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Ye Smudge Pot

The fishing season opened auspiciously Sunday. All the piscatorial enthusiasts were able to control their emotional raptures, and hooked neither a member of the finny tribe, nor themselves, in a vital part.

It was hoped the marriage of Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. to Lady Ashley of the British nobility would give American newspaper readers much needed relief from his photographs and his comments.

The senator charged "the Republican party is not worth saving. The quicker it sings the better." (Baker Herald-Democrat)—A thousand times "No!" Mr. Hoover can't sing any better than he wise-cracks.

Raymond Fish of Phoenix was removed from his tonnage list. The full moon brought out the speed idiots and the spring jackrabbits on the highways.

The plan whereby Oregon Old Folks were to pounce up a "nickel-a-week-for-six-weeks" for financing the campaigns of Townsend Plan candidates, is not meeting with the expected catering fever.

"As variously reported, Mr. Farley is afraid it is going to be a dirty campaign, he hopes." (SP Chronicle)—The complete size-up.

Snow fell Friday afternoon at Prospect, and in the evening there was a home-talent play. A new sawmill and baseball field are in course of construction there.

The weather outlook is for sunshine and spring poems, and rain on Easter bonnets.

No Excuse for Delay

THE most important highway in the state is the Pacific Highway. The most imperative need, from the standpoint of the betterment of the highway system of Oregon, is the COMPLETION of the improved Pacific Highway over the Siskiyou to the California line.

There is a ten mile stretch from Ashland south, now under construction. But according to our information, this will not be completed until a year from this Fall, and the elimination of the present "bottle neck" over the Siskiyou will not be accomplished until some time later.

If this work could not be speeded up,—if constant delay and procrastination were necessitated by legal difficulties or lack of funds,—there would be less disposition, as far as Southern Oregon is concerned, to complain.

BUT while this construction goes along at a snail's pace, we find according to news articles in the Oregonian, that a \$10,000,000 "water level" highway is contemplated along the Columbia River, to replace the present Upper Columbia Highway, generally recognized as one of the greatest scenic motor routes, in the world; while the expenditure of over a million is going to be expended for drainage, bank improvement, retaining walls, the planting of shrubbery and flowers, along permanent roads ALREADY constructed.

In other words a second highway along the Columbia is projected, at ten times the cost needed to complete the Siskiyou section of the Pacific Highway; and a sum of money sufficient to do this work, so sorely needed, is being spent, not to improve the highways of this state, but merely to beautify certain sections.

WE entirely agree with C. A. Ayre, secretary-manager of the Oregon Pacific Highway association, when he criticizes this policy which places "road beautification above necessary improvements," and declares "it would benefit Portland more to regain Southern Oregon business from San Francisco and to break down the mountain barrier which turns back half the stream of north-bound tourists."

From the standpoint of the welfare, not only of Southern Oregon, but the entire state, we can see NO EXCUSE for the failure to make the completion of the Pacific Highway to the California line, PROJECT NO. 1, on the highway program, and delaying all flower planting and landscape gardening as well as duplication of highways which are now entirely satisfactory, until this important work is done.

Moreover in our opinion, replacing the present scenic Columbia River highway, with a water level speedway, at a cost of \$10,000,000 would be a step toward the destruction of one of the greatest tourist assets, the state has. Visitors don't motor along the Columbia to make time, they do so, to enjoy one of the finest scenic panoramas that is offered on the entire Pacific Coast.

THAT phase of the question aside however, the Mail Tribune does believe, that whatever money there is available for new highway construction, should be devoted to the main artery of our entire highway system, the Pacific Highway,—and until this work is DONE, all other extensive projects should wait.

Be Sure to Register

A WEEK from today is zero hour for registration. If your name is not on the registration list at closing time April 14th, you will not be able to vote at the May primary.

If you didn't vote at the last election, or since then have changed your place of residence, you must register to qualify. Also if you are a new resident, or since the last election have come of voting age, you also must register. If for any reason you have changed your name, by marriage or otherwise, you also must register.

