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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The sweet phenomena of \$7.38 in taxes causing 7380 speeches against taxes, is again upon us.

Friday was dark, dreary, and rainy, cheering farmers who said the rain would pull the covers up on their cover crop, though reviving the J. Kort Hall rheumatism.

Word has been received from G. Vilas who is working at Hankow, Hupoh, China. He states that he can not get out in the country seven miles without being shot by a Chinese bandit. Here one can go half that far and be shot for a Chinese pheasant.

G. sends best wishes to F. Hart, H. Flewiler, and F. Farrell. He expects to visit the valley in the fall of 1933.

The youngest Bob Strang kid came home Thurs. with his arithmetic, and made only one miscalculation. His computations showed that 2 plus 2 is 9, which is erroneous.

A hi school wd. was seen on Oakdale one day last wk. with only 13 students clinging precariously fore, aft, and amidship.

Hallowe'en will be formally observed Mon. and Tues. eve. Sprites, elfs, and goblins will be abroad, and the police have taken steps to prevent any goblin from gobbling anything that does not legally belong to him, and using the occasion as an excuse for petty thieving.

Alumni raptures over the cow college football team not being pathetically helpless continue, and some of the more excited did not wait for repeal. Everything the immortal iron men did is lauded, except that they only made two first downs all afternoon, against 14 by the Trojans.

Wiglette Ashpole has completed the work of installing his first tooth. He put it right up in front where it could be seen. Dentists who have seen the tooth say they could not do a better job if they wanted to.

County beans will be distributed only to the worthy poor, as the policy of giving a side of bacon to the auto bum who yells "hang the sheriff" has been voided.

Bowling has been resumed by athletes who are too tired now to bring in the wood, or mow the lawn in season. Bowling has superseded fishing as a local industry.

The only magnolia tree in the county faces destruction to make way for a gas silo.

A wider and brighter Main Stem is proposed, and in 1927 it was urged that it get a new name, like Coolidge avenue or the Boulevard of Visiona Realized. This improvement was cast aside. New lamp posts are needed, as the present ones are badly used up from the ravages of Time, and careless auto-driving. They have started to show their age. The Beacons themselves cast no blinding rays of friendly light into the all engulfing darkness of the average night.

The G. Hill Odd Fellows will stage a Hara contest next Tues. but it is not expected to end like the last one did—in near-revolution and court-house burglary.

Atty Bob Hammond, Jr. continues to kick up his legs brilliantly, and is a tireless worker, so far.

The county got a substantial sum from the gov't. Thurs. It was slenderized by an attack of economy, which at the time was howled as a great saving, which it now turns out was distributed elsewhere, as somebody had to take it, to make the funds at Wash. D. C. balance.

Judge Bill Coleman and Dock Mulholland have been in bed with the flu.

PALMA, Malheur, Oct. 27.—(AP)—A single legal step stood today between five Americans and final exonerations on charges of assaulting a civil guard. Their acquittal by the military court now must be confirmed by a military auditor. This, however, generally is merely a formality.

Russian Recognition

AMERICANS are omnivorous readers but careless ones. Every newspaper man knows this. In the rough and tumble of getting out a newspaper, the fact constantly obtrudes, that where one person reads the news carefully and digests it, ten skim over the headlines and jump at conclusions, often entirely unwarranted by the facts.

We are not surprised, therefore, to receive a communication, which is based upon the assumption that President Roosevelt has recognized Soviet Russia.

There has been nothing in this newspaper to justify such an assumption. President Roosevelt has not recognized Russia, he has merely agreed to a conference to officially CONSIDER recognition.

There is of course little doubt that Russia WILL be recognized. On the other hand, there is ALSO little doubt that this recognition will only come, after Russia has removed the chief objection to recognition, during the administrations of Presidents Wilson, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover.

This chief objection was clearly pointed out by Secretary of State Stimson. It had nothing to do with the form of Russia's government,—that was admitted to be Russia's business alone,—nor was it concerned seriously with the payment of U. S. claims against Russia. It had only to do with Russia's policy of world revolution, the avowed purpose of the Third Internationale to overthrow the capitalistic governments of the world, including of course the government of the United States.

This policy Stimson maintained, constituted an unfriendly act—it placed Russia in the position of a hostile power—friendly diplomatic relations could not be resumed between two countries, when one of them admitted, it intended to overthrow the government of the other.

