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Editorial Correspondence

ROCKFORD, Ill., June 18.—The Rock river is running high between its banks and the rain continues. Floods are feared in the lowlands south of town, where they have been known for nearly fifty years.

Bad news from Hollywood in the morning paper.—W. C. Fields ill again and his friends worried. Fear he will be unable to return to the movies for six months.

We sometimes wonder if anyone is really wise. Take Dr. Tugwell for example. With the drought of last year and the dust storms of this spring in his mind, he told an audience not far from here that in another generation the Mississippi Valley might be a desert.

Glad to see Judge Landis has admitted "Alabama" Pitts into organized baseball, and the youthful ex-con will have a chance to make good.

For a striking example of editing news columns to conform to the editorial policy, observe the Chicago Tribune. On page one a screaming scare head over "Roosevelt's attempt to rescue the French franc by risking the stability of the U. S. dollar."

In spite of the weather, there has been a virtual epidemic of centenarians around this part of the state, and all, we are told, have been successful. One at Peatonota, one at Rockton, another at Elgin and last year Rockford started the ball rolling.

Ye Smudge Pot

The "Social Security Bill" of the president, providing for fuller and bigger pocketbooks, starts off handi-capped by an endorsement of Huey Long, and the legal suspicion it may create "class legislation," and thus subject to annulment by a high court.

Committees have started sneaking up on local civic problems once more. There is nothing on the horizon, at present, that can be solved by wearing a cowboy hat, nor ruined by rain.

Los Angeles lecturers are now invading Portland. In many sections of the state this is regarded as a chickens coming home to roost, instead of the Portland table-thumpers coming to eat their fried chicken and pass-the-hat, to save the farmer and aid the worker.

C. Wing, the reformer was dressed up yesterday like a tired tiler. Congress has appropriated \$500,000 to aid scientists in the discovery of a chemical that will eat its way through wood, iron, or steel in time of war.

One of our charming brunettes has become a decided blonde. At this point your corr. has decided not to write what was intended.

Citizens motoring to the hills Thurs. claim they caught a tourist coming around a mountain curve, on the right side of the road at a moderate rate of speed.

It is now argued that the lady in the Weyerhaeuser kidnapping is not as much to blame for the crime as originally supposed, because she was only doing what her husband ordered, and being a dutiful helpmeet did it. Under this theory, she most certainly was delightfully meek, when they were concerned. Rather than have a domestic rumpus she took a chance on not getting caught by the G-Men.

Republicans are becoming quite plentiful. The hard-shell variety, and the administration openly, and pretend a mutiny of the voters in 1936.

A number of farmers have worried of garden thieves, and announce they are waiting for them with shot-guns they know are loaded.

A 14-year-old West Virginia boy, and his pal of 16 summers, have been sentenced to life imprisonment for kidnaping a sheriff, who seems to have been about the same age as his kidnapers, when it came to efficiency.

BRAIN STRAIN ITEM. (Exchange) If you will perform a simple experiment some evening at home, you will have a permanent example of the relation of thought to action.

Devices that save gas, and at the same time act as a tonic to aged autos are on sale. What is needed is a contraption that attached to the vitals of a vehicle will cause the expansion of credit for gasoline by auto props.

"Miss Marye Carson is assisting her mother these days."—(Salmon Bar Jottings)—An old-fashioned girl.

Oregonians purchased 4000 more autos in May than in the same month in 1934. The delinquent tax lists still make 17 columns, in the official papers of the leading counties.

SALEM, June 21.—(AP)—The names W. P. Weisenberg, Portland laborer and Charles Gray, Beedport foreman, comprised the list of fatalities among Oregon industrial workmen during the past week. The industrial accident commission reported 695 accidents for the period.

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.

DON'T DRINK AND SHOW YOUR FANATICISM

Had a talk here recently entitled "Drink and Show Your Ignorance." It brought 68 letters, 61 of them expressing thanks and asking God's blessing on me.



The wife of an inebriate writes: "I wish more were written on the terrible facts about drink. No one knows the damage it does unless they have a victim in the family."

As for sterilizing chronic drinkers, who shall draw the line between occasional, moderate or social drinking? Why, in Yankeeeland, we can't even make up our minds to show drunkenness or intoxication is it depends on how much jack or pull the culprit has at his command when he gets into trouble, not on the quantity of alcohol he has consumed.

The craving for drink is not transmitted, but the mental deficiency with weak will power, weak character, expresses itself in intemperance.

One reason why so many young people frequent drinking places is the failure of parents to exact a pledge from son or daughter, and in turn the failure of moral or religious advisers of parents to urge them to their side.

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I wish I could tell that young woman who asked for a pamphlet about inferiority complex how I got over mine. Daily reading of the New Testament. When we gain a glimpse of the immensity of effort required of us, what is right or wrong in every living person, we are not continually in fear of that unknown quality. We know whom to respect and why.—Mrs. L. S. D.

