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Ye Smudge Pot

The U. S. Supreme Court last week rendered a decision that knocked out the AAA, and 3500 Jackson county Democrats.

Kort Hall has returned from Portland, where he was slightly under the weather. He is himself again.

The Bill Heath boy has his picture in a window, and gives signs of being a handsome quarterback in 10 or 12 years.

The valley was drenched by a copious rain in mid-week, which caused the farmers to rejoice, though none were caught in it.

The first vicious rumor in two years raced over the city and valley early in the week. The authorities are making an effort to trace the rumor to its liar, in order to avert another lying epidemic.

The hs. bb. squad defeated Salem Fri. night, which was the game everybody wanted to win.

Penria Bill Gates has quit playing bridge, but is yelling an excellent game of pinochle.

Mamas report their little darlings have all recovered from their Christmas goodness.

H. Flewber, the demon baker, is moving into his new igloo.

Otto Caster, the co. com., reports the new grass will soon be long enough for his cows to eat.

The Mayor of K. Falls was here Tues. fixing up political fences, and getting ready for a whirlwind saving of the nation.

The Spatz brothers are being urged by friends to run for the legislature. So far their better natures have prevailed.

Prospect athletes, under the guidance of Dewey Hill, the eminent hillbilly and hired man, have started playing what they laughingly call basketball. Considerable interest is being manifested in the coming battle between Prospect and Butte Falls, for the tall timber championship. It is said to be like the crash of mighty oaks in a cyclone.

The Older Girls are put out by the edict of fashion they must wear flat-heeled shoes, and many swear they will not do it.

The first sign of spring are showing up. The weeping willow tree on the Alice Hanley place is reported to be smirking. Rural residents are fixing up their henhouses for setting hens.

Grappling will be resumed at the Armory tomorrow night.

Vern Brophy, the cowman, towned Fri., partially hidden beneath a log-hat.

The country sausage season has opened, and is reported to taste like veal.

Charlie Stacy is getting a rock, which he uses to illustrate a mine, or throw at foes.

It looks like the voters would not be mad enough to pour out in large numbers to the polls on the 31st inst.

A number of local prospectors attended the mining school at Grants Pass, and were honor students with a pick.

The Bill Lillard girl is turning out to be a musician—both instrumental and vocal.

The annual shortage of moisture in the orchards and the hills is being feared on the street corners. There is not enough snow at Fish Lake yet to keep the piscatorial enthusiasts from getting there when the fishing season opens, in April.

Jim Buckley of the Applegate towned and traded and visited Sat.

Upstate Drenched
PORELAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Heavy rains drenched the Willamette valley yesterday and last night and started rivers rising again. Edward I. Wells, federal meteorologist here, said the Willamette river will start a new rise soon.

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How About the U. S. Debt?

A PERPLEXED subscriber has asked this paper to answer the following questions:
Is the national debt now greater than ever before in the country's history, including the period at the close of the world war?
Will this debt be increased by the knocking out of the AAA?
If the soldiers' bonus is passed will the debt be increased?
Just what is the amount of the national debt?
Is it true that the national debt can not be paid off without inflation or repudiation?

In his recent message to congress did President Roosevelt promise to balance the budget, and did he name a date when it would be balanced?

Well here goes:
Yes, the national debt is now greater than ever before including the close of the world war period.

Unless some substitute for the AAA is provided, which also provides about half a billion dollars in revenue to make up for the wiping out of the processing taxes, the national debt will be increased by this amount.

If a soldiers' bonus is passed, which calls for cash payments, the national debt will be increased by whatever the total amount of the payments may be; for in the estimates made regarding the debt, no provision was made for such a payment. This is assuming no special tax is levied to supply the funds.

The government's fiscal year runs from July to July. The national debt July 1st, 1935, was \$28,701,000,000. Two years ago President Roosevelt estimated the national debt on that date would reach \$31,834,000,000. The present national debt is slightly over \$30,000,000,000.

