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Ye Smudge Pot

If you have a grain of salt handy, you can take it with the oft voiced claim of high-powered optimists.

The rain halted work, plowing, corner economic conference, and juveniles murdering bluejays with their Christmas 22 caliber rifles.

NEGRO TENOR, who will appear in concert at auditorium January 22, regarded marvel of temporary music.

What ever became of the old-fashioned store window full of 5-10-15-20 cent glass caps?

Uncle, 89, called and reported he sneaked in a good word for the Republican party, when his wife went to get an album to show the callers.

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The Home Rule Obsession

WE don't believe the people of this state want the return of the old time saloon. We don't believe they want the return of competition for private profit in the sale of hard liquor, which would revive one of the chief abuses of the saloon, solidifying the liquor interests in a drive to increase their sales of hard liquor, regardless of the moral consequences.

Yet the drive for home rule in the matter of municipal liquor regulation, if successful, could have no other ultimate result.

Any uniform system of liquor control in this state would be impossible. There would be as many different and conflicting systems as there are municipalities—a hopelessly hodge-podge and demoralizing situation.

And with the chief aim of this home rule, an effort to increase liquor revenues for the local community, a return of the high license system, with scores of competing liquor stores, could scarcely be avoided.

Call the resulting situation what you will, it would be in FACT a return of the conditions which flourished when the saloon reigned, and the liquor interests virtually controlled local governments.

IF the Knox plan of state liquor control is unconstitutional that fact can be quickly determined. No one can criticize an effort to secure this decision at the earliest possible moment. If the plan is upheld then it should be put into operation at once and be given a thorough trial,—this home rule obsession forgotten.

If the plan should be thrown out, then some other plan will have to be adopted,—and it should be adopted with the least possible delay.

BUT,—that plan in the opinion of this newspaper should certainly embody two important principles. First, a uniform system of state liquor control; and second, the elimination of private competitive profit, from the hard liquor business.

Any plan which does not do these two things, in our opinion, will be doomed to failure, and merely hasten the day when the people of this state, disgusted with the avarice and stupidity of anti-prohibition leadership, will return Oregon once and for all, to the bone dry column.

Constructive Criticism

MANY times President Roosevelt has welcomed constructive criticism. He doesn't agree with those rabid partisans who believe there "ain't no sich animal"—that the term "constructive" is merely tacked on as camouflage for the destructive critic to hide behind.

In the recent open letter from John Maynard Keynes, famous British economist, released by the North American Newspaper Alliance last Sunday, President Roosevelt has the best example of constructive criticism that we have seen of the administration's policies, to date.

We haven't the space to enter into all the details of this four column statement, but we can perhaps give the reader a general idea, by giving briefly first the criticisms and second the concrete suggestions, for the future.

MR. KEYNES seriously questions the practical value of the NRA. He feels that it places the cart before the horse. It is essentially reform, an effort to reduce incomes by increasing wages,—not only the rate per hour, but the number of employees. Better, he believes, to FIRST let business go ahead naturally, be allowed to make normal profits, and AFTER the industrial machine has been put in order so to speak, then enforce regulations, looking toward a more equitable distribution of the profits. He favors the aim of NRA, but he wants it enforced after business improves not before.

In other words he would oppose rising prices at the expense of rising output. To quote:

"The stimulation of output by increasing aggregate purchasing power is the right way to get prices up, and not the other way round."

To INCREASE purchasing power he would concentrate upon the public works program. He does not blame Secretary Ickes for being cautious and careful. But the risks of less speed, he believes, must be weighed against those of more haste. As he expresses it we "must get across the crevasses before it is dark."

IN regard to money the British economist deprecates the recent gyrations of the dollar, which look to him more like the gold standard "on the booze" than the ideal managed currency of his dreams. He thinks "exchange depreciation should follow the success of domestic price raising, as its natural consequences and should not be allowed to disturb the whole world by preceding its justification at an entirely arbitrary pace." He agrees however with the president's belief, that exchange policy should conform to and be subservient to the needs of domestic policy.

Now as to the suggestions for the immediate future. First in the field of gold devaluation and exchange policy Keynes believes the time for uncertainty has passed, the time for a definite working standard has come. He would have the president

announce that you will control the dollar exchange by buying and selling gold and foreign currencies at a definite figure so as to avoid wild or meaningless fluctuations, with a right to shift the parties at any time but with a declared intention only so do either to correct a serious want of balance in America's international receipts and payments or to meet a shift in your domestic price level relative to price levels abroad.

This appears to me your best policy during the transitional period. You would be waiving your right to make future arbitrary changes which did not correspond to any relevant change in the facts, but in other respects you would retain your liberty to make your exchange policy subservient to the needs of your domestic policy—free to let out your belt in proportion as you put on flesh.

