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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. Kids with shotgun, and drunken drivers are still frequent, but so far maniacs with meat cleavers are not tolerated.

A year ago today, the leading occupation of the valley, as now, was throwing dirt—but not with a shovel.

The city will have nine more voting precincts, to facilitate the issuance of "mandates by the people," when they weigh candidates, or speak on a vital nonsense, such as the fish bill, or gayer colored fire hydrants.

WILL THEY WHINNY, ETC. (Roseburg News Review). AT LAST a small but husky tractor with attachments for all kinds of farm and garden work, that will actually take the place of horses. The price is right. Come and see it at TX SUPPLY CO., formerly Leske & Gurnee.

H. D. (Johnny) Reed, the G. Hill magistrate, towned Wed. Magistrate Reed is one Democrat, who does not inspire normal Republicans to assassination.

The General Motors Corporation made \$93,000,000 in 1933. This is quite a victory for sound business methods, as the concern does not collect its auto payments like this state does its tax installments.

Tomorrow is Ground Hog Day, and same will be observed without the banks and barbershops closing up. There is a widespread sentiment that the G. Hog and others should come out of their holes, and show their confidence in the future.

The first atrocity of the campaign was committed yesterday. Reliable information from Portland stated that "Wall Street is trying to get its hands in the pockets of the people of Oregon." This does not sound like a terrible fate, and, at any rate is no grounds for the voters going crazy, and voting against their own interests. Many in 1930 were told, "the barons of power are clutching at your throats," but they retained their breathing faculties.

The pastures are dotted with sheep in sheep's clothing, and a lamb belonging to J. Bybee tried to follow a girl named Janice to the West Side school the other day.

It is hoped that people generally will bear in mind the horrors of 1930-31-32 and not take their politics seriously between now and May 18. No office seeker is worth a civil war.

There are a few auto brakes left that squeal three octaves higher than a mad soprano.

All the moonshine jugs are now wells of vinegar, but are still handy to get the beer home without spilling.

John Dillinger, the Mid-West desperado, returned to Indiana by plane for fear pals would rescue him, confessed to reporters, "I do not smoke or drink." His vice, it seems, were bank robbing and an occasional murder of a policeman. The Oklahoma lady bandit who smokes cigars is made of sterner clay. In the case of Mr. Dillinger, it is interesting to note that he never thought of robbing a bank until he had been paroled nine times.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—(AP)—A continuation until Monday of the hearing on the petition of the Portland Gas & Coke Co. for a temporary restraining order against Utility Commissioners' Thomas' recent salary reduction order was granted here Wednesday by Federal Judge James Alger Fee.

Dance at Vogue Six Saturday night, February 2. Careful Fuel Oil Delivery when you want it. Call 315, Edna Transfer.

War With Japan?

THE war talk proceeding from the Japanese Diet yesterday should not be taken too seriously.

The prediction of a rupture between Japan and the United States, unless present Japanese naval plans were modified, was not made by a member of the present government but by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, former foreign minister—in other words a member of the opposition.

A statement from such a source should be given no more weight, in determining the true nature of the Japanese government's policy, than the statement of a partisan Republican in congress, criticizing Roosevelt's New Deal.

In fact, an analysis of Yoshizawa's statement, and the circumstances surrounding it, clearly shows that a break with the United States, IS THE ONE THING THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN DOES NOT WANT!

For the former foreign minister held this eventuality out, as the one reason why the present Japanese government's naval plans should be modified.

"Continue this policy," he said in effect, "and a breach can't be avoided; change it, and friendship with the United States can be maintained."

Yoshizawa reasoned, and reasoned correctly, that a more effective criticism of the Japanese government's present naval policy, could not be made.

FOR this much can be taken as CERTAIN: Japan wants no trouble with the United States. It will do anything within reason to prevent it. It fears this country—perhaps distrusts it—but it would go to any lengths to avoid an open break with it.

Japan's naval and military ambitions are directed in another direction entirely,—i. e. in the direction of Manchuria, China and Russia. And the most she asks from this country, is to be left alone. It is no exaggeration to state that her entire foreign policy at the present time is directed toward maintaining the neutrality, and if possible securing the active friendship, of the United States.

So we trust none of our readers will be misled by the headlines on the press dispatches from Tokio yesterday, or any similar headlines in the future.

