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Ye Smudge Pot

The Multnomah county poor farm, (of all places), showed a profit last year of \$10,915.35, the superintendent admits.

WANTED—Middle-aged neat lady or widow to keep house for five bachelors, one very reliable. References exchanged.—(Susanville, Cal. Review). About the average—one in four.

A bunch of gypsies, the first of the year, whizzed through Wed. So far everybody thinks they know where their pocketbook is.

REVELRY BUNTS LOOSE (Harrison Tidings) A surprise was staged on Mr. and Mrs. Stan Dudley Wednesday evening, when a party of eight couples called after 9:00 o'clock for a popcorn feed, bringing their own peppers and corn.

A number of the up-to-the-minute ladies, are flouncing about in new spring ensembles, which will cause their better-halves to spring, as they never spring before, in approximately 30 days.

Del Getchell, the banker-poet, and F. Fish, the boom-day tenor, attended the Phoenix Grange dinner Tues. evng, and ate more chicken than a professional friend of the farmer, from Portland. The latter dignitaries always manage to get at the end of the table, where they have more freedom of the elbow, while gnawing a breast-bone.

A captured California bank-robber makes a speech in the news reels, warning youth "crime does not pay." It was not much of a speech, and should be a warning along that line.

NARY A SCRATCH (Time Magazine) Graduated from the University of Virginia, Oscar Underwood, Jr., was in Paris as a law clerk for a U. S. firm when war broke out in 1914. Back home in 1916, he served on the Mexican border with his Alabama militia regiment, then to France in 1917, did not take off his uniform until 1919.

Reports from Los Angeles say a newspaper reporter there was robbed of \$120. We have talked to a recent Los Angeles journalist about this, and he firmly holds to the opinion, it was \$120.

Establishment of a whipping post in Oregon, for crimes of violence, is opposed on the grounds it is "brutal." It is almost as "brutal," as pecking a citizen over the head with butt-end of a pistol, because he only had 30c for a robber.

The legislature is still grinding out laws, though there are more now than people have time to break.

Owing to a typographical error in these parts ten days ago, Spring hereafter will be referred to as the vernal season.

SPRING POETRY Just two great big boys, Full of sunshine and smiles, And good cheer and joys, We think you're all right, And so do you wives, So why need you worry, The rest of your lives, Dear Andy and Raiph, Really too good to live, For one drives a Chrysler And the other a Chev, But that makes no difference, We're proud of you each, So cheer up good Comrades, You're both a real peach, Dear Andy and Raiph, Just two of a kind, Both bring home the bacon, If it is about all rind, But we know that you do, The best that you can, So we think you are dandy, —Pendleton East Oregonian

The Challenge to Liberty

"The United States shall guarantee to every state in this Union a republican form of government." Article IV, Section IV, U. S. Constitution.

In his latest syndicated article, Walter Lippmann raises the pertinent question, as to whether or not this section of our organic law has been violated in Louisiana.

With some modifications he answers his own question in the affirmative. From all he can learn, republican government in that state has been destroyed and a Huey Long dictatorship actually exists.

The acid test will be applied, he declares, when it is seen how the ruling powers deal with the opposition which is now organizing in Louisiana and whether a restoration of orderly government is achieved without violence.

In discussing this problem, Mr. Lippmann gives an exposition of the privileges and obligations of a free people, under a republican form of government, which is so clear in its reasoning and so unanswerable in its conclusions, that we feel it is worthy of quotation in full:

The dictatorship of Senator Long presents a question of principle about which there is a dangerous confusion in the minds of many who believe in democracy. The question is whether men must acquiesce in the overthrow of democracy if the dictator can obtain the support of a majority of the voters. I believe there can be only one answer to that question. To answer in the affirmative would be to reduce democracy to an absurdity. It would mean that today's majority had the right to deprive tomorrow's majority of its rights. Who can make such a claim? Who will say that a dictator may use free institutions to destroy free institutions? That a temporary majority may impose its transient will upon all future majorities? That men may use freedom of speech to acquire the power to destroy freedom of speech? That they may use elections to abolish elections? That they may exploit the constitutional guarantees to subvert them?

