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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. A research engineer of the General Motors Corporation, in an interview, ridicules the depression, and designates it as "non-sense." After all the virtue cussing that has been showered on the depression, the classification seems weak. The research engineer did not conclude, the Depression wolf on the back-porch, should have been pelted with cream-puffs, instead of kicked in the short-ribs.

Ministerial protests against the University of Oregon football team playing on Sunday yielded no results. The final score indicates Satan played quarterback for the foe.

"Mr. Hoover is not worrying progressives. In fact, they are praying that he will be the reactionary candidate. He would be easier to defeat than some equally bad man whose cunningness was not so well known." (Salem Capital-Press). All figured out.

Portland shivarees are virtue affairs. In greeting a pair of new-weds, 21 sticks of dynamite were exploded, in three stanzas Sunday. The resultant reverberations were heard eight miles, and shook up goodly portions of the metropolis. The bombists will pay all damages, so the event has been duly noted on the inside pages of the press. It created so much excitement, the phone calls were waking up the police station at the rate of three per minute. It was a gay and semi-idiotic affair, in which the groom remained intact. With high explosives being cast about like an empty gin bottle, searching and sorrowing friends, might have been unable to find nothing of him, but the heel of his left shoe. Friends of the contracting parties should restrain their joy, at the nuptials, and stay with the old-fashioned rice of romance. They have done nothing that warrants throwing hand grenades.

It is now charged by the ambulance-witted upstate press, that holding the primary in September, instead of May, "hits the poor man" with political ambitions. It gives him less time, in which to go broke, it is argued. By the same token, the millionaire candidate, (if any) has less time, in which to cease to be one. On the other hand, millionaires are not notorious for their spending—it is detrimental to becoming and remaining a millionaire. Until all current Utopian plans to make everybody a millionaire pan out, arrangements should be made to have no losers in an election.

Over the week-end, Lee (Dub) Watson made a hole-in-1, and Justin (Up-To-School) Smith and Dock Lagerson, survived defeating H. Flewber, the demon baker, in a peanuckle game.

GRIM WORD TO PROFESSORS (Bakersfield, Cal., California) The American people tax themselves cheerfully to raise millions for the support of their universities. They have the right to say that no part of those millions shall go to the payment of salaries, either to instructors who like the Moscow way or who are still searching for truth to determine whether or not they prefer it to the American way. Those professors who like the Moscow way may find congenial employment in Russia—though perhaps not, since the same assaults upon established forms there as are all too common in this land, would invite the prompt attention of the firing squad.

Safety committees are trying to evolve plans whereby parents of boys will insure them to ride their bicycles with "extreme care, and not on heavy traffic streets." The committees report, "a lack of parental interest." This can be overcome by making Papa ride on the handle-bars, instead of baby brother.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Johnny McCormick, 29, Portland auto racing mechanic who was slain in an automobile collision at Vancouver, Wash., Sunday night, will be buried here tomorrow.

Is the New Deal Socialism?

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON, who will give a speech in Portland tomorrow night, is being deluged with questions, from prominent Republicans of the state metropolis, which he has agreed to answer from the platform.

Among these questions is the following presented by State Senator Allan A. Bynon:

"Do you believe that the present administration has carried out its 1932 platform or the platform of the socialist party?"

Mr. Bynon not only asks this question, but wished to make it the subject of a joint debate, with the former administrator of the NRA.

In refusing to spend an evening debating such a subject, we think General Johnson showed good sense, and even a certain magnanimity.

For, it is an irrelevant and foolish query.

IRRELEVANT from the standpoint of the Roosevelt administration, because the administration, will stand or fall, NOT upon whether its platform pledges have or have not been carried out; but whether what it HAS done, has been desirable and beneficial for the people of this country or the reverse.

Foolish because, the alternative Mr. Bynon presents is absurd, and anyone with an elementary knowledge of what SOCIALISM really is, and what the Socialist party stands for, can in a few words, show its absurdity.

