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Ye Smudge Pot

"But has Oregon dishes that are referred to as distinctively Oregonian? That is the question we are raising," queries the esteemed McMinville News-Reporter, after listing regions with their own special products.

An autoist bumped up while "traveling well over 70" is out, and now travelling unwell considerably under 70.

The local wretches who attempted to defraud a nickel machine by feeding it lead nickels, continue to elude the vigilance of the police.

J. Curtis Barnes, the economist, lost and recovered \$160 last week. For some time Mr. Barnes has been working on a plan for cheaper money, which will now be fixed so it can't be lost.

Coyotes have started killing turkeys before they can eat enough grasshoppers to be mild-fed birds next Thanksgiving.

A large crowd assembled at the O. H. Wright lathery show last eve, to see him give his weekly imitation of Uncle Sam and Santa Claus.

If, as alleged, the prosecutor and the defense attorneys ignored rules of dignity and ethics the fault did not lie with the reporter—Franklin, Ky. State Journal. It also can be alleged that the reporters have nothing to do with the crime, with which the defendant is charged.

Both Republicans and Democrats have resumed their former trick of jousting in Seattle, Wash., where they studied the political situation in the Middle-West, and found overwhelming sentiment for their favorite party.

"AMERICA FEARS NOT COMMUNISTS" (Yank. Journal). From the way they are acting and talking, neither do the Communists fear America.

THE WAY THINGS GO POSITION (Wanted)—A young person having correct and excellent education, including writing, history, geography, mathematics, dance music and art, would like to enter respectable family and do housework and ironing.

Leon Haskin, the pillist, has returned from the metropolis, where he attended a convention of national pill-rollers. He states, a movement has been launched for drugstore scales that will make lean ladies weigh more and plump ladies less.

The Elks club recovered from eating something, it did not agree with, and is once more feeling of its catnip.

From the looks of things now, the AAA is helping the lawyers more than the farmers. (New Haven, Conn. Courier Journal). That's what the farmers say.

It is now alleged that outstanding felons in the penitentiary, are spending their spare moments trying to make a key out of bank bills, that will fit the front gate.

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The Rhode Island Election

THE Republicans are jubilant over their victory in Rhode Island. The Democrats try to make out it doesn't mean a thing,—on their dope sheets Rhode Island was checked off as Republican anyway.

The Republicans have the best of the argument this time. Turning a 20,000 defeat into a 15,000 victory,—a change of 35,000 votes—is no mean achievement in Rhode Island, or anywhere else.

It also supports a contention this column has advanced several times, namely: that no matter how much money the administration has to spend for relief, it CAN'T buy an election.

That money is very useful in keeping the whip hand over Congress—for every member wishes to get all he can for his own constituents, and realizes he must keep on good terms with the man who holds the purse strings to do so,—but controlling homo sapiens when he marks a secret ballot is quite another matter. It just can't be done and this election proves it.

THERE will be about as many explanations of the surprising upset in Rhode Island, as there were votes. Every political expert will have his own special theory.

We have a pious idea that if the truth were known—unfortunately it can't be,—none of the experts would be right.

If on each ballot, the true reason for voting against the administration had been given our guess is, a VAST majority would show no mention of the processing tax, federal relief, balancing the budget, federal taxes, upholding the constitution, the national debt, plowing under cotton or slaughtering little pigs,—upholding the New Deal or opposing it,—in short none of the burning issues and the catch phrases of the Rhode Island campaign.

The truth would be nothing more involved nor illuminating than this: "don't like things as they are, want a change!"

THAT'S all. The more we see of elections—particularly national ones—the more convinced we are the people in the mass, don't vote as they THINK but as they FEEL. There are plenty of voters who do otherwise, who study all issues and claims, analyze, multiply, add and subtract, but they represent a decided minority. Elections are won or lost, as a result of emotional not intellectual reactions,—on broad, clearly understood and elementary principles; not on highly involved and complicated ones.

THE average voter doesn't know whether the government's fiscal policy is sound or unsound; whether the processing tax is good or bad; whether it is best to leave the constitution as it is or to amend it. What's more he doesn't care. But he DOES know whether he likes things as they are, or doesn't; whether he wants a change or prefers the status quo,—and he votes accordingly.

