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Ye Smudge Pot

There is considerable jiving about the weather. It is too dry to plough, and the windmill frosts. A rain is badly needed. There is not enough snow in the hills for skiing, or skidding off the road. A disagreeable fog prevails. Any complaints registered against it are justified. Update there is hell and high water. A ceaseless deluge thrums on the roof, in the night. Death rages, plunging homes into the floods. The savings of a lifetime are washed away by angry waters. There is woe. The oak trees are budding like it was March. The Applegate correspondent of this paper reports: SUCH WEATHER!! we are having!

A Democratic congressman from New Jersey boasts: "Under the New Deal, when perfected, every day will be Christmas." This would be too much, but it is hoped the administration will work out a code, whereby the Christian spirit of Christmas will be on tap daily.

A Corvallis lady autist Saturday night befriended a hitch-hiker, who promptly robbed her of \$42. A short time later she again befriended the same hitch-hiker and took him to the police. A happy ending, and it proves two things: A hitch-hiker should never leave his victim conscious and in possession of his auto; an autist will always take another chance on being robbed and beaten within 1/2 an inch of his life.

The market for information that the supply of sheep dip is low, gives hope that maybe the "blend whiskey" will soon taste like bum moonshine.

Science has discovered that the "violet ray" of the sun, so popular with the women as a means of gaining but-brown necks, elbows, and wrists, has its drawbacks. If the ray hits the right cell, it may produce male traits, such as whiskers, and bass voices. It would be interesting if the fair sex was liable to beards, just to see if they could think up something in the way of facial adornment cuter than the O. Chaplin mustache.

No trace has been found of the bandit who robbed a service station last week. It was first thought that the earth had swallowed him, but it is now believed he just went to a movie and is hopefully waiting for the end of the double program.

Tule business was so good, that many cash registers will have to be greased for the first time in three years.

The Mikado of Japan is the bouncing father of a proud boy, and all his subjects in those parts are also bouncing. The Mikado's kid will some day be a king, but Messrs. Maru, Shimoda, Hakawira, and Nagaki will be satisfied if one of their sons rises to quarterback of the high school football team, in a good year.

People who think the construction of a park on top of Roxy Ann, with federal funds is going too far, should stop and consider that Salem is getting six (6) new tennis courts from the same source.

All the early signs of spring have shown up, except 215 candidates for sheriff.

SO THAT'S CLEARED UP (SNAK Center, Minn., Herald)
Thanksgiving night of last year the Gray Scott home in the north part of the city was destroyed by fire. In its write-up the Herald editor used the phrase, "It was a pretty blaze." It appears that some have construed the phrase as implying that the fire was an artificial one, and some of Mrs. Scott's alleged friends have annoyed her. When the Herald editor wrote the story there was no thought of implanting the idea in any one's mind that the fire might have been of incendiary origin.

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An Amazing Performance

SEVERAL weeks ago when several of the Big Shots in public life and business, were lambasting President Roosevelt's new gold purchase policy, and yelling for sound money, we expressed the opinion that the barrage neither took the president by surprise, nor displeased him.

We hazarded the guess, that this outburst was not only what President Roosevelt expected, but what he wanted. Being at heart a sound money man himself, what he feared in the future we opined was NOT attacks from the conservatives but from the RADICALS,—he was not worried by those who like Al Smith and Barney Baruch, intimated he had gone too far; but those who like Senators Thomas, Pittman and Wheeler, were sure to be convinced he was not going far enough.

In short we maintained, President Roosevelt as usual, was politically speaking, about six jumps ahead of his closest advisers, was playing a far deeper and more skillful game, than any of them suspected, and that by the time congress assembled this truth would be clear to all.

WELL congress meets in a short time now. And what do we see? We see precisely what was predicted in this column five or six weeks ago, would be seen.

Where is the radical bloc of free silver and greenback senators, who were scheduled to storm the White House as soon as the congress convened, and backed by the descendants of W. J. Bryan's "embattled farmers" secure radical inflation and printing press money, or know the reason why.