Myopia. I am a crane operator. Plant physician found my eyes poor, sent me to oculist, who fitted me with glasses, which are fine for long distance seeing, but they make things bulge at me up to 50 feet. Is myopia curable or not? I'd do almost anything to get rid of the glasses.—B. S.

Answer—Probably bi-focal lenses would give you better results—the lenses you have for distant vision, and plain lenses or none for near vision.

It is true that you claim no harm is done by neglecting the bowel action for a week.—C. R. H.

Answer—Something like that. If you are a victim of that habit send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your address for booklet which tells you how to correct "The Constipation Habit."

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Arthur Ruhl

Arthur Brown Ruhl, special writer and dramatic critic for the New York Herald Tribune, died at his home in Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, Friday, June 7, after contracting pneumonia while attending the opening of the Players' revival of "Seven Keys to Baldpate" May 27. He was taken to Rockford, Ill. to his birthplace and was buried in the family plot there Wednesday, June 12.

Mr. Ruhl, author of several books, had been with the New York Tribune intermittently since 1913 as drama critic, foreign correspondent and roving reporter on foreign affairs. For many years before he had been a special writer for Collier's Weekly. He was widely known for his individual style, which was the result of his practice of covering a story dispassionately and later writing of it objectively at his leisure.

For the greater part of the last ten years he wrote about the theatre in New York, and his column, "Second Nights," contained carefully written reviews and analyses of shows prepared after the excitement of first nights had vanished. In the same way, his foreign correspondence and special articles rarely were "spot news," but rather were accounts written on second thought.

Mr. Ruhl, who was 58 years old, was educated at Harvard where besides starting as a distance runner, he served on the staffs of the Lamoon and Advocate. He received his A. B. degree there in 1899 and immediately came to New York, where he joined the staff of the Evening Sun as a reporter. He remained with that paper five years covering general assignments, including police headquarters, and also wrote short stories in his spare time.

His fiction attracted wide public attention and he joined the editorial staff of Collier's Weekly, with which he remained until 1913. During his nine years with that magazine he travelled all over the world on special assignments, and following a diplomatic junket to South America with the Ellhu Root Mission he published a book on Latin-American problems entitled "The Other Americans."

For a time in 1913 he worked for The Outlook, and after covering the disastrous Dayton flood for that magazine accepted the position of drama critic of the New York Tribune.

Although drama critic, Mr. Ruhl was called upon in April 1914 to cover one of the biggest straight news stories in years, the historic electrocution at Sing Sing of the four men who murdered Herman Rosenthal, the gambler. Several reporters for the Tribune had turned down the assignment declaring they didn't have the nerve. One reporter at the execution did faint, and had to be carried out of the death chamber.

Mr. Ruhl took the assignment, however, and after the electrocutions, which took place between 8:44 a. m. and 6:17 a. m., filed a lead that was used in putting out one of the latest morning extras in the history of the Tribune. He had filed a long detailed description of the scene at 2:30 in the morning.

Mr. Ruhl went to central Europe as war correspondent for Collier's in 1915, and to Russia in 1916 and 1917. He was war correspondent for the magazine in France in 1918 and in 1919 he visited the Baltic states for "Time." In 1920, he became correspondent for the New York Evening Post. He was Berlin correspondent for the Herald Tribune in 1925 and 1926, and while there married Stranitzka Yachovchikoff, an exile from Soviet Russia and a member of the former landed aristocracy.

Returning to New York he rejoined the drama department of the Herald Tribune, and while not writing his column, "Second Nights," spent much time on special assignments, many of them in the Latin American countries.

He was the author of "A Break in Training," 1906; "A History of Track Athletics in America," 1909; "Second Nights," 1914; "Antwerp to Gallipoli," 1916; "White Nights," 1917; "New Masters of the Baltic," 1921; "With the American Relief Administration in Russia," 1922; "The Central American," 1928; and "The Other Americans."

Surviving are his wife, one son, Arthur Paul Ruhl; his father, Antea Schuch Ruhl, and a brother, Robert W. Ruhl, editor of the Medford (Ore.) Mail Tribune—Editor and Publisher.

Worked to Get Meat WASHINGTON (UP)—A marten in Mount Rainier National park recently climbed 9,500 feet to get a dish of pork and beans. The animal appeared one morning at the park's fire lookout station. He was admitted by the ranger and fed.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 10 and 30 Years Ago).

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

Simple funeral rites are observed at Madison, Wis., for the late Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, progressive leader.

State officials and prominent upstate citizens flock to city to attend grand review and parade of the National Guard tomorrow.

New Lumsden building at corner of Sixth and Bartlett streets nears completion.

Continued hot weather causes increase in use of city water.

Bootlegger fined \$500 and sentenced to 90 days in jail for possession of a quart of moonshine.

President Coolidge "firm for tax reduction and economy." President denies his "economy talks hurt business." Declares "the main issue is to reduce the burden of taxes due to federal extravagance."

Medford defeats Grants Pass, 5 to 4, and Hornbrook 5 to 3, in double header ball game Sunday.

County court will hire a motorcycle cop to curb speeding on the Pacific highway. "Motorcyclists have gone completely crazy, in the evening, and must be stopped," says Chief Hittson.

