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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry.

Dr. Townsend, father of the Old Age Pension plan, in a speech at the Chicago convention protests the awarding of the Nobel prize to the architect of the pension plan.

MUSIC GETS SMACKED.
Complaint is heard in Idaho against the WPA plan to give \$600 a year to encourage native composers of music.

The deer hunting season is about over. A number of nincoms have been fortunate in returning with a deer, instead of an one.

The juvenile element is making elaborate plans for the Halloween party, and like the 4th of July will celebrate for three days (mostly nights). The police will stand for no mischievous nonsense.

Medford plays Salem on the morrow when the fur and football will fly. The visiting team is also known as the "Vikings," a very appropriate nickname, but one that does not mean a thing. It might be because they once had a guard by the name of Erickson. The home squad is known as the "Tigers." This is also appropriate, inasmuch as Medford has even fewer tigers than Salem has "Vikings." The locals are also designated as the "Black Tornado." Naming them after a climatic disturbance is also far afield. If they are going to be named after the weather, they should be known by some charming feature of the climate that pleases tourists. In a community like this, where the fishing industry is rampant and paramount, they should have a moniker with a piscatorial tinge. It really makes no difference what they are called, as long as they get the most touchdowns.

An anti-noise bill has been introduced in the legislature. It only prohibits an auto from making any more racket than "reasonably necessary."

The physician admitted disappointment over the "progress he has made in the past two days."—Red Bluff (Calif. News)—A neat and muffled knock.

Cows are flocking down from the hills, to dot the fields and cross the highways.

Ethiopian sharpshooters had the insolence to fire at a plane piloted by Mussolini's son, when all he did was drop a few bombs on them.—(Chicago Daily News)—When Papa Mussolini hears of this, he will run right over to Ethiopia.

YE HUMAN MACHINE.
Man hungers forty days, or thirsts for five;
On unslaked appetite he well can thrive;
Deprived of sleep he lasts a hundred hours;
Bangs air a quarter hour he can't survive.
—(American Medical Journal)

Weather
Northern and Southern California: Fair tonight, Saturday and Sunday; no change in temperature; gentle, variable winds off the coast.

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday; but morning cloud or fog in western valleys; little change in temperature; gentle to moderate easterly winds off the coast.

Editorial Correspondence

TOMORROW citizens of Medford will go to the polls to vote on a bond issue of \$50,000 to finance a new water reservoir. The public has been fully informed regarding the project; the facts have not been concealed, no propaganda in favor of the reservoir has been disseminated. Members of the board of water commissioners have no ulterior purpose in seeking approval for additional storage. They are all honorable men, giving their constructive service to the city of Medford without compensation, aiming always to carry out plans that have been seriously pondered and thoroughly studied. We should heed their advice.

Anyone who has thoughtfully studied the proposition cannot avoid the logical conclusion that the reservoir should be constructed now. Additional water storage facilities are needed and needed now. The existing reservoir has a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons. Under ordinary circumstances water is drawn directly from the source. It is only in emergencies that the reservoir is tapped. If a break occurs in the pipe line, then the reservoir is drawn upon. Last August 12 the people of Medford consumed 8,550,000 gallons of water, more than twice the capacity of the reservoir. That means that if the pipe line had been broken, the reserve supply would have been exhausted in less than half a day! There would have been considerable inconvenience and actual suffering.

We can no longer afford to be complacent simply because no serious break in the pipe line has yet occurred. The hazard is there and we should not trust to luck. Building an additional reservoir with a capacity of 10,000,000 gallons is insurance for the future. No intelligent person would think of cancelling his insurance simply because he has not sustained loss from a fire or suffered injury from an accident. Likewise no intelligent person would pass up this opportunity to insure an adequate supply of water under all conditions.

Business men of Medford recognize the practicability of an additional reservoir. They know the value of insurance. That is why the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, through its board of directors, has approved the project. That is why the board of water commissioners considers it a pressing necessity. The plan to build an additional reservoir is not new. It is not a whim or passing fancy of the present water board. Since the inception of Medford's million dollar water system every city engineer and every board of water commissioners have advocated the construction of another reservoir. The present board had planned to proceed with the project after 1938.

Why has the proposition come up at this time? Simply because the federal government has made an outright grant of \$65,250 toward the estimated cost of \$145,000. The only strings attached to the gift were these: the people of Medford had to vote on the proposal before November 1 and, if approved, the project must be started not later than December 15. If this gift is not accepted, the money will be used to finance projects in other parts of the country and Medford will be the loser.

