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Ye Smudge Pot by Arthur Perry

The title of "Champion Har" for 1934 has been bestowed upon a Centra, Wash., mill-worker. As a reward he will receive a diamond-studded medal, instead of a political office.

Portland's outstanding Communist agitator, under a seven-year sentence in state prison for conviction of criminal syndicalism, has departed for Washington, D. C., instead of Moscow.

Frigid weather prevails, causing pedestrians to walk like they were going some place, and highly desirous of getting there.

Legal action has been launched, to determine the constitutionality of salary payments to the governor, secretary of state, and state treasurer.

Sponsors of the Townsend Old Age Pension Plan, which proposes payments of \$200 monthly, via a sales tax, to all worthy and needy persons over 60 years of age, will present arguments in behalf of their cause at a congressional caucus to be held in Washington, D. C., tonight.

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Economists report "improvement in every channel of trade and commerce, save loans by banks." The "cos" of the banks, in this respect, may be due somewhat to the public tendency to forgive a bank robber on the grounds he robbed nothing but a bank.

"UNIQUE OF PADDLING." What little training is done nowadays is on a par with what one would expect to be administered in a boarding school for girls. I saw a father recently attempt to spank a 10-year-old boy, and really it was a farce.

These Oregon "Reds"

It is amazing to hear these Oregon communists rant about the sanctity of free speech. At a meeting in Portland the other night, to protest the recent conviction of Dirk De Jonge, and demand the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law, practically every speaker maintained an unyielding devotion to free speech.

Over and over again it was declared the criminal syndicalism law violated this constitutional guarantee, and repudiated one of the basic principles of true Americanism.

In the first place this law does not deny the right of free speech. It only denies the right to advocate violence, crime, or unlawful acts, via the written or spoken word.

Under this law any citizen can mount a soap box if he wishes and advocate the overthrow of this government, by PEACEFUL MEANS,—i.e., via the ballot box. He can proclaim to his heart's content the virtues of the capitalist system and the virtues of communism and urge his hearers to repudiate the former and adopt the latter.

Only when he goes OUTSIDE the law and advocates direct action, armed revolt and bloodshed, does the state step in and tell him to keep his mouth shut.

Why should any law abiding, right thinking citizen object to this?

Should a citizen have any more RIGHT to advocate the overthrow of his government by force, than to mount a platform in Haymarket Square and advocate the holding up of a local bank, or a raid on the food shops of the community? We think not.

BUT there is another angle to this question, which renders the communists' professed devotion to free speech, particularly inconsistent, and obviously insincere.

Take this man, De Jonge for example, who was convicted under the Oregon statute, but according to last reports, is en route to Washington, D. C., to join in some unemployed demonstration before the White House.

During his trial De Jonge was asked, from which country he would take his orders in case of war between the United States and Soviet Russia.

"I would take my orders from Moscow," was De Jonge's answer. In other words De Jonge's first loyalty is to the Russian government. Well, how about free speech under THAT government?

THERE is less free speech in Russia today, than in any country in the world. If this man De Jonge as a Russian subject had dared to say in his beloved Russia, half what he was allowed to say in this state, before the law stepped in, he would have been shot at sunrise.

Let any Russian subject publicly criticize the Soviet government, and even suggest, that a better form of government MIGHT be attained, and he is clapped in jail, before he can complete the first sentence.

To have advocated what he did advocate in this state, the forcible overthrow of the government, not a prison sentence, but death without a trial would have been his portion.

Free speech indeed! No person with the slightest interest in free speech could subscribe to the principles of Russian communism. And yet these Oregon "reds" proclaim their devotion to Moscow in one breath; and their willingness to die for the right of saying what they believe in the next.

PIFFLE! As has been previously stated in this column, these PROFESSIONAL American communists, deserve no more consideration than any other criminals deserve. They profess to be interested in humanity and the betterment of the common man, but this is all a smoke screen behind which they conspire to gain their destructive ends.

Let their ends once be achieved, and there would be just as much personal liberty and freedom of speech in this country as there is in Soviet Russia today,—which is none at all!

And yet these "reds" have the unmitigated crust, to appeal to the principles of a free democracy, (which they would eventually destroy) to gain a foothold in a country which they admit, in case of war, they would desert and betray!

MAYOR APPOINTS WARNING ON 'FLU' COMMITTEES IN ISSUED BY COUNTY FIRST '35 MEET HEALTH OFFICIAL

(Continued from page one.) C. A. Hartley submitted low bid with \$2,183. Other bids submitted were: Mountain States Construction Co. of Eugene, \$2,339.30; R. I. Stuart & Sons, \$2,702.73; and Sig Ash, \$2,999.80.

Reports read at the meeting included the annual summary released by Fire Chief Roy Elliott, which listed the year's fire loss at the low figure of \$11,171.49. On this loss, a total of \$11,119.49 of insurance was paid.

