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Ye Smudge Pot, By Arthur Perry.

The Mayor of Portland, who balked at attending the Golden Gate bridge fiesta at San Francisco, because of the "indignities" of the California border inspection, now announces he will attend.

A Boys Letterman Beauty Contest at the Oswego-West Linn high school "was staved off until this week," according to the Oregon City Enterprise.

The Premier of Canada, threatened with a wave of American-born agitation, announced "if necessary, will raise an army" to repel attacks.

The editor of the Salem high school paper, whose proposed censure on the necking and petting proclivities of the students, stirred a tempest, made a short-lived demand for "the freedom of the press."

"Another modern miracle is the manner in which one's motor car suddenly looks 10 years older the day the neighbors get a new one."

Young onions are on the market. Older girls will not admit eating them, no more than confess they took a drink of gin, up an alley, at 3 a. m.

The weather continues to act like it was under the management of a Young Democrat, still mad at Herb Hoover.

This is "Be Kind to Animals Week" and while feeling tender-hearted don't whip your wife.

A large audience attended a performance Saturday evening, wherein male dancers evinced grace and dramaticity. A large audience will also be in attendance tonight to see hairy-chested wrestlers jump around.

MOANS OF A POET. "Could anything, I ask, be worse than living by the sale of verse? No beef, no beans, no meat, no milk, no nothing but a little salt."

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New Deal Wins, F. D. Loses

THE text of the Supreme Court decision in the Wagner Act case, has not been handed down at this writing, and probably won't be in time, for any detailed comment in this column today.

But it is known that the Wagner Act has been upheld in the Associated Press, Jones-Laughlin Steel, and the Interstate bus cases.

And this is enough to establish the decision, as an overwhelming and unexpected victory for the New Deal, and—as we view it—a crushing defeat for President Roosevelt in his determination to pack the Supreme Court.

The administration does not win a 100% victory, but it is complete enough to demonstrate, that its program regarding organized labor, can be carried out, in every important particular, without changing the personnel of the Supreme Court, and merely by changing the wording of certain phrases, in the present measure.

The Supreme Court's decision a week ago, presented a strong argument, against the administration's Supreme Court proposal. This decision CLINCHES IT!

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT wanted a liberal-minded Supreme Court, a court that would support not destroy, the essential principles of his program. This was the justification, and the ONLY justification, for his advocacy of a measure, that in spirit violated the Constitution, and destroyed the political independence of the judicial branch of the government.

The decision of a week ago, taken with the decision on the Wagner Act, absolutely establish the fact, that the president now HAS such a court!

There may be differences of opinion as to what has caused this amazing transformation,—whether the direct result of the president's attack on the Supreme Court, or some other mysterious influence. This paper's opinion is President Roosevelt can take ALL the credit,—had he never built a fire under the court, this Wagner Act would in our judgment have been declared unconstitutional, as practically every constitutional lawyer, of standing, familiar with the temper of the court, predicted, since its passage.

BUT we fail to see how there can be any difference of opinion that this decision, settles the issue as far as the Supreme Court is concerned.

If President Roosevelt now persists in trying to force through by strong-arm political methods, his proposal to pack the court, he will be making the most serious mistake of his administration, and one which may well prove fatal, politically speaking, not only to him, but to his party.

Right Spot, but Tough One

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, staunch Republican on election days, but a far sighted and uncompromising Liberal, between them, hits the nail squarely on the head, in a recent elaborate treatise on Roosevelt and the present state of the nation.

His view so perfectly coincides, with the view often expressed by this paper, that we reprint the conclusion as follows:

It is easy to blame the president—as easy as it is to over-praise him. There seem to be but two crowds in this country, those who refuse the president any credit, who disbelieve in him and all his works, and the other crowd, those who put their brains in ecstacy and let him do their thinking. If there was a middle group who admitted the president's nobility of purpose, who admired his glamorous courage, who conceded the wisdom of much of his aspirations and yet who could say no and smile and mean it, the country would be better off. But the negatory section has been saying "no" for four years and scowling. These people cannot smile. And the others take it out in grinning and hope for the best.

So the country is paralyzed. Thus we stand in the presence of something which may be the forerunner of dire calamity, this all-down strike, or which may be just another tad, another nonsense like the dime chain letter madness. And the while the American people look at the spectacle in dazed confusion and wait for the earthquake.

This public psychology has been brought home poignantly to the present writer, ever since the Supreme Court proposal broke.

The Mail Tribune at the very outset opposed this effort, and has opposed it consistently ever since. We gave our reasons for opposing it.

But because we didn't tear the editorial shirt and work ourselves into hydrophobic rage damning the president in every issue from hell to breakfast, we have been persistently accused of being luke warm, yes and no-ing the issue, pulling our punches and what have you.