In the field of domestic policy, I put in the forefront, for the reasons given above, a large volume of loan expenditure under government auspices. It is beyond my province to choose particular objects of expenditure. But preference should be given to those which can be made to mature quickly on a large scale, as for example the rehabilitation of the physical condition of the railroads. The object is to start the ball rolling.

The United States is ready to roll toward prosperity, if a good hard shove can be given in the next six months. Could not the energy and enthusiasm which launched the NRA in its early days be put behind a campaign for accelerating capital expenditures, as wisely chosen as the pressure of circumstances permits. You can at least feel sure that the country will be better enriched by such projects than by the involuntary idleness of millions.

I put in the second place the maintenance of cheap and abundant credit, in particular the reduction of the long term rate of interest.

The turn of the tide in Great Britain is largely attributable to the reduction in the long term rate of interest which ensued on the success of the conversion of the war loan. This was deliberately engineered by the open market policy of the Bank of England.

I see no reason why you should not reduce the rate of interest on your long term government bonds to 2 1/2 percent, or less, with favorable repercussions on the whole bond market, if only the federal reserve system would replace its present holdings of short dated treasury issues by purchasing long dated issues in exchange. Such a policy might become effective in a few months, and I attach great importance to it.

Personal Health Service

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.

PULMONARY EDEMA 2.

If you attended the autopsy we performed in this column the other day you will remember the subject was a gaunt, taciturn gentleman who had been ailing for four years with stomach and liver trouble, colitis and anemia. The final fade out had been by the post static pneumonia or pulmonary edema, according to the green ticket the gentleman wore when he arrived at our laboratory.

We explained that hypostatic "pneumonia" is a misnomer, for the condition is not inflammation of the lung at all, but merely congestion, settling of blood in the lowest parts of chest and lungs from general exhaustion and especially failure of the circulation, the heart. This is a common terminal condition in many prolonged illnesses. Indeed, hypostatic congestion of the lungs is never accepted as a cause of death; the health authorities insist on entering the primary or direct cause of death in the certificate.

It seems that one doctor characterized the fade out as hypostatic "pneumonia" and another as "pulmonary edema." So the apparent conflict of medical opinion got the poor gentleman's widow all upset and she packed up the body and shipped it to this column for pathological examination. Or rather she just wrote and told the old drifter who conducts this column all about it, as she understood it, and asked him to tell her what's what.

No matter whether the terminal condition was hypostatic congestion or edema—it carried the gentleman to his reward in just two hours, and aside from some distress of which he complained, soreness first in the hypogastrium (if you've ever traveled south of the equator) and later in the hypochondrium (which I think I shall leave you to find for yourself—and you may as well notice while you're looking it up that the word, for some inscrutable reason, is pronounced hippo, while hypogastrium it is as it should be—just a little catch to make dictionaries sell, I suppose). Anyway hypostatic congestion of the lungs or pulmonary edema is not a bad way to go. In either case the consciousness soon becomes obtunded and the victim does not suffer nor struggle, just drifts off to oblivion. The labored breathing, perhaps in Cheyne-Stokes rhythm or type, perhaps stertorous, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Occasionally there is a sign "To Be Sold at Auction," indicating some young hopefuls did not make the grade. She has gone back to mother until they could try again. But in most instances through the blue and pink curtained windows everything looks bridal, cosy and intimate.

Now and then there's a mope of a pale voice or the tiny cry of a baby. Always the feeling of domesticity is new and experimental. The becoming arrogance of young hustlers running up life's ladder whistles! Yet withal a humility rarely found among the more seasoned.

New York's department store vastness is not appreciated here in an ounce of discovery. For instance, I inquired in one fringing Herald Square for the bird department. Then stepped from the elevator into the midst of an aviary larger than those in most zoos. More than 3,000 canaries, 2,000 pairs of love birds, 1,000 parrots, 400 cockatoos and so on. Such departments have braces of ornithologists with whom the purchaser may confer. It's estimated there are 70,000 canaries in the metropolitan area.

No other dramatic critic has been so widely reviled yet so widely read as George Jean Nathan. Scarcely a producer or player has not at some time been singled by his scorn. Round robins have been sent to editors to fire him and his mail has been threaded with threats. Yet in an all too bombastic career Nathan has never

been molested in personal encounter. Perhaps his look of innocence saves him. Handsome in an almost colossal way, although in early 30's, he appears as naive as a plow-boy.

Self exiles limping in from Paris on account of the dizzy dollar declare the past few weeks have revealed a lost appreciation of American trade, especially in Paris. Hotels and shops show a deference not evident in years. Even aulic condescension in pensions occupied by Americans are abandoning petty prying and snuff pinching. But it comes rather late!

