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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The element that will drink anything once, reports the swinging of some new-born mountain dew, that made them feel out of sight, but they can now see all right.

The party who took overcoat and umbrella from vestibule of the Baptist church is known. Return at once. You can't tell it was a mistake.

Five employees of a restaurant in Archange, Russia, were sentenced to prison by the Soviet government, because a customer complained about a cockroach in the soup.

The legislature will not be able to finish its alleged labors until March 2, which will give uncouth and unfeeling paragraphers a chance to mention the "Ides of March" and the "Snides of March" in the same breath.

A LOGICIAN SPEAKS UP. (Salem Statesman)
The people say, "It's an overproduction that causes these hard times." Seems to me if people would use their heads for something besides a hat rack, they would know better.

The C. Wig Ashpole boy was downtown last week waving a lollypop, and as happy as H. Piewher, the demon baker, with a monkey-wrench.

The press of the state is not arguing leading Get-Rich-Quick schemes fearfully, probably on the theory that in the present state of the public mind, when dreaming about dollars, they will be considered wrong even if known to be right.

Two Portland residents staged a sheet-and-pillow case parade, in protest to the amount of relief and alms tendered them. This may be a throw-back to the hysterical period when the "best people" were running around nights wearing the same regalia, for which they paid \$16.

It is getting along towards the time of the year when citizens go forth into the pleasant pastures to reach for a mushroom, and pick a toadstool.

In a Los Angeles divorce suit the testimony alleges the main figures "swapped wives" with the same gay abandon as No. 1 bandits, a few months ago were buying their jitters.

THE SPIRIT OF "GIMME" (Press Dispatch)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Senator Johnson of California has introduced a bill today asking the United States to pay California \$6,492,143 which the state contends is a balance due for equipping two regiments of federal troops which participated in the civil war.

The champion eater of the "Great Southwest" drank 23 cups of coffee, and a glass of whiskey, and became ill, press dispatches state. The whiskey did it.

Foresters Honor President Peavy
CORVALLIS, Feb. 22.—(AP)—President George W. Peavy of Oregon State college was guest of honor here last night when more than 300 federal and state foresters and forestry students met at a banquet to congratulate him on his 25 years' service as dean of the state school of forestry. Scores of alumni, some from as far away as Washington, D. C., were here.

George Washington

GEORGE WASHINGTON, whose birthday is celebrated today, has we think, received rather a raw deal from posterity.

Ask the average citizen about George Washington, and aside from reciting the early myths of the cherry tree and the inability to tell a lie, he will fall back upon the equally Epceryphal contention that the first President of the United States, was this country's first isolationist.

The familiar phrase condemning entangling alliances will be taken from Washington's farewell address to prove the latter point.

THIS does a great injustice to the Father of his Country. Washington did declare it's "our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." But what was the condition of the world and of this country at THAT time? Europe was in a turmoil, France in the throes of a bloody revolution, with the spectre of Napoleon soon to appear on the horizon. The United States, merely an infant and not a lusty one, had just emerged from a revolution of its own, was virtually without an army, a navy, or an established currency.

Believe it or not, there were many influential citizens in America then who still deplored the break with England. On the other hand, the rank and file, were so strongly pro-French they demanded the government again take sides against England and support the revolution. The administration, faced by domestic problems of extreme gravity, was constantly harassed by opposing factions, and the resulting dissension and confusion threatened to bring complete disaster.

Under such circumstances, of course, the only statesmanlike and patriotic thing to do was to steer absolutely clear of entangling alliances of ANY kind. Every energy and every resource were needed to keep the struggling ship of state afloat. The only hope of survival was to keep out of European politics ENTIRELY.

BUT because this policy of absolute independence was enunciated 150 years ago, it has been taken as justification for a policy TODAY, of super-nationalism, selfishness and isolation; a refusal, not to join with one armed faction in Europe against another, but to join with, all the civilized nations of the world, in the promotion and preservation of world peace.

There is no reason whatever, to doubt, that if George Washington were here today, he would advocate the same international policy, that every President in the White House has advocated since the world war,—a policy of friendliness, co-operation and mutual help.

For, as far as the world court and its principle is concerned, EVERY President from Franklin D. Roosevelt has endorsed it. The League of Nations was not defeated by executive action, but by the congress. George Washington was too big a man, too wise a man, to believe, that in this day and age the richest and most powerful nation in the world, SHOULD try to live by itself alone, and in its pride and self sufficiency tell the rest of the world to hang, when an effort for world peace is concerned.