The sensible thing to do is to accept this gift. The additional reservoir must be built. Why not build it now when it will cost the city only \$80,000? The project will provide employment for scores of men through the winter months when jobs are scarce. The money—Medford's \$80,000 and the federal government's \$65,250—will be spent here. Everyone will benefit and it will not be an economic waste, for additional storage is badly needed.

There will be no increase in taxes or water rates. The bond issue will be serviced from revenue received by the water board. There is not a single valid objection to building the reservoir now. If we wait a few years, it will cost us substantially more than it will today. Meantime we must continue to face dangerous hazards. We should not let that gift of \$65,250 slip through our fingers. We must build the reservoir some day; the sensible thing is to build it now. It is up to you.—L. C. F.

Communications

Depletes Reservoir Plan.
To the Editor:
This \$65,000 gift to Medford for a new reservoir to cost \$145,000, where in the city must levy additional bonds to the amount of \$80,000, sounds much like the man who had enough good boots but bought three pairs more of very large ones because they were cheap—or mortgaging one's home to put new rugs on the floor while already living on bread and water.

Medford people—renters and owners—are already groaning under the present heavy tax burden. Scores of homes have been lost, and three columns in the local newspapers of more Medford properties seem to be sold for non-payment of taxes in mute evidence of our condition. Just recently, home-seekers have looked at Medford properties, found places they liked, then asked about taxes and water rates. When told, they were interested no more. Medford water rates are the highest of any city in the northwest—two and a half times as high as Eugene, and 50 cents a month higher than the next to ours—Grants Pass. Medford water is claimed to be sufficient to supply 400 gallons per day per person for a city of 30,000 population. Medford's storage supply is four million gallons for our 10,000 people. Eugene's is 6,100,000 gallons for 18,000 population. Medford's is 20 per cent more than Eugene's. Eugene has four reservoirs in four different places.

With our present water system, high taxes and water rates; with scores of homes and other city properties being lost—with the city's already over-supply of properties acquired through tax foreclosures, don't you think it seems like very bad business for us to go farther in debt at this time? JOHN E. DRIBBLE, October 24, 1935.

Sound Business.
To the Editor:
The property owners of Medford during the past ten years have paid out for fire insurance on their Medford property well over a million dollars. This is more than the entire cost of our water system, including the pipe line from Big Butte, our reservoirs and the water mains under my streets. It is obvious that anything that affects the cost of fire insurance on property in Medford is a matter of importance to the prop-

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.

A FOOLISH EXTRAVAGANCE
What detriment to health might occur, inquires a reader, from living in a house where gas from the hot air furnace escapes more or less through the winter? The house has a storm window fitted on most of the windows except bathroom and kitchen. The air intake of the furnace is in doors, so no outdoor air is used. A woman living in the house had a cold in November, and great care was taken to avoid drafts and to keep the house real warm. She seemed to be picking up, even regained some weight, but in February she began to complain of feeling tired and grew very nervous, looked gray and hollow, and had throat trouble. . . . she was not out of the house more than twice all winter. . . . (G. L. M.)



Probably coal or coke is the fuel used in the furnace. The "gas" which the correspondent says escapes more or less is coal gas. Coal gas is likely to contain considerable carbon monoxide, which is deadly poisonous but is itself odorless. The characteristic odor of coal gas is due to admixture of other gases, less dangerous, but perhaps exceedingly irritating or stifling. Even if there were no fault in the heating plant and no pollution of the air in the apartment from that cause, the effect of sealing up the place so tightly against fresh air is rather bad, especially for members of the household who do not go outdoors much, and particularly for persons who deliberately seek to avoid fresh air—that is, moving air, drafts, healthful dampness or humidity. I don't know precisely what factor is accountable for the effects of a winter in vitiated air, but I know the bad effects on health. It may be the absence of something akin to the ultraviolet or vitamin-producing influence of open air, sunshine, skyshine, daylight, or the sterols in the body. Or it may be some deficiency in the corpuscular or hemoglobin manufacture in the blood. Or it may be impairment of metabolism from decreased absorption of oxygen. Whatever the essential cause, it is certain that the old Yankee custom of sewing things up tight for the winter leaves its victims in a low state in the spring. The first step the correspondent should take is an economy which would appeal to everybody if everybody felt morally obligated to pay his doctor bills as he does his rent, coal or grocery bills. A furnace man should be employed to clean out the furnace, clean out the pipe and flue, and replace any leaking stovepipe or

