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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

A number of lucky hunters have returned from the hills. Their wives are so glad, they won't ask them to mow the lawn, or rake up the leaves thereon, for a week, or 10 days.

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The late King of England, in the latest European news pictures, shows up in a pair of Boy Scout pants, revealing the weirdest and homeliest pair of male knes, in active service. They constitute first-degree libel against all male knees—which Heaven knows, are never anything to look at. The Duke is all set to climb a mountain. From all appearances, he will never make it.

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The president and retinue are now on a tour of inspection, to see how all the happy hallucinations are coming along.

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The American government has advised the Japanese government, Japan will be held responsible for any damage suffered by Americans, as the result of military operations, in the Nanking area. Recent history shows nations start writing, before they start shooting, and is no way "to be kept out of war," per promise.

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Press dispatches reveal a "trick clause" in the Ku Klux Klan ritual would permit Associate Justice Hugo Black of Alabama "to truthfully deny he was a member, yet retain his membership." This loophole is probably the 1921 alibi, rampant in Oregon then: "I don't belong, but from all I can hear it's a good organization!"

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A California festival queen wore her crown on straight, like she don't wear her fall hat.

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A sufficient number of hay stacks dot the landscape, to cause fears of a hay shortage next winter.

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"ABUNDANT LIFE" NOTION.
(Morrow County (O) Sentinel)

"They say one slot machine nets $1000 a year to the owner. Why not furnish each WPA worker in the county with a slot machine and let him park it outside his home where the public can reach it. A thousand dollars a year would be furnished to each reliefer; relief burdens would be taken away from the state and county; the gambling instinct of the public would be satisfied; deputies would not be bothered by any more "clean up campaigns"; and morrow county would get into the news reels for adopting a new government idea."

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An Eastern Oregon boy, playing in the middle of the road, was bit by a coyote, before he was run over by an auto.

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Scribes with the presidential party report farmers of Nebraska are more interested in federal assistance, than reform of the judiciary, mounting taxes, and what have you. This confirms the November voting for the cash registers, and the individual baskets. It further shows Santa Claus is still in no danger of getting shot.

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"Told Pete Cartwright that Judge Sweek studied law at Michigan and that it did not seem to hurt him any."—(Pendleton East Oregonian)—The neat retort.

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Bicycles now sport home-made trailers, but as yet has not reached the epidemic stage. Their value has not been determined, but should provide another worry for motorists.

5000 BALES OF HOPS TO BE LEFT ON VINES

SALEM, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Picking operations at the Lakebrook hopyard, operated by the T. A. Livesley company, were suspended late yesterday, with approximately 5000 bales left on the vines.

Livesley said his action was due to a shortage of pickers which resulted in the vines turning red.

Other yards will complete the 1937 hop harvest this week, growers reported.

What Price, Perkins?

ONE of the minor mysteries of the Roosevelt administration is Madam Perkins, Secretary of Labor.

From the first she has demonstrated she is not temperamentally fitted for her job,—is the proverbial round peg trying, in vain, to fit into a square hole.

There was a time when the opposition to her could be discounted as chiefly partisan. She was clearly a weak link in the administration chain, so the Roosevelt phobiacs ganged up against her.

But for some time, organized labor has been cooling off as far as Madam Secretary is concerned, and now for the first time in history, the American Federation of Labor refuses to invite the incumbent of the labor post, to address their annual convention.

When asked to explain this slap in the face, officials of the federation, refused to go into particulars, but frankly stated, the "Omission of Miss Perkins' name from the list was no accident."

Now if John L. Lewis, and Brother Browder will join the big parade, the verdict will be unanimous.

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WHAT is the answer?

Our hunch is there are two. In the first place Miss Perkins likes her job, and intends to stick to it, unless a request should come from the White House that she do otherwise. In the second place, there has never been an administration where such a request is less likely to occur.

In his personal relations President Roosevelt abhors unpleasantness, as nature abhors a vacuum. His friends term it loyalty; his enemies, a combination of weakness and pride.

Whatever it is, that condition exists, it is, and promises to be, an important factor in all the president's official actions. There have been plenty of changes in the administration personnel, from the time of Raymond Moley on, but we believe impartial history will record, all absentees left voluntarily, and none because of any pressure from above. F. D. R. simply doesn't do things that way. If there are any natural-born leaches in his official family, barring homicide or an earthquake, they are pretty certain to remain.

So in spite of her obvious failure as Secretary of Labor, and her unpopularity throughout the country, Madam Perkins will undoubtedly keep her job, just as long as she wishes to do so,—which presumably will be until the end of the Roosevelt administration.

F. D. R's Task a Hard One

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is swinging around the circle, to determine just what the sentiment of the country is. Presumably he wishes, particularly to get the popular reaction to his Supreme Court proposal.

Yesterday he travelled through the state of Nebraska. According to press dispatches, he discovered the people of Nebraska, are not concerned one way or the other with the court proposal, but are concerned with securing federal relief for their corn farmers.

How did the president, in a few short hours, so quickly determine the sentiment of the people of the great state of Nebraska? Why he talked with the governor of Nebraska. And the governor said that this was true.

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IS it? We don't know. But we do know this: Governor Cochran of Nebraska is a loyal Democrat and a staunch Roosevelt supporter. As chief executive of a state, where the drought has caused a crop loss of close to $100,000,000, he would naturally be more concerned with how the victims of such a disaster are to be carried through the winter and spring, than what is to be done about Justice Black or the Supreme Court. If the federal government doesn't help, the state will have to. Naturally under such circumstances, the KKK and the preservation of the independence of the Supreme Court would be purely academic questions, to the Nebraska governor.