OF course the arguments will go on, the debates will be held, the platforms will be drawn, the tables will be thumped, from now until a year from next November, but when it's all over and election day comes around the result will depend,—just as the result in Rhode Island depended—not upon what has been said but just how the rank and file happened to feel, when called upon to mark their ballots.

As has been frequently stated in this column before, if the people of the country as a whole are generally satisfied with conditions in November 1936, nothing can beat Roosevelt; if they aren't nothing can elect him.

That is why we imagine Jim Farley as he sat down to his breakfast yesterday morning, found his grapefruit unusually sour and the ship coffee simply rotten!

Editorial Comment

The Parole Banket. The unsavory Banks case now threatens to engulf Dan J. Kellaher, former state parole officer, in a maze of scandal with formal charges in prospect of either of bribery or malfeasance in office. Photostatic copies of the purported contract between the former Medford newspaper publisher who has been seeking parole from prison, where he is serving a life term for murder, and the former parole officer for a \$50,000 fee has been introduced in court.

The investigation of the Banks-Kellaher agreement should not stop there; it should embrace any other questionable parole cases with which Kellaher was connected. If a parole racket has been in operation in Oregon, the people are entitled to the facts and the guilty should be punished.

It is not surprising that a man of Banks' characteristics and in his position should seek to use any means at hand to obtain release from prison; it would be surprising and shocking to learn that the parole system has been used as a means of graft.

It seems entirely possible, incidentally, that the Banks case is being used in another attempt to embarrass the governor, just as the Mooney case in California has been used to embarrass various state executives there, the real issue being lost in the shuffle of agitation and exploitation.—(Oregon City Enterprise)

When Circuit Judge James Brand criticized the state's prison parole system at the recent crime conference, and Parole Officer Dan Kellaher demanded, but did not receive an apology—few realized that the situation was to come to so dramatic a climax. Whether or not Kellaher is convicted of entering into a contract for having Lewislyn A. Banks, convicted murderer, pardoned in exchange for a \$50,000 fee, the investigation may provide Oregon with a better supervised and less haphazard parole system.—(Eugene Morning News)

A NERTZY AFFAIR Amusing as well as amazing features characterize the expose of the Banks-Kellaher pardon purchase deal. The whole affair is so nertzly and fantastic that it is difficult to realize that the plot is not lifted from some

Conclude Hearings On Tax Legislation WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—After listening to a final blast from organized business against the tax bill passed by the house at President Roosevelt's request, the senate finance committee today concluded public hearings on the measure.

Chairman Harrison immediately called an executive session for tomorrow to consider revisions. He expressed hope the bill could be made ready for senate consideration early next week.

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.

THE TONE OF THE ALIMENTARY MUSCLE When the edition of Webster's New International is published it will, I am confident, contain correct definitions for some of the following: happy to be a warning or threat, but simply as a word to the wise—three words to be precise. On request of the Editorial Board I shall be happy to elucidate emotions and demonstrate all three terms so as to clear up the confusion that mars the present edition.

Today's lesson, the child, has nothing to do with the belly proper, but I know what most of you think and here is the place to correct your ideas of anatomy and physiology. The belly proper is the front wall of the abdomen, which is a cavity containing the digestive organs. The belly is chiefly muscle, at least in its upper part, and is half fat. The muscle is voluntary muscle, and therefore it is more or less responsive to the will, though it also reacts to emotions and sympathetic impulses automatically, as do the muscles of expression and the other muscles of the body.

The alimentary muscle is wholly involuntary muscle, distributed as a layer or coat in the wall of the entire alimentary tract or canal, and it is controlled by the sympathetic or autonomic nervous system and cannot be influenced by the will or consciousness. The strength, vigor or resiliency of the skeletal muscles has practically nothing to do with the tone and functioning of the alimentary muscle. The perfectly developed athlete in the pink, physically functioning alimentary muscle just as he may have an impairment or degeneration of the heart muscle. It all depends on nutrition. And we know things about nutrition today which we scarcely dreamed of ten years ago.

If the diet happens to be poor in certain vitamins, particularly B and C, as many an otherwise excellent diet is, there is sure to be more or less constipation due to lowered tone of the gastro-intestinal muscle, the alimentary muscle. If the vitamin shortage exists over a considerable period, as it does where the diet is too refined or where the individual follows whims or prejudices in selecting food, there is a tendency toward chronic dilation of the alimentary tube at various portions of its length. This is attended with retarded peristalsis, slower rate of propulsion of the digesting residue and all the familiar symptoms of "indigestion."