Properly understood, the news dispatches justifying those headlines, showed the unlikelihood rather than the likelihood of Japan ever seeking a war with the United States.

They Must Be Desperate

THE opponents of the state sales tax must be getting worried. They are showing more and more HEAT; and giving less and less LIGHT.

In yesterday's Portland Journal, which is still offering its columns daily to anti-sales tax propaganda written by Ray Gill, the state grange master and potential candidate for governor, not only reverts to the cry of "Wall Street," but proceeds to flay the gas tax, good roads and the state highway commission.

Rather a large order! We didn't suppose even Mr. Gill denied the general success of the gas tax, initiated by this state, and adopted by practically every state in the union. Nor did we suppose he doubted the honesty and efficiency of the state highway commissions. Nor the value of the present highway system in this state, which the gas tax—and the gas tax alone—made possible.

But quite apparently he does. He CONDEMNNS the various state highway commissions by declaring:

"Looking back we see that our highway system has resulted in the greatest waste and extravagance of anything our state has known"

As for the gas tax: "With nearly all the states applying gasoline taxes, now could their congressmen refuse to pass a national gasoline tax... it would then be easy to pass a national sales tax... THE HAND OF WALL STREET! Think twice before you let this hand reach into your pocket each day when you buy every item of the necessities of life!"

So the gas tax was "Wall Street"; the sales tax will be "Wall Street"; and the members of the state highway commissions of Oregon have been guilty of the greatest waste and extravagance of anything this state has known!

We can only explain such intemperance of language, by a growing fear on the part of Mr. Gill and other confirmed sales tax opponents, that the sales tax will pass, unless something desperate is done to stem the present tide in its favor. (Incidentally we believe that fear is justified. If the sales tax doesn't pass this time it will the next. As we see it, eventually the sales tax principle is as certain to be a permanent feature of our state tax structure as anything in the future can be.)

HOWEVER just a word as to this Wall Street bugaboo. Mr. Gill maintains the gas tax was put over by Big Business and Wall Street.

Is that true? Let anyone interested investigate the history of the gas tax in this state.

What was the ONE interest most strongly opposing it? What was the one interest that opposed the various increases?

The Oil Trust of course—ALL the large oil companies. They maintained oil was forced to support more than its share of the tax burden, and that consequently their sales would suffer. A car load of evidence to support this statement can be produced and we are quite certain John D. Rockefeller himself would not dispute it.

And yet Mr. Gill claims Wall Street put over this tax! With John D. Rockefeller, E. L. Doheny, J. P. Morgan, and the Chase National bank on the other side!

WHAT AN ABSURDITY!

YET it is no more absurd than to maintain Wall Street put over the sales tax in the recent legislature, when twelve members of the state grange were chiefly responsible for it, and not even one paid lobbyist was working in its favor.

The people of Oregon through their legislature put over the gas tax, and the people of Oregon through their state highway commission insisted that that money be invested in good roads.

As far as we can recall Mr. Gill is the first aspirant for high public office, who condemns that tax, favors its repeal, maintains that investment in permanent highways was wanted waste and extravagance, and if he had had his way, this state with its thousands of automobiles and hundreds of thousands of summer tourists, would still be floundering axle deep in the muck and mud!

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.

