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Ye Smudge Pot

The humbling and terrific wallop handed the Oregon State football squad last Saturday, by the University of Southern California, is now traced to the "Hollywood influence."
The Pacific Coast conference has a "gentleman's agreement" whereby no football players will practice as a unit before September 15.

It is now surmised France's devaluation of the franc will increase the "elasticity of the American dollar." This really does not matter much, when the current elusiveness of the American dollar, both before and after capture, is considered.

LEBANON, Sept. 29.—(Spl.)—"Farmer" Pitt, otherwise known as State Senator M. B. Pitt of Iowa, talked to a noisy crowd at the Republican rally in Lebanon Saturday evening.

The local Republican organization had issued a special invitation to local Democrats to attend the meeting.

This is October—the month of brown October ale and nuts—the latter full of the former, and driving an automobile, accordingly.

Fletch Fish of Phoenix, the boom-day tenor, is now a fuller life Democrat, and would rather sing the praises of FDR, than warble a duet with Lily Pons, the grand opera soprano.

CLEAR AS MUD. (American Economic Review) Davenport's criticism of Marshall's Principles involves the condemnation of a pragmatically oriented theory of the particular oriented theory of the particular equilibrium in the perspective of a dogmatically entertained and inadequately apprehended theory of the general equilibrium.

Stewart Holbrook, the Portland author, has an entertaining article in the latest "Mercury" magazine upon northwest loggers becoming "sausages," and noting the progressive stultification of the sturdy type over the years. The same thing seems to have happened to the Pacific Coast longshoremen.

A San Mateo, Calif., woman won a prize of \$200 offered by the Republican national committee for the best essay. She turned the money over to her husband, chairman of the Democratic finance committee for California. Both Republican and Democratic women of the Pacific slope area are now saying: "O! Yeah!"

Citizens of Salem, who recently protested the wrecking of squirrel nests on the new state capitol site, now complain the erection of a high board fence (without knot-holes) that obscures their view of the steam shovel at work. The esteemed Salem Capitalist Journal opines that wire fencing would give as much protection, and still permit spectators to behold. There also seems to be a child problem, as follows:

"One woman protested to State Purchasing Agent Dan Fry, although he has nothing to do with the fence, that she knew where to look for her children now that construction work was going on near-by, but if the fence were put up, and they couldn't watch the work she'd never know where to find them."

GUN SIGHTS to hit all guns. Sims Bros., 23 N. Fir. Guns re-bored.

More "Red" Herring

It is difficult to read over the Republican criticisms of President Roosevelt's speech, and keep a straight face. If some of his more violent newspaper critics, are correct in their reasoning, then anyone who favors legislation, which is later declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, is no better than a Russian Bolshevik. This certainly takes in a lot of territory! Abraham Lincoln opposed slavery, for years, before such action was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Theodore Roosevelt, and Woodrow Wilson, favored a federal income tax, before such action was ruled out by the same court. Were they no better than Russian Bolsheviks? And when following such decisions, they refused to accept the interpretation as final, but favored constitutional amendments, which would make it legal to do, what they believed, every consideration of humanity and social justice as well as our national welfare, demanded should be done, were they false to the "letter and spirit of the American form of government?" What a childish and grotesque contention for any newspaper, or any sane citizen, of the United States to make!

BUT we are told by those G.O.P. newspapers, who admit the president is not a "Communist", that he did not tell the truth when he maintained that in his record "you will find a simple, clear and consistent adherence not only to the letter but to the spirit of the American form of government." This is a serious charge. What evidence do those who make it, supply to sustain it? They rake out that old, bewhiskered accusation that when the president wrote the legislative committee considering the Guffey Coal bill, "not to permit doubts of its constitutionality, however reasonable, to block the suggested legislation" he advocated defiance of the Supreme Court, and the overturn of the Constitution.