Needless to say the voting franchise is a precious privilege, and every election is a test of good citizenship. To lose such a privilege through indifference, or indolence, comes under the heading of criminal carelessness.

This is a warning to those who have not registered, to get busy at once and do so. Only a week remains. The time to act is now.

Death of a Great Golfer

It is a reflection that comes to one with word of the passing of H. Chandler Egan, who lived in Oregon, and who repeatedly had been a champion of the game called golf—a great champion, and courteous.

Oregon has been proud that he was a citizen of this commonwealth, and Oregon will mourn him. It is something to have known the sportsman, whose name will be alike history and legend for generations to come. It is something to have known the fiber of him. But, more than this, it has been our western privilege to know the friend.

When you see a man eminent in sport you are looking at a fine breed, so surely as though you contemplated scientist or statesman. A different sort, apart from us, and by such co-ordination of intellect, nerve and energy as are denied to others. It is not hero-worship to admire him, nor flattery to praise. And when to these attributes is added that of an instinctive gentility, you may well say, "Yonder goes a gentleman." Such was H. Chandler Egan.—Portland Oregonian.

INDIAN SKELETON FOUND ON RANCH LOWER APPLIGATE

The skull and bones of an Indian were dug up last Friday on the M. C. Rowden place on the Lower Applegate, while clearing and leveling land operations were underway. Sunday Dr. F. G. Bunch and John J. Wilkinson gathered the bones, and Dr. Bunch will endeavor to re-assemble the skeleton, if no parts are missing.

It was estimated that the redskin had interesting part of the find. Though showing the effects of eating coarse food, they were in good condition, with no cavities. Dr. Bunch judged from the teeth the departed aborigine was between 35 and 40 years old, and from the length of the leg bone, he was a short man—about five feet tall. It was estimated that the redskin had departed for the "Happy Hunting Ground" about 1840.

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, 365 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.



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TOBACCOIS

A preceding talk dealt with the nature and treatment of nicotine poisoning, that is, acute poisoning by the alkaloid nicotine or by tobacco itself. This talk deals with chronic tobacco poisoning, or to be exact, the pathological condition resulting from excessive use of tobacco, whether by a smoker, or by a person who is chewing or taking a puff.

physicians, common signs of tobaccoism. The blood pressure may resume its normal bounds some months after the poisoning has been stopped; but when your arteries are hardened, well, they are not so likely to become soft and elastic again. You can't have your youth and waste it too. Thrombo-angiitis obliterans, Buerger's disease, which in some cases terminates in gangrene and amputation of a foot, is a manifestation of advanced tobaccoism. Heretofore this affliction has occurred almost exclusively in young men who smoked too much. It won't be long now, I fear, before the fast living women begin to come up for amputation. The girls are certainly headed that way.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Have a Few Rolls: I am still at a loss to understand precisely how a person 60 years old turns a somersault, which you suggest. (Mrs. B. P.) Answer—It is quite simple. Send a stamped addressed envelope. I'll mail you an illustrated invitation to the Somersaultuqua. Soon you'll be rolling 'em all around the place and having your friends roll 'em too.

Wheat and Diabetes: Is whole wheat bread or gluten bread best for a diabetic? (C. S. G.)

Ans.—One is as good as the other. Send stamped envelope bearing your address and for "monographs 'Wheat to Eat' and 'Diabetes'."

Wholesale Extraction: Can harm result from having nine teeth extracted at the same time? I am 49 years old. Should I take gas? (S. F. E.)

Answer—Depends on your general condition. Often it is wiser to have two or three extracted at a sitting, with intervals of a week or two.

What would you suggest as a good diet for pellagra. I know it is protein but please tell me what contains the most protein. (Mrs. D. B. L.)

