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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Politicians of all sizes and varieties are busy giving exorbitant encouragement to the \$200 per month old age pension plan—well knowing it is impossible of fulfillment.

One of the rising generation of the male persuasion was paddled yesterday. His screams indicated he was being murdered with a cold chisel, though the aggressor used nothing but the bare hand.

ROSY FUTURE ITEM
Science invents labor-saving, time-saving and distance-saving machinery, and the machines then kill a certain percentage of those who use them.

The Shaasta County News reports that a pump handle flew up and broke a farmer's wrist, as he nearly and quickly as if he had been cracking an old-fashioned '4d.

REMARKS ON ERRORS
We made a mistake in a recent issue of the Capital News. A good subscriber told us about it.

Money paid for Christmas aids helps spread the knowledge that save lives.

The Worst Crooks of All

WE are glad to see two attorneys indicted in the Urschel kidnaping case. In practically every major crime committed in this country lawyers are involved.

These underworld attorneys represent one of the most sinister phases of organized crime today. Nine times out of ten they supply the shrewdness and generalship that the average gangster lacks.

If these two lawyers indicted in the Urschel case should be convicted and sent to the penitentiary where they belong, it would do more than anything else to clear the atmosphere, and put the American gangster definitely on the run.

The average gangster without expert criminal advice—and that political influence which the criminal lawyer invariably wields—would fall an easy prey to the aggressive drive against organized crime, which is now being so vigorously conducted by the Roosevelt administration.

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.

SOME CITIZEN SHOULD FORBID THIS MARRIAGE

A school teacher writes that she is 41 years old and is engaged to marry a man four years younger. She feels that she is too old to bear children.



It will be a pleasure to answer your letter. What is needed in such a case is not birth control but marriage control. In justice to the world, to the young fool who proposes to marry this creature, and to the thousands of true women who might make real wives for such men, some good citizen should arise and forbid the marriage of this woman to this man.

Any woman who is fit to marry at all is fit to bear children. If she has some deficiency, some talent or some disability by reason of which childbirth might be inadvisable for her, then it is a crime against the state and against posterity to permit her to marry with a man who should carry on the race.

Once more I warn the public never to elect me to any office which would give me any arbitrary or dictatorial power, for I'd soon clean up

the marriage mess. I tell you, I'd set up a trial marriage that would have teeth in it. If any people lived in wedlock more than three years after marriage without issue I'd require them to show cause why the union should not be declared null and void—or else to adopt and raise their quota of children.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Stomach Rush.
What causes stomach to empty its contents into the intestines prematurely? Does smoking have anything to do with this? (Mrs. M. P. T.)

Headaches.
I also suffer from terrible sick headaches, and see where you have helped many. (E. T.)

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with me should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE California Oregon Power Company is displaying over Southern Oregon an exhibit showing the progress of artificial lighting—"illumination" is probably the proper word—for the past 2500 years.

For that reason, it is well worth seeing.

JUST when man discovered fire, we don't know. It was too far back in the misty past even to guess at, but before he discovered that it would cook his food he must have learned that it would light his way at night.

IN THE process of cooking food, prehistoric man learned about animal fats and noted that they burned with a more and less clear and steady flame when they dripped from the broiling meat onto the coals.

Such a lamp gave a clearer, steadier flame than the open fire, or the fogot. It could be carried from place to place.

It was less DANGEROUS—for fire, you know, has always been a potential enemy, as well as a friend. It was far less likely to burn the house down.

IN THOSE long centuries, man was easily satisfied, wasn't he? Took what he had, and didn't give much thought to bettering it. What was good enough for his father was good enough for him.

At any rate, simple conveniences such as lamps didn't get much attention.

THEN some smart thinker noticed that solidified fats would burn, as well as liquid fats, and working from that point he poured hot grease around a wick and let it cool, thus bringing the CANDLE into the scheme of human life.

The candle seems to have marked a turning point in the history of artificial illumination, but in a DIFFERENT WAY. With the advent of the ment over the old wick-over-a-bowl lamp, the human mind seems to have gone finally to work on the problem of better lighting at night.