MEANWHILE,—from the opposite side has come precisely the CONTRARY indictment:

"Why did you support the president during the campaign, and then desert him immediately after? Can't you TAKE IT!"

It is all highly amusing of course. But as Mr. White points out it does show an unfortunate cleavage in the country today,—an inability to view either principles or personalities objectively; a blind insistence upon eating raw meat and going to extremes, on one side, or the other, and thus making slight if any progress.

IT has been our opinion—and still is—that it is quite possible to oppose this Supreme Court proposal, without calling the president names, questioning his integrity, or desiring his immediate impeachment. More than that we regard it as equally possible to oppose him on this issue, and support him on practically all others.

But this isn't the popular course to pursue. Not by a jugful. The truth almost always lies in the middle of the road between the two extremes, but the truth only interests what Mr. White calls the "middle group", and the middle group, when the American people get excited about something, is, in the mass, practically non-existent. And the remnant that does survive has to fight for its life, between the upper and nether millstones.

Which,—as the distinguished Emporia editor points out,—is unfortunate for the individual concerned, and the country.

JACKSONVILLE C. OF C. MEETS THIS EVENING

JACKSONVILLE, April 12.—(Sp.)—The chamber of commerce with meeting at 7:30 this evening. There will be entertainment and refreshments and all interested citizens are urged to attend.

Mrs. Bean Passes

PORTLAND, April 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Ina Condon Bean, 79, widow of Robert S. Bean, federal judge of Oregon from 1910 until 1931, died here today after a two weeks illness. Survivors include a son, Condon, Seattle, and a brother Herbert T. Condon, Seattle. Funeral services will be held here Wednesday.

Personal Health Service

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THEY THAT DEVELOP TUBERCULOSIS



Nearly every adult has a little tuberculosis, a latent or smoldering focus in a lymph node somewhere, from infection in infancy, childhood or youth. Only a few of these ever develop actual clinical tuberculosis. Why doesn't every one who is infected with tuberculosis in early life succumb to the disease because of the great majority so infected have sufficient immunity to protect them from ordinary, small, not too frequently repeated infections with tubercle bacilli of not too virulent a type or strain.

Let's say nothing at all about "resistance" here. That doesn't mean a thing. Immunity means something. It has a definite, specific significance. "Resistance" is a trick word when doctors use it, a malaproposism when laymen use it in this way. Whenever anybody utters the word "resistance" in discussing susceptibility to disease I know at once that the discussion will be unprofitable. Every written or spoken argument or exposition of the cause and prevention of respiratory infection in which the word "resistance" is used is just so much medical hooey, in my judgment, and heaven only knows our internal medical literature is stuffed full enough with such puff, without adding it in everything we feed the laity.

Equally hackneyed and inane is the familiar teaching that "plenty of pure fresh air, plain wholesome food and regular sleep" protects against tuberculosis. Ask the "expert" (usually some one other than a bona fide physician) that says this to explain what he means by pure fresh air and good wholesome food and after he has floundered about you will know more about it than he does.

A large part of the food that passes as choice, refined, pure, wholesome and especially "easily digestible" today, nutrition authorities tell us, is actually deficient in or devoid of essential nutritive elements, particularly minerals and vitamins. Instead of sounding off everlastingly about "good wholesome food" the composers of anti-tuberculous propaganda might use some of the ink they have at their disposal to inform people of

success with a flower shop recently. And all because they were fast past the post with cellophane delivery boxes that revealed the flowers to passers-by as perky Parisian looking midwintettes delivered them. Cellophane millinery boxes, which I believe Peggy Hoyt introduced, have also caught the popular fancy. Ladies can look over their shoulders in their closets without taking them out of the boxes. And from a number I've seen around and about a quick glance is quite enough. I think the best of the millinery moie was by Bob Burns who, after looking them over, said he thought it was now Queen Mary's turn to laugh.

"Thingumbobs: Joe Louis' extravaganza after each fight is to buy a new tailor made suit. . . Meredith Willson, the orchestra leader, was once a trumpeter with Souza's band, touring the globe. . . Courtney Ryley Cooper has a Boston that will enrage when he says "pepper". Hartley now has a Bert Williams' Cafe. . . The highest priced single dog act is Red Rust whose owner is paid \$650 a week. . . This is the dog that makes himself go limp enough for a chorus girl to use him as a lady's fur neck-piece.

Big stuff: That story to end all ghost stories has become a little threadbare by constant repetition. The one where the two gentlemen were walking down the dark corridor of a lonely castle and No. 1 inquired: "Do you believe in ghosts?" The other responded "No, do out?" To which No. 1 replied "Yes" and vanished. Yet I talked to a perfectly normal gentleman, a fellow of eminence, the other evening, who claims to have been riding in a bus along a lonely beach of Shropshire three years ago with a little old lady all in black as the only other passenger. While he was eyeing her over a newspaper top she simply vanished. He had no theory. "I only know it happened," he said grimly, and somehow you believe him.