According to the most reliable experts, it is NOT true, the present national debt can not be liquidated without unregulated inflation or repudiation. In his recent budget message, the president estimated the national debt on June 1st, 1937 at \$31,351,000,000, roughly half a billion dollars less than the estimated debt set for the end of the fiscal year 1935.

President Roosevelt in his message to the congress, did not promise to balance the budget, so of course no date for that happy event was named. He did say "We approach a balancing of the budget" and added:

"National income increases. Tax revenues based on that income increase without the levying of new taxes. That is why I am able to say... it is my belief that no new taxes over and above the present taxes are either advisable or necessary. * * * National income increases; employment increases. Therefore we can look forward to a reduction in the number of citizens who are in need. Therefore, also, we can anticipate a reduction in our appropriations for relief. In the light of our substantial material progress * * * I recommend to the congress, that we advance and do not retreat."

Some idea of why there is no danger of national bankruptcy, and why heralding an "approach" to balancing the budget is justified, may be found in the official estimate of total outlay revenue and deficit for the next two years, and the same figures for the year just closed.

Table with 4 columns: Year (1935, 1936, 1937), Outlay, Revenue, Deficit. Values range from \$6,802,000,000 to \$7,093,000,000.

Obviously if federal revenues increase steadily at this rate, expenditures will have to decline very slightly to make a balancing of the budget possible in the fiscal year 1938. The half billion dollar loss in processing taxes however is not included in these estimates, so the estimated 1937 revenue should be reduced by this amount.

To sum up. The national debt is greater than it has ever been in the country's history; BUT if business improves in the immediate future as it has in the past,—or even if it holds its own,—there is nothing whatever to worry about, as far as the ability of this country to successfully handle such a debt burden is concerned.

Please Read the Rules

WITH the presidential campaign starting, communications are beginning to bloom with more than the normal profusion.

On the editorial hook are now four or five letters all interesting but not available for publication because they are too long.

Therefore once more we announce that except under very exceptional circumstances letters over 300 words in length can NOT be published in this paper.

Anonymous communications of any length, WILL not be published in this paper.

Unless necessary stamps are enclosed and the request made no communications will be returned to the writer.

Communications

The Talk on Russia
To the Editor:
The lecture delivered Tuesday night in Medford called "The Truth About Russia" almost packed the great hall. This would indicate, if it does not prove, much interest on the subject in this locality. Too bad so little of the truth was given for the money.

The truth about Russia, a vast land where everything is in rapid motion, cannot be grasped by any one person—certainly not by anyone handicapped by religious convictions as deep as the lecturers. Such a mind is incompetent because, as Retnach has pointed out, it is burdened with a system of scruples that present an obstacle to the free exercise of the faculties. To understand the Russian scene the faculties must be free. If Pareto is right in his claim that no man possesses free faculties it would alone explain the mass of contradictory reports on Russia by travelers.

The pictures shown, it is claimed, are an 11-year collection. Many, to doubt were ancient. They seemed to have been taken for the purpose of concealing the truth rather than revealing it. Not one great industry was shown, not one of the modern schools, hospitals, rest resorts, engineering achievements, etc.

Mr. Anderson holds that the Bolsheviks (which means majority) are really tears with a different name.

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.

WHO TAKES DESSERT GROWS DUMPY AND INERT
In England good authorities regard sugar as equal and in many instances superior to fancier and more expensive sugars so often prescribed by credulous doctors in this country for infants of credulous parents.

The question of infant nutrition is not a new one. It is a question of common sense. A child should not be fed with a mixture of sugar and starch. The sugar should be in the form of a sweet or a sweetened beverage or dish, and without dessert on top of a full stomach, will usually prove to such an unfortunate that his or her trouble is too much sugar.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Frost or Steam on Windows
Why is it that the windows of our house always seem to be more or less frosted when it is very cold, while the windows of our neighbors remain clear? Does that mean the air is too damp or that we don't have enough heat? The house seems comfortable enough. (Mrs. B. C. C.)

Answer—It means that the air of your neighbors' houses is too dry. Some condensation of "steam" on the window panes, when the outdoor temperature is below freezing, is a fair sign that a fair degree of humidity is maintained in the heated air in the house, and that conditions are comfortable as well as healthful.