ONE reason for this misinterpretation of Washington's character, perhaps proceeds from the fact that as John Adams remarked "off the record", the first president of the United States was a "wooden head."

This remark was made in a moment of pique, but there is no doubt that Washington lacked what is now generally known as personality—warmth—charm,—there was no doubt a certain wooden quality about him,—an unresponsiveness, an aloof dignity—but it was purely a temperamental deficiency, no deficiency in character, mind or heart.

Because of this deficiency however, it has not been difficult to retouch the Washington portrait, and make him appear the symbol of selfish isolation—suspicion, fear,—a sort of William Randolph Hearst in knee breeches and a powdered wig,—when those who have read their history, know he was nothing of the sort.

Nevertheless it is doubtful if the true George Washington will ever be accepted and appreciated, by the American people as a whole,—at least in this generation.

We fear it is somehow his fate, to be misinterpreted and misunderstood.

Ex-President Hoover

NO difficulty is involved in jumping from George Washington to Herbert Hoover. These two presidents seem to have much in common. Both truly great men, but in their time not generally so regarded. Both devoted heart and soul to their country's welfare, both unselfish to a degree, both efficient and courageous. But both somehow lacking in the qualities that arouse enthusiasm, devotion and—what is the word,—(well for want of a better one)—mass-affection.

President Washington was never properly appreciated. Nor was—or is—President Hoover. The first president of his country, was even threatened at one time with impeachment. He retired to his Mt. Vernon home, tired, disillusioned and discouraged. Only after his death did he achieve anything approaching national popularity.

Former President Hoover appears to be suffering a similar fate. He has conducted himself with great dignity and good taste since his retirement. His comments upon the present administration have been few and far between. What he has said has been in the way of constructive criticism—points which from the conservative view point are no doubt well taken.

But the reaction from them has ranged from indignation to general apathy.

It is a striking fact, that Mr. Hoover's recent pronouncement on the gold clause decision and the need of immediately stabilizing the dollar brought no word of commendation from a single Republican leader in congress. Complete silence. No word whatever. EVEN THE MEMBERS OF HIS OWN PARTY, want nothing to do with the Hoover jinx. They flee from him with all the alacrity of a Mohammedan zealot from pork. "Taint fair nor richt" as Josh Billings said. But there it is. It's "Fate!"

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 to 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.

THE BUILDING BUSINESS.



Metabolism is the sum of chemical changes by which material is assimilated and used in the growth and life of plants or animals.

What we are just beginning to understand as deficiency diseases are due to faults in the selecting, purifying, refining, preserving, storing, cooking and serving of food at table, not to lack of proper food.

Heretofore we have recognized clearly only a few of the more pronounced maladies due to nutritional deficiencies, notably rickets, scurvy and beri-beri (polynouritis). More-over we have recognized these deficiency diseases only when they were well advanced and grave organic degeneration had occurred.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Sanitation. Your opinion of the public toilet as a transmitter of diseases.—W. R. O.

Hernia Cured. Dr. — to whom you recommended me for hernia treatment has cured my hernia, with five injections, tho to make sure he gave me two injections after we had effected the cure.

Night Blindness. I am 34 years old, and have had night blindness for several years, also considerable difficulty in hearing. Saw some allusion in your column to special diet. — L. J. H.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Thoughts while strolling: Why does the trap drummer usually have a thin moustache? Children of the well to do are quite as frequently "poorly nourished" as are children of the poor.



Stanley Walker relieves the tedium of news editing by juggling similar words that run through his nightly hopper. He might have a little fun toying with J. C. Welliver, first vice president of a telegraph company, and J. C. Welliver, press agent for an oil company.

Things in Hollywood. The concertina opera hat gives way to soft black crushers, or do you care? Irony at its top: A dog track ad, including Senator Vesta's eulogy to man's best friend.

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crossing record for passengers. So many times, indeed, he long ago quit counting. In one of the larger pawnbroker shops on the west side of Eighth avenue there was recently and prominently displayed a beautiful waltz leather brief case neatly lettered in gilt "James J. Walker." Opening the flap, one saw it was handsomely outfitted with three sterling silver pint flasks. Among the jumble of unneeded pledges it was priced at \$78. Jimmy likely left it on some cafe table.

Among Broadway's persistent movie goers is Gus Edwards. Like the racoon-capped Ewing Galloway, another addict, he goes only to the late shows. He averages five films a week and on Sunday often squeezes in two.