With Carol Stone, 17, having made her stage debut, the entire family of Fred Stone will have had a footlight career. While he never expressed himself authoritatively on the subject, it was always Stone's fervent hope each of his children would follow footsteps of their parents. Carol is red-haired and floaty with eager buoyancy. The other daughters are Dorothy and Paula. No official announcement has been made, but it is quite possible next season will see the entire Stone family under one billing.

Again Broadway lights pulsate like an enormous tire. For a time the whirling technicisms were sputtering. Building top space was abandoned. Some rent for \$60,000 a year. Four signs were returned in one week.

Thingumbobs: Jose Iturbe, pianist, phones his 18-year-old daughter Maria after each concert, wherever he is. . . . George Worts, magazine writer, is prospecting for gold in Nevada. . . . Herbert Pulitzer smokes perfumed cigarettes. . . . In Spain they leer that when Sidney Franklin became a bull-fighter Brooklyn lost a good writer. . . . But Franklin draws American crowds. . . . Carolyn Wells is reputed to have the best memory among current writers. . . . Walter Huston started out as a song and dance man. . . . "The Park Avenue" still inspects patrons through a speak-easy peep-hole.

A macabre sense of humor, perhaps. But all day I've been giggling at a ruckus in a rosy Broadway restaurant last night. She suddenly slapped, ha ha, him in the face, bo ha, with a goom minute steak, and I can't go on—he sat there with onions hanging from his chin and ears dripping, ha, ha, gray and so. (Copyright, 1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

Wooden Teeth Hit The Gap BUTTE, Mont. (AP)—It's tough to tooth without a tooth. But Stanley Bowden, cornetist in a school band, found a way. Lacking time for a trip to the dentist before a concert, he substituted out a wooden tooth which "worked swell."

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE railroads are seeking to have repealed the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce act.

That is to say, they want to be permitted to charge more for a short haul than for a long one.

LET us be more specific, in order to get a better understanding of what we are talking about.

On west bound traffic, for example, the railroads want to be allowed to charge more for hauling a car from Chicago to Spokane than for hauling the same car from Chicago to Portland.

"BUT," you will say, if you have never done much thinking about transportation problems, "it is ABSURD for the railroads to charge more for a short haul than for a long one."

"If I were going to move your household goods, would I charge you more for hauling them to Beatty than for hauling them to Lakeview? Of course I wouldn't."

"Why should the railroads want to do such a thing?"

WELL, they want to do it in order to compete with the boats. The boats, you see, reach Portland, but DON'T reach Spokane.

The railroads SAY they want to make low rates to water terminals in order to get for themselves a share of the business that moves by water. In reality, they want to cripple their competitors, the boats, all they can by making rates that will get a share of the normal water haul, and they want to make the interior cities bear the cost of doing it.

They want to be permitted to make the rate TOO HIGH in the interior in order to be able to make it TOO LOW at the water terminal where they come into competition with the boats.

SOUTHERN OREGON should fight with all the strength it possesses against this effort on the part of the railroads to gain permission to charge more for a short haul than for a long one.

Southern Oregon has a peculiar grievance against the railroads. Along with northern California, it is the only region in the United States where the railroads are STILL permitted to charge more for a short haul than for a long one.

As long as the law specifically forbids such a practice, which is sanctioned only by exceptions to the rule, Southern Oregon has a chance, if it fights hard enough and kicks up enough of a disturbance, to get this discriminatory system of rate making done away with.

But if the law is CHANGED to permit definitely the making of a lower rate for a longer haul than for a shorter haul, Southern Oregon's and Northern California's chances of securing rate justice will be utterly gone.

That is why we should fight to the death this proposal to go back to the old system of letting the railroads charge more for a short haul than for a long one, which is designed to make the helpless interior pay the cost of competing with the boats.

We are the victims already of a situation that exists nowhere else in the United States, and we should certainly resent bitterly any attempt to make this situation permanent.

LYDA SOUTHARD TO REMAIN IN PRISON

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The state board of pardons today denied the appeal for freedom of Lyda Southard, serving a sentence for poisoning her fourth husband.

The vote against her appeal for pardon was unanimous.

Mrs. Southard, who was returned to the penitentiary a year ago after 18 months of freedom following her sensational escape over the prison wall, has served 12 years of a ten-year life sentence and was recently involved in disclosures that she and other prisoners had been taken for pleasure rides by former Warden George Rudd and his wife. Rudd was dismissed.

Nine Deaths Reduced COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—Ohio had its lowest death rate for nine and quarterly accidents in 32 years during 1932. The total of deaths was 53, or 0.73 for each 100,000 men employed in the industry.

Braille Library Started CHARLOTTE, N. C. (AP)—Headquarters of a regional library of Braille books and magazines to serve the blind of North Carolina and South Carolina has been established here.

RUTH LUY Dance Studio, New term begins January 8. Tel. 1548.

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Meteorological Report

January 4, 1934. Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Friday. Moderate temperature. Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Friday. Light rain northeast portion. Moderate temperature.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 46; lowest, 34.