The story of artificial illumination from the candle on is so interesting, and contains so many fascinating sidelights of one sort and another, that it will be continued later. To include it today would make this column too long.

Exports from Russian Black Sea ports passing Istanbul during the first nine months of the current year registered an increase of 12 per cent compared with the corresponding period of 1933.

MRS. TURNER GREET'S AIR ACE



Home again after teaming with Clyde Pangborn and Reed Nichols to finish third in the London to Melbourne air race, Col. Roscoe Turner Angeles from the Antipodes. Colonel Turner is holding a toy lion mascot he carried with him throughout the long race. (Associated Press Photo)

Just a Wooden Suit



An Kasper is wearing a suit from Puyallup, Wash., which is made of wood an eighth of an inch thick and will be displayed in Hollywood at an inventors' congress. (Associated Press Photo)

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 18, 1924.
(That was Wednesday)

Every business except hardware is now represented on North Central avenue.

Incoming and outgoing Christmas mail heavy, with postal clerks busy far into the night.

Medford high will play Eureka, Calif., in first basketball game of season. Coach Callison is drilling the squad daily, and fans forecast Medford will have a state title contender.

Business section is filled every day with shoppers, including many from northern California points.

A. J. Vance accepts the captaincy of Co. 7 and plans more drilling and athletics.

Champion long distance hiker of the world visits Medford.

Statistics show 184 wedded, and 34 divorced in Jackson county past year.

Citizens are urged to discuss freely the proposed new city charter, and council asks that more attend charter meetings.

Edgar Hafer reports 847 carloads of wood products have been shipped from this city by the Crater Lake Lumber company, "in the very dull year, now near an end."

Three men and a woman sustained wounds and a doctor's care, as the result of a dance fight near Rogue River.

Fights For Fortune



Mrs. Anne Cannon Reynolds Smith of Concord, N. H., charged that her divorce from the late Smith Reynolds was illegal and void when she entered the court fight at Winston-Salem, N. C., for the \$25,000,000 fortune of the tobacco heir. (Associated Press Photo)

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Greenwich Village, for no particular reason, has taken on a sudden sparkle. New electric signs are flashing everywhere.

Cafes, coffee dens and waffle parlors and the Mama Bertolotti type of red ink table d'hotes are almost as packed as they were after the armistice.

Some attribute the renaissance to the return of the prodigals—the artists, sculptors and writers who rushed from Paris and other European capitals with the droop of the dollar. Many lads and ladies of Du Dome Rotonde and Select are to be seen.

Also many from fashionable neighborhoods uptown with reduced incomes have fled to the peaceful serenity of the Village as a sort of cyclone cellar until the storm blows over. There are fewer apartments to rent there than in almost any other metropolitan area.

The cafe influx which includes the uptown restaurant, Will Oakland, has bought many hand-becked specialty shops like those on Madison. The sidewalk cafe is to whom this Spring. And the Village has also attracted Lee Posner, whose three-sheeting was supposed to have incited Harlem slumming.

Of horrid choreography from Greeley's Alpine crawl to Noel Coward's mincing flourish, the least deplorable is Walter Lippmann's. Aside from the pinched-up precision of a minute steel engraving it has an exasperating sameness of letters that drives printers to despair. Most of it must be read through a microscope, if at all.

Likely no restaurant in New York, with the possible exception of the Colony, attracts more of the leisurely gourmets than L'Aiglon, a hop-skip from Fifth avenue. It is Parisian in softened pretensions, with M. Louis in self-effacing tip-toe guiding writers by eye, title and quick nods. Among the finicky feeders I noticed at various tables were Dick Berlin, Carl Helm, Aubrey Eads, Louis Long and Joe Moore. About the place was the aroma of ham boiled in port, duck garnished with orange, and sauces orchestrated from the rarest shrimps and caviar.

