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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

A number of Oregon newspapers now report, "demagogues are about to be swept from the house-tops." At this time of year, when demagogues are always alleged to be yapping from the ridge-pole. It's a fine idea, but a demagogue will never take that much of a chance.

It is now generally agreed the GOP presidential nominee, to win, only has to carry five pivotal states, and recover from the same number of speeches by Herb Hoover.

"This number is very small. Put down a decimal point followed by 25 ciphers and the digit 6 and 8. That is Planck's constant." (Scientific Note)—You don't say so, and what of it!

A Non-Partisan voter was caught Thursday in a deep study, in the No Man's land, between the Democratic and the Republican headquarters on Main street. He was trying to figure out a way to walk into both at the same time.

The National Safety Conference at Atlantic City, N. J., was informed by a speaker, nagging wives cause many auto accidents. The speaker further held a husband, who a few hours before, dodged a milk-bottle was asked to think a phone pole should also be alert, and not run into him.

Uncle John Griffin, 83, the pioneer bear slayer, and Del Getchell, the banker-poet, are now hobnobbing. Even money is being bet Uncle John gets hit with a beam, before Mr. Getchell gets shot for a bear.

The weather continues "unpropitious" for the use of blankets, citizens bought at August sales of same.

The initiative bill on the November ballot to make military drill at the institutions of higher education optional, instead of compulsory, as now, promises to excite the natives, no end, before the votes are counted. Some colleagues, eligible for drill, passed through Thursday hitch-hiking to San Francisco, to see the UO-Stanford football game tomorrow. On this joint, they will walk farther down the highway than they will march in a year of military drill. Furthermore the thumb will be exercised more than a trigger finger in a full-fledged war. The matter of male students too delicate to engage in military drill, but joyous to be bunched in their way 500 miles to a football game, is something else to be left to a mandate of the voters.

"With his comment on the withdrawal of the Democratic senatorial and gubernatorial candidates in Minnesota, in favor of the farmer-labor party candidate," (Baker Democrat-Herald)—"Bureaucratic" is right!

The Democratic Glee club under the management of J. Stevens, warbled Wed. Eve. The Republican warblers still singing the same tune, and finishing the same time as his political enemies.

Citizens have started writing letters to editors on the issues of the day with lead pencils "sharper than a serpent's tooth." It is expected a number of lead pencils engaged in building a railroad to the coast will be shifted to the "save-the-nation" front.

"In San Francisco a Salem, Oregon, girl has been found on the point of starvation. Republicans will undoubtedly blame Mr. Roosevelt." (Pendleton East Oregonian)—You're wrong! Her inability to obtain nourishment was due to Mr. Hoover bustling all the banks!

Camp Tom Watkins, CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UPI)—Wyoming national guardmen encamped at Pole Mountain camp had a touch of realism added to their war games by the drought. Because of a water shortage they had to go without baths for 10 days. "It's too much like war," said Lieut. Col. R. L. Esmay.

Telegrapher Honored, SALT LAKE CITY. (UPI)—Mrs. Mary Love Neff, pioneer telegraph operator who started service in 1867 and worked during the Black Hawk Indian war, has been honored by Old-Time Telegraphers and Historical association. She holds a life membership in the association.

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The "Unhappy" Warrior

THOSE who heard Al Smith over the radio last night, heard a former presidential candidate of the Democratic party, withdraw from that party, repudiate its leadership, and plead for the victory of the party he had bitterly fought all his political life.

To find a precedent for such extraordinary action Mr. Smith had to go back to 1896 when Grover Cleveland refused to support William Jennings Bryan and his free silver platform. But if we recall correctly Mr. Cleveland did not take the stump against Bryan, or urge the support of Wm. McKinley, he merely took a walk to the nearest fishing boat.

Now this action by Al Smith is termed party treason and treachery by loyal Democrats; by Republicans it is called self sacrificing patriotism—the placing of principle above party.

Which is it?

THE fact that Al Smith was not content to follow Grover Cleveland's example, not only left his own party, but also threw his support to Governor Landon, throws a revealing light on this problem.