For that doctrine is the one, which not only the administration has not adopted but the one it has consistently opposed.

SOCIALISM means the public ownership of production, property, capital, etc., etc., for the benefit of the community. It means the ELIMINATION of the private profit system.

Look over the elements of the New Deal, particularly the NRA, the AAA, and similar alphabetical departments, and what has been the essential purpose of them all!

To PROTECT the profit system!—to assure the average business man a reasonable profit, free from cut-throat competition; to assure the farmer a reasonable profit, free from over-production, the accumulation of surpluses, which render profitable operation impossible.

Even the light and power policy of the administration, has been advanced not as a substitute for private ownership and operation, but as a "measuring stick" for the latter, to eliminate greed, to correct abuses, so that honest and legitimate private enterprise in this field may survive.

This isn't socialism. It's the exact reverse. If one insists upon tagging it with some "ism" it is much nearer the "bete noir" of the Socialist, FASCISM. For it does involve concentration of authority and control in the central government, and the carrying out of a more or less formal and definite economic plan, under and within the capitalistic system.

BUT we prefer the term liberalism,—abandonment of the status quo ante, the policy of laissez faire, for a turn to the left and a serious effort to preserve the capitalistic system, by REFORMING it.

Before people talk about the New Deal and the present administration being socialistic, they should at least take the trouble to find out what Socialism really is, and what its fundamental purposes are.

The first principle of a public debate, is to have a clear and concise definition of terms.

Of all the charges brought against the Roosevelt administration, the charge that it has followed the platform and principles of the Socialistic party, is the most absurd.

Communications

Pipes Is Misinformed. To the Editor: May I have the privilege of answering the communication in your good paper of Sunday, December 8th, signed by Mr. A. W. Pipes, who so bitterly opposed the recent bond issue to secure government funds to construct an additional reservoir for Medford's water system.

Mr. Pipes evidently is misinformed as to the recent reduction in insurance rates; he seems to be of the impression that these reductions were strictly local, applying to Medford only, and that the threat of increased insurance rates which the proponents of the new reservoir published was all propaganda.

As a matter of fact, these reductions were statewide and had no bearing at all on the Medford situation, which remains as before as regards the probability of increased rates at such time as the old pipe system is abandoned, in event the additional storage is not provided.

We appreciate greatly the fact that Medford has an outstanding fire department and it is so credited in our paper; however, this had no bearing on the present reductions which were secured by the cooperative action of members of the Oregon State Agents' Association.

The writer is written on behalf of the local members of the association, which membership consists of the following: Earl B. Tunny, one of the directors of the association; the Brown & White Agency, J. W. Wakefield, Chas. A. Wing Agency, the McCurdy-Daniels Agency, the R. A. Holmes Agency, Redden & Company, Harold H. Brown and Chas. R. Ray.

Thank you. COLE HOLMES, Medford, December 10.

The Truth About Russia. To the Editor: Mr. Ruhl's travel letter in the Tribune of December 5 inspired me to be of more than ordinary significance. He states, however, that he heard only one side of the question, and to get the whole truth one should go to Russia and see for themselves. Some of us will be unable to do this, I fear.

To those who find it impossible to make such a tour, yet wish to be informed concerning what is really being done in this vast country, we heartily recommend the book, "A Girl in Soviet Russia." The author, Andrea Viozza, has given a very vivid account of her travels over the entire territory comprising the United States of the Soviet Republic. Miss Viozza is not a communist and after reading her work anyone will be convinced that she has told the truth about conditions there.

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Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D. Signed letters pertaining to persons 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.

