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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Young Democrats of Oregon convene today in Portland. Advance photographs of leaders, orators, diplomats, etc., indicate some have been more adept at handling their youth.

A "Brevis League" has been organized among the scribes of Delaware. It is supposed the main target will be rising journalists, unable to say "Shucks" in less than 750 words.

A number of tentative funerals catapulted down the Main stem late yesterday evening and inefficiently missed an unheralded 145 cowbell shivaree, wending its fiendish way down the same speedway.

ENTIRELY JUSTIFIABLE—BUT. (Red Bluff (Call) News) We are timid about trying to make-up to look like a cow boy.

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Editorial Correspondence

SAN JOSE, California, April 10.—Today's testimony was favorable to Lamson's case. The chief witness was Dr. Frank Sheehy of San Francisco, who studied the X-rays of Mrs. Lamson's skull and not only claimed the fractures were the result of a fall, but could NOT have been made by a blow from above by a piece of lead pipe, as the state charges. Over strenuous objections by the state the witness illustrated his contention by using a rubber doll with golden hair, and knocking its head on the ledge of a table to show what he called the "follow through". He followed this up by taking a human skull and exerting pressure with his hands, making a circle fracture—the sharp crack of the skull could be heard throughout the court room.

Obviously if Dr. Sheehy's testimony is believed by the jury, Lamson will go free, for this exactly conforms to the defendant's explanation, and at the least would raise a reasonable doubt of his guilt which couldn't be successfully overcome.

The three attorneys for the state were furious at this demonstration, and their extreme perturbation, in our opinion, did their case no good, particularly when they were overruled and all their noise and fury merely emphasized their alarm.

Following this Dr. Heinrich, the criminologist, and his lady assistant, will demonstrate just how Mrs. Lamson was killed by the fall from the tub—the lady assistant doing the falling and the eminent doctor—who was not allowed to testify at the first trial—will do the explaining, and see no serious harm is done.

Sorry we can't stay to see this for it would probably be one of the most unusual performances ever held in a court room.

The bath room has already been installed, and during the recess we inspected it—while a corps of newspaper photographers took shots from all angles.

The bath room looks rather like a movie set, well made of fibre board, doors and windows, and all the fixtures that a bath room usually contains. It is an exact reproduction of the bath room in the Lamson bungalow, except it has of course, no ceiling.

One of the newspaper boys weighing about what Mrs. Lamson weighed,—115 pounds,—put on an experiment of his own, and to his own satisfaction at least demonstrated he could crack his skull on the washstand, and fall back into the tub, which is what the defense claims happened at the time the tragedy occurred. We remained slightly skeptical, and told the young man we would only be convinced if he knocked himself silly—for the natural action of an unconscious person is one thing, of a conscious—or at least a SEMI-conscious reporter—quite another.

Lamson must have enjoyed the day's performance and yet he gave no sign of elation—looked and acted exactly as he had the day before. It is difficult to believe this young chap ever lost his temper or his nerve as the reporters claim. But we received confirmation today from one of the policemen who has been detailed on the case. He has no use for Lamson—calls him a sissy. With great scorn said he broke down and cried when his sister arrived, after the body was found. The copper likes his murderers tough.

It isn't hard to believe Lamson has much of the feminine in him. Many males,—essentially masculine,—have. He has sensitivity and temperament written all over his face. But no weakling or man with a yellow streak could have maintained the self control and poise Lamson maintained during his grilling yesterday—he was prepared for it of course and therefore steered himself to meet it—but what he did, takes more than acting,—it takes real nerve. Lamson, we are inclined to think, has that quality of the thoroughbred.

Yet we can quite understand that copper's aversion. Lamson has a slight cold, and while on the stand coughed frequently. Never did he cough or clear his throat, without covering same with his hand, or the back of his sleeve—the latter rather a peculiar mannerism. After he coughed in earnest he always said to no one in particular "pardon me!"