Answer—It is not protein that matters, but rather the amount of vitamins, particularly vitamin G, in the diet. The diet should include liberal amounts of fresh milk, and fresh vegetables daily, leafy greens, poultry, fish, cheese, eggs, dried beans, peas, peanuts, tomatoes, tomato juice, perhaps a little dried brewer's yeast daily.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, April 7.—All the ace movie crooners are in a flutter. A group of old time singers threaten to jump up from behind and crowd them from the microphone. The first upset was caused by Benny Fields, who couples an old time ballad style with the modern croon.

As a result the street which for a couple of years meant only constant ducking in doorways to dodge balliffs began bleating his fame with lights and banners. "Your Minstrel Man" they proclaim. And the minstrel motif is indeed descriptive of the sudden change.

Honey Boy Evans, were he alive, could write his own ticket in cabaret or on the air. The veteran John Steele, thought incompetent discard, is again climbing to new favor. So are a half dozen others who combine the proxy art of the music hall balladist with the Rudy Vallee nasal style.

Frank Ray came out of undeserved obscurity in this sudden backwash. And art critics insist Al Johnson, Harry Richman and other favorite was waders must adopt the newer technique to hold their fans. The throwback started agency angling for Irene Franklin and even the old Avon Comedy Four.

I saw an unshamed snuff user in the foyer of the Biltmore the other evening. He was of the old school, a gold headed cane dating him, and listening to an orchestral concert with a chatter Katharine Hepburn-looking companion. He carried his tortoise shell snuff box in a vest pocket and twice opened it showily for pinches which he carried with a 17th century laced cuff flourish to his nostrils. A bell boy said he was a regular visitor from New Orleans and everybody called him Colonel. A Charles Dana Gibson double with goatee and thick stock of hair.

Ted Woodford, young publisher, is an authority on snuff lore with a library shelf on the subject, tells me snuff using is far from a lost art in America. In 1923, for instance, more than 40 million pounds were used and earnings totaled seven millions. The modern snuff users—two of the big names among orchestral leaders indulge—holds his pinch in his cheek. Only the old timers actually snuff. Included on the list of illustrious snuffers through the years are Ben Johnson, Frederick the Great, Napoleon, Voltaire, Tillyard, Swedenborg, Lafayette and Mary Lamb.

So far as known Lillian Russell was the first American feminine celebrity to smoke a cigar at private dinners. She never indulged in public. Her cigars were milds and especially rolled in Tampa. Cigar smoking today among women is no longer cat-alogued as curious. Cobina Wright, of the Social Register, often lights up a man-sized panatella and handles it with Joe Cannon deftness. One of the more serious women stars claims herself to be certain rise by puffing a fragrant Havana perfecto and there is a hoiden of the movies who burns up rattailed stogies when with friends she feels won't "peach." One of whom, ha, ha, told me.

The thimble pipe for Milady—was not Irene Castle the first with it—made a smoking box several years ago but quickly withdrew. Theatrical press agents worked overtime exploiting news pictures of chorines lighting up. Avenue tobaccoists displayed various models in their windows and a literary lady who had just authored a risque book appeared here and there with one. But the idea was a mild flurry that died a-borning.

Many of the heaviest male cigar smokers are of the stage. Such as John Drew. Of the moderns Frisco, with his "heaters," probably tops the list, lighting one upon awakening and puffing chain fashion until he snaps off the bed lamp at night. Joe Laurie, Jr. is a runner-up, Robert Woolsey is another, as is Bobby Clark. And, of course, there are George Jessel and Francis Albertelli who puff the fastest, longest and fiercest made. One after another, Ask!

I'm wondering what will happen to the male career business. Most of my friends, as well as myself, use elongated hoisery with woven elastic bands at the top to hold them in place. King Edward kicked the idea onto the first pages when he revealed a garterless calf at an industrial exhibit. The change just about ahears my only distinction. For a number of years I was head man of the Side-walk Garter Draggers.

BLAZE SPREADING ON MOTOR VESSEL

SEATTLE, April 7.—(AP)—Fire on the Norwegian motorship Tricolor, in the western Pacific, has spread and a forward hold has been flooded, a relayed message to the coast guard said today. All vessels in the vicinity were asked to "stand by."