repair any leak in the flue. Money invested for this will certainly save money which would otherwise be squandered on nostrums of one kind or another. If any wee bit of carbon monoxide escapes into the air of the house from defective or leaky smoke pipe or flue or from broken fire pot or faulty damper draft, it is sure to tear down the blood of every occupant, especially the semi-invalid who seldom gets outdoors in the winter time. By the time spring and fresh air rolls around, heaven only knows what illness may have developed. Immunity is at a low ebb. Anemia is present. Appetite and digestion are poor. In short the poor ignorant souls cooped up in the igloo are actually as close to spirituality as they look in the spring.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Dilated Venues
What causes conspicuous little veins on the backs of the hands and on the arms? (A.E.R.)
So many little enlarged veins on my thighs they look like black and blue marks and I am so fond of swimming. . . . (Miss H. P.)
Answer—Loss of youthful elasticity and resiliency one factor of dilated veins, varicose veins, prominent veins. Perhaps you need more vitamin G. Perhaps you need an iodine ration. Physician skilled in chemical obliteration of varicose veins can obliterate these veins by simulating method, using extremely fine needle and good light and binocular loupe. Successful injection of one venule near the centre of a network will cause the venules around it to disappear too. You should practice belly breathing regularly, and roll yourself a few dozen somersaults daily. False dignity creeping upon you. Don't take it lying or sitting down.

Lemon Juice Legend
If one drinks lemon juice in hot water every morning. . . will it make one reduce? (I. W.)
Answer—No. Lemon juice is a wholesome food, rich in vitamin C. If you should reduce I'll send instructions. Mention your age, height and weight. Enclose stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for instructions. Or inclose also ten cents coin, for booklet "Design for Dwindling."

Gum
Please tell me what chewing gum is made from. Is it harmful in any way to have the habit of chewing gum? (L. A.)
Answer—Chief ingredient is chicle, a gum obtained from the latex of the sapodilla tree in Yucatan and Central America. It is comparatively harmless. (Copyright 1935, John F. Dille Co.)

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Thoughts while strolling: I never pass those street department's trash barrels marked DSNY without thinking of Mickey Mouse. Or Dutton's without mumbling "Dutton, Dutton, who's got the air in the apartment from that cause, the effect of sealing up the place so tightly against fresh air is rather bad, especially for members of the household who do not go outdoors much, and particularly for persons who deliberately seek to avoid fresh air—that is, moving air, drafts, healthful dampness or humidity."

The million dollar bankruptcy of Ned Weburn is, of course, an afterthought of the theatre's slogging years. He probably developed as many dancers as any one in his line. As a stage director for Ziegfeld he was a stern disciplinarian and cordially hated; but he knew how to wring grace out of his ensembles. When he quit the stage, he opened a pretentious dance academy and hundreds of stage-struck, knowing of his success, flocked to his classes. He had no difficulty enrolling pupils, but placing them after graduation was something else.

Bill Robinson, I hear, was offered \$600 a week to lend his name to a Broadway tap dancing school and appear there to give instructions one

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hour a day, but did not accept. He believes the best dancers are born with an itch to dance like those youngsters who jig along the sidewalks mostly for sheer love of it. He is an alumnus of that school. So were George White, Doyle and Dixon, Jack Donahue, Buck and Bubbles and so many nimble stappers.

Amos n' Andy are reputedly thriftiest of the radio performers. They had tank-tank troupers too long not to know the value of a dollar, and when they got into big money they had no idea it would last so long. A year and they expected to be trouping again. So they salted prodigiously and acquired the habit. Even today they live modestly and the range and diversity of their investments are said to be as air tight as experts could devise. The boys are under 40 and sittin' pretty.

Every scribbler has a bunch of names that will trip him. I usually make Colin Clements Collins Clement. And only in a self-conscious moment such as this do I give Katharine Cornell's name her own two-a version. It is hopeless correctly to spell Russell Crouse with one l, for the printer usually tacks on an extra one. The name that's a stickler for everybody is that of the singer, Reinhold Werrenrath. Nine times out of ten it will be mis-spelled, even by friends. Next most difficult to handle perhaps is Alexander Woodcott. Half of Charles Hanson Towne's fan mail leaves off the final e.

There's grandiose imagination in the conception of chorus girl names. I noted one listed on a revue program as Lylran Vyryan. Another with a cart wheel whirl—Ooole Del Rocco. Ziegfeld attributed much of the lustre to his halo in the names of his beautiful show girls. He especially favored those of Martha Mansfield, Emily Drange, Kay Laurel, Anastasia Reilly, Jessie Reed and, of course, that singular inspiration, Dolores. Winter Garden name selections made up for lack of euphony and alliteration in perky sauciness. Tot Qualters, for instance. And Kitty Kelly.

