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MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION
NRA MEMBER
Ye Snudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

1934 starts out with a decrease in the number of prophets predicting the nation is hell-bound, and the adults crazy, and the young too smart. According to eminent forecasters, who have been wrong on every occasion the past five years prosperity will arrive, "unless checked by adverse workings of the law of supply and demand." Nothing is mentioned about any possible adverse workings of the law of grab all you can, while the grabbing is good.

"QUESTION OF GRAVITY BEFORE NEXT LEGISLATURE."—(Herald Peninsula Herald)—They will fix gravity as what goes up will not come down, if 30 days' notice is given.

"RUGGED INDIVIDUALISM" (Pendleton East Oregonian)—LONG CREEK, Dec. 29—Christmas is over for this year and everyone around this part of the country seemed to have plenty to eat and if they didn't have enough wood to keep them warm it was their own fault as all they had to do was go and get it.

The moisture situation has improved so much that farmers are now getting rain they never prayed for.

Drug stores have been awarded the right to sell draught beer by the state liquor commission. The drug stores have not got around yet to carrying a line of J. I. Case harvest machine parts.

Whatever became of the old-fashioned naughty story about a 4d

Some of the "University men" home for the Yuletide have contracted lems on the campus, and favor youth in charge of the government, without the inconvenience of an election. They speak rather kindly of Communism, as perpetrated in Russia. This is not due to any inner easiness, they hasten to explain, but to "broader thinking." The firing squads have been rather busy in Russia of late, obliterating Russians, found guilty of indulging in broad thinking, when a member of the secret police could hear them.

The coming congress plans to end the "spoils to the victor" system. This system has not been working well, as there are more victors than postoffice.

ROUGHLY IS RIGHT. (American Dentistry)
Dentistry is at present in a transitional stage and about to undergo far-reaching modifications which will distinguish it radically from the dentistry of the past. Roughly, the change which is taking place is from emphasis on the conservation of teeth.

"Nothing in use by man, for power or ill. Can equal money. This lays cities low; This drives men forth from quiet dwelling-places; This warps and changes minds of the world's stamp To turn to deeds of business, teaching men All wiles or cunning, and to know the guilt of every impious deed!"—(Poetry)

The Way Out

WALTER LIPPMANN, who is one of the best informed and most intelligent political observers, in the country, starts out the New Year by urging the balancing of the budget. More than that he declares in general terms, how he believes it can be balanced.

Lippmann, of course, doesn't believe the budget can be balanced this year. He doesn't state just when he believes, an exact balance can be reached. But he wants President Roosevelt to adopt a policy which will mean a balanced budget eventually, and if his advice is followed he believes it can be done. Furthermore it is his opinion, that until the budget is balanced, no permanent recovery is possible.

It is therefore interesting to see what the Lippmann plan is. Briefly Lippmann would discard three major policies of the NRA. First the granting of monopolistic privileges to business, including price fixing; second the endorsement of the organized labor program, that insisted upon high wages for the small minority employed regardless of the amount of unemployment this created, and third the willingness of the New Dealers, to let the monopolists of labor and industry, take over the government, under the naive assumption that this was a new and desirable "planned economy."

These three policies in Lippmann's opinion, have raised all the havoc and delayed the return of prosperity, during the past two years. Instead of relieving, it intensified the maladjustment which was the heart of the economic collapse.

LIPPMANN observes with gratification that this entire policy in Washington is now in disrepute, and is being abandoned under Riechberg, as rapidly as possible. He feels confident that in his coming message, President Roosevelt will order that in this direction the New Deal be redempt.

He feels certain the fallacious theory that prosperity can be attained by maintaining high prices through producing and working less will be abandoned.

"I confidently believe, or at any rate earnestly hope, that when the New Deal is redempt it will be on the principle of producing more by selling at prices the people can pay. . . . If that principle prevails, we shall have genuine assurance of a balanced budget. For we shall enjoy recovery in a substantial way."

In other words Lippmann favors, particularly in the capital goods industry—where he maintains the depression was and is concentrated—more production at lower prices, instead of less production at higher prices; more men employed at lower wages, instead of less men employed at higher ones.