The Tricolor, which had been sailing to reach Honolulu when the fire became serious three days ago, has now stopped and is keeping the stern to the windward to aid in stopping the flames' spread, the message said. The message was relayed through the naval radio station at Dutch Harbor. Forty members of the crew remain aboard.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

IT is possible that a Republican may be elected President this fall. At the present moment, however, it isn't PROBABLE.

It will all depend upon the Republican nominee and the circumstances leading up to and accompanying his nomination.

THIS much now appears certain: No Old Guard, standpat Republican can be elected President this year. Neither is it probable that any dark horse who is looked upon by the voters as having the unqualified approval and backing of the Old Guard can be elected.

Any fairly competent observer can detect a swing of sentiment AWAY from Roosevelt and the New Deal, but no UNPREJUDICED person can profess to note even faint signs of a swing back toward the old leadership of the Republican party.

If the Republicans win in November, it must be with new men.

THAT leads right up to a situation here in Oregon. Ralph Williams, who has been Republican national committeeman from Oregon since about the time the Willamette river was dug, is apparently going after the same job again. He has said that he won't and has said that he will, but the latest information is that he will.

Ben Dorris of Eugene is also seeking the more or less honorary position of Republican national committeeman.

WILLIAMS is an Old Guard standpatter. In the days when the Old Guard of the Republican party was in the saddle, he was useful to Oregon, for he had a wide acquaintance among the men who sat in the seats of power. It was often said that he was as effective for his state as any member of the Oregon delegation in congress.

Dorris is one of the younger crew, a veteran of the World War, nationally known in veteran circles and definitely aligned with the younger, newer element of his party which will come into power if and when the Republican party comes back.

THIS, then, is the situation: If Roosevelt is re-elected, it will make no difference whatever who is Republican national committeeman, for in that event ANY Republican would have about as much influence in Washington as Halle Selassie would have in Rome.

If the Republicans win, with new leadership (as must be the case, in this writer's judgment, if they win at all) Williams' effectiveness will be ended, because the men he has known and worked with for years will not be among those present.

RALPH WILLIAMS, in his time, was a good man for Oregon, and there is no thought here of discrediting the work he has done for his state in his unofficial capacity as Oregon member of the Republican national committee. The point is

that his time is PAST. Dorris is of the younger generation of Republicans, and his acquaintance, his contacts and his influence are with the men who will be sitting in the seats of the mighty if and when the Republican party is returned to power. Those who are interested in building a NEW Republican party to restore the principles that were gradually lost sight of by the men who held TOO MUCH POWER TOO LONG will be inclined to vote for Dorris.

DANA SLEETH, VETERAN-COLUMNIST, SUCCUMBS

PORTLAND, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—Dana Sleeth, 88, one-time editor of the old Portland News and for years in a newspaper chain, died from injuries received a week ago when he fell into a tub of scalding water. He was born in Iowa and followed newspaper work in Seattle, Wash., Los Angeles, Plattsmouth, Neb., and Lincoln, Neb.

PENDLETON, Ore., April 7.—(AP)—The Smith Canning Co. of Clearfield, Utah, will build a pea cannery here for operation during the 1937 season. A. T. Smith and O. L. Ramsey told the board of directors of the Pendleton chamber of commerce Saturday, establishment of a cannery here is contingent upon the chamber of commerce's promise to provide a site and make a loan for a warehouse building.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY (April 7, 1926) Chinook salmon now at the height of a run in Rogue river.

Attorney John H. Carkin of Medford files for the legislature.

Washington, D. C. Dry leaders of nation challenged by "wets" for vote on Volstead act.

High school band leaves by auto for state contests at Corvallis.

Postmaster W. J. Warner confined to his home with a "crick" in his back, which struck him when he stooped over to look into a chicken incubator.

MINERAL wealth of valley declared greater than Spokane, by U. M. Thomas of that city.

"Bringing Up Father" at the Page; Charlie Chaplin in "Today," at the Star.

Eagle Point to hold "community day" on April 27.

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