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Ye Smudge Pot
By ARTHUR PRETZ
Astorians are in the throes of a municipal huff...

MADAME HERCULES
(SF. Chronicle)
By the time we circled the roadway outside the stadium...

One of the younger fry was fried Thursday, on the end of a pine board in the hands of his capable Maw...

It looks like the schools would have to recess during April, and part of May, to permit the hoards of upstate farmers of the farmer to get rid of their surplus of speeches...

The astonishment over the news, that a manufacturer by the name of Scupoletti was attacking the constitutionality of the NRA...

Appropriations by the government of funds to lighten the burdens of the "wretched poor" meets with universal approval...

Conditions are improving, and several reports they are making money, except when near the courthouse.

The bridge table posings, and those on the street corners, like the well known East and West, never meet again.

BALANCING ACT BY JUSTICE
(Mesa Dispatch)
Mrs. Bettie Munnell, a cashier, pleaded guilty to theft of \$97.100 from her employers...

The suspicion arises that the home brewers are also making the blend whiskey.

Your corr. became entangled in an argument on the economic situation with Dock Dean, Thursday, and never had possession of the ball after the opening mouthful...

We do draw injustice if we imagine modern communities are piling up armaments merely from reckless ambition or a desire to be aggressive...

Abel Johnson of Stockton, Cal., has as a pet a wild duck which he captured when the bird flew against his house and was stunned.

The Man for the Job

YES, Franklin D. Roosevelt is a true Roosevelt. He is 100 percent objective. He has bounce. Like T. R. he abhors weasel words. He never allows his resolution to be "sicklied over by the pale cast of thought."

It is an invaluable quality, for the occupant of the White House to possess at such a time as this. For such a spirit is contagious. Such SELF confidence breeds PUBLIC confidence.

Of course no human being in the president's position, can DEEP down, be as self assured, and self confident as he APPEARS to be.

But whatever doubts and misgivings the president may have within, he never shows them to the outside world, nor according to reliable report to his intimates.

THIS quality in our opinion is inborn. It is bred in the fibre of the man. It can't be cultivated. It simply is there, or it isn't.

Fortunately for President Roosevelt and his country, in his case, there it is. When all is said and done it is the secret of his leadership, the best augury of his ultimate success.

To get out of this mess, the country had to have a real leader,—with the accent on the REAL. That is what—(we admit to the surprise of this newspaper)—the country HAS in President Roosevelt.

A War That Pays

THINK of \$32,000,000,000,—if you CAN think of such a sum! That is the total of the national debt that the president foresees in his budget message.

Yet how blithely the president in his budget message rolls it off his tongue.

He makes no apologies. Offers no long winded explanations. The war against the depression is still on,—there can be no turning back now—and this is the amount needed to assure victory.

He is confident such a colossal sum will be forthcoming—he is also confident that in a couple of years, the people of the country will start to pay it back.

WELL WHY not?

If this country could assume a debt of \$27,000,000,000 to fight Germany 5000 miles away, why can't it increase that debt by 20 percent to fight a war here at home?

AND the present war is not a war of destruction, but a war of construction. It isn't devoted to killing people, but keeping them alive; it isn't designed to destroy property, but restore it; it isn't waged to increase suffering and sorrow in the world, but to prevent both,—to return comfort and well being to those who, because of this onslaught of destructive economic forces, have been deprived of them.

Once get that "war" idea into your head and things don't look so bad. For it is war, and the only sensible war, waged, in the history of modern civilization. What this country did to kill people, it certainly should be able to do to keep them alive.

MILITARY wars bring prosperity, but it is temporary—the ultimate result is a tremendous loss in well being, for wars destroy. A war of economic reconstruction, CAN by identical methods, bring a prosperity that is permanent, for such a war builds up.

Instead of taking men from their jobs to go to the firing line, we take men out to jobs to work in the forests, and the fields, along the roads and down the streams, building things that people need, and repairing things that another generation, as well as our own, will enjoy.

The war to end war, brought a national debt of \$27,000,000,000, and didn't succeed. But increasing that debt by \$5,000,000,000, we can wage a war to end poverty and human suffering—that if we all get together with the true war spirit—a patriotism of peace if you please,—will succeed.

Isn't that worth while? And who will say it CAN'T be done!

Comment on the Day's News

YOU must have read in yesterday's papers this paragraph from the news report of President Roosevelt's address to the 73rd congress: "Gripping the deak at which he stood before the thronged house of representatives, the President defied advocates of a return to old methods and spoke of permanent readjustment of many social and economic arrangements."

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.

THE HOSPITAL OR CLINIC OBSESSION
Last March an editor told us here just how much it had cost her to have her third baby. Her old family doctor charged \$35 for his services—



however, the things the doctor advised the editor to have ready cost \$284 at the local drug store—the editor, having brains, lives in a suburban village and commutes to her work. Her friends donated clothes, all in a jolly friendly way—some new articles, some cast-offs outgrown by their own children—but the editor had to part with 75 cents for two shirts for the baby. She says all three of her babies have been purchased on this same easy payment plan and she intends to stick to the system for the next three.

Goah, I like to listen to that editor's talk. It acted like antitoxin. A doctor in practice can manage somehow to keep in mind the fact that the world is not so sordid and ugly as it may appear to his professional eye. But I am conducting a health column and it sickens me to find that the most frequent question asked by those contemplating marriage or recently married is about "birth control."

The editor's report of her successful system brought in many letters about the hardships of paying for a 1933 model baby. I gather that people take it as a hardship mainly because nobody who can get out of it is doing it; whereas paying for the family chariot is not so hard because everybody's doing it.

One prospective mother who had borne two children without difficulty, had "Ben Tod" it would go hard with her this time because she is now nearly 40. That's just one of those old traditions. So this time she decided to go to a hospital, a so-called free hospital. She says she was kept waiting 3 1/2 hours, and then, having passed through six officials, she was curtly informed that she must pay \$65 in installments, \$10 cash down, and the doctor advised her she shouldn't have the baby if finances were uncertain.

Well, why did the lady flock to the hospital or clinic along with the rest of the sheep? If she had been in America long enough to speak and write the language she ought to know that a doctor who is really good prac-

the money that is theirs, instead of draining it away to the bigger centers, as has happened in the recent past.

OPponents of deposit insurance say it will encourage unsound banking. Is that true? Only experience can tell. But this much can be said: Banks are only as sound as the men who run them.

THE PRESIDENT says: "Civilization can not go back. Civilization must stand still. We have undertaken new methods. It is our task to perfect, to improve, to alter when necessary, but in all cases to go forward."

A PART of the New Deal is insurance of bank deposits, for the present up to \$2500, which is now in effect.

THE very big banks in the big cities, generally speaking, have been opposed to deposit insurance.

PRObably they are sincere in their opposition. Let us at least give them the benefit of the doubt. But what they fear, undoubtedly, is that deposit insurance, for which they will have to help pay, will make the smallest bank in the federal reserve system as safe as the biggest bank.

THAT is to say, when you deposit your money in the bank, up to \$2500 for the present, you are insured through the agency of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, which is controlled and backed by the government, that you will get it back again.

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Strawberries measuring six inches in circumference have been exhibited in Watsonville, Cal.
Nearly 8,000 residents of New Orleans and the immediate vicinity make their living by fishing.
Twenty-two foreign plant quarantines are being enforced by the department of agriculture.

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