Quoting further:

The conclusion to be drawn is, I believe, that the way to bring the budget into balance is to bring the national economy into balance. In other words, to balance the budget and to fail to take the measures which will promote recovery will get us nowhere. A continuing depression will again under the budget. But if the measures are taken that will promote recovery, then the budget will come into balance and stay there. The vital point is not the balance sheet for 1936 and 1937 as it must be guessed at next week, but the fundamental economic policy adopted by the administration, by big business and by organized labor. If the policies are wrong, the budget will be bad whatever the public estimates may be. If the policies are right the budget will be better than the treasury will dare to predict.

It will be asked at once whether anyone is entitled to speak with assurance as to what are the right and the wrong policies. It seems to me that it is now possible to do just that in view of our very expensive but illuminating experience under Mr. Hoover and under Mr. Roosevelt's laboratory demonstration.

WILL ROGERS is generally regarded as the world's leading humorist, and probably few would dispute his claim to that title. He is a sort of happy cross between Josh Billings and Mark Twain with a sprinkling of Benjamin Franklin thrown in.

But we have about decided he is also the best editorial writer in the country. When it comes to influencing public opinion we believe he can say more in fewer words, to promote or shatter any given cause, than any other writer in the country.

A great deal has been written editorially about the crime wave, and how it can be checked. It has been a "sure-fire" editorial topic for many years. The necessity of reform in the legal profession has also been touched upon, time after time.

But we submit that in the following "stick of type," Will Rogers has written the best editorial against organized crime, and criminal lawyers that has appeared in the press, during the past ten years:

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 31.—Here is about the best crime prevention news I have seen. "The California Bar association is to risk its rank of any attorney found to have connection with the underworld."

The first thing they do now if they are taking up crime as a profession (even before they buy the gun) is to engage their lawyer. He works on a percentage. He acts as their advance agent, too. He picks out the banks they are to rob. Bar associations invented the word "ethics," then forgot it.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.
Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to discuss 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, 263 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal.

SO THIS IS INSOMNIA NO. II
Ever notice how you think of the bright and witty remark or the appropriate response or toast three weeks after the occasion? Well, I've just found out about insomnia. I'd tell you right off, but I know a lot of you class B neurotics would raise your old cry of "sarcastic" and "utter lack of sympathy" and "understanding" against me. In flush times I don't mind getting kicked out for telling the truth, but for a while yet I must handle you class B birds with gloves. It is encouraging to know, as I do, that class A neurotics greatly outnumber the B's, but when it comes to squealing at the threat of exposure, the moochers make so much noise that one gets the impression they are as numerous as genuine invalids who have been deprived of exhaustion of nerve energy and all that absurd twaddle of quackery.



All my professional life I had an inarticulate impression that people who complained most of insomnia were those who slept too much, who didn't do enough honest work to require more than five or six hours rest; who, in short, least deserved or needed sleep.

Having thus prepared your minds for the announcement, I take great pleasure in introducing my latest discovery, viz., that after all there is no such thing as insomnia.

Oh, some now, hold yourselves until I elucidate. You will recall, perhaps, that from time to time these past 20 years I have disposed of divers common complaints in this same cavalier fashion, by simply declaring it a nonentity and thereafter declining to recognize its claim to existence. This makes lots of people mad clear thru. Especially my old fogey colleagues who find it most annoying when perfectly good patients catch them up about such such replies as this: "Oh, but Doctor, there is no such thing as a cold" or "Rheumatism? Yes, I think I feel you it is stiff, lame and sore. What I want to know is what ails me!"

Be just as angry as you like about it. I repeat there is no such ailment as insomnia. By that I mean to imply that no doctor can intelligently or even safely treat or advise a person who complains of not sleeping well, unless the doctor finds out what, if anything, ails the person. Lack of

ship to nearby Philadelphia, removes. It is hoped only temporarily, the most vivid theatrical personality of his period. With exception of the Paramount, he has shaped the destiny of every big movie house in Manhattan. He was the originator of the richly furnished type of stage spectacles that now prevail. Like most pioneers, he has suffered the scorn of the pathfinder. But has never given up to despair. After the usual type of jolts that the amusement world suffers, he dusts himself off and is back with a grin for the next encounter. Roxy won't stay down.