IODIN RATION FOR Expectant Mother
For several years we have been using your iodine ration in our family with fine results. Now I am expecting a baby and wonder whether I should continue taking iodine. (Mrs. L. R.)

Answer—It is a good plan for expectant and nursing mothers to take an iodine ration, especially in hot and dry districts. But you had better ask your own physician about it.

COCA
What effect will be caused by drinking three cups of hot cocoa daily? Was told it is very heating and will cause one's blood to thicken. (Mrs. J. S.)

Answer—Cocoa yields 200 calories to the cupful, including the sugar and milk. It is neither "heating" nor does it "thicken the blood". Its effect aside from the nutritive value indicated, is similar to the effect of tea. Cocoa is not advisable for children because it gives a false sense of satisfaction and prevents the child from taking other and more essential foods. Cocoa stimulates the kidneys—another reason why it is not advisable for children.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

CALIFORNIANS LED OREGON VISITORS; WASHINGTON NEXT

SALLEM, Jan. 11.—(AP)—More than one hundred thousand non-resident motorists registered in the state of Oregon during 1935. Earl Spill, secretary of state, reported today. The mark sets a new high, exceeding the previous record of 1931 by more than 7,000 and went 8,000 higher than 1934.

Only four months of last year reported decreases under 1934—March, April, May and October. The largest month was in July when 20,993 were reported. The grand total for the year was 100,302 registered. Many entered the state without registering. It was pointed out.

California led the list with more than half of the out-state cars, for a total of 33,450. Washington was next with 17,464; Idaho was 5,521; Canada with 2,797; Nebraska with 1,748 and Colorado with 1,644. Other states in their order sending more than a thousand included Montana, Illinois, Kansas and Minnesota.

LINDBERGH'S KEEP WALES SECLUSION

CARDIFF, Wales, Jan. 11.—(UP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh remained in strict seclusion with Mrs. Lindbergh and their infant son, Jon today, ignoring the public excitement in England caused by the Hauptmann proceedings in New Jersey.

The afternoon and early editions of the Sunday papers prominently displayed the developments at Trenton. The Lindberghs, however, displayed little interest and did not appear in public.

The weather was bad and they remained indoors at the Morgan estate at Llandaff, from which they have seldom ventured since they arrived in England, presumably to escape publicity and to insure the safety of Jon.

Roseburg-Cooos Road Blocked By Slides

ROSBURG, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Roseburg-Cooos Bay highway was blocked by slides this morning, according to an announcement here from the division office of the state highway department. State highway crews are engaged in removing the slides and expect to restore traffic this afternoon, it is announced. The principal slide occurred at Mays creek near the Bradford CCC camp.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended us during the illness and death of our loved one, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pione, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold V. Simpson, Mr. W. C. Catlett.

ONCE RICH, HELD FOR F.D.R. THREATS

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Austin Phelps Palmer, 52-year old retired mechanical engineer, was arrested today by secret service agents and confessed, Assistant United States Attorney J. Howard Carter said, that he had sent two letters to President Roosevelt, threatening his life.

Palmer was arrested in his luxurious Park avenue apartment after being under the surveillance of secret service operatives for several days. He was arraigned before United States Commissioner Garrett W. Carter after, Carter said, he had made his confession.

The contents of the letters were not disclosed, but it was reported he threatened the life of the president because of the loss of his fortune of more than \$1,000,000.

Annual States Dinner will be held in the First M. E. church, January 27. Reserve your tickets. Tel. 774-3-1.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
READER of this column writes: "In your column, commenting on the day's news, there is this statement: 'This ominous headline meets the eye: CONGRESS SWINGS INFO ACTION.' 'Shudderingly, fearfully, cynically, we ask ourselves this question: What kind of action?' 'I would inquire: If you contemplate the assembly of the congress with such shuddering, cynical fear, what would you do about it if you had the power? Would you abolish the congress?'"