HOW TOBACCO GETS YOU DOWN

By accurate scientific measurements Drs. Irving S. Wright and Dean Moffat, New York, found that when a person accustomed to smoking a smokeless cigarette there is an average drop of 5.3 degrees F. in the surface temperature of the smoker's fingers and toes; in many instances it is greater than that; in one instance they observed a drop of 15.5 degrees. They also observed slowing and stoppage of the blood flow of capillaries in the nail folds. The length of time the person had been in the habit of smoking and the number of cigarettes smoked daily, had no apparent influence on these effects. Practically no difference was noted between the effect of ordinary cigarettes, deminted cigarettes and mentholated cigarettes. Inhaling increased the effect on the surface temperature.

That rate of blood flow in the capillaries of the nail folds is an interesting test to make on yourself if you are a smoker. Under a good light draw the sole of the thumb over the skin on the back of the middle or ring finger just below the edge of the nail. Note how quickly the blanching disappears, or how quickly the normal flush returns. Then make the same test when you have smoked and compare.

Another investigator, Dr. R. Starr Lamson, Boston, carried on further studies and scientific measurements of the degree of impairment of the circulation produced by smoking. He found that smoking and inhaling cigarettes produces a sudden and marked peripheral vasoconstriction, that is, a contraction, narrowing, shutting down of the fine arteries at the points where the blood enters the capillary spaces. This effect lasts for 60 minutes. If the smoke is not inhaled, the vasoconstriction occurs just the same, but lasts only about 15 minutes.

The difference between puffing the smoke right out of the mouth and inhaling is merely a difference in the area of mucous membrane exposed to the smoke, and consequently a difference in the dose, the amount of the drug absorbed.

Dr. Lamson found that so-called deminted cigarettes produced less effect than ordinary cigarettes. Cigar

and pipe smoking has the same effect as cigarette smoking. These studies are significant, especially for persons subject to or now training for anastasia pectoris or thrombo-angiitis obliterans, and they may be of interest to many smokers who wonder why they have cold hands and feet.

Some chemists and physicians believe the effects of tobacco smoking are largely due to the carbon monoxide inhaled. Dr. H. W. Haggard and L. A. Greenberg found that smoking produces a definite but temporary increase in blood sugar and a corresponding increase in the rate of sugar combustion. This is probably due to the excitation of the adrenal secretion, which Dr. Cannon, Aug and Binger demonstrated as an effect of tobacco smoking years ago. The blood sugar mobilization may account for the gratification of a smoke.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Looks Like a Giraffe I have seen this done many times. A and B face each other. A puts his arms about B somewhere in the region of the small of the back. A holds his breath and squeezes B to himself. Immediately B loses consciousness and slumps to the ground. In a few seconds he revives. I understand they do this to Plebes at West Point. (P. P.) Answer.—Nonsense. B would have to be extremely susceptible to suggestion to lose consciousness on any such handling. Any one who perpetrates such an offense at West Point would find himself out on his ear in short order.

Flabby to Fit Through the summer I manage to keep in fair condition, but in winter I take on too much weight and become lousy. (Mrs. F. D.) Ans.—Practice the Third Brady Symphony daily. It helps to keep the metabolism out of a winter slump. Send 10 cents coin and 3-cent-stamped envelope bearing your address for booklet, "The Last Brady Symphony."

Do You Bathe to Itch? As I grow older I suffer more and more from intolerable itching after a bath. I'm afraid I'll have to join your dry cleaning movement. (T. O. D.) Ans.—Oh, that would be too terrible. Send stamped addressed envelope for monograph on Pruritus. (Copyright, 1935, John P. Dille Co.)

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Fifth avenue is watching, with properly arched brows, the battle of the five and ten. What was until a few weeks ago the biggest establishment in the city now has a cater-corner rival, a rival as architecturally ponderous as Tiffany's to the southward.

The new spire rears majestically on the site of the most celebrated splotch of shabbiness, the Wendell residence with its flapping shutters. It was the gloomy house where the eccentric and reclusive sisters provided the million dollar playground for a toothless dog.

The grandest of the five and ten is a miracle of direct lighting and the sidewalk windows running along two sides provide space for the town's biggest display of the window dresser's art. The sales girls might have been selections for a Ziegfeld ensemble.