For Mr. Smith justified his desertion of his former close friend and political ally, and the repudiation of the party that bestowed upon him such high honors, by an indictment of two main counts.

First,—the failure of Roosevelt to carry out his party platform pledges of 1932; and second, his repudiation of the traditional principle of states right, as enunciated by Thomas Jefferson over a hundred years ago and exemplified in the AAA, declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. A portion of the AAA decision was read by the speaker with great satisfaction to show he did not leave the Democratic party, but in departing from fundamental Democratic principles, and disregarding the Constitution, the present administration left HIM.

But now where is Mr. Smith? He is supporting for president a man who not only gave his enthusiastic support to the AAA, but when it was declared unconstitutional expressed as governor of Kansas, his sincere regret. More than that, a man who has endorsed, the Roosevelt substitute for the AAA, (cash benefits, restricted acreage, etc.) and is on record, as favoring a change in the Constitution, whenever, that document as now written, is an obstacle to the enactment of legislation, which he approves. (See Landon's telegram to Cleveland convention.) In other words,—Al Smith deserts the candidate of his own party for following a certain course, and gives his allegiance to the presidential candidate of the opposing party, WHO APPROVED AND IS PLEDGED to follow the same GENERAL course!

We will let our readers define such action for themselves, but it is certainly NOT, putting principle above party!

NOW as to the platform. Mr. Smith was sneeringly sarcastic when he said, he had heard of parties in the past not carrying out all pledges, but he had NEVER heard of one before, that not only didn't carry out a pledge but did the exact reverse.

We fear the Brown Derby's memory is beginning to slip. How about the pledge of his own party in 1916 to keep this country out of war, and a month after the inauguration, doing the EXACT REVERSE and plunging the country into war. If that isn't not only failing to fulfill a party pledge but doing the exact reverse, what is it?

As we recall it, Al didn't consider deserting his party then or even raise his voice in protest. Nor should he, for to fulfill that pledge became impossible. BUT, when Roosevelt, for an identical reason, faced with conditions which neither he nor anyone else could have foreseen, had to increase, instead of decrease public expenditures, to keep people from starving and the country from revolution, then he is accused of violating a pledge of "private honor and public faith", and a former leader of that party not only deserts him, but turns on him with malice and hatred.

SO Al Smith is for the Republican party now,—for God, for country and the G. O. P.! But not for long we fear. For certainly if Governor Landon wins, then unless HE carries out his platform to the letter, Al will have to desert him, and take the stump for his defeat.

Here are just a few things at random the Republican candidate will have to do, to retain Al's loyalty and support, four years hence:—

Balance the budget WITHOUT increasing taxes.
Repeal the Reciprocity trade agreement.
Erect a high tariff wall to keep out foreign goods.
Collect the war debts of \$12,000,000,000 (which can only be paid in foreign goods).
Abandon Grand Coulee, Bonneville, TVA AND ALL other public works which compete with private payrolls.
Abandon all public works connected in any way with relief.
Render it impossible, by employing the full powers of the government for private monopoly to EXIST in the United States.

So if Al is consistent we don't believe he will stay in the Republican party very long!

But he won't be,—which brings us to the real reason Al Smith has deserted his party and turned on its leader, not only taking a walk from the Democratic party, but a run and a jump into the G. O. P. bailiwick.

We hate to say it—and for a long time couldn't BELIEVE it,—but that speech in Philadelphia and the one at Carnegie Hall the other night presents evidence that is overwhelming.

It can't be principle, for in supporting Landon, Al Smith abandons the only important principle he presented. It can't be his greater confidence in the Republican party, as a party, for he was careful to point out, he had no use for the party, and when he returned to New York would shun G. O. P. headquarters as he would the plague.

If it isn't reasons of principle or party, what can it be but PERSONAL reasons,—by a process of elimination this, as we see it, is the only answer.

Al Smith is sore. He has never been able to forgive, he will never forgive that "nice little boy from Hyde Park" getting what he so longed to get himself, and which now he knows, he never will attain.