The idea that a dictatorship may be established by democratic processes is a sophistry. It could be entertained only in an age when men had enjoyed liberty so long that they had forgotten what it means and how it was won. One can have respect for dictators who overthrow free institutions by force and frankly say they intend to rule by force. But dictators who are elected, and then pretend to rule by popular consent, though they have destroyed the institutions through which the popular will can express itself freely, are practicing an ugly fraud. And those who acquiesce in the tyranny because it is achieved by majority rule are pretending to be convinced when in fact they are cowed.

Free institutions are not the property of any majority. They do not confer upon majorities unlimited powers. The rights of the majority are limited rights. They are limited not only by the constitutional guarantees but by the moral principle implied in those guarantees. That principle is that men may not use the facilities of liberty to impair them. No man may invoke a right in order to destroy it. The right of free speech belongs to those who are willing to preserve it. The right to elect belongs to those who mean to transmit that right to their successors. The rule of the majority is morally justified only if another majority is free to reverse that rule.

To hold any other view than this is to believe that democracy alone, of all forms of government, is prohibited by its own principles from insuring its own preservation. It is high time that free men repudiated so preposterous a doctrine. There is nothing in the principles of democracy which requires a people to surrender democracy or relieve them of the obligation to defend it.

In other words the people of a democracy have a right through the ballot box to change their government in any way they wish, but they have no RIGHT to destroy it,—either by their votes or by force.

This is only the right of revolution, which is always available, but which no government can allow, without ceasing to BE a government.

A Silly Business

TRADITIONALLY, Democrats like to talk and like to fight. They not only like to fight their political enemies, they like to fight among themselves.

These deeply imbedded characteristics of the followers of Jefferson and Jackson, no doubt explain, why Congressman Walter Pierce, and his faithful followers, are opposing the effort of Governor Martin to extend the date of the primary election in this state.

At least we can discern no other reason. The Martin proposal is a sensible one. It would shorten the primary free-for-all in Oregon from five months to approximately two. The new primary date would be the first week in September instead of the third Friday in May. The ensuing campaign would be less costly to the candidates, and far less tiresome to the electorate.

BUT "Our Walter" likes to talk. He likes to point with pride and view with alarm. From his congressional seat in Washington he maintains, that he could not possibly cover his district in 80 or 90 days,—even though, he could if he wished, travel comfortably two or three times around the world in that time.

He regards this measure as a diabolical plot on the part of the radio stations and newspapers, to increase their political advertising, discourage independent candidates, and place an unfair financial burden upon the shoulders of the champions of the people, of which Walter always classifies himself as Number 1.

AS a matter of fact, under the present law, the ACTIVE primary campaign, seldom, if ever, starts until about the first of September. Those who start out earlier, in the hope of getting a jump on their opponents, are invariably disappointed. During the harvest, the vacation period and the dog days, few people want to be propositioned and back-slapped by politicians. They resent rather than welcome such advances. One has only to review the results of the last election in this state to grant the truth of this statement.

But Walter likes to talk and likes to fight. Not double-fisted fighting in the open, but infighting of the conventional wire-pulling type,—the "agin" the government and "agin" the organization brand.

So he enters the lists against the Martin program, and warns the proletariat of eastern Oregon, and union labor boys at Portland, of the peril that confronts them.

A silly business! Shortening of the primary campaign is simply a common sense move toward economy—economy in hot air, economy in shoe leather, economy in all the noise and fury that professional politicians delight in, but the people are eternally tired of.

The Erwin bill should pass!

"DARK HORSE" LEADING THREE HORSE TROTNEY NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Edward Spitz of Boston, "dark horse" of the tournament still boasted a perfect record today in the national amateur three-cushion billiard championship. Spitz, who upset the defending champion, hung up his third successive triumph last night by defeating George M. O'Dea of Chicago, 50 to 39 in 92 innings.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene not to displace 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.