A report from the streets and roads committee for the month of December, 1934, was read, listing among routine items a summary of the state emergency relief work on the Bear creek flood control project.

SALEM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Extensions of time to further negotiations for complete recovery were granted by the Oregon Bank and Trust Co. of Salem and the Trust State bank, by the state banking board, it was announced today.

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.

EUTROPHY AND DYSTROPHY.

I am ashamed to report that I read DEATH down, but you should pay no attention to that. The eutrophy means nutrition, nourishment or growth. Eutrophy is the normal nourishment or growth. Dystrophy is defective nutrition or growth. Atrophy is wasting, or failure of nutrition or growth.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Neighborhood Nuisances. Please tell me how to kill useless neighborhood dogs. These mongrels rule our streets with their barking and howling. —Mrs. H. F. W. Answer—Get two or three neighbors to join with you in reporting the nuisance to the police.

Brother fell down stairs and injured knee. Water formed and now the doctor says it should be with drawn the knee, but brother thinks that will leave the knee stiff. —S. R. Answer—It will not leave the knee stiff, but if not treated now the condition may leave some permanent disability.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Cal. The crowd was born. Others saw, liked 'it' and before dawn almost every couple on the floor had picked it up.

Cole Porter is running close, if not actually tied, with Noel Coward for the Celebrity Sweepstakes. No party among the glazy parquets seems able to get along without him. Although much of his life has been spent in Europe he is without affection—save he carries his own sheets—and his dress and manner still faintly suggest his native Jersey. In large gatherings, he clings to the background and is rarely seen in the lobby buzz at theater intermissions.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY By O. O. McIntyre NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—There is a tip-toe glamour about the hushed little lost streets of Greenwich Village at twilight. Last evening I saw into the clear chrysalis of a sudden turning I saw into the basement studio of a sculptor. Under a fierce white light a gray-bearded, green-smoked man was modeling.

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Tringumabob: Roy W. Howard has traveled 80,000 miles during the past 12 months. —Mare Conroy's father was once Richard Mansfield's manager. —Jimmy Walker is receiving 80 pounds a week for his weekly London column. —Gilbert Seldes puts himself to sleep reading the funnies. —Genevieve Tobin is H. G. Wells' favorite on the movie screen. —Harry Atter and Warner Janney have long been neighbors at Plashing. —Ernest Hemingway's favorite American fishing spot is Key West, Fla. —Gatti-Casazi likes cold spaghetti for breakfast.

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Tin Pan Alley believes nothing is deader than a popular song, once it has passed out of circulation. Yet there have been revivals after a long period of years, boosted chiefly to even greater popularity by the radio. The first "Shine on Harvest Moon" was, in a way, accidental. This Nora Bayes-Jack Norworth hit was interpolated in a Ziegfeld show as part of a cabaret scene of the 1920's. Then almost simultaneously came the revival of Julia Sanderson's "The Didn't Believe Me," as the result of that lady's broadcasts. Lewis Mumford's "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee" was next. And it's running wild.

There is fresh interest, too, in the romance of the Boy's Mounted Police in the magazines. Cosmopolitan has sent a writer up to Ottawa for a series of actual murder cases. The Mounties solved in recent years. Also will play for the stage this season will deal with relentless tracking of criminals through the bleak wastelands. Rex Beach is flirting with a similar idea for a novel. Radio stars are rehearsing about the same line. Everybody is north-wearing it up.

The inevitable circle also swings back to the Castle Walk in dance parlors. This is a stiff-legged conceit in long swift struts, punctuated by whirling turns. It was conceived, the legends say, by Irene and Vernon one day after-midnight at uptown Broadway. The floor was so jammed that when they arose to dance the fast manner of plowing through

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 3.—(AP)—With 2000 children absent because of strike, Wilmington public schools today were ordered closed by Superintendent S. M. Stouffer. Be correctly contacted in an article headed by Elizabeth B. Hoffmann. Use MAIL TRIBUNE when you.

Is the Townsend Plan Possible?

By GEORGE SCHUMACHER. No. II. Let us now review some statistics of the U. S., lately furnished in regard to the value of farm crops produced in the United States. These are given as from two and one-half to four and one-half billions per year during the last few years. Thirty per cent of our people in the United States derive their income from agriculture and their total gross income is not more than two months' cost under the Townsend plan.

Only Three Days Pension. A large part of the farm products never enter the channels of trade. They are consumed by the farmers themselves and therefore no turnover tax would be available from this source. Let us further presume that the rest of the farm products are subject to a turnover tax three times; even if we take into consideration that many farmers bring their products directly to the grocer in exchange for other goods, and only one turnover tax can be credited to those transactions, we find that the total sum available from all transactions of farm products in the whole United States would be sufficient just to provide enough money for three days' pension fund.

Keep in mind that this sum is furnished by 30 per cent of all the people in the United States, and that our farm industry is after all the basis of a great amount of the wealth in the United States. The very desirable price increase of farm products within reasonable limits would make very little difference in the sum total, which would come from this source.