Butter and Oleo. Please compare butter and oleomargarine in nutritive value.—(Mrs. M. H. C.) Answer—In calories they are practically the same. But butter contains vitamins which are likely to be lacking in oleomargarine. When butter is high and oleo is reasonably pure, I would as soon have oleo. I can't distinguish good oleo, suitably colored, from butter.

Hay Fever Club. From Duluth, Haven for hay fever victims, comes word that the Hay Fever Club of America has members from 15 states. In Duluth, they can sit on the shores of Lake Superior and be sure of a cool lake breeze of pollen free air from the largest body of pure fresh water on the continent. No ragweed around Duluth. That's something not to be sneezed at. Other resorts where sufferers find relief are Mobile Bay in Alabama, Santa Barbara in California, Silver Plume in Colorado, New London in Connecticut, Edinburg in Georgia, the northern part of Michigan, Albuquerque in New Mexico, the Adirondacks in New York, Two Rivers in Wisconsin, Banff in Canada. (Copyright, 1935, John P. Dille Co.)

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Payne was huddled in a corner of the Lambs with Robert Aiken and Herbert Ayling. One of the bright members came in, glanced at them—Payne, Aiken and Ayling—and shrieked: "Is there a doctor in the house?"

Then the long jobless actor Gene Buck tells about, sitting in another corner of The Lambs. That morning he had all his teeth extracted. He seemed inconceivable at the shiftings of fate. "I'll be lucky," he mourned. "If I get through the day without somebody inviting me to a steak dinner."

George Jean Nathan reveals in a magazine piece that about the only time Eugene O'Neill quits his cloister to mingle with the public is at the six-day bicycle races. Even on such occasions he attends after the midnight hours when the crowds have thinned. Many reasons have been ascribed for the first playwrights isolation—neuritis, shyness and publicity. But Nathan likely his sole confident outside his wife, avers that it is simply an urge, dammit, to be let alone.

"Thingumbobs" Edna Aug, favorite variety star of yesterday, lives alone at Woodstock, N. Y. . . The twenty-third meller, "The Drunkard," is in his third year in Los Angeles. . . Elstein tips his barber a dollar after a haircut. . . Helen Willis Moody avenue is to be the name of a new motor boulevard in Wimbledon. . . Europe's only skyscraper in Antwerp is paying dividends. . . John Charles Thomas is reputed a millionaire from his radio and concert work. . . Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. keeps a picture of Joan Crawford on his dressing table at all times.

Argument on a Harlem corner by two black boys. No. 1 grabs No. 2 by coat lapel in his excitement. Snarls No. 2: "Let go that fabric!" (Copyright, 1935, McNaught Syndicate)

GENERAL FOULLOIS, AIR CHIEF, QUILTS WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Major General Benjamin D. Foullois ended a long and bitter controversy between the war department and the house military committee today by retiring as chief of the army air corps.

The war department announced that Foullois, on his own application, was granted leave of absence until December 22. At that time he will be 64 and automatically retire for age.

Foullois, now on temporary leave, activities little the direction of air corps activities since the house military committee's subcommittee demanded that Secretary Dern remove him as chief because of charges of inefficiency and statements made to an investigating committee and other occasions.

Lou Payne, husband of Mrs. Leslie Carter, has been paying his first visit to New York in 34 years. He and the stars are now living in Hollywood. Payne's employment by automobile at Mrs. Carter to Portsmouth, N. H. with Mrs. Carter was one of the headlining sensations of that day. While here

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS NEARLY three days have passed since the lynching of Claude L. Johnson at Yreka on Saturday morning, and it still seems a horrible thing.

BUT let us not forget that the cold-blooded shooting down of Police Chief Daw, of Dunsmuir, was also a horrible thing. There are two sides to this horror business.

THE lynching of Johnson is horrible because it was lawless. It seems highly probable that he killed Police Chief Daw, as experts have found that the bullet that killed Daw was fired from the gun found in Johnson's possession. But he had not been convicted of the crime by a jury, and had not been sentenced by a judge.

These steps were necessary to make his execution LEGAL. NO right-minded person can countenance lynching. Infliction of the death penalty is too serious a thing to be left in the hands of infuriated mobs. Where one mob may do justice, a dozen other mobs are apt to do frightful injustice. Judge Lynch can not safely be trusted with jurisdiction over human life. His way is the way toward anarchy.

