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Ye Smudge Pot

Newspapers over the week-end printed pictures of the king and queen, wearing a hunting outfit. If this picture does not cause the American-born lady, with whom His Highness is romantically involved, to terminate the affair, and return to her husband, nothing will.

"Barber Smith is now very sorry for having joined his wife. He has joined the church." (Chico, Calif. Enterprise). An old custom, when she catches up with a sinner. Hunters are daily demonstrating their ability to hit a barn, with the door shut, farmers report.

In Saturday's football classic, two California wonder squads, UofC and USC, suffered a tack in the hind-tire of their egotism. California was decisively defeated by the Titans, and W.C. backed the mighty Trojans to a standstill, and a tie. St. Mary's, a team that always causes widespread gloating by California sport scribes was unable to conquer the University of San Francisco, the contest concluding with a young riot. The above results serve California right, for threatening to go Democratic, Nov. 3.

THE GENTIL MORTICIAN'S (Eugene Register Guard) Pausing, so to speak, in the more arduous phases of the candidate-selection, he skips gaily over several important contests and take up this day "the undertaker's derby"—the race for corner. We have in this race the present incumbent, Charles P. Poole, who has captured the Republican label; the veteran Democrat, and presumably New Dealer, and Clarence V. Simon, independent. All are members of very many lodges, etc. All are very good undertakers.

Emmett Nealon, of Sams Valley attended a golden wedding anniversary picnic at Prospect Sunday. Mr. Nealon chews a mean hunk of fried chicken.

Norman Thomas, the socialist candidate for president, dots on election predictions. His favorite oratorical trick is to proclaim, that Roosevelt will be elected, "though wrong." By the same logic, it can be figured, Mr. Thomas is right, but will be defeated.

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT
David Walker suffered a fractured collar bone while playing in the school yard, recently, Sherman Goodrich got a wrenched back when the Elliotts made an unexpected dive into a hole. Mrs. Belle Goodrich and Miss Helen Hanby, her granddaughter, altered the shapes of their faces, and the design of both autos, when one was said to have met them, coming around a curve on the wrong side of the road, near Dandy's mill, and Mrs. Marion Wheeler chewed a couple of fingers in a feed cutter, with several outlying districts to hear from, and this is all aside from the CCC work. Kenneth Tyrrell has been working for Ted Hammesley. (Greenleaf News).

What Are The Facts?

WE know some good people (other than Colonel Knox) who are genuinely alarmed at the present size of the national debt, and believe the election of President Roosevelt will mean uncontrolled inflation and printing press money.

Well, they are entitled to their opinion, but we sometimes wonder where they get their figures to sustain it. The only figures we have seen, are those which show total federal expenditures before the Wilson administration, including every administration from the time of Washington, were approximately the same as during the Roosevelt administration of less than four years.

We admit such a showing is impressive, and makes a good talking point, but coming down to brass tacks, what has that to do with the case, one way or the other?

THE only question is what is Uncle Sam's financial status at the PRESENT time. What is his debt? What is his capacity to handle it? What he spent or didn't spend in the past, has no more to do with his present financial standing, than what an individual did with his money in the years gone by has to do with HIS financial standing today.

It also seems obvious that the size of the debt is not a determining factor with a country anymore than with an individual. If a man has a debt at the bank of \$100,000 and is only worth \$10,000 his financial predicament is serious, but if his debt is ten times that amount, and he is a Henry Ford worth a billion, more or less, there is nothing for him—or any one else,—to worry about.

In other words debt as a financial danger must include ability to pay,—there is no other way to consider it.

SO far so good. Now what is the present national debt, and what is Uncle Sam's ability, under present conditions to pay it?

On June 30th of this year the GROSS national debt was 33 billions (plus). On March 4th, 1933 when Roosevelt took office, it was 21 billions (minus) an increase of approximately 12 billions in less than your years. We admit a sizeable increase.

(Yet it might be noted that during the World War in a far shorter period of time the national debt was increased from 25 to 30 billions, and there was destruction rather than reconstruction to show for it.)

But let that pass. Take that figure of 33 billions, which has now reached approximately 34 billions. Is that too great a debt for this country to handle without uncontrolled inflation and printing press money?