George White, in Hollywood to direct another picture, is to return to the New York stage as a producer this Spring. During his sabbatical year from managerial activities, he has been, next to old Mr. Bridges, the cologneating magazine editor, the most persistent attendee of movies, going seven nights a week and often dropping in an afternoon or so. Frank Sullivan is another confirmed movie addict, deserting his role as a frequent first nighter. Gilbert Selles is still another.

Just the other day I happened to

ture in on a performer announced as Thomas (Fats) Waller. I don't know his history, but from voice and mannerisms I judge he's a burly son of Ham. He gives the effect, so often pronounced among African performers, of having more fun than his audience. His work strikes me as the epitome of all the first-chop ragtime pianists from Ben Harney down. Every trick of syncopation is at deft finger tips and he surrounds it with an orgiastic negro happiness that makes such monkeyshines a delight.

Chop suey places usually look so deserted that you wonder how they get by. This is especially true of those of the beaten path. Sometimes they have only a half dozen customers an evening, apparently. But the chop sueys, like the Long Island suburbs in the summer time, enjoy a week-end boom. Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and into the dawn they have a brisk and steady patronage. Chop suey in the average mind is never considered as a regular diet. Rather it is associated with the spirit of escapé—a lark. Another steady patronage of the chop sueys are the boys and girls who have been "kicking the Gong around." They have unquenchable thirst and may sit in booths and drink all the water they want. Chinese waiters understand and think nothing of it.

One of the best of the Paul Whitman yarns concerns an engagement in Oklahoma City. A small town impresario nearby wired: "For \$100 how much of your orchestra will you send to play a local dance?" He replied: "A piccolo player and two sheets of music."

Phone 542. We'll haul away your refuse. City Sanitary Service.

Former Partner Of Robson Arrested



Francis D. Crosby (above), was arrested in Los Angeles for Tucson, Ariz., authorities on a warrant charging him with issuing a check with insufficient funds in the bank. Sheriff John Baizer said that Crosby was a partner in a night club with Oscar H. Robson, suspect in the June Robles kidnaping case, at about the time of the abduction. (Associated Press Photo)

CHRISTMAS TURK SHIPMENTS HEAVY

JOURNAL, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Portland estimated today that about two million pounds of turkeys have been shipped out of Oregon for the Christmas trade.

The shipments went to New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and other sections. "As a result of the unexpected heavy selling and killing of turkeys for shipment," the article said, "the condition of the trade here appears somewhat more hopeful, but there is still the fear of what may happen when strictly local Christmas trading starts."

The first of the real "home" Christmas buying will open here Thursday. The quality of turkeys continues to be excellent, and there is an increasing demand for hen because of their small size.

Current prices here for live birds ranged from 15 to 16 cents a pound. The nominal quotations for dressed turkeys had a range from 16 to 24 heavy selling and killing of turkeys for shipment."

OLD SAINT NICK ON THE JOB



In his many workrooms Santa Claus is preparing his annual output of Christmas toys. Here he is shown in his Los Angeles shop, surrounded by a number of his latest creations. (Associated Press Photo)



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excelled constitutional lawyers, Messrs. Baker and Beck, was NOT the best work they ever did, if you accept the judgment of some constitutionalists here. Then, also, there is an apparent inside reluctance on the part of any specific party to start the test case. Utilities would like to see it done, but they do not want to stick their own necks out.

Chairman Kennedy of the SEC is another of those busy new dealers who always eats his lunch in his office.

One of the main things secretly worrying republican national committee directors now is who is going to pay the \$1,000 a month due an eminent publicity adviser under his three-year contract, which has two more years to run.

They say General Johnson got \$60,000 from a national weekly magazine for three articles from his book. If true, the figure certainly sets a new maximum wage for an ex-modifier.

Are you mailing all your letters with tuberculosis Christmas seals pasted on the back?

The department of agriculture is undertaking to locate and develop the best native nut trees throughout the United States.

5 Shopping day To Christmas



During 1929-30 throughout the USSR only 9,000 tractors were manufactured whereas now 90,000 are being made yearly.

Now I Eat Fried Foods

No Upset Stomach Thanks to Bell-an's