Taking the stump against that "little boy", appealing to the country to elect the man who opposes him, "as the only remedy from all the ills we are suffering today", is not placing principle above party, patriotism above self interest, but the precise reverse, it is Al Smith's method of securing his sweet revenge.

AL SMITH had the reputation of being a great Liberal, and his record as governor of New York, sustained that reputation. But even so, had he quietly taken a walk with other Democrats of ultra conservative principles and said nothing, he would have deserved, at least, the benefit of the doubt.

But hate is a treacherous mistress. In throwing his support to Landon, for the reasons given, he did not so much betray his party and his liberal record, as he betrayed himself.

HIS old pals gathered in Philadelphia last night, thought perhaps they were cheering the return of their once "Happy Warrior." They weren't. They were cheering his departure, as an important political figure in American public life, forever.

The Democrats will never forgive him. The progressive Republicans will never again respect him. No matter how the election comes out Al Smith is through,—his hymn of hate will be his swan song!

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PERENNIAL "HAY FEVER"

In the booklet "Call It Crr" (No. 3) in Little Lessons in the Ways of Health series) I say:

Parents should see that the child developing crr is put to bed immediately and kept there until the trouble subsides or a physician takes charge of the case.

NOW we could put that principle into effect universally, substituting police for parents and That Gink for the child, the nation's doctor bill and medicine bill would be lowered one-half.

At least three-fourths of all the illness physicians attend to eventually if not in the experimental stage—is due to respiratory infection. This is not my biased view, but the estimate made by the U. S. Public Health Service after a wide statistical survey of prevailing illness among numerous classes of people in many parts of the country.

Remember, it is not only the immediate indisposition of disability from the acute attack of "flu," "grip" or what offhand name do you prefer for it, but also the subsequent interference with working capacity that counts in these morbid statistics. You must include in the bill the sinus troubles, middle ear infections, many cases of appendicitis, pleurisy, empyema and arthritis which are common complications or sequels of the crr. What do I mean, the crr? How can you tell you have it?

The crr (kree) means any of the dozen common respiratory infections one feels more or less chilliness, general malaise, headache, misery and, of course, doesn't know as yet whether one is coming down with simple coryza, flu, diphtheria, meningitis, infantile paralysis, scarlet fever—it may be any (common) R (respiratory) (infection) and therefore the only honest name for it is the crr.

Far be it from me to suggest that the federal health bureau exaggerated the importance of the crr as a factor of illness and loss of time and money. Necessary surgical work and most of the doctor's visits, although I should not hesitate to charge this crr half the national medical and drug bill. However, I can offer mitigation, to go to Powell. The Frank V. Storrs have the spiffiest dressed chauffeurs in town.

Girl cigarette smokers seldom ever look youthful and corn fed. Not many have Herbert Marshall's naturalness on the screen. Or his superb diction. These ruddy Irish boys scrubbed to such a shine after the day's work. And skylarking on the 10th Avenue corners.

Look alike: Fred Astaire and Freeman Cooden, the Amos of Amos n' Andy. And Charles Winninger would make a dandy model for John Bull. Memory: Jimmy Walker's green limousine parked smack in front of a water plug at the Ritz. Hugh O'Connell, for my money, to play a reporter on the stage.

Radio censorship should include those nauseating bad breath and b. o. announcements around dinner time at least. Not many actors so genuinely mourned as Tommy McElhan. Buff Cobb's contagious laugh. A prayer: To reach the age of Allison Skipworth and have her vigor and zest for living.

James Thornton is vaudeville's most stubborn die-hard. As he says,

"A bottle-scarred veteran." Biting the 80's the monologist and song writer is still up and at 'em. Beginning in a Boston museum, he saw vaudeville reach its pinnacle, go down the hill and is still bewildered that there is not a straight vaudeville house left in America. He has been doing his "The Volstead Act" for 12 years and is trouncing again with it this fall. His health is excellent.