The experts don't think so. Why? Because that debt huge as it is, when compared with national wealth and capacity to pay, is relatively speaking small.

TO illustrate. Great Britain is known as solvent, and financially sound as the proverbial nut. It has neither the population nor the assets of this country.

And yet, if Uncle Sam had today a debt, as large in proportion, as his cousin John Bull, our present indebtedness would be 116 billion, instead of 34.

If there is no danger of printing press money in England certainly there should be none here. (These are the figures Mr. Ernest K. Lindley, of the Republican New York Herald Tribune presents in his book "Half Way With Roosevelt," and as far aware have never been questioned.)

As far as capacity to pay is concerned Mr. Lindley declares the figures are even more striking. We quote:

"When related to the national income the cost of the Federal debt on March 3, 1933 (end of Hoover's term) was 1.77 cents of each dollar of the national income. By June 1935 the cost of the federal debt had dropped to approximately 1.40 cents of each dollar, and this year (1936) if the national income is 60 billion (as estimated) the annual interest cost of 34 billion dollars would take 1.44 cents of each dollar of income."

In other words, as has been previously pointed out in this column, the national debt is not as serious a financial menace today, because of the increase in national wealth and income, as it was during the last half of the Hoover administration. Yet at that time there was no Colonel Knox crying about printing press money and inflation.

THIS paper holds no brief for going into debt, federal or otherwise. But there are times, in the life of a nation as of an individual, when debt is not only unavoidable but an inescapable obligation of sound business practice.

Such a time occurred during the Wilson administration, when to wage a successful war against Germany, debt had to be incurred. Such a time occurred following the war when the most devastating business depression in all history struck this country,—in both cases billions had to be borrowed to save our democracy. In both cases we maintain the results justified the expenditures.

That the federal budget should be balanced at the earliest possible time, no one denies. Both presidential candidates are pledged to do so. That federal expenditures should be reduced to the minimum consistent with the public welfare, is also admitted and no matter who is elected we are confident, this will be the effort of the next administration.

BUT it is ONE thing to declare the present debt large, and should be reduced, and quite another to maintain it is so large, that it represents an immediate financial danger, and if the people happen to vote one way, this country will be bankrupt, and if they vote the other way, it won't be.

This is simply unadulterated whang-doodle, and every informed person in the country knows it!

And yet Colonel Knox who originated the cry of no savings accounts safe, no insurance policies sound, continues to ring the changes on it,—in a brazen and unprincipled effort to scare the voters away from President Roosevelt, and put him and his team mate in the White House.

It simply isn't true, and we believe the people of this country two weeks from today, will go to the polls, and give practical and conclusive evidence that they KNOW it.

Kathleen Norris Visits PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—(AP)—A nationally-known writer, Kathleen Norris of San Francisco, stopped in Portland long enough to announce she would return Friday to speak for the emergency peace campaign, launched by Mrs. Roosevelt last year. The novelist was on her way to Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane to give addresses.

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. Only the name and address of the patient need be given. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

OLD DOG IS RIGHT
Recently we told how a young man with hernia, which disqualified him from getting a coveted job obtained a cure by injection treatment. In spite of the complacent assurance of the brass surgeon in chief of the civil service board, and got the job. The self-esteem of the brass surgeon blinded him to the truth. You know it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks.



Here is another instance. A man with indirect inguinal hernia was refused a job in a manufacturing plant. The head surgeon of the plant recommended surgery, of course at his hands. The patient entered a hospital to be prepared for operation, but at this juncture learned of an unfortunate fatality the surgeon had recently had following operation for hernia. The patient demanded his clothes and in spite of all efforts left the hospital and returned home. But still, handicapped with hernia, he could not have a job. So he sought out a competent physician who treats hernia by the ambulant or injection method. In two months the physician assured the patient his hernia was cured.