From an editorial: "No one can tell when the modern boy is in love." "They used to tell when I was girling by the lard on my hair and squirt of vanilla on my handkerchief." (Copyright, 1935, McNaught Syndicate)

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
NOTE this dispatch in the papers: "With his fascist legions ready to strike at the interior of Ethiopia from the north and from the south, Mussolini pressed Paris and London today for action on his peace terms." If you're a poker player, and like to run a bluff when you think you can get away with it, you'll understand that dispatch.

THESE, by the way, are Italy's peace terms, briefly put: Disarmament of Haile Selassie's empire, an Italian protectorate over the eastern half of it, and an international protectorate over the western central part. A NATION with a protectorate over it is in about the same position as a child with a guardian, except that there are binding laws governing what a guardian can do and NO laws governing what a protector (which is a nation) can do. "Protectorate" is a polite term for outright ownership, because if a nation holding a protectorate which it regards as valuable is ever requested to relinquish it its answer will be: "TY TO MAKE US DO IT!"

SO, you see, if Mussolini gets his peace terms, he can afford to quit making war. Why fight for what you can get without fighting? PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, back from his vacation, finds on his desk a communication from the league of nations asking what this government is going to do about the league's program for sanctions against Italy. The Washington correspondents tell us it is believed the president will again enunciate America's desire for

peace and determination to keep out of any foreign conflict. Good! We have troubles enough of our own without crashing in on Europe's troubles. THIS dispatch from New York is interesting: "Violent gang warfare which struck down Arthur (Dutch Schultz) Fiegenheimer and four henchmen sent police today on a frantic search for a 21-year-old gunman accused of wholesale hoodlum slayings." If they find him, here's hoping they pin a medal on him and give him their blessing. If we can't get rid of the hoodlums any other way, why not encourage them to kill each other off? AND now, in closing, this dispatch from Los Angeles: "Brilliant criticism of taxation in the United States as intolerable and unreasonable echoed today from the vast San Simeon ranch estate of William Randolph Hearst, who declared he intends to close the place and spend most of his time in New York to escape double state income taxes."

Well, most of us aren't going to worry our lives out over Hearst's taxes, because we'll figure that he's probably made enough to pay them, but if taxes in the United States are to become INCREASINGLY intolerable and unreasonable, we'll ALL OF US—big and little alike—begin to consider what we can shut down and get out of. If everybody starts shutting down and getting out in order to escape intolerable and unreasonable taxes, it isn't going to be so good for any of us.

EVERTON, Mo. — (UP) — "Aunt" Sally Blazer, 70-year-old grandmother who lives near here, finds her greatest pleasure in daily dancing. "There is music in all the world, in the trees, the rivers and the wind on the hills," she says, "and if everybody would sometimes dance to it, there wouldn't be any time to sit and worry and scheme and sin." "Aunt" Sally makes dancing a daily practice of her life in the Ozarks. Each day when chores are finished, Aunt Sally's husband, Uncle Jim Blazer, picks up his old fiddle and plays for her. "Sally is as purty as a flower on the dance floor," is always Uncle Jim's comment. Chief among Aunt Sally's dance partners is her grandson, Billy Parks, 23. Occasionally when the grandpa-sons go to Billy's home, parents, children and grandparents, hold a dance of three generations. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Flight 'o Time
Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Year-Ago.
TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
October 25, 1925
(It was Sunday)
Peace dove flutters in the Balkan war zone.
President Coolidge opposes the use of federal funds for building state roads and the repeal of the inheritance tax bill.
Chime clock is being installed on Jackson County Bank building.
Nab 70 Jackson county autotests for glaring headlights. Traveling man from Portland arrested twice in ten minutes for speeding on Riverside avenue.
Billy Sunday to hold revival meetings in Ashland next May.
Grants Pass opposes super-road district for building of Williams Creek road.
Eagle Point Civic club to give supper to aid treasury.
TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
October 25, 1915
(It was Monday)
Power in city is shut off when boys throw a wire over the power wires on North Central avenue on their way home from school.
The 19 Jackson county students at the University of Oregon are: Mildred Brown, Gertha Clark, George Gates, Jay Gore, Harold Gray, Ruth Lawrence, Lucile Messner, Ruth Nye, Vera Olmstead, Dolph Phillips, Jessie Purdy, William Rebec and Mary Stevenson.

or Medford; Bertha Kincaid and Carroll Wagner of Ashland; Agnes Dunlap of Central Point. Chas. W. Prim of Jacksonville. Mary Truax of Gold Hill and Ruth Wilson of Talent.

Ambassador Gerard of America visits Kaiser in Berlin, causing rumors of peace talk in Europe.

Greater Medford club to open class in "Political Science," so "women will use their own judgment at the polls instead of voting as their husbands tell them."

DAILY DANCING URGED FOR OLD AND YOUNG BY GRANDMOTHER, 70

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