According to information from Washington, the reliability of which can not be questioned, they are eating out of the president's hand. They are perfectly satisfied with what has been done, and have no intention of demanding more. Instead of the president being in for a terrific conflict with a recalcitrant congress,—unanimously predicted if Roosevelt did not peg the dollar, and get the entire monetary issue settled before the first of the year,—experts agree the coming session will be as strongly pro-Roosevelt and as generally harmonious, as the last one.

NOT that the session will literally be a love feast,—that the roseate tints of the Roosevelt honeymoon will actually return. Under the circumstances such a miracle would be impossible. There will be speeches made for all sorts of crazy notions, there will be speeches made panning Roosevelt and all his works, but these will come from the inevitable mavericks and publicity seekers; while they will be given a HEARING, they will be given no real SUPPORT.

By the most skillful and adroit political strategy, displayed by a president in at least three decades, the guns of his real opposition were spiked, before they came within shooting distance of the firing line. It is impossible to see a real cloud on the horizon, as far as continued constructive progress of the Roosevelt program is concerned.

Q. E. D.!

THE above result has been attained in spite of the general economic conditions, NOT because of them. Business has improved, it is true. But very slightly. There has been no such reversal from bad times to good, as was almost universally hoped for six months ago.

Yet the people of this country, as a whole, are generally satisfied. And the one influence that might destroy this feeling,—a hostile, agitating, fault finding and back biting congress—has been silenced. Unless all signs fail, as long as the session lasts, it will continue to be silenced.

It has been done essentially by the president keeping his head, amid all the turmoil, biding his time, and cleverly playing one extreme faction against the other. He secured the so-called sound money conservatives in both parties, organized against radical inflation, and he satisfied the radical inflationists, in both parties, by granting them not what they wanted but MORE than the Al Smiths and Baruchs and certain college economists wanted them to have.

SO politically speaking everyone is satisfied. Not only has President Roosevelt won a great victory for himself and his party, but he has rendered a great service to his country.

For one can't emphasize the fact too often, that the present situation in this country is still critical, that psychologically, we are still in a state of war.

The great outstanding need, under such circumstances, is a STRONG government, and a united people. That is FAR more important, than whether the precise policies of that government are, theoretically speaking, right or wrong.

For without that, nothing worth while can be done. One might go even further and state that without that, ultimate disaster can't be avoided.

But WITH that,—and with three more years to go,—anything can be done—there is no limit except the limit of human capacity, to what can eventually be accomplished.

For the principles experience may prove to be wrong, can be changed,—can be replaced by the principles experience has shown to be right,—without necessitating those internal dissensions and dislocations, which a government which had LOST the confidence and support of the masses of its people, could not escape.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
CHEERING news: Saturday was certainly one of the best business days in Southern Oregon in two years, and possibly the best in three years.

WHY? There can be only one answer to that question. A lot of people who haven't had any money to spend in the past have at least a little now.

A lot of other people, who have had money in the past, BUT NO CONFIDENCE, are beginning to get back their confidence in the future and so are beginning to spend their money.

BUT LISTEN: This CWA payroll that was distributed in Southern Oregon on Saturday went right back into circulation.

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.

PLAY HORSE WITH YOUR BABY.

Your Yankee reader contributes her observation:
A while ago I read in your column the query of the woman whose 20-month-old baby refused to walk. The answer you gave her was good, I thought. Of course it is not impossible that the baby may have a mental defect. However, as a mother of fair experience I am inclined to believe that the child lacks only the confidence necessary to commence walking.

I say this because my son refused to walk at the age of 21 months, although he was advanced in talking and in his general development and muscular strength. He is cautious by nature and inheritance—regular New England Yankee stock—you know us, all right. So I thought myself psychology was needed. I took my belt one day and placed it around his middle. I then suggested to him that he be a horse which I would drive. It worked by appealing to his imagination and helping him overcome his scruples against excessive display of leg motion. At first I gave him some support, but after a few trials I dropped my end of the strap and the "horse" kept on. After a few perambulations he discovered the driver was not with him. "Did he stop walking?" Not he! He is four years old now. He climbed his first mountain a week ago.