Portland Has Fire PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—A four-alarm fire did damage estimated at between \$5000 and \$8000 to the plant of the Multnomah Lumber & Box Sales Co. on Macadam avenue early Sunday. The blaze apparently started in the basement of the factory and had smoldered in sequester for several days. Investigators of the fire marshal's office said.

Grid Banquet Set PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—The Oregon gridiron banquet, yearly good-humored takeoff on public officials and events, will be held at the Multnomah hotel on May 12. The Portland Breakfast club, sponsor, has made plans for about 300 guests.

Communications The Mail Tribune is glad to publish letters from its readers, but it finds it necessary to require that such communications be signed by the writer thereof, and do not exceed 400 words.

Where writers request and have a legitimate reason for anonymity, their names will not be published with their letters, but it is necessary that the names be known to the newspaper.

The Ella Boole influence: A regular old-time saloon at 35 Avenue and 51st street is called Jean Elizabeth's. Two society girls surfitted with what Cholly Knickerbocker calls "enough of the silt," lickety-split into

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TWENTY years ago on the day these words are written (April 6) the United States declared war on Germany, and prepared to send American troops to foreign soil to fight SOMEBODY ELSE'S battles.

LOOKING back upon that event with all the clear vision afforded by hindsight, we wonder how we ever came to do it.

We know quite positively that if we had it to do over again, we WOULDN'T.

WHAT we forget is that 20 years ago in the fateful spring of 1917, our imaginations were fired by a beautiful vision. We thought that by going into the world war on the side of the allies we could END WAR, and make the world safe for democracy.

We didn't. Not only is the world now preparing for war more feverishly than ever before but democracy is MORE UNSAFE than it has been at any time in the past century.

We fought in vain. OUR motives were fine. We THOUGHT we were doing the right thing.

We know better now, after the lapse of 20 years. Not only did we send our sons to die on foreign soil, in SOMEBODY ELSE'S quarrel, where they had no business to be. Not only did we fail to end war and to make the world safe for democracy.

By lending ourselves to the UNECONOMIC WASTE of war, we helped to unsettle the normal peace-time balance of industry and trade and so brought on the worst depression in the world's history—a depression from which we are just now beginning to emerge.

Hindsight, with all its startling clarity, makes that plain to us 20 years afterward.

VISIONS are beautiful things. But unless they are PRACTICAL visions, backed by hard common sense rather than by WISHFUL SENTIMENT, they are apt to blow up in our faces and do more harm than good.

It is a pity that this is true, but experience teaches us that it IS.

other, by Mr. Dies, to probe the sit-down situation.

It was the first evidence of renewal of that old feud between Mr. Clegg and the other leaders who defected him for floor leader at the opening of the session. It will have consequences later in the consideration of legislation.

Outward signs of the inner struggle were complicated by the fact that Rayburn voted with his defeated rival. As a matter of fact, Rayburn follows a policy of voting with all committee chairmen in order to keep peace, but he worked with Bankhead privately against the resolutions.

Appearance are frequently deceptive in Washington these days. Note—What turned so many house members against the Dickstein Nazi investigation was the fact that it

Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY April 12, 1927 (It was Tuesday) Phone subscribers in city indicate Medford has population of 11,874.

Baseball season opens in the major leagues with fair weather and large crowds.

Republican leaders, following a conference with President Coolidge, predict that a Democratic defeat in Texas in 1928 on account of their support by "wets," also predict G. O. P. victory in Virginia and Florida.

Special election set for June 26 to vote tax levy for county fair.

Proposal to build state office building at Salem meets strong opposition.

Light amending last night in orchards in Central Point and Table Rock areas.

W. W. Allen is elected president of the Rotarians.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY April 12, 1917 (It was Thursday) America to build great armada of ships to keep allies supplied with food and munitions. Plan endorsed by President Wilson. British continue gains at Vimy Ridge.

Call issued for 800,000 volunteers to enlist for European service.

On April 1 the snow was level with the rock foundation of the hotel at Prospect—(Flounce Rock Falls).

Mayor C. E. Gates is elected a trustee of the Presbyterian church to succeed himself.

Patriotic rally to be held tonight in Cuthbert building hall.

Realty Brokers to Meet PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—The board of directors of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards completed plans today for a convention of real estate brokers here June 3, the day before the opening of the regional convention. E. A. Miller, Salem, is president of the association.

SALEM, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Governor Martin announced the appointment of J. A. Campbell of Amity to the state relief committee. He will succeed Mark Weatherford of Albany, who resigned.

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