Total precipitation, 83 inch; excess for the month, 49 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1933, 4.29 inches; deficiency for the season, 3.50 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 95 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 98 per cent.

Sunrise tomorrow, 7:39 a. m. Sunset tomorrow, 4:54 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M. 130th Meridian Time

Table with columns: City, High Temp, Low Temp, Prevailing Wind, Partly Cloudy, Partly Clear, Partly B. Clouds, Partly B. Clear, Partly B. Fog, Partly B. Rain, Partly B. Snow, Partly B. Haze, Partly B. Mist, Partly B. Drizzle, Partly B. Sleet, Partly B. Ice, Partly B. Other.

STERILIZATION OF DEFECTIVES GETS BRITISH APPROVAL

Committee Completes Close Study of Practice With Conviction of Benefits—Unfit Are Most Prolific

LONDON (UP)—Sterilization of mental defectives and the mentally diseased in Great Britain has been the subject of close study for many months by a government departmental committee.

The committee are reported to be satisfied that an effective method of sterilization can be adopted which is painless and can be practiced without any risk to the life or general health of the patient. The Minister of Health shortly will receive the committee's recommendations.

Among the countries which now have legalized sterilization, the committee paid particular attention to the system in operation in Switzerland. The Swiss method of eliminating the mentally defective has been carried out on a voluntary basis since 1927. For only a few years was it found necessary to use compulsion.

Professor Hans Maier informed the investigators when they visited the Zurich Mental Hospital, that the Swiss method does not interfere with the sex life of the patient, and that the right application of them makes it possible to avoid hurting the mentally sick "at the same time conferring a great service on society."

Large families are the rule, rather than the exception, among the mentally unfit, according to statistics. Prison populations would be reduced enormously if they were cleared of mentally subnormal inmates.

In a very large number of cases, it was revealed, requests have been made by mentally defective people who desired to have no more children. Under the present law these have had to be denied.

The committee are said to be of the opinion that the time is right to change this condition, and they probably will recommend a trial period of the voluntary system for a few years. Should the results warrant it after the probationary period, compulsory sterilization would be applied to all cases of mental defectives which might be transmitted to the children of the patients.

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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. January 4, 1924. (It Was Friday)

Discovered that the county is buying its own gravel, from prohibition enforcement agent, and county court is petitioned to stop the practice.

3000 dogs in Jackson county, but only two are licensed.

Coco Bay visitor in city is robbed of \$400 while he sleeps.

Book show is held for Talent library.

Holiday dinners are numerous in the Riverside district.

Small tracts selling fast in the West Phoenix district.

TWENTY YEARS AGO. January 4, 1914. (It Was Sunday)

Saloonkeepers of Copperfield, Oregon given until Monday to ship their stocks or it will be confiscated by the state militia.

"No. 5 of the 'Who Will Marry Mary' series at the Lady Livingston, the Dancing Bear at the Star, 'The Wretch of the Wilds' at the It.

The police have received complaints that a number of farmers have been bilked by an itinerant horse trader, who sold them wind-broken horses.

Miss Sara Norwood of Central Point leaves for San Francisco to visit friends and relatives.

Ruch dedicates a new schoolhouse. Sergeant Tengwald of the Medford militia company has been reduced to the ranks for scaring some of his brave soldiers into the woods with a story that the company had been ordered to report for duty in Mexico. The ones with the chocolate backbones whimpered to the captain and got Tengwald reduced. They are now flapping their wings and cowering over his downfall. Somebody will run at that bunch with a lightning bug on a corn cob one of these days and scare it into the Pacific ocean. Tengwald should be promoted for weaving out the cowards.—(Ashland Record.)

News Behind The News

(Continued from Page One)

Notes. You might think from the current cigar gift debate that the prices on tobacoy have hit a new low—not so. It is usual for business men to give a box of cigars to government officials occasionally or at Christmas time for small favors performed. If you wanted any important favors, you would need more than a box of cigars.

The Morgenstaufer-Woodin switch in the treasury department was nothing new. The White House knew when Woodin left that he would not be back, but a definite break was delayed until the new year for publicity purposes.

New dealers are anxiously awaiting two important decisions from the supreme court. One is on the Minnesota mortgage case and the other the New York milk case. Both involve fundamental administration theories on these two subjects and the decisions may give the first inkling as to how the court stands on the New Deal.

Cowboy Ropes Eagle SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP)—Going the movies one better as regards the cowboy, threw his larist and roped a golden eagle that measured seven feet from wingtip to wingtip.

Livestock. PORTLAND, Jan. 4.—(P)—CATTLE: 230; calves 120; steady, unchanged. HOGS: 300; steady, unchanged. SHEEP: 100; steady, unchanged.

Be correctly contacted in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann.

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