So I conclude, give a cautious child some other idea than himself to think of, and his confidence will develop.
(E. K. M.)

Our Yankee correspondent teaches a good lesson in pedagogy. The most eminent child psychologist could not do better.

In the case of the 19-month-old baby we suggested an examination to determine the baby's mental capacity. We did not say the baby was mentally defective.

Any baby that fails to walk by the 18th month, provided the baby has had intelligent care and a reasonable amount of encouragement without too much urging or assistance, should be examined by the physician not alone for mental deficiency, but

for flashy ziz-boom-ahh. Quite a number of her japeries, I presume, have added largely to the gaieties of nations. On occasions, she has been a card.

When business is good, people have the money with which to pay taxes. When it is bad, they HAVEN'T.

JUST how does this borrowing-spending-taxing process work? Well, the government BORROWS the money from those who HAVE it. Then it SPENDS it among those who haven't.

When its notes come due, it taxes those who HAVE, in order to get the money with which to pay what it has borrowed.

IF YOU have followed this process correctly, you have noted that this borrowing-spending-taxing cycle hasn't changed at all the amount of money we have in the country. We have just as much as before. Not a single dollar has been destroyed.

All that has happened is that the dollars have been placed in DIFFERENT HANDS, and in the process of placing them in different hands, business has been speeded up.

So maybe, after all, we shall not be ruined by this borrowing-spending-taxing process that at the present moment looks so ominous.

THERE'S a lot about money that we don't know. But there is something we're beginning to think we do know: It isn't the AMOUNT of money that counts in making business better so much as the SPEED with which money moves.

The dollar that passes rapidly from hand to hand makes business better for everybody. The dollar that is buried under the house—or, more politely, in a safe deposit vault—makes business better for NOBODY.

So, apparently, the thing to do is to KEEP MONEY MOVING.

If this borrowing-spending-taxing process does that, it may be that it will WORK in restoring prosperity.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O.O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Certainly no person outside of Irving Cobb has been the peg upon which so many stories, ribald and otherwise have been hung since Dorothy Parker. Every one, giving a try-out to some imagined nifty credits fit to be the queen of the Algonquin Round Table.

This gives it special plume if she told it—it must be good. Mrs. Parker is consequently looked upon as a derisive stroke

for physical defects, general malnutrition, paralysis, rickets, etc. Contrivances or "baby walkers" are unnecessary and may be injurious. Do not make a baby's spontaneous efforts to stand up while he holds onto something for support. Do not put silly shoes or other clumsy footwear on the baby who is learning to walk. Only socks or soft moccasins or later the softest baby shoes with no stiffness in any part. Walking barefoot is fine for the baby's health and the development of the feet and legs. At all times, provided the baby is comfortable with the feet bare.

As a rule babies can stand at the age of 11 or 12 months, and they begin to take tottering steps, with plenty of false start and falls; at the age of 13 or 14 months, and should be walking unaided by the 16th month.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. A Diffidence in Doctors. I want the ambulatory treatment for piles, which you wrote about. My doctor is Dr. — and would use your method of treatment if you advise. Am I not competent to get a physician's clinical instruction. I am sending you the name of a physician in your town who is skilled in the method.

Farmers, Home Owners Urged to Study Sales Tax Carefully Before Action

The following communication has been sent out from Medford to representative farmers, business men, home owners and tax payers throughout the state:
We are addressing this to you as a home owner, farmer, property tax payer or representative of such a group, asking that you use your best efforts to delay the passing of any final judgment or the taking of any action against the present sales and utility tax bill, which is now threatened with a referendum, until a full opportunity has been had to give the bill and its effect on our property taxes a thorough analysis.

While it is of the greatest importance to protect our common schools from having to close their doors, it is of no less importance that we relieve our home owners, farmers, and other property tax payers from a complete collapse. If our present property tax system, which is more than 40 per cent delinquent now, does collapse not only the schools, but ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT ARE SUNK.