INCOME EXCEEDS EXPENDITURE

An individual continues to grow and develop up to the age of 21—anything from 18 to 25 years. This means a physical growth, organic development, and a d does not refer to mental or normal development. It is therefore unwise and dangerous for anyone who has not yet attained his or her full adult growth and development to attempt any reduction, unless the entire regimen is under the personal and constant direction of the individual's own physician. For this reason I have never knowingly given any minor or child counsel or aid in reduction. Wild animals never become obese. Even when they have access to a superabundance of food they instinctively stop eating once they have gorged themselves. Domestic animals readily put on excess weight if unintelligently fed and not sufficiently worked or allowed to play or exercise. Obesity in every case is primarily due to overeating. Overeating is always a relative term. Clearly the tailor requires less food than the blacksmith. The growing boy or girl requires more food than his or her father or mother does and should have it. The process of growth uses considerable energy and the source of all energy is of course food. In every instance output must keep pace with income if the incursion of obesity is to be avoided. The income is the total caloric or food or fuel value of all the food one consumes; the output is the total amount of energy, reckoned in calories, one expends in working, playing and growing, plus the energy expended daily in basal metabolism—that is, the functioning of the vital organs. Social amenities are responsible for much of the early obesity that prevails among the great middle class. Eating and drinking are inescapable features of all social occasions, and it requires greater strength of character to decline to eat than it does to decline to drink. The use of stimulating flavors or seasonings in the preparation of food, and various tempting sauces or dressings served with or on the food, causes many to wolf down a good deal of superfluous nutriment which they would never want, at least in any quantity, but for the sake of the line of sweetened pastries, puddings, parfaits, cake, jellies, jams, candies, syrups, ices sweetened beverages gormandizing is made pleasurable.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Girl Wanted: We live in the country 30 miles from... have two sons 5 and 2... a little girl about 14 months old... Answer—Your doctor or any good doctor in the town near which you live would be likely to know... My druggist charged only 50 cents to put up the formula you suggested for warts... Ed. Note: Readers wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letters direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—In the jostling tumult of Coenties street is attached a picturesque slice of Spain. Every upstairs window seems to feature a squawking parrot and now and then a hard-bitten character with a peg leg, a ring in his ear and a vocabulary suggesting the S p a n i s h main. Restaurants are all the same kind. Almost bare dining rooms with low ceilings and old cloth covered tables. The kitchen is in full view with fat and perspiring cooks bending over the heat. And always the inevitable overfed cat and a picture of Alfonso turned to the wall. Each cafe has a fixed price, which includes hors d'oeuvres, bouillabaisse, shrimp bouquet and little neck clams floating in a thick garlic sauce. Also those hit-or-miss lengths of crusty Spanish bread. Wine is gratis and the patron may drink all he can hold without frowns by the management. In the Spanish shops nearby are earthenware pots and jugs straight from Valencia. Wine rooms feature guitars, castnet dancers and frequently a retired pugilist sitting alone to muse over vanquished glory. Anchovies in the section may be purchased for a dime a can. The renowned bar at the metropolitan opera is likely the most crowded drinking saloon in the metropolis during intermission. Here one sees too, the magnificently dressed group of thirsty. Otto Kahn in the swirl of his Inverness cape. The diamond tiaraed Mrs. Frank Strass, Society's best dressed man, William Goadby Lowe. And so on. The most popular tipples is the champagne cocktail and a thimble of cognac. Few newspaper men are ready opera goers. The most consistent in New York is Kay K. Kitchen, with Lucius Beebe, a rummer-up. Kitchen also never misses a symphony. Among the novelists who love opera are Rupert Hughes, Julian Street, Joseph Hergshofer and Kathleen Norris. Incidentally, a recently bereaved novelist sent this reply to a message of condolence from a friend: "Your sympathy is tenderly expressed. But after all, it would not matter much what you said. When one is wandering in the dark looking for a way back to the sunshine, he is not so much concerned in the words that call him—it's the friendly voice he wants to hear."

More PWA Coin Possible For Oregon Ickes Informs Mary Kelly in Interview

By Mary Greiner Kelly.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(Special).—Oregon is considered teacher's pet by many other states aspiring to the big red apples handed out by the P. W. A. Having received her "quota" long ago, the "Little Orphan Annie" state has had more public work's blessings heaped upon her than the easterners will agree she is entitled to. Asked if she might not even receive still more, Secretary Harold L. Ickes, in a private interview today smiled and said: "That is not entirely impossible." He went on to explain that the administration was not concerned so much with geography as with the soundness and feasibility of the plans submitted, and the possibilities of putting men to work. "The entire program now is halted for lack of funds. Further progress will depend largely upon the appropriations allotted by congress," he said. "New projects, however, many of them highly meritorious, are coming in every day."

The interview came after one of the secretary's regular semi-private conferences, held each Tuesday and Thursday in his office. These are attended by between 30 and 40 accredited members of the press, who certainly ask questions like veterans' numerous queries about the intricacies of all administration—irregularities cropping up in housing corporation projects (whatever they are), etc.

Secretary Ickes claims he learns more from the reporters than he imparts to them. That, of course, is polite flattery and even newspaper men can sometimes take it. If there is anything about his job that Mr. Ickes hasn't at his finger tips before the press conference opens, it isn't very important anyway.

