistols in their hands. A big car is waiting conveniently at the exact point it should be, when they emerge with their prisoners.

Things like that don't just happen. They are MADE to happen. There is an ugly story afoot, as these words are written, that the convicts obtained their automatic pistols and ammunition from a prison guard in return for a payment of \$1000.

It is certain they got them SOMEWHERE, and somebody helped.

HOW would you like to go through the rest of your life knowing you had sold pistols and ammunition to convicts for use in a jailbreak that might cost any number of lives?

That guard, if he did get a thousand dollars, will pay a high price for it, whether he is discovered or not.

EVERY day isn't as exciting as the day on which these events occurred, but there is an appalling amount of violent crime in this country.

STARTS TODAY

ROMANCE in the RAIN

with ROGER PRYOR and HEATHER ANGEL

ALSO LITTLE JACK LITTLE MUSICAL REVUE CARTOON, "BETTY BOOP'S LIFE GUARD"

Flight 'o Time

George Bernard Shaw, who used to be a bit gun-shy of street crowds, has now become a familiar figure along the pavements. A confirmed pedestrian, he glides along like an American Indian. He walks every evening from his home in Adelphi Terrace to a club in Pall Mall where he swims in a tank for an hour. He is also seen in a hair dressing parlor in Old Bond Street once every week where he has his famous beard combed, glossed and otherwise luxuriated.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Tom Geraghty has a London address that would be covered by every writer. It is: "Byron's Hayloft, Hamilton Mews, Park Lane, W. 1." The mews is a cake-wedge between Park Lane and Piccadilly and the actual hayloft where Byron wrote his last stuff before leaving England forever.

The house was in front facing Piccadilly and it is broken up with multiple tenements and has many things of Byron's there, including books and an old sword given to him by Sir Walter Scott. Incidentally, Tom wrote "Lullaby Quarter," the picture young Fairbanks and Gertrude Lawrence are making.

The idea came from those charming pen sketches in Henri Murger's book on the Bohemians of 1830-40. From one of the chapters "Lo Boheme" was drawn. So much gossip from London at breakfast, I'm going to swing the column to the other side for the day.

Cole Porter has also authored and composed the raging hit in London and on the continent. A freak song—"Mrs. Otis Regrets She Cannot Have Lunch Today, Madame." It was a song he improvised as a gag at a house party. A scout heard and grabbed it for Charles's Revue. Now every messenger whistles it.

Jimmy Walker's page for the Sunday Dispatch is taking on. It's mostly profound comment with a soupcon of wise-cracks and sprinkled with a bit of American slang. He has never been late for an edition so far. The nostalgia rumors are bunk. He's crazy about his cottage in Dorset and has a small suite at the Park Lane hotel.

Hansen Swaffer, the critic and columnist, is considering several offers to come to America for a time. Although he has a slight impediment, he is the high powered orator at the big labor meetings. "Swaff" dresses like the old time actor as well as strutting like one. He says that since there are no more good actors

he must act and dress like one. He ties into Richard Bennett now and then for a stroll.

Victor Schertzinger, ace movie director, was fabulously represented at the wedding of the Duke of Kent to Princess Marina. At the formal wedding breakfast, Schertzinger's tunes from "Love Parade" were featured, and in the choice of films the Duke ordered taken to "Honeymoon Castle" was Victor's "One Night of Love." O. yes, the Princess added a P. S. to the order: "All the new Mickey Mouses and Silly Phonies available."

Cord, the American motor magnate, keeps a suite in the Dorchester the year around and is the best known "early riser" ever domiciled in the West End. He frequently leaves a call for 4 a. m., breakfasts a half hour later, then calls up friends for a motor trip in the country or a flight in a plane he keeps at an airport.

The leading London movies in the West End still bet \$2, top. And one is lucky to get in if it's a good film. Long lines coil for the unreserved cheaper seats at 30 and 75 cents. Chief reason for turnout is poor radio offerings. Nobody stays home to listen. Vaudeville is also back to pre-war standards. The King and Queen still sit in their old box at the Palladium and the Princess drop in almost every week. Belle Baker is an outstanding attraction. All anxiously await Bing Crosby, offered the biggest pay in history of the English theatre. But he cannot accept just now, on account of radio and movie contracts.

Mack Bennett, who is trying to promote a London production, has not read "Father Goose," the Gene Fowler biography of "Mr. Sinnott" but has managed to look at the pictures. They like "Sennott" around London. Indeed, when he goes to the Savoy grill they pilot him to Charles Frohman's favorite chair, which bears a memory plate in honor of the producer. Joe Coyne, the American actor, who played in the original Merry Widow is another favorite. They like us in perfidious Albion. But won't pay us!

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