Someone tells me Ed Wynn's "So-o-o!" and the flutney uptake laugh are enormous exaggerations of his mother. Wynn used to mimic her when neighbors called not only to the delight of the good lady but her friends as well. So-o-o! when he began searching for some new approach on the radio he recalled these characteristics and they clicked. Jack Peri got much of his soda pop splutter from a cobbler whose shop was near his home on the East Side. W. C. Fields' "My pretty pigeon" and the like are a take-off on a throaty accent from a dour old monocled man who used to call on his father every Sunday.

The kindling man around on Lexington avenue was telling about the death of his father a number of years ago. "He died in the blue academic," he said sadly. (Copyright, 1935, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

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The ghost of D'Artagnan haunts New York again. Such a prominent maître d'armes as Bella deToucan has declared three sword duels are being fought at such-and-such days in several decades. There are a half dozen fencing schools in midtown and students have found the sword an excellent tool for repelling social and business disputes. The duello is easily kept secret and rarely fatal. Two clashes this winter failed to reach the press.

The Metropolitan opera, scrubbed clean of its world of crime, is now a neat tan and for the first time in 10 years presents a shining facade. The new spender has attracted many street hawkers to the curb, some old timers but a few who seem abashed at making a living in a way for which they appear so wholly unqualified. Depression misfits!

Along the library wall of West 42d street among street salesmen is a faithful perchman, a Bairnsfather's Old Bill, who has been selling hooks-on-hoos for a long time in New York. He moves from lower Broadway to midtown and the Bronx, a stabled and scrubby pigsticker who sits beside his display without soliciting. He tells me that during the year he has been able to make a living without appeal to charity.

Roxy, transferring his showman-

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
DONALD RIECHBERG, who seems to be No. 1 man of NRA, tells us that America "faces internal disension" unless the unemployed millions are given work.

"Internal disension" is a polite term for riot.

HE'S right enough, probably. It's as true now as it ever was that "Satan will find some mischief for idle hands to do."

HOW shall we put the idle millions to work? You go ahead and answer that question. You can certainly do as good a job as anybody that has tried it so far.

But if you want your solution to be a sound one, be sure that the work the idle millions are put at is CONSTRUCTIVE work, work that gets somewhere—not just jobs provided by the government to prevent the appearance of a dole.

THAT kind of job never kept anybody out of mischief. As a matter of fact, work that gets nowhere, accomplishes nothing worth while and is done merely for the sake of keeping busy, puts more of us in the frame of mind to GET INTO mischief.

A DISPATCH from London says: "An authoritative diplomatic source stated today that Great Britain, with the co-operation of France and Italy, will propose a general security pact embracing almost all the countries of Europe, immediately after the Saar plebiscite."

That is to say, the nations of Europe will all solemnly shake hands and agree to MAKE EACH OTHER UNSAFE.

IN THE village of Furth, in Germany, near the Austrian border, a Bavarian girl refuses to dance with an Austrian, and a fight ensues.

Beer glasses and chairs are hurled, knives flash and there are screams of "Down with Hitler!" "Out with the Austrians!" "Down with Austria!" One person is killed, nine seriously injured and 26 hurt by a detachment of 300 picked Nazi troops finally stop the rumpus.

ROWS like that have caused wars in Europe before, and might do it again—all of which merely proves how nearly insane they are in Europe on the subject of war.

STATE police are issuing the annual warning about driving a car after January 1 without a new license.

The warning hasn't meant much in the past, but should mean something this year. People who aren't willing to pay \$5 for the privilege of driving over the fine highways of Oregon for a whole year should WALK instead of driving.

COMMUNICATIONS
"Upside-Down Thinking"
To the Editor:
In the January 5 issue of the Saturday Evening Post, under the above heading, appears an editorial objection to the Homestead Tax Exemption. First, it states the argument used by those favoring the exemption:

"Churches, schools and orphan asylums are not taxed; therefore, why raise little homes where parents raise their children be levied upon?"

Most of these small homes are owned by those with small incomes, and often unemployed; why not let them have a roof over their heads and a small piece of ground which no tax collector can take away?

Well, why not? The Post has three objections: 1. It would take away from the tax home owner and farmer responsibility for conduct of local government. 2. It would work a real hardship and injustice by putting an extra burden of taxes on other property. 3. Exemptions cannot be defended on grounds of civic consciousness, sound government and the fair, orderly support thereof.