Those who make such a charge are always very careful not to print the full text of the letter, for it shows the intentions and purposes of the president very clearly, and makes such a charge utterly ridiculous. But let that pass. Consider the quotation apart from its context, and subject it to any sort of fair-minded and rational analysis.

WHAT IS the "letter and spirit of the American form of government?" The letter says the legislative power lies exclusively with the congress; that the judicial power lies exclusively with the Supreme Court. In other words the congress has no power or authority to declare whether legislation is or is not unconstitutional, nor has any member in it,—nor has the president. This is the Supreme Court's function, its exclusive function, and its only function.

What then should the congress do, when an important matter of legislation is up for consideration? Spend its time arguing as to whether it is or isn't constitutional? Do what the constitution says it should NOT do, and try to pass on its legality? Or should it decide ONLY whether that legislation is desirable for the country, or the reverse; if it is, pass it; if it isn't defeat it; but IN NO CASE, waste time and money, in a futile effort to usurp the authority and functions of the U. S. Supreme Court, spend day after day, debating a question which it can never decide—and which the law of the land specifically declares it must NOT decide.

THIS is all the president meant, and it is all he said, and any fair-minded person who will read the text of the president's letter will freely grant the truth of this statement.

Yet the anti-Roosevelt press shrieks about communism on one hand, and overturning the Constitution on the other! Not only untrue, but as we have pointed out, TIME AFTER TIME, the exact reverse of the truth.

IN telling the congress to NOT exceed its constitutional authority, in telling it to leave all constitutional questions to the Supreme Court, and abide by those decisions as he has done; depending for needed reform, not on defiance of the constitution, but its amendment as the organic law provides, President Roosevelt takes his stand solidly with those who would UPHOLD the letter and spirit of the American government; and those who condemn his stand, not he, are those who are disregarding the strict division of powers upon which this country was based.

Likewise in taking the stand, that the way to combat and destroy communism, is to so correct the abuses and inequalities of the democratic system, that the seeds of communism can never gain a foothold,—it is he, not his enemies, who is LEADING the onslaught against those forces of violence and destruction that would overthrow American institutions, and destroy our democratic form of government.

Editorial Comment

WHAT'S FUNNY ABOUT IT?

Just because there has been a wedding, is no sign half the population should be kept awake the remainder of the night, and left on the verge of a nervous breakdown, as the result of a shiverer bedlam—Arthur Perry in Medford Mail Tribune. The perennially pessimistic Mr. Perry, in his appointed column of the Medford newspaper, defines the charivari as "a social lynching," and addresses an open letter to candidates for mayor, demanding of these gentlemen that they declare themselves upon the issue he has raised. Of all ludicrous customs of the Americans, the institution of the charivari perhaps is quaintest, as certainly it is the rudest and most irritating. In Mr. Perry's (reful) and able essay on the charivari, however, there is not observed any mention of resort to shotguns. There are regions of America where the yokelry concede the shotgun to be the conventional retort of the bridegroom, if he chooses to invoke it. This is seldom done, but there have been instances that enlisted the subsequent concern of the county coroner. Usually, the accepted practice is to fire above the heads of the revelers, without standing treat, and watch them take to their heels. The first time Bill Storum, which is not the true name of our hero, was married, the gayer spirits of his town submitted Bill and his bride to a charivari, in token of Bill's popu-

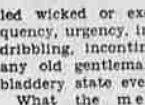
larity. Bill was good-humored about it, that time, and he paid tribute of \$5 when he was socially lynched, as Mr. Perry puts it so neatly. But the second time Bill Storum was married he objected to the charivari, and made threats, and banged down the window, and went into a tantrum that frightened his little mate half out of her wits. If it ever happened again, he vowed, he knew what he would do. It happened again the third time Bill tried the marital state, but Bill was ready for them. He had loaded his grandfather's fowling piece and when the charivari was well started, he let go with the right barrel over their heads, and as they turned to depart he cut loose with the second, which contained a double handful of beans. The town went modern, right afterward, and never could see anything funny about orange blossoms. Mr. Perry of the Mail Tribune, in his unnamable way, which but illy conceals a gentle character, is trying to do Medford a real service by pledging the candidates for mayor to abate the charivari. He says it gives strangers the impression that Medford is a hick town, for one thing, even aside from its essential un-couthness. That is probably his most effective argument. What's so funny about getting married, anyhow? —Oregonian. FOR PERSONAL LOANS OF ALL KINDS. W. E. THOMAS, 45 S. Central. Phone 342. We'll haul away your refuse. City Sanitary Service. When you want heat call 1184. Petroleum Heat & Burner Co.