The patient again reported to the chief surgeon of the manufacturing plant, who examined him and expressed his belief in the absence of any sign of hernia. The brass surgeon called in three other doctors who examined the patient carefully and all agreed he had no hernia. But did he get the job? Certainly not. The Big Brass Surgeon was in full command of the situation and laughingly assured the man that he would have his hernia back the same as or worse than it had been before, just as soon as the "serum" injected should be absorbed or dried up; moreover, the Big Lar assured the patient that the "serum" injected would very likely cause cancer later in life. But the patient need not worry, for the Big Quack was still willing to operate, clear the "serum" out and fix the rupture properly.

That Brass Surgeon's attitude was inspired by the fact that the opinion of the American Medical Association against the modern treatment of hernia—propaganda which the bright boys who run the A.M.A. were feverishly distributing up to a month or two ago, when the official Journal of the A. M. belatedly and reluctantly predicted dictatorship for Italy and the crack-up of Spain.

No one is more discomfited than a middle-aged newspaperman who has just been sacked. To him it's the end of the trail. And a detour to some obscure journalistic niche without hope. One of the office failures to whom even cops speak patronizingly. Old Mr. Soandso! I tried to comfort one today who had found a new and younger face at his accounting desk. But I could put little into it. I was too conscious of the incantation. Out of high drama into drab commonplace. For few jobs appear exciting after a career of newspapering.

The Death Watch contains two new faces at the theatrical openings this season—Richard Watts and Douglas Gilbert. Burns Mantle is now the dean of critics. And Eugene Kealey Allen continues to spread that aura of perisulfate that stamps the lobby wit. The reviewing stand this season is to have a short parade. Productions have been sacked down 80 percent.

Rumors are that the last American hold-out against the Paris exodus, Gilbert White, the portrait painter, may soon abandon his chateau outside the city and move across the channel to London or return to America. White, brother of Stewart Edward, and a replica of Bryan in a Latin Quarter hat, has been the bounding spirit of the Place Vendome hoop-de-do for 20 years. Recently he visited the Ritzbar at cocktail time to find he was the only Yank there. That inspired his decision to vacooose. The Ritz ladies bar is no more, by the way.

A talker to himself was in today pleased as Punch over a triumph. On a lonely stretch of street he was mulling great-guns when conscious of footsteps behind. He turned and beamed: "Rehearsing a banquet speech for tonight." He thought it a dandy alibi—and one he can use in the future. (Copyright, 1936, McNaught Syndicate.)

Many sizable burgs are known by names of former sons. When a Santa Fe goes tooling through Emporia, Kansas, it's a cinch some passenger will observe: "This is William Allen White's town." Paducah, Ky. is known as "Irvin Cobb's town." And so on. Even New York is known far and wide as O. Henry's Bagdad on the Subway. All of which is reminiscent of how shamelessly a Tammanyized city has immortalized many of its grafting officials. But there is not even a marker at the little hotel in the 20's where O. Henry was a gentle lodger and wrote so many of his immortal stories.

Gifts of prophecy note: In looking through an E. Phillips Oppenheim published in 1905 last evening, I plucked into this—"I will tell you a thing which you can think of when you are an old man and there are great changes and events to look back upon." A war between Germany and England is only a matter of time; a few short years, perhaps even months," Oppenheim in another

Auto Fatalities Grew. SALEM, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The automobile fatality list jumped to five the past week, with 130 persons injured, the secretary of state announced. The number of accidents also showed an increase, with 601 reported.

Salem Contracts Water Pipe Line. SALEM, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The American Concrete & Steel Pipe Co. of Tacoma, winner of the \$647,985 water pipeline contract for the city of Salem, announced all its work would be done in Oregon with a third of it in a plant to be located near here.

The city council last night awarded the contract calling for a concrete and steel pipeline from Stayton to Salem to the Tacoma firm. The opponents favored a wood pipe. The contract is another major step in the city's long battle for a new water system.

Better clothes for less. Klein the Tailor, upstairs. MODERN WOMEN Need Not Suffer monthly pain and delay due to irregular menstruation. Chlormen, a new, powerful, reliable and safe medicine. Chlormen is a new, powerful, reliable and safe medicine. Chlormen is a new, powerful, reliable and safe medicine.

Be correctly corrected in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn E. Hoffmann. CHICHESTERS PILLS "THE DIAMOND BRAND"

THE MAIL TRIBUNE'S Political Safety-Valve

This newspaper will publish communications, limited to 400 words, expressing the political views of our readers. Regardless of party affiliations, all interested are invited to contribute to this pre-election department.