NATURAL VERSUS SYNTHETIC FOODS In the course of a letter from a noted pediatrician and research worker I am struck with this remark: "Some of the observations we make in animal experiments can be applied to human beings."



There speaks the physician of experience. Altho he has done and is doing notable work in the study of nutrition, the doctor still regards clinical experience as the best authority. Such a doctor will not lead his patients in a stampede for the latest "scientific" remedy and then leave them there while he scurries off after some still later dictum of subsidized science.

I have listened to the same pediatrician research man describe, before the medical society, his experience with one of the richest vitamin D carrier for prevention and treatment of rickets and how his faith in the efficacy of the synthetic vitamin carriers diminished as the purified potency of the remedies increased, until at last he had come back to natural sources. Steenbock himself found that synthetic vitamin D (viosterol) must be fed in doses enormously greater than the dose of natural vitamin D (in food or in plain cod liver oil), to produce the same anti-rachitic effect.

We plodding practitioners scarcely know what it is all about when the manufacturer of synthetic vitamins come a running with products of steadily increasing potency—250 units, 500 units, 1,000, 10,000 and so on up, till we are dizzy with the wonder of it all. But after they have given us the run around with all the high pressure scientific sounding hokum, as duly approved and sanctified by the Council on Foods and Pottery of the A. M. A., there comes a time when we sit back and inquire breathlessly what's the big idea anyway?

We suspect that one of the laboratory inferences or observations which can not be applied to human beings is this system of measuring vitamin ratios by rat units. True, the rat seems to thrive on a mixed diet of the same character as that which best nourishes civilized people. But there is a little between rats and men in the general biological sense, and it is hardly logical to assume that we may safely apply knowledge gained from the study of rat physiology or pathology to human health and sickness.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Dear Noel crowd wandered out after the first night's plushed performance recently, a bit bewildered. All the familiar ingredients had been offered—Good and Authorship, Alfred Lunt, Lynn Fontanne and a Tiffany audience. But things didn't jell.



The usual bright heavens fairly crashed about the Coward and worshippers. They had witnessed his first flop in America. No amount of cheering or stampeding could save it. Not even the presence of Noel himself, who admits he has "achieved a definite publicity value."

All the newspaper critics used their broad axes next day without exception, and George Jean Nathan is to be heard from. The fact is the dam of tolerance built up for Coward simply burst under the strain. Nearly all his plays, threaded with perversion, have been saved by brilliant dialogue.

Notably "Private Lives," "The Vortex" and "Design for Living." But whiplash sophistication could not save this one. When a barefoot beast-man of a Caribbean island spat once in the face of his refined-looking mistress the audience shuddered. The second time it reached for its hat. Not even a Coward can beguine our spitting.

The New Yorker and its fudge-man, Alexander Woolcott, are bowing stiffly these days and Woolcott, at least temporarily, has vanished from his accustomed page. According to the Algonquin gossip the break was over a matter of section. Woolcott—it's becoming a nuisance spelling it that way—had been out over the department store book belt autographing his best seller. On such excursions he picked up a number of Pullman car Decamers which he relayed in his weekly essay. The New

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There was analogy in real life in the part Talulah Bankhead played in a recent and rather depressing drama. In the play she was a tortuously beleaguered lady, doomed to die. With six months to live, she embarked on her last days with a spirit of hoopee. Although Miss Bankhead has been restored to health, there was a period several years ago when she was precariously ill. Yet not many friends who gathered at her bedside knew it. She kept them buoyant and laughing, so much so "to run in to see Talulah" was a part of a gay evening out.

Most people look upon Jules Brulatour, the husband of Hope Hampton, as a Frenchman. He speaks the language in true Parisian tones and has the gall and the savoir-faire of the Gallier aristocrat meandering the boulevard for his afternoon constitutional. The name, too, might appropriately decorate the facade of a grand mansion. Yet Brulatour is 100 per cent American, born in Louisiana. He also suggests Caesar in profile on a rare old coin.