As the matter now stands we home owners, farmers, and other property tax payers bear more than 97 per cent of the whole cost of the elementary and high schools. More than half of the people who send their children to our schools, own no taxable property and consequently pay nothing AT ALL toward the support of the schools. From 40 per cent to 45 per cent of our total taxes are for schools only. We do not ask that property owners be excused from supporting schools.

We are quite willing that they should still bear by the bigger end of the burden, but in these times

And the raspy leer: "What you getting—sentimental?" when a sputum hair-cutting stooge just misses braining him with a club is unforgettable horseplay.

A curb steeper in the East 40's has become a beta noir. Several times the student bit has upstalled me into little running spurts and once I spraved my entire length. Today, approaching it gingerly, I looked about furtively then turned and walked the other way. That's high-natting a curbston!

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News Behind The News

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do it regularly at luncheon and sometimes at dinner. At a late press conference the other day, Morgenthau dispensed the news while munching a sandwich.

The congressional estimates on these expected liquor revenues are set off, if the treasury experts know their business. The tax of \$2 a gallon will raise no more than \$200,000,000 the first year (excluding beer) according to those in a better position to know than the congressmen.

The big shot in the NRA now is Compliance Director W. H. Davis, but he gets no publicity. The reason is that there seems to be much less interest in how industry is complying with their codes than there was about signing. Also Davis is no headline maker. You have to be a crack-down man for that.

One cabinet member who did not like the Blue Eagle blanket agreement idea at the start and said so in the secret meetings at the White House was Agriculture Secretary Walbridge D. Dill. The others were sold by Johnson's enthusiasm.

CHINESE REVOLTERS BOMBED FROM AIR

HONG KONG, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Thirteen airplanes of the Nanking government today bombed Changchow, in revolutionary Fukien province, a dispatch said.

Twenty-two bombs were dropped, inflicting heavy casualties and extensive damage, it was reported.

Chinese sources reported major fighting today along the Chekiang border, saying troops of the revolutionary government of Fukien province had been dispersed by Nanking government forces, attempting to suppress the revolt.

Two Nanking airplanes were reported missing.

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Speaking of fun, is there any so catnip as watching Ted Healy cuff his shoes about? Healy authors a definite originality in low comedy and is funnier by six 'aps than Ed Wynn, Eddie Cantor and the Four Marxes rolled into one. His hobbled walk is an art in itself.

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 26, 1923.
(Liquor takes a high toll from drinkers of poison Christmas liquor throughout the nation.)

Cross-word puzzle craze sweeps the city, along with the radiophone fad. Autists warned to get their 1924 licenses.

Nine candidates for sheriff in spring primary are mentioned. Record-breaking tourist crop predicted for coming year.

Ku Klux Klan told to "dianah or reform." The Grand Kligrapp of Alabama arrested for forging a \$1 check.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 26, 1913.
(It was Friday.)
Jackson county and Medford enjoyed the merriest and happiest Christmas in many years.

A heavy snowfall blankets the Elk-Klyun, with rain in the valley. City council reverses itself by submitting salary amendment to a vote of the people in January.

Gov. West starts move to provide work for unemployed in state. Judge W. M. Colvig is named tax attorney for the Southern Pacific railroad.

Editorial Comment

Catastrophes? "Dabbling in politics by the saloon element was one of the procuring causes of prohibition."

It is the statement of Evan Reames of Medford. And it is tremendously true. It is good guidance for the liquor control commission in fixing its policy and making its appointments.

The state's control of liquor as must be kept far removed from politics. Men named for local positions should not receive their appointments through political influence. No party organization should concern itself about the choice of personnel. No prospective candidate for office should be allowed by the commission to exert influence in the appointments.

The distributing state stores should not be looting places. They should be places where purchases can be made promptly and where there will be no discussions concerning politics or candidates.

It was in the back rooms of the old-time saloons that applications were signed by bogus entries for filling on state lands. It was part of the intrigue that ended in the notorious Oregon land fraud trials. It was part of the scheme by which thousands of acres of valuable public lands were stolen.

Let the new distribution stores be safeguarded as to men and measures. Let all plans and practices be upon a strictly business basis.

It is the way to avoid liquor catastrophe—Oregon Weather.

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