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Ye Smudge Pot

The New Deal whiskey is not worth throwing in the sink, and unless it is abolished, people will start smoking opium.

Farmers report they are plowing, and the professional friend of the farmers is experiencing difficulty in keeping friendly with them.

No paths have been beaten across the courthouse lawn this winter. This is due to nobody building a better mouse-trap on the other side of the courthouse.

C. Von der Hellen, the Wellen country-jake towned Pri, and reported that everything not enroute to the bad place, had left for the dogs.

People unhandicapped by any of it, continue to debate about money, on the 7 day a week basis.

Jack Dempsey, a world renowned thumper of his fellowmen was here Fri and made expenses refereeing a wrestling match.

Bill Bates sneaked a plumber into the barbershop Tues. to fix a faucet, before his brother Jim could fix the faucet, so the plumber could not fix it.

Snow adorns the cool appearing foothills, and if left to a vote of the people it would stay there.

The Don Ruyard kid has dictated a letter to Santa Claus, and wants several minor items, and is warming up to Christmas fervidly and fervently.

A good rain was had on the Applegate last week, according to Miles Cantrall of Ruch, who came to the burg Thurs. to trade and gloat with brother Democrat.

Money is being spent more freely. This practice knocks the socks off Thrift, but is the best method of wooing Prosperity.

The initial prospect for Gov. showed up last week, and sure was a pleasant chap to meet.

Edd Carlton of the T-Rock region waved the gavel at the Hort. meet 2 days last week, and demonstrated what a Harvard man can do when he has an objective. He amazed J. Kort Hall with the way words come out of his mouth. Edward is an old style orator, who is prone to talk, unless he has something to say, and even then is bashful about doing it. He orates like Jim Stevens sings oass.

Time will shrink up Thurs to the shortest day of the current year, which is all but through. Allah be praised!

Doc Robinson, ye pioneer physician, has been fighting with a twitch in his lumbar muscles, which cramped but did not cure his social whirling. He is a silk proposition, telling the Older Girls they look younger than their daughters, and the unfoolable Older Girls believe him.

The state plans on opening a gin mill here soon.

Rural cows continue to stand on the news, and look longingly at the pastures they left to be run over by an auto truck.

Quite a number of dudes are battling obesity, on the theory that nobody is crazy about a fat man. They should realize that the stout gal has a tough and sad time.

These week has come and gone. Who can remember when every Saturday was Tag Day, and who had no tag was liable to lynching, for letting the Armenians starve?

Things have improved until there are only seven more postmasters than postoffices.

The outdoor girl is wearing ski trousers, and it would do no harm to the scenic beauty, if she reverted to the khaki pants of the summer of 1923.

Do We Really Need Religion?

"Don't waste time with religion. It's merely an anodyne for those who can't endure pain, merely a crutch for those who haven't the strength to stand, on their two feet. It's the un-falling evidence of weakness, proof that there is some fatal infirmity of the will. The greatest service to humanity Lenin ever rendered was the emancipation of the church ridden masses of bureaucratic Russia, from the yoke of the priest, the slavery of dogma and ritual. We have no religion and are proud of it. Atheism is the faith of the future, and the guarantee of human freedom, which includes the freedom of the spirit."

The above is an extract from a personal letter written by a young Russian to his sister in New York, as quoted in the contributors letter box of an Eastern magazine.

It undoubtedly represents the faith of Communistic youth, which as far as religion is concerned, is no faith WHATSOEVER. Belief in God, belief in any higher spiritual authority, is scorned as a product of ignorance, superstition and fear.

WELL, it will be interesting to see how the Russian experiment works out. Our own belief is it won't work out, at least not as the leaders of Communism expect.

To date there is no indication of a breakdown in this irreligious dictatorship, no evidence that the Russian people are discontented with a purely materialistic world,—or as a whole, feel the need of something more.

But the Bolshevik movement is young; it is still essentially a revolt of youth. Communistic idealism is young too, it has not yet matured, therefore just as an individual that has not matured, it doesn't REALLY know life.

There is another point. Russia claims to have no religion, but strictly speaking, this isn't true. It has made its New Deal a religion. The dictatorship of the proletariat,—so new, so alluring, so full of hope and promise—is its church, its creed, and for the time being answers not only every mental and physical but every SPIRITUAL demand.

But wait until this materialistic goal is achieved,—assuming that it will be achieved. Wait until these various Five Years Plans have been completed,—and the job has been done.