The trick of triumphant toastmastering is in the getaway. If the opening remark wins the crowd, the job is comparatively easy for the rest of the distance. Or vice versa. Gene Buck beat the barrier in capital manner recently by arising and saying: "I'm the punk that sets off the fire works."

YOU have noted, perhaps, this headline: "Government Experts Study Gold Decision." Possibly, since the government seems to have won at practically every point in the decision, you have wondered why its experts should give such careful study to the court's ruling.

WELL, there are reasons. The New Deal, as far as it has gone, at least, is based pretty largely on heavy government spending. If the government is to go on spending as it has been spending, it will have to go on BORROWING heavily—for its expenditures are out of all proportion to its income from taxes.

HERE is a question that probably has entered the minds of those government experts referred to in the heading: "Will people go on lending indefinitely if the government can and DOES borrow one kind of money and pay back another?"

THIS gold decision business doesn't revolve wholly around what the government can and can not LEGALLY do with money. An important part of it has to do with whether people who have money will go on lending it when they no longer know what kind of money they'll be paid back with.

BUT, by this time, you're probably well wearied to extinction with this gold decision business. So let's turn to something else.

IN GERMANY the other day, two women, PROMINENT women, were executed secretly by BEHEADING. The crime of which they were ACCUSED was giving away Germany's military secrets.

Perhaps they were guilty. Possibly they were not. But bear this in mind: Germany is ruled by a dictatorship and if the dictator doesn't like the way you wear your hair, or resents the manner in which you tie your necktie, he can have you accused of treason and EXECUTED.

THESE dictatorships are bad business, and the farther we keep away from them in this country the better off we shall be.

ANOTHER item of interest in the news of the day these words were written: The house, down at Salem, is peered at the senate, because the senate is SLOW about about passing bills—especially house bills. So the house threatens that unless the senate gets a move on it will start in killing off senate bills.

But for one of his years Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. is likely to have hung up the greatest ocean-crossing record. He has been over the Atlantic and back 32 times. 44 of these jaunts were made before 18. He is now 26. Tommy Millard holds the Pacific

THAT situation prompts this casual question: If the senate should kill off all the house bills and the house should kill off all the senate bills, so that no further legislation whatever would be enacted by the Oregon legislature, just how ANGRY would the average, ordinary, everyday citizen of Oregon be?

Communications

Sons Support Appreciated To the Editor: The Ashland Chamber of Commerce wishes to express its appreciation for the fine support which you have given Southern Oregon State Normal School-Union Oil basketball game.

We trust that the team may have a successful record at the Denver tournament, but in any event we are proud of them.

ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Ashland Chamber of Commerce, Gordon MacCracken, Secy. Feb. 21.

INAL NRA legislation was sent there which is true. A New York public utility boss came down here for the opening of the holding company hearings and ran into Ben Cohen, the new deal author of the bill, whom he knew.

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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. February 22, 1925 (It Was Sunday) Crescent City is swept by high wind causing \$50,000 damage.

Spring movement of transients causes county court to be "besieged" by pleas for gasoline. Only where children are concerned is request granted.

Postmaster Warner, recovers sufficiently from rheumatism to come down town. Fruit crop outlook in valley excellent, declares County Agent Cate.

Cross-word puzzle craze subsides in city and valley, after raging for nine months. Governor signs Big Butte bill for Medford water supply. "The plot of the gang succeeds" charges local editor.

Labor shortage in valley reported by orchardists unable to procure help for spring work.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 22, 1915 (It Was Monday) "Hang it On Ashland" slogan of high school for first game an annual basketball series next Friday.

City election at Jacksonville waxed hot, "with all candidates for economy." Herbert Hanna is candidate for city attorney.

C. C. Beckman, southern Oregon pioneer resident and banker, dies at his home last night in Jacksonville. He founded the Beckman fund for students at the University of Oregon, and in 1876 was defeated for governor of Oregon by 70 votes.

Another appeal filed for \$50, so the Associated Charities can carry on relief work the balance of month.

The Brothers Rea, Ralph and Tom, former co-stars on Evansville college (Ind) basketball teams, each are coaching potential high school basketball teams in Indiana this year, Mitchell and Jasper, respectively.

Ruffed grouse, all but extinct in the North Carolina mountains a few years ago, have become plentiful there as a consequence of that state's right laws for their protection.



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