WHAT we need, above everything else in this country right now, is to have restored to us a REAL CONGRESS, with a working majority composed of courageous statesmen instead of spineless opportunists who are ready to rubber-stamp ANYTHING that seems to promise votes at the moment.

WHILE we are on the subject of politics, note carefully this sentence from an Associated Press Washington dispatch: "Roosevelt administration officials from the White House emphasized again and again today (Wednesday) that the supreme court justices handed down TWO opinions (majority and minority) in the case that wrecked AAA."

And at the election in 1932 the VOTERS handed down two opinions—a majority and a minority. The majority opinion favored Roosevelt and the New Deal and the minority opinion favored something else.

THE MAJORITY OPINION prevailed.

NOW note THIS sentence from the same dispatch: "There was evidence (in Washington on Wednesday) following the AAA decision) that administration leaders hope the nation will REJECT the constitutional views of the supreme court's majority and eventually follow the course upheld by the minority."

Well, a lot of people hope that at the next election the nation will reject the views expressed by the majority of the voters at the last election and eventually follow the course upheld by the minority.

So, you see, it's an even break.

BY THE WAY, have you heard the latest New Deal story, which runs something like this: "Back in the days when they were killing the pigs and the real calves, etc., they started a New Deal crew out from Washington with instructions to go to each farm, kill half the animals of certain kinds, they found, pay the farmer for them and go on."

"But," the crew protested, "we don't know one farm animal from another. What if we make a mistake and kill the wrong kind?" "Oh, that's easy," was the reply. "Here's a book, with pictures, if you're in doubt about any animal you find, just look in the book."

SO the crew took the book and started out and got along all right until the foothills of the Rockies were reached. Here they ran into a band of goats, and were STUMPED.

They looked in the book, but it didn't seem to enlighten them, so they sent this telegram to Washington: "Find strange animal not in book. Has sad face, long white whiskers and mud all over its feet. What shall we do?"

This answer came by return wire: "For heaven's sake don't kill. That's the farmer we're trying to help."

Phone 342. We'll haul away your refuse. City Sanitary Service.

WINDOW GLASS—We sell window glass and will replace your broken windows reasonably. Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Purely personal piffle: Most women think diagonal striped ties are compulsory by act of congress. Admirable mixture of modesty and writing talent: Stark Young, in a Boston hotel, Jimmy Hussey, the comedian, told me: "I'll be gone in two years." And he was, lacking a week. For Home When the Ship Comes In: One of those gabled 15th century houses down a cobbled lane in southern England's ancient Rye. Serenity in the hub-bub: The Gelleit Burgesses' 13-windowed suite that Lillian Russell used to occupy in a lower Broadway hotel. Queen of tragediennes: Naimova.

Favorite Kin Hubbard giggle: The country hotel waitress calling out: "Squirrels or eggs?" When Major Raymond Dickson has his three fingers of Bourbon, he calls it "Hauling off and having a snort." Harpo Marx has rarely made me more than smile, but I've roared at Grotcho.

I spent several weeks in Brussels and never saw that little boy fountain. Champ kid actor: "Spankie" in "Our Gang." When a fellow had too much to drink my father used to say "light as a tick." No modern author as distinguished looking as Frank Norris. Ace of English stage actors: Colin Clive.

Familiar street scene: An old lady crossing against traffic lights pending in a crosswalk puzzle. Wellington Cross was wearing the first opera hat I ever saw. Late one night I heard an actor recite Henry's "Invictus" and on my way home telegraphed a managing editor to go jump in the lake. And was out of a job two minutes. Gastronomic peak: A cold fried chicken leg at 1 a. m., after a long drive. I don't like to miss a play in which George Abbott or Phil Dunning has a hand. Ina Claire suggests a freshly laundered ruffie.

George Bernard Shaw strikes me as a merrily lovable poseur. If I owned a New York paper I'd pay William Allen White whatever he asked to write an editorial a day. How many know the Shakespeare cipher in the 46th psalm? Critics of Major Bowes like to point out how many are turned away disillusioned by the song, but never how many obscure obtained jobs and fame. Prize suggestion: A medal for the greatest act of folly of 1935. Eminent psychologist on the radio just now calls treatise "treatise." I wouldn't know, I'm just wondering.