WHAT THEN? The world will have been made over, a fairer distribution of the world's goods, which is the fundamental purpose of Communism, will have been achieved,—will that be all-satisfying and sufficient? Will Russia continue to go on without a God and without a religion with nothing higher, nothing more mystical or inspiring, than what can be seen and felt and stored away in—say a think cellar, or an attic?

WE think not. In fact we would wager a U. S. government bond — if we had one — against a plugged nickel, that while Russia may never return to the old-time Greek church, or reestablish the ikon, to the place it occupied under the Czars, it WILL before another generation passes, have SOME sort of a God, and some sort of a religion.

For, even as that reputed unbeliever Voltaire stated: "If there were no God, it would be necessary to invent him."

Man can not live by bread alone,—or at least hasn't since the world started. Irrepressible youth has believed otherwise, off and on, since civilization began, but youth has thus far, lived to acknowledge its error. We believe the youth of Russia will suffer the same experience.

THE plain truth is, that barging and milling through this "vale of tears" the average human being, must have, from time to time an "ANODYNE"; must have a crutch, in reserve that can be utilized in time of crisis, or drop from the procession entirely.

We would even go further and maintain that religion in this sense is the greatest single need in the world today—not in Russia alone—but everywhere.

For while the Soviet government is the only one in the world that has officially adopted atheism, the younger generation everywhere it seems to us is woefully short on anything that could be called RELIGION,—either anodyne or crutch, they can fall back upon, and find that support and refuge that those faltering by the wayside must have if they are to go on.

It is all very well for this self assured young Russian to call this "weakness." He would we think be far more accurate and CERTAINLY more wise to call it life and human nature; not as we may wish they were, but as experience always shows them to be!

OREGON TOWNS TO SEEK BIGGER CUT LIQUOR REVENUES

BAKER, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A resolution urging the league of Oregon Cities to demand of the next legislature that it allocate to the cities not only the permit and license fees collected under the Knox bill, but also 25 per cent of the tax on alcoholic liquor not over 14 percent and also 25 per cent of the profits from the operation of the state owned stores was passed at a regional conference of the league here late Friday.

The 35 representatives of cities and towns in eastern Oregon expressed through the resolution dissatisfaction with the elimination of the receipt of license fees from the cities, but nevertheless said "we will endeavor to cooperate with the provisions of House Bill No. 1 and comply therewith."

William M. Briggs of Ashland, field representative of the league, explained the various bills passed at the special session of the legislature and answered questions of the city officials.

GOVERNOR SIGNS TRUCK BUS BILL

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Among the important bills signed by Governor Meier yesterday was the 1933 truck and bus law, amended materially, by eliminating certain administrative features and reducing the fee for the smaller carriers.

ROXY ANN GRANGE VOICES APPROVAL STATE SALES TAX

The Roxy Ann Grange, in meeting Friday night, endorsed the sales tax passed by the special session of the legislature, by unanimous vote, on the grounds that an emergency, calling for the tax, must be met to save the schools of the state and relieve the property tax of the now exorbitant tax load.

The resolution reads: "Whereas, an extreme emergency exists with our common schools, threatening to close the doors of a large number of them; and

CRIMINAL MIX-UP

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Department of justice agents and city detectives today held three men for questioning in connection with a Seattle hi-jacking episode and a reputed attempted kidnaping in Portland.

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, 283 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

WOUNDS AND BURNS In nearly every community where the (health) intelligence is low there is some old woman or hermit or other queer character who is shrewd enough to take advantage of the credulity of the neighbors and to capitalize the superstitious legend that may eventually bring the charlatan a easy living caring to the ignorant folk who seek miracles.

Most wounds and burns cause more or less itching when they are healing or for a short time after healing is completed. It is safe for the charlatan to promise to cure the itching if she gets a whack at it. The itching is certain to cease presently, no matter what is done.

The best prevention of scarring in any case is the best medical and surgical care from the first moment such care is available. People who elect to monkey with their own wounds or to have truck with neighborhood busybodies or charlatans summoned from the next county should wear their ugly scars with good grace.

Once a scar has formed, nothing but surgery can remove or conceal it or materially improve the cosmetic appearance. In some instances the scar or surrounding skin may be tattooed to blend well. In others the scar may be cleanly excised and the healthy skin edges approximated so as to heal with a less conspicuous scar. In others the defect left by excision of the cicatrix or mass of dense scar tissue is filled by suitable skin grafts. In any case it is a problem for the reputable surgeon, and not for the self-commended quack.