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MODERN TREATMENT OF THE OLD GENTLEMAN'S CURSE.

The cause of gradual enlargement, hyperplasia or hypertrophy of the prostate gland in more than one-third of all men past fifty years of age is unknown. If anything more could be said about the cause of this affliction I'd say it. The characteristic manifestation of prostatic obstruction gradually develops in all cases alike, no matter whether the victims have led wicked or exemplary lives—frequency, urgency, interruption of sleep dribbling, incontinence—and it galls any old gentleman to advertise his bladderly state even to his friends. What the medical profession chooses for itself, grimly observes Dr. H. C. Bumpus, Jr., is usually an indication of what the public will ultimately demand. Ten per cent of his patients who have trans-urethral electro-surgical prostatic resection are physicians. In the earlier days of diathermy extirpation of tonsils Dr. Lewis J. Silvers noted a similar demand for the modern method on the part of physicians and their families. Sometimes, indeed, physicians who had loudly condemned electro-coagulation on hypothetical grounds. The modern method—removal of only the obstructing portion of prostate, through the natural channel, by means of special instruments designed for the purpose—is not only difficult in technique but most tedious for the operator, compared with the old-fashioned surgical "enucleation" of the gland through a perineal incision or an abdominal incision. This much less risk for the patient, this greater safety of the modern method makes it imperative that the surgeon who attempts to treat prostatic obstruction at all should refrain from operating on such patients if he cannot master the technique of trans-urethral resection. There are far too many brass surgeons in Yankee land bungling this work.



Dr. William Brady

What is the best agent to remove adhesive plaster from the skin without bringing the skin along with it? A mere operation is no ordeal at all, but when they yank off—F. M. B. Answer—Plain old kerosene (coal oil) is excellent for the purpose—better than alcohol, ether, etc. The kerosene odor is not offensive and kerosene is easily washed away with soap and water.

Phosphorus. Please tell me which foods contain the most phosphorus and about how much phosphorus the body needs daily? Is phosphorus in any sense a nerve food or builder, more than other elements, and would one with weak nerves benefit particularly by including larger proportions of phosphorus-containing foods in his diet? —F. P. Answer—Adult requires about 20 grains of phosphorus daily; growing child requires about 30 grains daily. No evidence that phosphorus is more particularly a "nerve" food than it is a "bone" or "muscle" or "tooth" or "skin" food. These foods are rich in phosphorus: Beef, milk, cheese, oatmeal, peanuts, dried beans, eggs, plain wheat, carrots, turnips.

Lead Poisoning. What are the symptoms by which one can recognize lead poisoning? —J. B. Answer—One can't. It is difficult enough for a doctor. (Copyright 1936, John F. Dille Co.)

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NEW YORK Day by Day

by O.O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Julian Street has been making a leisurely motor trip about America. Recalling his memorable "Abroad at Home" series in Collier's some 20 years ago. But this time the author is merely pleasure bent—casting a practiced eye on what is going on in the changing nation.

He thinks one of the most enchanting stretches of America is from San Francisco north to the Canadian border. Considerably traveled but not as it should be. He believes that the region north of San Francisco needs more hotels and tourist camps, reasonably tariffed.

An off-key note in his observations: Old American virtues of self reliance, enterprise and independence are being widely undermined by political handouts. He believes one thing that has got us into trouble is widespread installment buying, instead of saving.