I know a fellow who can reel off the advertising firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne without looking in the phone book. Never met—and I better not—anyone who didn't think W. C. Fields hilariously funny. Study in getting to the top and staying there: Charlie Chaplin. Every fall I try to get interested in football. But no dice. Just a par-chest boy, Jay E. House is the most astutely philosophical of the columnists. Horrible thought: What if that ostrich dainty Claire Luce used to ride in the Polities had bolted into the audience.

The only liquor taste I ever thought pleasing was a slight hint of kirsch. Add fascinating go-funny eyes: Jack Benny, Patsy Kelly, James Farley and Joan Blondell. Bravest death among editors: John Siddall. No matter how educated the Chinese I'm always tempted to talk pidgin. And not until last night did I know the whole of Japan occupies a smaller area than California. And someone—Harry Barton, I think—called mystery story authors "writers of Whodunits." Point of view: James Cagney gives more reality to his role than any screen tough boy. Ideal breakfast for a hungry man: Munich white sausage, fresh pumpernickel, thinly sliced yellow cheese. And a tangy glass of goat's milk.

Ace of devout Mark Twain fans: Use Mail Tribune want ads.

H. T. Webster, I continue to call Rockefeller Center Radio City. New-east radio enthusiasm: Wallace Beery. Both my grandfathers slept but a few hours nightly, but passed their 80th milestones in a center. The only people who would speak to the first divorced woman in our town were her relatives. Sample of McIntyre luck: After collecting cases 20 years they go out.

Sublimity in sarcasm: Theodore Dreiser in a heckling mood, folding and refolding his handkerchief—especially if there's a capitalist in the house. Sime Silverman's son, Syd, is just the sort of son his Dad wanted him to be. At a birthday dinner I arose to say: "There will be no oratory tonight." And Ruth Goldberg or someone sneered: "Not while you are talking anyway!" (Copyright, 1936, McNaught Syndicate)

Flight 'o Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
ELITE O TIME
January 12, 1926
(it was Sunday)
Fog and frost beset the Pacific coast states.

Steelhead start to run in Rogus River. Streets are sheet of ice and many autos skid.

Alumni team defeats the high school 23 to 18 in fast basketball game. Jim Allen played center for the winners. Red McDonald was the star of the high school squad. "They know more about training than I do," said Coach Callison, "and the result shows it."

The "Lankes club" is organized among local long-legged males. Gus Newbury is elected "Noble Giraffe," and I. E. Schuler, "Keeper of the Long Green."

District attorney denies report, "booze is plentiful in this city and county."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 12, 1916
(it was Tuesday)
Senator Stone (D., Mo.) says the "time has come to end the watchful waiting of the president in foreign affairs, and punish the Mexican assassins of American citizens."

Medford and Klamath Falls to meet end of week in first basketball game on season.

Heavy snow in hills drives deer and wild game into the valley.

Dr. J. M. Keene is elected councilman from the second ward.

Hollywood film company considers Rogus River valley as a base.

BANQUETS PROFIT PAY DEMO DEBT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Democratic national committee officials estimated today that the Jackson Day dinner receipts and the Philadelphia convention check would pay the party debt.

Although no exact figures are available, committee officials estimated proceeds from the dinners throughout the country would net upward of \$300,000.

Philadelphia handed Chairman James A. Farley a certified check for \$200,000 at the national committee's meeting Thursday as the Quaker city's successful bid for the 1936 convention.

The last committee report to congress showed unpaid obligations of \$501,000.

UTILITY ITEMS HELD
SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The public utilities commission announced today that approval of items totaling \$4,415 in the 1936 budget of the Portland General Electric company had been withheld pending a hearing to be held January 22.

MANN'S See Remnant Window Annual January REMNANT SALE WED., JAN. 15th Hundreds of desirable lengths of Silk—Cotton—Wool—Cretonne—Rayon Domestic—Lace—Ribbon and Curtain Remnants go on Sale Wednesday AT HALF PRICE

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