Malefactors Against Roosevelt
The tragedy of this campaign is that the Big Boys, who were rescued from bankruptcy by loans from the United States treasury, are now spending millions to defeat their benefactor, President Roosevelt. Having had their own nests feathered, they sailed down the surplus, and have refused to co-operate by investing in or loaning to legitimate enterprise, thus forcing the government to bear the whole burden of recovery, and now pretend to vision bankruptcy of the nation because the administration was forced to increase the federal debt to supply similar help to the unfortunate in the lower brackets and prevent millions of the poor from starving.

As an instance, take the great insurance companies. They have kept their capital idle and have passed the accumulated overhead expense on down to their policy holders. Upon recent complaint of decreased dividends, one of these multi-millionaire companies writes: "The reason for this decrease is very plain and apparent. It is due wholly to the fact that at the present time due to circumstances over which we have no control, there is no demand for money at reasonable rates of interest."

In answer to this the complaining policy holder replied: "I do not agree with this statement. There are thousands of opportunities to loan money on perfectly safe projects if the money lenders would but meet the demand. I personally know of many instances where borrowers would be glad to supply ample security and make amortization payments with interest at 5 per cent per annum. And this condition obtains throughout the country. If private enterprise had been disposed to meet the demand, which it should have done, the government would not have been compelled to increase its debt to supply money for these purposes. Time will prove, if it has not already demonstrated, the fallacy of big business in this matter. It is certainly poor economy and is really not good politics any longer.

"And if there is a loss of income, are the policy holders to bear all the burden? I have not seen or heard of any reduction in the overhead of the company. How many of the big boys have had a cut in salary? The company is advertised as and supposed to be MUTUAL but it would seem to me at least appear to be 'Youtual.' Many people used to have great reverence for the ability of directors of big business. But how does the average person feel about it now, since the financial arm of the government had to rescue them as well as the indigent poor? A shining example are the railroad magnates, who sat complacently in their easy chairs, never thinking to change their antiquated equipment, or cut the traffic rates, until the trucks and buses captured their business. Then they bought control over the public highways, in competition with their own railroads, which were gradually but most surely rusting away.

"Allow me to say further, a fact which, however, is generally known: Human greed has been the cause of the downfall of every civilization." WM. E. PHIPPS, Medford, Ore., Oct. 19.

News Behind The News

Fletcher was sent out with a blank check book and a fountain pen. He and the other canvassers obtained considerable autographs to resuscitate the treasury.

One inside situation which may have caused an exaggerated notion of the situation is this: Whenever one Republican headquarters faction suggests an idea, funds are always easily found to carry out the idea. But when the idea comes from the other faction, the treasury is always weak.

There is one candidate who is not on the ballot, Mr. John Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation. Mr. Hoover has apparently been campaigning for something or other through a series of speeches around the country, outlining the menace of crime and what he has been doing about it. Press clippings of speeches by ordinary politicians are handed out in cheap mimeograph form, but Mr. Hoover's are printed by some new reproduction process which will undoubtedly put his publicity man in line for the next Pulitzer prize for typography.

Ordinarily, you would think the boss detective would not need publicity, but Mr. Hoover may. A weekly magazine recently asked: "Will the politicians get Hoover?" The article did not give the answer, but it seems to be "Probably."

Hoover has rubbed many an official the wrong way. The dope is that they plan to push legislation at the next session of congress to centralize federal detective agencies, and that Hoover will eventually find himself shorn of some of his arbitrary power as well as his press agent.

Trade theorists within the state department are already talking among themselves about activities they expect to start if they get the chance after election. First, they want to start a campaign of revision of existing treaties, bringing concessions "up to date" in line with exchange and quota revisions. Then they plan to go to work on congress for an immediate extension of the temporary reciprocity trade act under which they are working.

In conversation, they always refer to "the hopelessly unwieldy" method of attempting to deal with tariff policies in congress. They do not intend to let congress get back its tariff-making powers.

The county clerk's office to date has issued and received back, 151 absentee voters ballots for the general election, November 3. More applications are expected between now and October 27, final date of issuing and casting absentee ballots.