No policeman would like that sort of thing, but would regard such behavior as an affectation,—or worse. The violent criminal type doesn't usually say "pardon me" after coughing or after anything else. Well-mannered people frequently do. Lamson is well-mannered—which in police court circles is a synonym for being sissy.

Yet in a REAL third degree test we wager, that red-faced cop, deprived of his badge of authority and his gun, would break far sooner and more completely than this ex-Stanford "professor." Real courage is not necessarily accompanied by loud talk and ability to spit thru one's teeth. R. W. R.

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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.

WASTEFUL BUT NECESSARY School superintendent from a nearby city inquires whether disinfectants for use in school laboratories are approved by health authorities. He had gained the impression from reading this column that the use of such odoriferous disinfectants is wasteful and unnecessary.

No health authority or sanitarian has the cheek to advise or sanction the use of such "disinfectant." But the petty grafter has to be provided for somewhere, since it is difficult to cut in on the huge salary budget of the school system, and so the amiable politicians on the board of education toss these little favors to the gleaner.

A deserving benchman in the local ring probably has an understanding with the manufacturer or distributor of the noxious estrum which permits a nice cut from the fancy price nominally charged for the "disinfectant."

As a matter of fact, the materials commonly used in that way are indifferent disinfectants anyway. Citizens whose senses are offended by this crude practice should resent the affront to their intelligence and register protests with the municipal, postoffice, railroad, steamship or hotel people who maintain such nuisances. That sort of reaction, if you are not beholden to the great ones or afraid of your shadow, will bring a new deal in cleanliness and decency in such places. Just as did the occasional angry squawk of the hotel patron against the noble old tradition of soaking the guest a premium price for his morning newspaper, which today they shove under the door with a pleasant good morning.

The motive for the use of loud smelling "disinfectants" in laboratories is consciousness that the facilities provided are primitive and unfit for decent people to use. Those responsible hope to disguise this by distracting the patron's attention with a different odor. Unfortunately the pa-

explained the dress suit in this way. He was to make a speech—and he's a Jim-dandy orator—before the Columbia faculty at 8 and it would take him too long to change. During the festivities he staid up to the world's West Virginian Ted Woodward and inquired: "Do you reckon you could fix it up so I could get into one of these night clubs?"

That gasping you hear is Verne Porter holding to the back of a chair and trying to get his breath. He dropped in to tell me the most popular European biography of the moment is "Paul Walewaka by Walewaka Gaborowski."

Alexis, Ill. has changed the name of one of its leading residential thoroughfares to Hunt street. This is to honor Frazier Hunt, roaming six-foot three journalist, who was born and spent his formative years on the street. Hunt began his writing career as editor of the Alexis Argus at the age of 19. Since then he has represented newspapers and magazines in every part of the globe. And is South America bound at the moment.

One of the portrait painters, with no interest in spiritualism, tells this story. Preparing to leave his studio he was conscious of a presence in the entrance hall. He recognized his sister in starkly material form, but quickly exclaimed to himself: "But she is dead!" As that instant the figure sifted away in a sort of gaseous drift. He believes most of the time it was an illusion of eye strain and brain fatigue caused by eight successive hours at his easel. Yet now and then, he confesses, he wonders.

I called on a gentleman today in Radio City, and his comely secretary, a double for Pert Kelton, coming suddenly out of forty winks, flustered: "He's taking the morning off this afternoon." And with my customary calmness in emergencies I tweeded right back: "Tell him I was in and he was out!" (Copyright, 1935, McNaught Syndicate)

Texas Farmers Cheerful. TEMPLE, Tex.—(UP)—Farmers in this section are counting on much better crops this year than last as a result of recent spring rains. Heyers sorghum, one of the most popular feed crops in this section likely will be raised in large quantities.