Sightseeing wagons are now pointing it out along with the public library, the Empire State building and famed departmental labelers. And it has already gained place in the postcard series for tourists. Selfridge, the London merchant prince, saw it and gasped.

The late Ben Throp, rich husband of the Folies beauty Ruby De Remer, was owner of a most unusual trained dog. It was of the Belgian police species and veteran of the great war. The dog met guests at the Throp home with friendly wagging, but trying to leave was something else. No one could depart without being escorted to the door by a member of the family or a servant. The prize trick was innocuous. The dog would be brought in after women guests had deposited a slipper each in center of the floor. Without slightest hesitation the animal would carry the right slipper and drop it beside the proper foot.

Dear Aylesworth, the radio chit-chat, probably faces more executive duties than any official in town. Aside from multifarious radio shows, he has a growing list of amusements and vaudeville enterprises, sees scores daily and makes hundreds of rapid fire decisions, yet no one has seen him ruffled. This glacial quality is especially stressed at board meetings, where often he makes but a single comment but it is a word with the bark on it. He has a deaf ear for the interlocking hickeries that afford high paying steady outlets. He listens but decides for himself.

A Pittsburgh musical lover, dropping in today, recalled the inside of Victor Herbert's resignation as conductor of the Pittsburgh symphony orchestra. He was drinking

beer, after an enervating rehearsal, with his musicians in the Schenley Hotel when he was approached by one of the nabobs backing the orchestra. The nabob hinted that fraternizing with ordinary musicians was not in keeping with the social position the job entailed. Herbert's Irishy came to a quick bolt. "I'd rather be seen with them than you!" he shouted, and resigned on the spot. He came back to New York and worked on the compositions that won him immortality.

H. T. Webster and several others are wondering if Somerset Maugham was on the level in announcing he was in this country to spend money and not to make it. Their bewilderment followed several rubbers of bridge with him. Incidentally Maugham revealed he had not visited the South Sea Islands for 20 years but there is a hotel at Pago Pago called "The Sadie" with a room the management points out as having been occupied by Maugham when there. It is one of the sights of the town.

Clare Boothe Luce's pathological stage morbidity revealed several weeks ago continues to puzzle the Cholly Knickerbocker's quidnunc. Her play was supposed to be an inside peep into the lives of her ex-husband's family. It was a rousing skeleton rattling but the skeletons of what family no one knows save Miss Brokaw. Anyway it whooped up interest in a play at which most critics politely yawned.

This moment I received a telegram to attend a cocktail party for a magician at a big hotel. The assumption is, of course, that I'll quaff a few libations and write a piece about him. This low opinion of newspaper ethics has ballooned to enormous proportions. This is one of many such invitations daily. Every new night club, some backed by gangster loot, dangles the same bait—a free ritz-table in exchange for a puff. One might ask: Why go into a dither about it? Well, for one reason it provides a paragraph that fills out the column.

FAMILY SLAIN BY WORRIED FATHER

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 10.—(UPI)—Fear of loss of a job and brooding over debts were blamed today for the slaying of his family by Charles A. Cobb, 41, Western Union employe, who later committed suicide.

Cobb watched his wife Rose, and their two sons, Robert, 12, and Charles, 11, die of gas fumes then took his dog and drove his automobile to a lonely parking place. The distracted father sent a flow of death carbon monoxide gas into the automobile and died with the pet. He left a note, reading in part: "I am going to take the lives of those most dear to me in as painless a manner as possible. My reason would seem trivial to most persons but they have magnified themselves in my mind until I find them hard to leave."

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IF YOU take into consideration all that is behind it, here is some EXCEEDINGLY interesting and important news:

Secretary of State Hull and four other cabinet members are under a federal court order requiring them to show cause why they should not be restrained from interfering with shipments of oil, cotton and certain other commodities to Italy.

These proceedings, which are of a legal nature, have been brought by American citizens (apparently of Italian extraction) who want to sell oil, cotton, scrap iron, brass, etc., to Italy.