In the Oregon Shelter Tax Exemption Bill, as proposed, the first objection is overcome by leaving the property on the tax roll. The Oregon bill gives the home owner a credit that is limited to 20 mills in any school district, and 20 mills for state and county purposes. City taxes, special assessments and taxes exceeding an overall millage levy of 40 mills are not exempted. The owner of shelter value must pay any additional taxes levied.

Regarding the second objection, the Oregon measure provides for letting a general sales tax to offset the credits given the homeowner, so there is no additional tax burden placed on other property on this account. Regarding the third objection, it is a matter of opinion. According to the 1930 census only 46.8 per cent of the families of the United States live in homes they own. Especially has home ownership become an adventure for the worker with a low income no longer cares to undertake in the face of the present high burden of taxes, high interest rates and uncertainty of steady employment. It seems to me that "civic consciousness, sound government and

Is the Townsend Plan Possible?

By GEORGE SCHUMACHER
There can be no question, that the spending of \$200 per month by every person over 60 years of age will stimulate business, as this would mean, of course, a total initial spending of 24 millions per year and in turn an increased turnover of goods all around.

The pension will or can be paid, however, not in real money (only gold and silver is money and has an intrinsic value of its own) but in currency acting as a medium of exchange for valuable consumable or unconsumable goods. Such money of course, no value in itself, and its value depends always on the general price structure. If the issue of such money means an inflation and all prices rise to an excessive level, nothing can be gained.

To be of value to the old people and to the younger generation, goods must remain on the market. A pair price level as they are now. If a pair of shoes cost now \$5.00 and its price level just as well in our district as in any other without going into statistics of the whole U. S.

Naturally each district in the U. S. must stand more or less on its own resources and the pension system just as well in our district as in any other without going into statistics of the whole U. S.

We have and do produce here in this district of course enough goods now to provide in some way or another for the 50,000 people living here, and would have in the future to provide for the pension fund the sum of \$10,000,000.

Our total income in this district is made up from two sources: (1) the total of all agricultural products, mining products, forest products and manufactured goods; (2) the interest and dividends received by the local residents from investments outside of this district.

We have first of all our fruit industry, which is our main revenue producer. The total revenue from this industry must include the boxes made here, but we have to deduct from the f.o.b. receipts here the cost of paper, spray machinery, farm implements, etc. to arrive at the net funds available here from this industry.

Under the very best circumstances and at very good prices such revenue cannot exceed more than \$2,000,000 per year.

I have no statistics available of the total value of all other agricultural products in this valley, consisting of hay, grain, cattle, milk, eggs, etc. The sum total available is, of course, only the final product, meaning that we must not add the value of the hay to the value of the cattle, milk, etc. If the hay is consumed here in the valley, in any case, I believe I do not err, if I take the total production of all farm products also at \$2,000,000 per year.

I am sure I overestimate all other products made here in this valley, lumber, minerals, etc., when I allow also for them the sum of \$2,000,000 per year.

The fair and orderly support thereof can best be accomplished by promoting home ownership through exemption of shelter value in homes from state, county and school taxes, as provided for in the Oregon shelter tax exemption measure, with a sales tax to offset revenue lost.

Everyone would pay some taxes. Spending money is a better indication of ability to pay taxes. Spending money is a better indication of ability to pay taxes than ownership of shelter value in a home. Shelter is the one commodity, the one necessity that should not be taxed.

The Saturday Evening Post did not try to find an answer to the objections it discovered. The Post never suggests a way to correct a fault appearing in a plan proposed for correcting a social injustice, nor does it ever propose a remedy. Its editorial policy is "stand pat; there must be no change." With half our family units reduced to poverty by unemployment of the workers and underpayment of those workers having jobs it seems this policy is indefensible. The tadpole will shed its tail and become a frog, and nothing the Post can do will stop this evolution.

Any one interested in the Oregon homestead tax exemption measure can get a copy of it, with the argument favoring it, by calling at the office of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Medford, January 2. J. C. BARNES.
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KING ALLOWED TO RETURN TO IDAHO
William E. King, sentenced last week to serve three months in the county jail on his plea of guilty to sale of intoxicating liquor, has been granted a suspended sentence by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, upon condition that he return to Idaho with his family at once.

An order to the effect was signed by the court today. The order states that King has a home in Idaho, and that his return there will simplify matters for all concerned. King came here about six weeks ago. The order states by returning to the county will be spread the expense of providing relief for his family during his incarceration. King has agreed to the terms of the suspended sentence.