Lawmovers: Sharpened. Phone 261, Medford Cyclopedia, 23 N. Fir. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

West Virginia's newest U. S. senator, Rush Holt, elected Oregon representative, is due to take his seat, his first coming out party on his first visit to New York. He was the guest of Richard Watts and his mother and the celebrities who expected a one-gallop, gas-mouthed mountain hill-billy found him in full evening dress at 5:30 p.m. He

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GOOD news: Secretary of Agriculture Wallace predicts the 1935 wheat crop will be just about equal to domestic requirements.

That is to say, we will produce in the United States this year about as much wheat as we normally consume in a year.

IN OTHER words, demand will approximately balance supply, which should mean a fair price based on SOUND causes.

As long as that condition continues, wheat growing will remain profitable.

WHAT is responsible for restoring the balance of supply and demand in the wheat market—AAA or the drought?

Probably a little of both. At any rate, let's be thankful for the RESULT and not quarrel about the cause.

ENCOURAGING prospect: Plans for using existing government agencies to speed the nearly five billion dollar work-relief program to an operating peak by mid-November are disclosed by President Roosevelt upon his return to Washington from his vacation.

If enough people can be put back to work, so that they can get money enough to pay present HIGHER prices for what they have to buy, prosperity will begin to show its face again.

IT WOULD be better, of course, for all concerned, if the unemployed could be put to work by private industry, making things that people want and need, instead of by the government on public works whose value is doubtful, but let's not quarrel right now with ANYTHING that puts money in their pockets.

INTERESTING news, although not so good: Daniel C. Roper, secretary of commerce, pointing out gains made by business since the bottom of the depression, warns against future "sudden and expansive booms."

By sudden and expansive booms, he means too-sudden improvement in business based upon SPECULATIVE desire to get rich quick without hard work.

(We had a lot of experience with that kind of business improvement back in 1929, and got our fingers badly burned as a result. The chances are, however, we'll try it again. Easy money is tempting, and when we think we see a chance to get it we'll risk a lot of finger-burning.)

INCIDENTALLY, the present attitude of most of us toward too-sudden booms is a good deal like that of the small boy who had been repeatedly threatened by his mother that if he didn't be good and go to sleep she'd call the bears.

Finally, one night, not wanting to go to sleep and being in a cynical frame of mind anyway, he retorted: "All right, bring out your bears!"

We've had so much depression and are so thoroughly weary of inactivity that we're in the mood to say: "Bring out your booms!"

Communications

Bunny Ban Gratifies To the editor: It is exceedingly gratifying to note that the California Oregon Rabbit and Fur Breeders association will sell no bunnies under six weeks of age for Easter. This is a humane step in the right direction.

The Jackson County Humane Society sincerely hopes that the rabbit association will not permit the coloring with dyes of these beautiful little creatures that God gave us. The dyeing of live rabbits and chicks causes a great deal of needless suffering to promote a religious holiday, and the fact that these little creatures are placed in the hands of our children to unknowingly abuse with affection is a further cruel act.

The Jackson County Humane society asks all mothers not to buy baby chicks or rabbits for their children unless the children are of an age to properly care for them.

The humane society appreciates the fact that at the Ashland home

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Flight 'o Time (Medford and Jackson County) History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY. April 12, 1925 (It Was Monday) Jefferson Day speaker at Portland declares Gov. Walter M. Pierce is "false to the people and his party."

"Oregon" Jones, southern Oregon had man and state prison escape captured at Sacramento.

Election of new president of chamber of commerce postponed because Directors Floyd Hart and Louis Ulrich are absent.

Two new mail carriers added to local postal crew.

Talent irrigation district subject of discourse at Kiwanis club meeting.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY. April 12, 1915 (It Was Monday) Charge made by Allies that Germans are using shells made in America in Western front bombardments. Russians continue gains in the Carpathians.

Memorials, all Medford made cigars, will sell at "five for a quarter" instead of "six for a quarter."

Smudging general throughout orchards of valley, as mercury drops to 26 degrees.

John BUNDY, film comedian, and idol of thousands, near death's door, from heart and kidney ailments.

Elmer T. Foss plans to form a National Rifle club here.

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