IN the opinion of this paper such reasoning was entirely sound. Even at the sacrifice of some foreign trade, withholding recognition of a government intent upon world revolution, was, in our judgment justified.

While the exile of Trotzky, marked the playing down of the world revolution policy, and realistically speaking the Third Internationale has ceased to be the main spring of Soviet Russia's policy, as it once was; there has, as far as we know, been no official repudiation of such a policy by the present Russian government.

Maxim Litvinoff will represent Russia at the coming conference, and he is a very clever man, with a long string of diplomatic scalps hanging to his belt. But we venture to say he will meet his match in President Roosevelt, who is no tyro as a horse trader himself.

In other words, we predict that Litvinoff will NOT secure recognition unless he formally assures the president that this world revolution nonsense is definitely off.

And with it definitely off, of course, the only real obstacle to U. S. recognition will be removed.

SO as is often the case, extremists on both sides of this Russian question will have to eat their words,—some of them at least,—before they can crow. Those who favored recognition, regardless, and those who opposed it on the same grounds, will neither get what they were after.

Russian recognition, when it comes will be a compromise as most such things are. And Soviet Russia if it gives up the idea of world revolution, and the overthrow of all capitalistic governments, will make the chief one.

Rewarding Delinquency

TAX collection laws now existing are so lenient they encourage property owners to postpone payment. It costs the tax debtor only 8 per cent annually to let the taxes run, and in the present law no discount is provided for prompt payment.

A new law becomes operative next year that is even more lenient. Aside from its additional encouragement to the property owner to let his taxes fall in arrears, the act promises to increase collection costs as much as 50 per cent. And inasmuch as it offers the taxpayer a choice of eighty-two different ways of paying his taxes, our own sheriff's office has so far been unable to devise a printed form of receipt that will cover all variations in plain and suitable way.

THE law authorizes quarterly payment of taxes, and provides a system of rebates for advance quarterly payments, and imposes interest on quarterly delayed payments. The amount of interest charged against arrears applies monthly at the rate of two-thirds of one per cent a month. The rebates, however, decline quarterly at the rate of 2 per cent the quarter.

This situation offers curious combinations. John Taxpayer, if he elects to pay the first and second installments on March 15 and the third and fourth on July 15 following, saves \$4 on a tax bill of \$400. But if he pays the first and fourth quarters on March 15 and the second and third quarters on July 15—which he may do—he saves \$5.33 on his bill of \$400. The tax bill is the same, the days of payment are the same, but discounts and interest vary and if John is foxy he can save a few dimes at the expense of government.

JOHN TAXPAYER can let his whole tax bill slide for the entire first year at a cost to him of only 5 per cent. He can pay it all by March 15 in the collection year and save 3 per cent. He can wait and pay it all on June 15 and save 1 per cent. He can pay half on June 15 and half on September 15 without interest or discount, or he can pay half on March 15 and half on December 15 without loss or gain. And so on, for 82 variations.

The system perhaps fits beautifully the convenience of the taxpayer but not the convenience of the revenue-lacking counties, cities, school districts and other subdivisions of the state. Some of the school districts are now closing their schools because under a less liberal collecting system, the people do not pay their taxes. What hope is there for them if the new law is allowed to stand?

IMAGINE A CREDITOR, JUDGE UNABLE TO PAY HIS BILLS, VOLUNTEERING TO CARRY HIS DEBTORS A YEAR AT 5 PER CENT, WHETHER THEY ARE ABLE TO PAY HIM OR NOT!

The special session of the legislature is charged with the duty of attacking the tax delinquency problem. One way to attack it is to put horse sense into the tax collecting system.—Oregonian.

Personal Health Service
By William Brady, M.D.

signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to disclose diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady at a stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 205 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

THE CURE OF RUPTURE

Rupture, breach or hernia as physicians call it, is a protrusion or bulging of some internal structure through the walls of the cavity or space where the structure belongs. We need not discuss the causes of hernia nor the different types of hernia here. That is rather a technical aspect which concerns the physician, not the patient. The question which interests the patient is true cure.

Ten years ago I made short work of this question. I assured the hernia or rupture victim quite positively that the radical operation was the only cure for hernia, and I urged every sufferer not over middle age to undergo the operation as a matter of common sense, comfort, safety and economy. I believe I was right about it then. But the times change, and I no longer give such advice. If I had a hernia myself I certainly would not submit to the radical operation, at least not until I had given the ambulant treatment a fair trial.