The absentee voters ballots are from practically every state of the union but principally from western and Pacific coast states. The absentee voters ballots are placed in the ballot boxes of the precincts in which the absentee resides and are counted, with the regular ballots, after the polls close election day.

Oregon law requires that the ballot boxes, with election equipment, and the requisite number of official ballots for each precinct be turned over to the sheriff for distribution at least one week before election. The distribution will be made to outlying districts first, and to precincts on the floor of the valley the final day before election.

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 20, 1926 (It was Wednesday)
Five Jacksonville establishments entered by robbers last night, and \$50 in cash stolen.

Tropical hurricane threatening Florida veers to sea. Chicago murder gangs sign peace treaty due to "plenty of bootleg business for all."

Twenty inches of snow falls at Crater Lake, but melts rapidly. Bert Orr is resting easy in San Francisco hospital.

Speeder runs over puppy at Main and Grape streets, and police fail to capture after long chase. Two killed at Eugene when auto hits wagon.

Democratic speaker at Nat address small audience on "The Tyranny of Wall Street."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
October 20, 1916 (It was Friday)
Jess Gentry, star of the high school backfield out of the game with a sprained ankle. Second team is organized by Coach Klum.

Sunday schools of valley hold annual convention with 150 delegates in attendance. Carload of 1917 Buicks received in city.

Tomorrow is "Edison Day" throughout the nation. Flour goes up 20c per barrel owing to conditions in Europe; barrels go up also.

Fighting lulls on the western front. Women Beat, Rout L. & A. Train Crew

MINDEN, La., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Women strike sympathizers stopped a train here, beat the engineer, tore the clothing from an official, chased the crew into nearby woods and left the frightened passengers stranded.

The women, several hundred strong, surrounded the northbound "Silverporter" of the Louisiana and Arkansas railway when it stopped here for water last night, clambered aboard and collared Mark Willis, senior engineer of the line, and a negro brakeman. Other members of the crew leaped from the train and fled to nearby woods.

Sawmill Burns HILLSBORO, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The big Sherman sawmill northwest of here, idle for three years, was destroyed by fire. The office building and nearby cabins were saved. The mill, once capable of turning out 125,000 board feet a day, formerly was valued at \$100,000. It was being dismantled.

Highway Boosters Name Objectives

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Oregon Coast Highway association stood committed today to the immediate completion of the Wilson River and Wolf Creek short-route projects and the development of naval defenses at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Resolutions incorporating the proposals were passed at the concluding session of the two-day meeting last night. Relocation of the Corvallis-Newport highway between Toledo and Newport, completion of the Neah-Kanby road project and the improvement of designated arteries in the Marshfield and Coquille areas were favored.

DISPUTE TIES UP SHIP IN PORTLAND'S HARBOR

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Only the captain, the chief officer and the chief engineer were officially aboard the idle steamer Oregon in the Portland harbor today. Other members of the crew were paid off yesterday and the grain-laden vessel, tied up by dispute over its seaworthiness and sanitary condition, apparently had no prospect of getting under way for Atlantic ports.

PROOF OF A. C. WALKER'S Efficient Administration of the Office of COUNTY TREASURER

October 17, 1936 To Whom It May Concern: I hereby certify that I have regularly audited the records of County Treasurer A. C. Walker up to September 30th, 1936, and have always found them correct with bank deposits fully protected.

E. M. WILSON, C.P.A. Vote for the Re-election of A. C. WALKER Retain a Capable Official Paid Adv. Republican County Central Com.

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MANY ABSENTEES CASTING BALLOTS

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\$18,000,000

The State Power Bill DOES Mean \$18,000,000 in Bonds!

Don't be misled by statements, however sincere, that the proposed State Power Bill doesn't mean more bonds on Oregon property. The State Power Bill is the first step in issuing \$18,000,000 of NEW bonds—possibly \$14,000,000 of bonds, if the legislature acts so. The State Power Bill will be useless without bond money to build a gigantic experiment. A vote for the Common Business Horse Power Sense Urges That You

VOTE 313 X NO Against the State Power Bill

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