The man has a sense of humor, evidenced in a dozen whimsical little ways during these half hour meetings. He delights in leaving the impression that his publicity director, Michael Strauss, dictates his utterances. "How did you decide I should say about that, Mike?" he will ask, turning in exaggerated concern to the ex-newsman man. Or he'll say to the reporters: "I'll have to wait until Mike has passed on this question."

When the questions come too fast for convenience Secretary Ickes will take several quick puffs of his cigarette and hide himself behind a thick veil of smoke for a few seconds. Suddenly, he'll sweep the grey mist to one side and emerge to answer the query which suits him best. His prize trick is this: After a

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 February 1, 1924 (It was Friday) Time up for purchase of 1924 auto licenses and traffic police ordered to arrest all autoists with old licenses.

The long-hoped-for rain starts falling over the valley. Henry Mackey is confined to his apartments with a very bad cold.

M. M. Store gets first consignment of spring goods. County court goes north to study paving.

Water lower in Sardine creek than ever before. Petition signers in Table Rock district sorry they did it.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 1, 1914 (It was Sunday) President Wilson turns down the lady suffragists.

Airplane flight around the world is pronounced "foolhardy" by scientists. Ashland armory is dedicated by Gov. Oswald West.

The Basco Musical Comedy company complete a two week's engagement here and played to a full house every night. Great regret was expressed at their departure by their fans. Attorney E. E. Kelly, speaking for the "Drama League," says: "The comedian stuck his foot in his mouth and kicked the drama in the seat of the pants." Officials of the Drama League declare, "The success of the troupe is no compliment to the culture of the valley."

January was a month of high winds and rain, weather bureau reports.

DILLINGER'S PALS IN INDIANA CELLS

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 1.—(AP)—John Dillinger's three outlaw pals came back to Michigan City penitentiary today conveyed by 18 squad cars of Indiana and Illinois officers and were locked away for safe keeping.

They were brought from Chicago under escort of 75 policemen armed with machine guns, rifles and riot guns.

As the caravan stopped at the portal of the penitentiary where they escaped last September 26, the Michigan City police formed an aisle through which the outlaws marched. Harry Piermont and Charles Mackley threw their overcoats over their heads as they walked into prison. Russell Clark, his head bandaged, seemed to walk painfully, dragging his leg in pain.

Attorney in Grants Pass — William McAllister, Medford attorney, was here on business Tuesday. — Grants Pass Daily Courier.

every year, regardless of who pays the expense) that I am convinced that there is no real harm done to them—no, not in any way, when we make it necessary for them to "do their part" in helping to bear the burdens of government, under which they are benefited and protected.

I feel that the tax should be made as light as is reasonable on the plain necessities of life; and increased proportionately on the unnecessary luxuries. This will, first of all, help to distribute the tax burden; and it will help to the heavier burden where it can more easily be borne. Here, for instance, we have a family of seven, with five children who are just through school. They live in a rented house; and because they are poor, they have spent only a few hundred dollars per year for the plain necessities. Will they not feel more self-respecting and independent if they know that they are sharing in the burdens of government? Now, under our present system they have not done so.

Right across the street from them live another family of seven. Five children from this family have also passed through our schools. But this family is quite wealthy. They live in a rented house; and all their wealth is invested in non-taxable bonds and securities so that they have paid no tax, though taking part in all the privileges of American citizenship. This same man was involved in a lawsuit which cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars. One son of the other family was also prosecuted for an unspeakable crime which also cost many thousands. These are not far-fetched things. Mr. Editor: we have seen such things many times.

Now, out in the country just on a mile lives another couple on a small farm. The man is the brother of the rich fellow. His wife is the sister of the poor man. There are all blood relation; yet the last couple have no children. They have several thousands of dollars invested in houses and lands. They own both the properties where their relatives live. They have this fine, small farm. Their tax burdens have grown steadily from year to year until they are at the breaking point. Everything they have in it is gone. The farm has paid so little the last three years that the taxes are unpaid. They have helped pay for the education of their relatives, and for the prosecution of crime; but they are about knocked out. How will they vote on the tax measure? How will the others vote? Honest, poor people will feel better to help share the burdens. Our honest rich are and have been willing to "do their part." It is every one of the other two classes who has to reach through the sales tax. The man who buys a few hundred dollars worth of goods should pay a little more.

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