By ambulant treatment I mean a series of injections of medicine which in a fair share of cases brings about a cure. Never mind the technical details—leave that to the physician who gives the treatment. All the layman needs to know is what I am telling him here—and I challenge any one to stop me if I am wrong. I believe the ambulant treatment of hernia is much safer for the patient than the radical operation is. It does not interfere with the patient's ordinary activities or his job. It risks to cure in approximately the same proportion of cases as does the radical operation. If it fails, well, you are not much. No reason why you can't have a second attempt at cure by the same method. Nor is there any reason why the radical operation may not be done later, if you decide to try that method.

So far, I regret to report, not many physicians about the country have had the courage to learn the technique of the ambulant treatment of hernia in practice. Too many of the plodding practitioners appear to be intimidated by the raucous condemnation of the new method by our brass (throat) surgeons, the ever ready operators who infect American medicine and who understand so well how to get the free publicity on which their shoddy eminence rests.

For instance, one of these bombastic surgeons employed in the most egregious "clinic" of them all, had the cheek to expatulate with me when I began recommending the ambulant treatment of hernia to the public and the basis of the sophisticated surgeon's objection was wholly theoretical. He had a smug little notion—shared by many of his fellows—that the injection of this and that foreign substance into the tissues was harmful. That may be so, but it had nothing to do with the ambulant treatment of hernia. As I have said many times, the trouble

communication profiteers, who are the pupas of the profit system, demand more for their labor than other persons receive for theirs. Let us use Mr. Ford, who likes publicity and who is one of our biggest profiteers even though he hides behind a mask of philanthropy. When he and the Ford workers produce an automobile he immediately adds to the cost of material and labor he pays his workers an additional charge which is called his profit. This profit is not all spent for commodities. If it were, industry would circulate in an unbroken circle. Mr. Ford and his fellow-profiteers constitute a very small part of all the people. It is like trying to cram the oak into an acorn to expect them to consume our surplus commodities including the mountain of delicious pears across Bear Creek. The slogan for our capitalistic system should be "when bigger stomachs are built our rich men may have them."

It is easy to see that the workers in the Ford institution can buy only a part of the produce due to the product that stands between their wages and the commodity. Mr. Ford's wage is only typical of all lines of production. That is what causes depression. We must remedy the cause before we can banish the disease.

If we issue commodity money we could put our idle men to work. That much is fine and were it not for the redeeming feature and the laboring qualities of our profiteers it would be practical. But to redeem this money by income tax would only cause

Communications

She's Telling You!

To the Editor: "In the land of fruit and blossom, In the land of milk and honey, In the land of wine and plenty," etc., quoting from the poet—that's the Medford country.

But the taint of commercialism is manifest here as everywhere, for, like the little boy's nickel, the buying power of the public "taints."

And that leads to the subject of the president's campaign against the hoarding of gold, addressed to a people whose sock have been so full of holes for two years they wouldn't hold a \$20 gold piece. The idea is as futile and puerile as his campaign of crop destruction in a land of starvation and rage.

What is most seriously affecting this country is the hoarding of the commodities of life which, by hook or crook (chiefly crook), have been cornered. From the big department stores down to the dirty little section-hand dump, goods are piled sky high, and will they let go of them? An old rickety chair that didn't cost them two bits, they hold for within a few cents of the price of new. For food that is spoiling in storage and fear they insist upon big profits, ignoring the limited buying power of the people who need that food. They will not learn that you can't get blood from a turnip.

Then there is the policy adopted by the packing houses, of hoarding of bruising the cull fruit (which this year is approximately 80 per cent) to that it will not keep, to avoid "polluting" the market among the poor, which market does not exist.

The ordinary waste of distribution, together with the willful destruction of the existing commercial system will bring on a food famine within two years that will make the post-war Russian famine look like a tea party.

And don't forget I told you so. PEARL M. WRIGHT Medford, October 27.

Profit System to Blame

To the Editor: Allow me to make you acquainted with "the profit system." It is this that caused the trouble in the first place. It is the reason the NRA will fail. It is the reason Mr. Barrow's plan would accomplish nothing more than his short day of celebration paid for with burnt fingers and another turn-of-ache. Since his proposed issue of commodity money is to be redeemed it is nothing more or less than a loan with the offending thorn called interest accommodatingly pruned off. And a loan by any other name will hurt the same. If you doubt this ask the man who wears one (out).