Thingumabobs: John L. Horgan, Broadway hotel man, was once a "boy tender" of the river show boat. . . . Sean O'Casey, Irish playwright, ends insomnia attacks with cups of scalding black coffee. . . . Paul Whitman, around the house, calls his wife "Maggie". . . . Sinclair Lewis is a sucker for black bean soup. . . . Lindy, Broadway restaurateur, was once a waiter at Horcher's in Berlin. . . . Kathleen Norris was San Francisco's "sob sister" and was given her first assignment by E. D. Coblentz. . . . Gene Tunney has been sculpted 11 times. He has a hand the sculptor made in the month while swimming. In fact, I think it was for anyone who swims in a pool to wear wool plugs in both nostrils and breathe through the mouth while in the water.

Neat Trick. Since salt is good for digestion and soda bicarb corrects acidity, occurred to me to combine the two, but friend says such a combination would knock the taker for a row of obituaries. —B. M.

Answer—Salt is not good for digestion, and salutaris does not correct acidity. However, taking the two in combination would do no more harm than taking either salt or soda. (Copyright, 1935, John F. Dille Co.)

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

DICK SHEPHERD, who runs the Dick Hunter Hot Springs hotel at Lakeview, has 60 honker geese that started from the original pair that came down out of the skies and adopted him and his place two or three years ago.

They're a beautiful sight to see, and about this time of the year they are a musical lot to hear. (That is, if you like the music of a honker geese).

HERE'S something to think about: Dick estimates that his flock of 60—"band," if you insist on being technical—would increase within five years to TWO thousand if given adequate feed, nesting facilities and protection from hunters and other enemies.

IF THERE is such a thing as goose heaven, a little corner of it must be located around Dick's place.

There's plenty of WARM water, with pools fed by boiling springs, one of which produces the famous Lakeview geyser, and there are stubble fields in the near distance. Dick supplements the stubble field with a grain ration for his pets.

to congressmen, for they indicate that their whole state is beseeching them. At least two votes against the court were made this way. Bonus petitions now are coming in nearly every day. One day recently (this does not mean these two were kicked through these particular legislatures).

The scheme is particularly good this year because nearly all the legislatures are in session and the petitions can be rushed through to meet any special situation here.

Another way in which State Secretary Hull has applied the principle subtly to the Russians is in the Brazilian trade agreement. He slashed the duty on manganese ore 20 per cent for Brazil, but not for Russia.

If the supreme court is going to issue an adverse god decision, the proper time would be next Monday about 3:10 p. m. The markets will then be closed and will remain closed until Wednesday because Tuesday is Lincoln's birthday. Congress will be in session Tuesday and could enact any necessary legislation. However, no one expects the decision to be adverse.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune of 28 and 10 Years Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY February 7, 1925 Traffic on Pacific highway held up by mammoth slide near Roseburg.

Los Angeles religious sect waits in vain "for end of world" yesterday, as proclaimed by "the supreme prophet."

Wheat goes to \$1.90 per bushel on Chicago market.

Fifty years ago today, there was ten inches of snow at Ashland, old times recall.

Good horse races are assured for county fair next September.

Jack Dempsey and Estelle Taylor, film actress are wed, and whereabouts unknown.

Chamber of Commerce to erect billboard and distribute pamphlets to advertise the valley.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 7, 1915 Kansas passes a law prohibiting use of rouge by women.

Germans fail to disclose Russians from Carpathians after 22 charges in a day.

Eleven wedding licenses were issued in January by the county clerk.

Work started on federal building at Sixth and Holly streets.

Four raises four cents per pound. Associated Charities makes second appeal for \$100 to continue social work for another month. Unless the money is procured the work will be abandoned.

News Behind The News (Continued from page one) amendable to lobbying pressure. When such resolutions arrive here they are more or less terrorizing

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