BUT the shortcomings of Judge Lynch should not be permitted to blind us to the shortcomings of constituted law and order. Sheriff Low, of Klamath county, speaking from memory and not from the record—and his memory is pretty good—says that in the past two years seven officers have been murdered along the Pacific highway in Southern Oregon and Northern California, and only one of these killers has paid the death penalty.

That is a disgraceful record. IT HAS been the history of the human race, ever since law and order began, that when the average run of people begin to lose confidence in constituted law and order the more reckless and emotional among them will take the law into their own hands.

That has been proved too often to need retelling here. It must simply be accepted as a fact. LYNCHINGS are horrible things—we are all agreed as to that. But shedding sentimental tears over lynchings and telling each other how horrible they are will not PUT A STOP to them. The way to do that is to RESTORE CONFIDENCE in constituted law and order. The way to restore confidence in constituted law and order is to make them more EFFICIENT than they now are.

That is the thing for us to think seriously about when events such as that at Yreka on Saturday morning occur.

Pure Water in Salem To the Editor: The suggestion made by Representatives Eckersley, Leach and myself, to the effect that an obligation rested with the people of Salem, to provide a site for the new capitol, does not seem to meet favor in that quarter. I insist, however, that the city of Salem carries a still greater obligation—and that is to provide a pure and adequate water supply for the several state institutions, if the capitol and state institutions are to remain in Salem. The distribution of the capitol by fire disclosed the lack of water and force to meet such an emergency. Other state institutions and their inmates stand in like danger.

For around five years the citizens of Salem have been wrangling over the question of a water supply. Finally, those who favored municipal ownership, coupled with those who were sick of drinking impure Willamette river water, and wished for a mountain supply, voted \$2,500,000 in bonds and a preference for mountain water. As a result the city purchased the plant of the Salem Water company for \$1,500,000 but proposes to go along in the same old way—getting its supply from a polluted Willamette river, supplemented by wells. All thought of going to the mountains for a decent supply seems to have been dropped and all chance of getting a great part of the coast is being thrown away.

The state hospital, penitentiary, feeble minded institution, boys' and girls' training schools, blind and deaf schools are all without an adequate water supply for domestic, fire and irrigation purposes.

The state hospital, tuberculosis hospital, penitentiary and its allies (with over 3,000 inmates) get water from Mill Creek and wells and springs. The cottage farm, deaf school, industrial schools for both boys and girls and feeble minded institution depend upon wells. For the state fair grounds water must be taken from Mill creek.

When the capitol burned, water had to be pumped from Mill creek to fight the fire. From where would an adequate force of water come to fight serious fires at any one of our state institutions? What of the lives of the thousands of helpless inmates?

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Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY August 8, 1925 (It was Saturday) Twenty-one cars of pigs shipped from Gill to date.

Cold fill puts up signs to get Crater Lake Travel. Eastern tourists fined for violation of speed laws.

Talent bootlegger sentenced to Kelly Butte reformatory. Wild blackberries are selling briskly at 2 per gallon to housewives.

Diamond Lake resort advertises "for a dishwasher who can play the piano." BEET sugar factory promised for valley next year.

Forty miles of paving to be laid in Crater Lake park this season. Attorney A. E. Reames loses his fishing clothes while returning from a trip to Rogue river. Reward for return offered.

Firebug starts forest fires in the Applegate. Signs warning motorists to keep within the 25-mile-per-hour limit are posted on the Pacific highway.

Toggerly Bill Isaacs, on a trip to the Siskiyou hills, a rattlesnake with six rattles and a button. The reptile measured four feet in length.

GASOLINE MONOPOLIES TARGET OF PETITION

SALEM, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A preliminary initiative petition aimed at large gasoline companies, was filed with the secretary of state here today by a group of independent gasoline dealers of Portland.

The initiative measure will be the same as house bill 58 of the last legislative session which would be killed by the house. It would prohibit monopolies and would regulate the sale of motor fuel and provide for suits in equity to prevent and restrain violations.

Transmission Line Extension Is Urged HOOD RIVER, Ore. Aug. 8.—A recommendation that congress go even further than the Pierce Bonnellville power bill and make specific provisions for building a transmission line up stream from the dam, as well as downstream, has been voted here by the Pomona Grange and the chamber of commerce. The resolutions were forwarded to Oregon's congressional delegation.

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