As pointed out in a previous com-

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY
By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Few artists have lived so colorfully as Jimmie Swinnerton, whose cartoons are known wherever newspapers are printed. He is still going strong after 40 years. More than 20 years ago medicine examined him, shook their heads and told him to get his house in order. Instead, he "hit a thuck" for the deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. For years he lived among the Indians and cowboys, sleeping on the ground wherever night found him. Today he is as sound, and just as bright, as a newly minted dollar, an authority on Indian life and lore.

Among the Navajo, Hopi and Zuni he is known as "Big Mouth," a tribute to a generous cavern like that of Irvin Cobb's. Once a disciple of Wassail, he is now a teetotaler. He was a contemporary of Homer Davenport on the San Francisco Examiner, where his flair for striped clothes out-shined that animal itself.

Until his passing, Tad carried a dime in his vest pocket that Jimmie gave him for going out for a sandwich when Swinnerton was a big shot cartoonist and Tad a peashooting office nuisance. Swinnerton's desert paintings are now in many galleries and he has been several times president of the Bohemian club.

Ella Masell has come flipping back from the Cote d'Azur to perk up the socialites who want to go places and do things. Ella, plump, jovial and trigger-tongued, makes a business of pumping nitro into jaded jet setters in New York, Paris and Palm Beach. Despite her ample girth, she has the vitality of an entire hockey team. And makes her odd calling pay.

It Isn't Work I want to take the insulin treatment to help me gain some weight, but I go to business from 9 to 5, and so I can't do it. I understand it requires a dose every three hours. (L. W.)

Ans.—Even one dose a day, near your principal meal time, will help you to put on weight. Any good physician can give you the treatment, even teach you how to take your own doses, so that you need not interrupt your work. (Copyright, 1933, John F. Dille Co.)

Tell It to the Judge If you would write "iron ammonium citrate" or better still "ferrous ammonium citrate" instead of "iron and ammonium citrate" perhaps the dumbest druggist would not be confused. . . . (A Chemist.)

Answer—It is a good suggestion. But tell it to the authorities who have charge of compiling and revising the Pharmacopoeia. Seems to be old Spanish custom to call it iron and ammonium citrate or in medical Latin Ferri et Ammonii Citras (U. S. and British Pharmacopoeias).

June and November I am 61, in excellent health, do not drink or smoke. Would a lady 30 years old be too young for me to marry? (H. R. O.)

Ans.—The lady is not too young to marry, but such a marriage is unlikely to prove happy. You see, just about the time the lady comes into the full blossom of womanhood you will be doddering. That is, if you last that long. Come come, these are lots of nice creatures of 30 or 35 who would make more suitable life companions for a man of your age.

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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 October 29, 1923 (It was Monday)

The army will be opened November 3 with a grand ball and military pageant.

France refuses to pay her war debt but mentions "undying friendship" for America.

District Attorney Hawley Moore resigns post after months of agitation.

Poses reported hot on the trail of the Saklyow bandits near Albany. Also reported seen in Nova Scotia.

"The Cat and Canary" is presented at the Page, and the large audience is scared and thrilled.

Rain falls over the valley.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY October 29, 1903 (It was Wednesday)

Pleasant fall weather continues, and moisture is lacking in the ground, say orchardists.

Brisk sale of orchard property reported.

The Mexican situation continues serious, with "watchful waiting" the policy of America.

Portland women arrested for wearing sluttish dresses.

"White Silence," at the Star; "The Human Wolf of the Foothills," at the It; John Bunny comedy at the Isis.

Therefore the story does not come from him but it is nevertheless true that he did not find out Mr. Roosevelt had adopted his gold theory until a day or two before the announcement was made.

The professor was at his labors at Cornell last week when he received Mr. Roosevelt's summons. He had not heard from the president in such a long time, he thought his plan had been dropped. He arrived here the Friday or Saturday before the speech.

But that is nothing compared with the ignorance of the federal reserve board on the subject. It is supposed to know everything about money in advance.

The board not only had no advance information but it could not find out what the policy meant even after the announcement was made. Its meeting here Monday had to be adjourned so the matter could be explained.

Apparently Henry Morganthau was the only government official trusted with advance knowledge of the project.

The same secrecy system is being kept up in announcing new gold prices. Professor Warren whispers the price to Mr. Roosevelt who whispers it to Mr. Morganthau who whispers it to Mr. Jesse Jones who makes the announcement to the world.

Jones and his colleague, Harvey Cough, have very little advance data.

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