In this field there are a great many quacks who hold themselves out as great beauty experts or plastic surgeons, but who are actually obscure practitioners with a flimsy professional standing. Licensed as physicians and surgeons, perhaps, but of ill repute nevertheless. So low in reputation, indeed, that they can't get insurance from the standard insurance companies, insurance to protect them against malpractice suits and to pay the judgment or damages the court might award the victim of a bungling job. For instance, Not a bad idea to select a surgeon who is responsible, when you have truck with surgeons at all. Then, in the event that the surgeon gets careless or forgets to gather up all his paraphernalia when he is through with the operation, you can at least have the satisfaction of demanding a snug

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Which Anesthetic? Will you kindly inform me whether there are other anesthetics than ether and novocaine. Ether does not seem to set well on a weak stomach and novocaine is not very efficient. (Mrs. E. C. H.)

Answer—Whether it is kindly or not, I can inform you there are several other anesthetics, but the choice of the anesthetic most suitable in a given case is a question best left to the judgment of the physician.

Sulphur Dioxide I have noticed several times where you objected to sulphur dioxide used as a preservative in foods. As several things I am fond of especially molasses, contain it, I wonder if you will explain what ill effects it has on health. (H. L. L.)

Ans.—Sulphur dioxide (anhydride of sulphurous acid) is a poison. Just how much one may consume with impunity I cannot say. It is unnecessary to add any such chemical preservative if the food is quite pure and fresh and fit to eat when canned, dried or processed. The finest brands of molasses I know contain no sulphur dioxide.

More Belly Breathe Easy Your belly breathing exercise has overcome periodic cramps and also constipation, for which I am grateful. (Mrs. J. F.)

Ans.—It tends to correct high blood pressure, cold feet and inability to get to sleep nights. Send a dime (not stamps) and a stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for the booklet, "The Art of Easy Breathing." (Copyright, 1933, John F. Dille Co.)

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TEXAS CONVICTS MAIM SELVES IN HOPE OF PARDON

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Three Texas convicts who maimed themselves, authorities believed, in the hope of leaving the state prison farm southwest of Houston, were under treatment at the farm today.

Julius Koch, 26, admitted he chopped off three fingers of his left hand in the belief his action would result in transfer to state penitentiary at Huntsville, where the work is lighter.

Melvin Underwood, 20, and Harry Bertoline, 25, would not admit dislike for hard work motivated their acts but farm officials said such was the motive. Bertoline severed his left arm just above his wrist. Four fingers on Underwood's left hand were cut off.

Underwood said his fingers were severed accidentally by a fellow convict while they were grubbing stumps. Prison officials said the self-maiming of the trio was not unusual. They stated there had been several like occurrences.

"It's just laziness on the part of the convicts that causes them to do these things," W. W. Waid, warden of the state penitentiary, said. "There's no brutality of prison farm managers or guards involved."

GLACKAMAS SOLON SEEKS NEW TRIAL

OREGON CITY, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Donald J. Ryan, Clackamas county representative in the state legislature, and former county clerk, filed a motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment Friday, the last day of the time granted after his recent conviction on a charge of misuse of funds placed in his care as county clerk.

The motion declared the verdict of guilty was on an indictment which contained facts which do not constitute a crime. He cited irregularities in court procedure that reputedly prevented him being given a fair trial, and claimed about 30 alleged errors in law occurring during the trial.

Export Wheat Price PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Emergency corporation's price today for soft white wheat for foreign shipment was 73 cents a bushel, an advance of one cent over yesterday's quotation.

Outfit Mad Sea SARA ISLAND, N. S. Dec. 16.—(AP)—Exhausted after battling heavy seas for 20 hours, three more fishermen from the burned Gloucester schooner Ellen T. Marshall, reached here in a gory late today.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—I've been wool-gathering an hour. Alternating a devil's tattoo on the neck with soulful window-gazing. I vol-plane momentarily into the higher slopes only to go land-sliding into the bottomless pit. Reading Abbe Dimmet and Coleridge I lack the usual sooth.

It's one of those days. Darkly 7: 7 and brooding. Every student of mœurs knows their frosty blight. With a crash, all life's merry optimism go suddenly roaring into the crevasses. Grandma called them "the vapours." The Victorians "the blues." Psychiatrists, "intense-fied moods."