THE government of the United States—quite commendably, this writer thinks—is trying to stay out of the war between Italy and Ethiopia and whatever wars may grow out of it.

Remembering that it was trade with the warring nations (belligerent nations, the diplomats say) that got us into the World War, our government is trying to HEAD OFF such trade in the present instance.

That is the purpose back of the neutrality resolution adopted by the recent congress.

THE situation, briefly, is this: The nation, as a whole, wants to stay out of present and future European wars, having got its fingers frightfully burned in the last European war. There can be no doubt of this desire on the part of the nation as a whole.

But individuals and communities throughout the nation want to sell their products at the best possible price and wars create demand at HIGH PRICES for commodities used in the making of war. Cotton, oil, scrap iron and brass are among these commodities.

CALIFORNIA, Texas, Oklahoma and other states produce oil—not merely enough for their own needs and the needs of the nation, but a VAST SURPLUS.

War creates a demand for this surplus oil.

CALIFORNIA, Arizona, Texas, and the entire American South produce cotton—not just enough cotton to meet the needs of this nation but an enormous surplus. There is piled in warehouses in this country now the equivalent of a full year's crop. ABOVE the present year's production. This accumulated cotton is causing a lot of worry in the cotton states.

War creates a demand for this surplus cotton.

AND so it goes on down the line. As a nation, we want to stay out of the war, but as individuals and communities we want to sell what we produce at good prices—AND WAR CREATES DEMAND AND SENDS PRICES UP.

The trouble is that pressure of individuals and communities with products they want to sell at war prices is apt to force the nation into a position where war will be inevitable.

THERE is another angle; If we refuse to sell oil, cotton, etc., to Italy, we align ourselves by that refusal with Britain, France and the other nations that are undertaking to prevent Italy from doing in Africa what they themselves have done all over the world.

Thus we ANGER ITALY and whatever allies she may gather to herself, and so put ourselves in a position where war might conceivably be declared upon us.

THE point that is here sought to be brought out is that staying out of war is by no means as simple as on the surface it appears to be. There are snares and pitfalls on every hand, and in seeking to keep out of one we are apt to trip and fall into another.

If the war between Italy and Ethiopia spreads, as now seems not improbable, it will take courage, skill, resourcefulness and steadfastness of purpose on the part of our government to stay out of it.

Many Homeless In Texas Flood Wake

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Flood waters receded from Houston today leaving hundreds homeless, one known dead, almost a score missing, and damage estimated at more than \$2,000,000.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 Years Ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 10, 1925 (It Was Thursday) Two prisoners escape from county jail and are re-captured near Gold Hill by Sheriff Jennings.

University of Washington to represent the west, and Alabama the east in Rose Bowl game.

E. M. Wilson has sufficiently recovered from a recent operation to be up, and expects to be able to return to his office next week.

Men's Bible class is organized at Central Point.

Prof. F. C. Reimer to read important paper at pear growers meeting.

Large section of plaster falls on mayor and councilmen during session of the city council last night. The city fathers had just left their seats at a large table when the crash came.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 10, 1915 (It Was Thursday) Owing to continued rains, little farm work is underway in the Table Rock district.

Medford schools cost \$15,000 more the present year than last year.

The Drama League asks Forbese-Robertson, famed English actor to appear here.

State taxes for Jackson county \$88,408.

The Neighborhood Shakespeare club meets with Mrs. Porter J. Neff.

Social event of the week to be the dance given by Co. 7 tonight at the Nat.

The Colony club meets at the Hotel Medford, and prepares dolls for Christmas.

Name Supervisors Of Oregon Census

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The commerce department announced today appointment of additional supervisors for the manufacturers and business census.

Those named, their district and headquarters, included: Oregon—Oren S. Davis, first, Eugene; Emil G. Dreher, second, Bend, and Frank Thomas Angell third, Portland.

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