STEAMER PULLED OFF POINTER ISLAND MUD
SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Halda wireless headquarters here today that she pulled the Alaska Steamship company's liner Victoria off the mud flats of Pointer Island, B. C. at 8:50 a. m. The Victoria went aground in a blizzard on Sunday night, and the steamer spent New Year's aboard.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The tug of continuous burlesque fills more than a dozen theatres in greater New York from 10 a. m. until midnight. Some of their electric signs on 42d Street are greater than the picture in any movie house. Many old vaudeville regulars are now burly fans.

The favorite coryphees of burlesque have more definite followers than the average stage star. Indeed, a number have brought back the stage door jobs in the makeup of a visiting blind from Hickory Corners. The boys from small towns go for burlesque queens.

Such fascinating sirens as Gypsy Lee Luse, Evelyn Myers and Maxine DeShon are reputed "to receive more mad notes than any chorus girl on Broadway. While most of the epistles are from hinterland hot-sports of the 'tilt' be wearing a carnation and carrying a newspaper type," they are proud.

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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 TODAY
January 2, 1925
C. E. (Pop) Gates starts the New Year by publishing names of Ford car purchasers for 1924.

Heavy rain causes considerable damage to new road east of Central Point.
City will vote on bonds for a new high school at election to be held January 21.

High school tossers defeat Alumni team 23 to 25 in opening basketball game of season.
Mayor-elect O. A. Alenderfer will assume office next Tuesday, along with new councilmen and other officers.

South Carolina Democrat shocks Democratic leaders by declaring, "the overwhelming defeat at the polls last November, was due to efforts of our chiefs, endeavoring to foist foreign-born-isms upon the American people."

News Behind The News

(Continued from page one)
few weeks, they forget which ones are theirs.

There are a lot of familiar faces missing from the assembling bodies of legislators, men with good public records who were stamped by the new political surge last election day or who decided politics was not worth the effort. Among them are: The outstanding constitutional lawyer of the house, James Beck, ex-Senator Bill of Washington, the expert ruffian Chicago, Ross Collins of Mississippi, smart Loring Black of New York, McClintic of Oklahoma, Clyde Kelly of Pittsburgh, William Senator David Reed and level-headed Walcott of Connecticut. Most of these men would tell you privately today that a man who devotes his life to politics is a fool.

Yet there are many bright, shrewd faces here to take their places, faces eager to be nationally famous. Some of them will be heard will not.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

FIRPO WINS NOD OVER SAM DIEGAN

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(P)—Unable to knock out his rugged opponent, Young Firpo, 173, Burke, Idaho, nevertheless slugged out a clear-cut decision over Dutch Weimer, 172, San Diego, Cal., in their 10-round bout here yesterday.

Hank McDonald, 157, Redmond, Ore., scored a technical knockout over Toody Yarnell, 161, Vancouver, Wash., barracks, who fought almost a round after his jawbone was broken. McDonald, rolled by a six-count knockout, rose and whipped a left hook that broke Yarnell's jaw. In the second round, but it wasn't until the next round that Yarnell called the referee's attention to the injury. The referee found that the jaw was broken, and awarded McDonald the bout.

Frankie Moore, 155, Lakeview, Ore., came up with his clever opponent, Elmer Burns Brown, 151, Portland, in the third round, and gave him a merciless beating to gain a six-round decision.

Billy to Portland—Bain J. Baxey left Tuesday evening by train for his home in Portland, having been in Medford since Sunday morning, visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Baxey, and with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Gravatte.

RINGER TOURNAY HAS 3-WAY TIE

After ongoing raindrops for four weeks but getting in several good rounds of golf, three members of the Rogue River Valley course ended the December ringer tournament in a tie for first place, having deducted half their handicaps from their scores. The three winners were Ed Simmons, 80 less two or 38; A. F. Mansfield, 80 less 3 or 38, and E. Raymond Driver, 65 less 7 or 58.

Lesland Clark, who took low ringer score in the November tournament, again carded the same score for December, a 61 less two or 59. He was tied for second place by C. S. Newhall, who scored 65 less six or 59.

Eighteen members took part in the December tournament, turning in their final scores Monday night. Players may make as many rounds as they wish during the month, lowering their scores whenever able on any hole.

Play has already started in the January contest, six players having teed off since yesterday morning.