Whatever the name, they're no fun! If Santa Claus came bounding through the window, I'd merely give him the pawnbroker's eye and inquire: "What do you want—you old faker?" There's nothing to evoke such pensiveness. I sang "O, Sole Mio" in the bath and wolfed a stack of wheats a whippet could not hurdle.

Even Karl Kitchen popping in as I inserted paper in the typewriter to wit: "Preparing to fly another blank, eh?" had no effect. I was still light and airy—a feather on the wind. The mail was pleasant. The dog in unatual caper. The goose, tra la, hung high.

Then I began tapping out the first few words of a fucelleton about the crowds I saw when a liner sailed the other dawn, the latest I've stayed up since abandoning just-one-more-rodde at Harry Stan's poker game. But I snaggled, snatched the paper from the machine and the black curtain fell. I tried again. Again and again. No dice. I was and am mentally hamstrung.

I try to argue it's the weather. But I love stately days. I'll take a fog on the Strand to a blue lagoon and ambient moon on Lake Como. Last evening I saw a caricature outraging Clifton Webb's deep-dish profile in the New Yorker and howled. I resuracted it, looked, shrugged and tossed it away. An old letter of George Ade's from Miami, always good for a chuckle, did not even flush up a sick grin. I turned on the radio. A honey-voiced lady was extolling a fish sauce.

Often in one of those imperfect cadences that ripple existence with an indigo blue I wash out a handkerchief. I read Mark Twain used to do that and break the thread of a funk. It sunk me deeper. I began thinking perhaps I was living too much with myself. A little more clack and canter. I'd go to "No. 21" and mingle with the gay luncheon crowds. But it ditched me lower than ever. So sunk I seemed to sense the foul aroma of China.

TINSON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—William B. Woodin, secretary of the treasury, is confined to his bed at the home of his son here and denied all visitors on orders of his physician.

His illness, members of the family said, is a recurrence of the throat ailment which led to his being given a leave of absence from his duties in Washington. His temperature has been above normal for the past two days.

ROSEBURG BENEFITS ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Construction of a recreation hall for the Northwest Soldiers' home at an estimated cost of \$105,000 has been approved by President Roosevelt, according to a wire received here this morning from Senator Charles L. McNary.

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 December 17, 1923 (It was Monday) Seven robins were counted on the University club lawn yesterday afternoon.

Illinois jury acquits Chicago swindler charged with cheating lawyers Christmas shopping in full swing. Darrell Minkler takes the agency for Clear Tone radios, and is unable to supply the demand.

Turkeys drop to 30 cents per pound. High schools of southern Oregon form a conference.

Local markets flooded with California oranges. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 17, 1913 (It was Wednesday) The coldest weather of the year arrives with the mercury at 22 degrees.

Senator Jones of Washington warns Democrats, "be tinker with anything their hearts desire but money and the tariff."

Today is the tenth anniversary of the first flight in an airplane. Council plans to bar delinquent taxpayers from the polls. "With Huerta-like disregard for the people," the city dads vote to retain their salary.

Many country people are in the city for their Christmas shopping.

FARM PRICES LAG INCREASES SEEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The bureau of agricultural economics said today that farm produce prices, after advancing during November, declined again the first week of December to the October level of 70 per cent of the pre-war average but show promise of climbing again about January 1st.

The bureau reported that prices of wheat, cotton, eggs, and hogs were lower early this month than a month previously while flue-cured tobacco was considerably higher and apples, potatoes, corn, lamb and a few other products were improved.

The optimistic note on price improvements late this month was based, the bureau said, on the financial and business outlook, together with prospective small supplies of livestock.

CRUISER CHRISTENED BREMERBTON, Wash., Dec. 16.—(AP)—A splash of champagne bottle, a quiet word, "I christen thee Astoria" and the United States navy's newest cruiser was consigned to the sea at 2 p. m. here today. The 10,000-ton vessel floated free of her cribbing exactly on schedule.



(Continued from page one) he was the leak and using it as a sales talk.

Mistakes The NRA apparently believes its officials are wedded to it. At least it is opening their mail.

Virtually all letters addressed to individuals there go through a central receiving office. Letters marked "personal" ARE NOT supposed to be opened, but others are.

Probably through haste, several letters marked personal have finally reached the addressee recently accompanied by a notation "opened by mistake." It has happened so frequently that a few victims have rented boxes at a nearby post office.

One is trying to find out if he can prosecute the government for tampering with the mails.

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