Attendance at the Empire tower proves again the low ebb of New York's civic pride. Since the observatory opened in May, 1931, there have been 2,114,394 paid admissions. Less than 10 per cent were New Yorkers. And most New Yorkers are brought there in the bored manner, by out of town friends on a visit. A statistician recently found 100 persons within a three block radius of the tower had never scaled the heights. Denver, per population, has furnished the greatest number of visitors. I was told. The Pike's Peak influence!

Literary aspirants, biting pencil ends over progress, many find inspiration for a chirp of hope by the early struggles of Booth Tarkington, generally considered America's No. 1 novelist and short story spinner. In his first five years of fictioning Tarkington's income from this source was \$22.50. Fanny Hurst's first year windowed exactly \$12. Sinclair Lewis in formative years did not average more than \$300 annually and Theodore Dreiser had long stretches where he did not salvage his return postage coverage. Even the gifted Edith Wharton had a low year of \$19. No calling requires so much persistence and hope has such potent awards for perseverance.

He is one of those queer, shabby Gascons found pick-thanking in most of the army and stuffy bistros around Washington Square. As he sat uninvited at the table, he kept testing white pellets. At least four in a half hour. Curious, I ventured: "Peppermint?" He replied: "No, aspirin. I nibble them all day." For Ripley—an aspirin nibbler!

Hollywood continues to beat Paris and New York to the dy, punch. Not only in the dress designs by Adrian, Orry Kelly and others of the boys, but in dress accessories for both men and women. The high boot case was going a month in Hollywood before reaching here. And the thunder-pattern shirts were dazzling the Beverly canyons some weeks before they reached the avenue. There is even rumormong Paris has copyists planted in Hollywood.

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The question most discussed by New Deal insiders here does not concern the merits of the case, which have not yet been publicly developed, but the problem of what a president's son is to do. Mr. Coolidge solved it by preventing his son from trading on the family connections and putting him to work as a clerk on a railroad. Mr. Hoover was disturbed when his son's connection as an engineer for a radio company became the subject of political debate, and the son ultimately retired.

Young Billiot, it is supposed to have been the most outspoken of the Roosevelt sons against any such restraints. He is said to have told his family more than once that he intended to lead his own life. He is now in the private radio business, which is, of course, more or less under government supervision. Another son, James, retired from the insurance business in Boston, following

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comment about his unenviable position. The only completely satisfactory solution was that of presidents who neglected to have children.

The last unpublished statement of the American Red Cross is said to show holdings of \$10,000,000 in government bonds, out of a total investment of \$28,000,000. All these governments were acquired since Treasury Secretary Morgenthau became trustee.

When Mr. Roosevelt was asked whether his conference with President Green of A. F. of L. related to the Green-Lewis "schism," he replied: "We skidded around the schism."

Republicans are having trouble getting money.

A well-known Democratic national committeeman will resign as soon as the election is over.

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 9, 1926 (It was Saturday)

St. Louis slaughters New York Yankees, 10 to 2, to even the world series at four games each. Deciding game to be played tomorrow.

Almee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, celebrates her 36th

birthday and is confident of exoneration in kidnapping hoax quiz.

Rain causes suspension of activities on new city water pipe line construction.

To date, 1180 cars of pears and 243 cars of apples have been shipped from this valley.

The first real rainfall of the year wets the valley with .44 of an inch of rain in a night. More predicted.

Klan rule in Indiana under probe.

University of Oregon defeated, 23 to 2, by University of Washington football team.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 9, 1916 (It was Monday)

Mrs. W. R. Coleman of Jacksonville was a business visitor in the city today.

Apple picking in full swing throughout the valley.

Medford high defeats Grants Pass, 13 to 0, in game at Grants Pass. Jess Gentry was star of the Medford team.

Elks to hold venison barbecue on Rogue river next Sunday.

Brooklyn defeats Boston, 4 to 3, to win its first game of the world series.

Rumors of peace in Europe unconfirmed by diplomats.

Court Hall is enjoying a visit from his sister, Pearl, of Lakeview.

Attorneys Porter J. Neff and Col. E. E. Kelly address a Democratic rally at Rogue River.

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