Non-arrival of undressed stone, delays construction work on new post-office.

B. J. Palmer is elected school director at annual meeting.

Robert M. Lansing is named secretary of state to succeed William Jennings Bryan, resigned.



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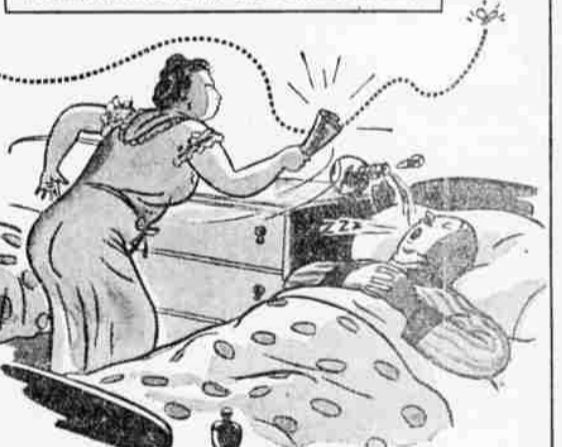
tinuous strength in recent weeks in the face of unencouraging news. It refuses to follow bad news. It has lost its fear. Economists have written a hundred different excuses for the phenomenon. One is that purchasing power is being stimulated by federal activities, but such activities have not increased lately. The other excuses are no better.

What appears to have happened is that confidence and self-assurance are being re-established by a fatalistic anticipation that the end of the depression cycle has been reached.

Navy Secretary Swanson has written a personal letter to Rear-Admiral Stirling, commanding of the Brooklyn navy yard, suggesting that the admiral be a little more careful about the articles he writes for magazines.

WHAT'S A LADY TO DO?

Here's one way to stop husband's snoring—but you can't kill mosquitoes one at a time. You won't live that long. Kill 'em wholesale. It's easy!



Mosquitoes, flies, ants, gnats and moths tumble down dead at the first whiff of Standard Oil Fly Spray!

We make this spray to atomize completely—and stay in the air long enough to kill insects wholesale. It gives you more killing power for your money. Standard Oil Fly Spray excels in the most widely-recognized killing tests.

Advertisement for Standard Oil Household Products including Fly Spray, Cleaning Fluid, and Self-Polishing Wax.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, June 21.—Thoughts will be stirring. When a man's hair turns white, it will be like Mark Twain's unruly mop. Patricia Ziegfeld now a grown up lady.

And Billie Burke younger looking than ever. A good definition of a columnist: scold, satirist, ad populi stumpe; Baseball.

Look alike: Mussolini a n d Rocky Pierre Carter is always in the line of originality stumps; Baseball.

How many remember Edna Aug and her "Belle of Avenue A" song? Hope Hampton's corage bill must run into important money. That sadly wistful goodbye smile of Barbara Hutton is haunting. Jimmy Savo helps fill the gap but the theater has never been the same for me since W. F. Fields went cinema.

Col. Ed Simms suggests a big white colonial porch and a tall mint ruler. Picturesque name for a polo player: Laddie Sanford. What a three-sheeting the liner Normandie got. That McLarin-Bose fight is becoming a \$10-a-seat act. I'll wait and catch it at Loews.

George Ads used to tell a story apropos of home town enthusiasm for the famus. A man whose name appeared regularly on the front pages decided he would visit the scene of earlier days. When he arrived there was no one about the station but the sleepy old hack driver indulging the lordous of his calling. So he walked over and halloped: "Hello, Jim. Do you remember me?" The jebu sat up a bit, optined he did and then was asked: "Do the people ever mention me around here?" He was told they did sometimes.

"Sometimes? Well, what do they say when I'm mentioned?" "O, they just laugh!"

Ewing Galloway, the photographer, went back to his home town after

Communications

He Wonders To the Editor: The Chamber of Commerce announces that it has put over a publicity article on the Rogue Valley in the Country Gentleman.

I often wonder about the farmers who are lured to this country by the glowing "literature" of the Chamber of Commerce. Do they make good? Are they satisfied? Do they stick? Do they feel they have been honestly informed about local conditions? Are they in the long run an asset to the Valley?

One may be excused these doubts if he has driven about certain parts of the valley and found new names on mail boxes every six months or so.

THOMAS V. WILLIAMS, Route 4, Box 330, Medford, Ore. Canneryman Hurt.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 21.—(AP)—Frank Jones, 41, of Hubbard, was recovering in a hospital today from injuries declared to have been suffered when a bearing burst at the Ray-Mailing cannery at Woodburn yesterday. Jones' left eye was injured.

The latest estimate places the population of Sacramento, California's capital, at 101,600, a growth of 1500 in three years.

Advertisement for Lyons Sloe Gin featuring a lion logo and text: "makes a genuine Sloe Gin Rickey with a distinctive fruity tang that is always Refreshing!"

Advertisement for Heath's Drug Store featuring "GLE-O-NIS PILE TREATMENT" and "Crazy Water Crystals" with a price of \$1.00.