The tempo of living beyond means has found in part accountable for needs of the aged, among certain classes, of projects such as the Townsend plan and sentiment for "taking it away from the rich." People who do not pay taxes feel Sam owes them a living. The axiom "Man reaps where he sows," forgotten!

Amos 'n' Andy have become almost as much of our national consciousness as the seventh inning stretch. No radio performers have so consistently kept to top form. And they are where they are because, in the language of the race they portray, they are "strivers." I'm revealing a bit of personal correspondence with them to emphasize their humane trait. One of their original fans, I wrote the first magazine piece about them but some months ago I had a feeling of slight let-down in their routine. It bothered me and, factually and mildly, I wrote a line solely for them. Recently they wrote: "Some weeks ago you had a few words which said: 'Amos 'n' Andy: Perk up. That got us more than anything we ever heard. It was the cause of our making additional effort. In fact those few words caused us to change

our plot and plan the sequence we did in Hollywood recently, occasionally using movie stars in our program." Pride is a bit justifiable in their reaction, for before I knew I had such a small part in the Hollywood angle I thought it the best of their many diversions.

And someone in Hollywood sends along the idea of an "outside part time secretaryship" for celebrities that strikes me as a corker. It includes among its clientele Miriam Hopkins, Dorothy Fields, Jerome Kern, Arthur Kober, Moss Hart and other busy folk. The organization offers a part time secretary service for prices ranging from \$36 a month up. They phone each day for assignments. Letters may be dictated over the phone. They arrange parties, invite guests, and attend all details. Accept telephone calls and even argue—what a break!—with bill collectors. Also attend to travel reservations, hotel accommodations and keep in special files bills and personal papers. Do the shopping, research and even make flying trips to New York and elsewhere.

Broadway is shucked of some of its street carnival hoody-pood by abolishment of the pin games. For a time the "sports palaces" jettied the most profitable of the genteel gyms.

Four prominent corners, along with many in the middle of blocks, were occupied by concessionaires. When business reached low ebbs, the pin game halls were always packed. Only one of the stands remains and it has become a catacomb of novelty stands of the cane-you-ring-is-the-cane-you-get variety with Coney Island types of ballyhoosers clamping on the high pressure.

Thingumbobs: George Jessel and Rupert Hughes are Hollywood's top black coffee drinkers. Irving Caesar, when not feeling in top form, goes a night without sleeping and feels fit again. Lily Pons has gone ga-ga over American corned beef and cabbage. Steve Harnagan has a breakfast onion soup. Frank Shuts, Miami publisher, is head of the biggest law firm in Florida. A Whistler picture that was once boomed in London was recently sold in the same gallery for \$4,700. (Copyright, 1936, McNaught Syndicate.)

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Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY October 1, 1926 (It was Friday) Jackson county fruit exhibit at state fair wins first prize.

St. Louis and New York Yankees to clash in world series starting next Saturday.

O. O. Alenderfer, mayor, and entire city council to seek re-election and will be on November ballot. Earl H. Fehl to seek mayoralty with slogan, "Service with a smile."

Showers fell over valley. Jackson county Democrats advised by national committee "to keep faith and a stout heart."

Wild turkeys to be freed in Beagle district. Glaring lights blamed for three auto crashes.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY October 1, 1916 (It was Monday) Ten Zeppelins raid English coast towns, one destroyed; Russians score victory in resumption of Lemberg drive.

Rain and fog blamed for auto collision with passenger train at Main street crossing. Auto badly smashed. "Mountain Vengeance" at the Star; "Sin and Sorrow" at the Page.

Prosecutor Kelly challenges the editor of the Morning Sun for a debate on campaign issues. Rally water to be expected in city supply for next ten days, Water Chief Arnsperger announces.

Be correctly corrected in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann. A "demoniac" is a person supposed to be possessed of a demon. Dendrolires is a term describing fossil fragments of trees.

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