The promoters of the Townsend plan base their percentage requirement on a turnover tax of 1250 billions per year, which is explained by the use of the bank clearance in pre-depression time. A most fantastic statistical juggling!

Bank clearings do not represent turnover of goods alone. The high bank clearance of pre-depression days and today include many other items, especially stock transactions. During 1929 we had for a while a turnover of 20 billions of shares on the New York stock exchange alone, at a value of perhaps three billion dollars per day, and these transactions on the New York stock exchange enter not only into bank clearance statistics in New York, but frequently at the same time the same transactions appear in bank clearances in other banks and swell the sum total of all bank clearances all over the country.

I do not know if the Townsend people want to charge also 2 per cent for stock transactions. This will mean of course a very considerable sum, but the result would be that there will be no more stock sales for speculative purposes and further with 59 transactions the total capital would disappear and be paid over into the pension fund. It is also not quite clear if the Townsend plan contemplates the turnover tax for real estate. In any case these transactions are of course also included in bank clearance statistics.

So, to them, a happy New Year! (THE END.) perity is to pass a law or wave a wand, DEPRESSION WILL CONTINUE. Prosperity will return only if and when we are all willing to work for it. The politicians tell us otherwise, but they are WRONG.

IN our attitude toward depression and the way to recover from them, we are queer. If someone were to tell us that if we dropped a rock off the roof of the house or over the edge of a precipice, it would FALL UPWARD, we would laugh at him. We wouldn't even try such a fool thing, because we KNOW what would happen. But when the politicians tell us we can all vote ourselves rich, we listen to them.

PROSPERITY comes often to those who get out and hustle for it. It comes SELDOM to those who sit on the front porch and wait for it to come along. If, in the twelve months that do now begin, we will all do more hustling and less sitting and waiting for the politicians to bring prosperity to us and dump it into our laps, 1935 will be a better year.

AGAINST it is the fact that too many of us have been taught to believe that all that is necessary to bring back prosperity is to PASS A LAW. IF we go on believing that all we need to do to bring back prosperity, are you RUNDOWN, Ailing? WHEN you feel r u n d o w n, when your blood is thin or stomach gives you trouble, with gas, or "sour risings", or "Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. If you are thin-blooded, need to get on healthy

START THE NEW YEAR WITH ALL YOUR BILLS PAID. It's a great satisfaction to know that all your personal and business bills are paid—that your credit is good anywhere. And the first year is the logical time to clean up all these bills. We'll lend you up to \$500 for this purpose. You can pay us back in small weekly or monthly payments. Prompt, confidential service, with no incoercive necessary and no embarrassing investigations. A Few of the Other Purposes For Which We Lend Money— For paying taxes For doctor, dental or hospital expenses For paying insurance premiums For buying coal, clothing, etc. For paying rent or improving property

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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 3, 1924. (It was Saturday.) Nellie Taylor Ross, first woman governor, to be inaugurated as chief executive of Wyoming.

Santa Valley fields and roads suffer from recent high water. City council recommends an ordinance prohibiting autos from parking within a block of a fire.

Plans for the new high school building are exhibited at Crowe's. Stricter enforcement of dry laws urged for coming year, and civic clubs promise to cooperate with county officials.

Medford high quits to tackle Newberg in first basketball game of season. Locals will be handicapped by absence of Jimmy Allen, center, and Clare Williams, guard, who have had colds.

Ralph Jennings takes over sheriff's office, Charles Terrill retiring to his Lake Creek farm. A. C. Hubbard endorses the proposed new city charter, in letter to editor.

French army within 30 miles of Rhine, at one point on western front; Russian horde surrounds Austrians in Carpathians; Serbians report victory over Turks. Three Rogue River districts visited by fire in past 10 days.

Bright sunshine comes after several days of fog and rain and chill winds. Herbert K. Hanna is named "Grand Collector of the Wampus" of Redmen's lodge. Third episode of "The Master Key" at the Page, Francis X. Bushman in "Crushed Hearts," at the Star, and "A Soul Afloat" at the It.

SALEM, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Gross liquor returns to the state during 1934 totaled more than three and a half million dollars from sales, tax and licenses, a completion of figures made from the state treasurer's office and the liquor headquarters here.

More than three million dollars was realized from the sale of hard liquor alone from state stores and agencies. Complete figures were: gross, \$3,509,522; sales, \$3,084,271; tax on beer and wine, \$264,645; and licenses, \$160,617.

Sales during the last month of 1934 reached the highest mark for any month since the first state store was opened last February 15, or nearly \$600,000. In virtually every section of the state highest one-day sales were noted on December 24 and 31.

WASH OUT 15 MILES OF KIDNEY TUBES. Medical authorities agree that your kidneys contain 15 MILES of tiny tubes of filters which help to purify the blood and keep you healthy.

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