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WE merely cite this instance to show how difficult it is going to be for President Roosevelt to determine what the sentiment of the country is, by taking such a trip as this.

We admit he is better at this sort of thing than any president that has occupied the White House in modern times. He seems to have a seventh sense when it comes to determining what the people want and how they feel, regardless of external or purely political manifestations.

Yet he is no more than human, and the obstacles that surround any president on such a tour as this, when it comes to securing an unbiased cross section of popular opinion, are extremely difficult to overcome. He can't get out into the highways and byways, and those he sees on his train, are certain to be largely prominent members of his own party, who wish to please their chief, or local factotums, who may well have some personal axe to grind.

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WE distinctly recall a similar trip made by President and Mrs. Wilson, in the interest of the League of Nations. We will never forget the spontaneous enthusiasm of the greeting given him, with fruit and flowers, as the presidential train halted in Haymarket Square, and how delighted the president was with his reception. If anyone will look up the files of the Sacramento Bee, he will find, that the then president of the United States, declared the following day, there was no doubt about the sentiment of the people of Oregon.

There wasn't as far as paying tribute to their beloved war president and his charming wife were concerned. But there was every doubt regarding popular support of the League of Nations, as the subsequent election demonstrated.

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SO if President Roosevelt is as smart as we think he is, he will take such statements as the Nebraska governor tendered him with several dashes of H. Cl. He will be particularly slow to assume that because the drought problem is acute in western Nebraska, that the farmers of the corn belt as a whole are only concerned with farm relief and don't care what he DOES, or DOESN'T do, as far as the Ku Klux Klan or the Supreme Court are concerned.

Sidewalk Farm

CHARDON, Ohio—(UP)—There's no grass in this city's streets, but there's a large tomato plant, in full bloom, growing out of a crack in a downtown sidewalk. Residents are anxious to see who will be first to pick tomatoes there.

City Wild Life

CLEVELAND.—(UP)—A motorist in a populous suburb accidentally killed a deer, and steel workers in the city's highly-industrialized Cuyahoga River valley captured a wild crane. Both incidents occurred within a period of only a few days.

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, Calif.

IMPERTURBABILITY

If your neighbor conceives the idea that he is Major Bowes and insists on carrying a gong and ringing it whenever he wearies of any one's chatter, he is insane. You know he is demented because he will not or cannot understand the absurdity or the irrationality of his belief. If nearly everybody claimed to be Major Bowes and carried a gong to give to bores, your neighbor wouldn't be crazy at all.

After all, I am afraid it is like that with respect to nerve weakness or nervous exhaustion. Although I named my little book "Chronic Nervous Imposition," let me confess I felt pretty hopeless about it and still feel so. My belief about "nervous exhaustion" is sincere at any rate, and to the best of my knowledge it is physiological. Sometimes I have to use plain language in order to say what I have to say in the space available, and this very terseness is "hard boiled" to those who will not or cannot understand. Notwithstanding, nor yet condoning, I do feel sorry for anyone who is unduly sensitive, irritable, touchy, ready to "fly off the handle" whenever annoyed or excited, jumpy, restless, impatient, impulsive. Such persons have a stormy time of it, where normal persons, those with vite, sail along smoothly enough. I said vite. If you fail to comprehend what that means, you should study another of the Little Lessons series—the booklet "Victuals and Vite."

Now these spasmophiles may be justified in considering themselves "nervous." Doesn't Webster define spasmophilia as "a nervous disorder marked by a tendency to convulsions, from even slight stimulation?" Stedman's Medical Dictionary is less insistent on the "nervous" part, defining spasmophilia as a diathesis or constitutional tendency to convulsions especially in childhood.

Leaving Webster and Stedman to their quarrel, I offer here a suggestion which should interest all class A neurotics even though it elicits only sneers from the class B section. It is this:

Deficient assimilation or utilization of calcium renders all the tissues of the body hypersensitive or irritable.

Just how this bears on your particular complaint, sir or madam, of course I can't tell, but I can assure you that no possible harm will come from whatever steps you may take to improve your calcium assimilation or utilization.

The factors of good calcium metabolism are:

(1) Diet providing ample calcium—plenty of milk, cottage cheese and other kinds of cheese, greens, peas, beans, egg yolk, cabbage, turnips, carrots, oranges, peanuts, walnuts.

(2) Daily exposure of naked skin to sunshine.

(3) When exposure to sunshine not available, a daily ration of vitamin D, best taken in combination with vitamin B and G.

(4) In some cases a course of medication with calcium carbonate, calcium lactate, calcium gluconate or other calcium preparation—from five to 15 grains daily of any one of them, over a period of at least ten weeks, perhaps two or three times in the year.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Preservative.

Is it all right to use salicylic acid in canning corn?—(Mrs. L. J.)

Answer—No. If the food is fit to eat and the canning process is right, no chemical preservative is necessary.

Goitre Operation.

Goitre operation several years ago. Overactive thyroid still. Irritable, and nervous. Sleeplessness. Friend advises elixir phenobarbital?—(M. B. K.)

Answer—Powerful, dangerous drug. Better not monkey with dynamite. Your physician will give you the best advice. Your physician is your best friend. Your best friend is not a physician.

Borax.

Read in your column about borax as agent for driving away cockroaches. Overrun with them in our park buildings.—(V. G.)

Answer—Some correspondents have assured me powdered borax repels the varmints. Send ten cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address for copy of booklet "Unbidden Guests," which contains instructions for dealing with roaches, bedbugs, cooties, ants, fleas, worms, and many other parasites and pests.

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NEW YORK Day by Day

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Thoughts while strolling: Regal looking lady: Mrs. Oliver Harriman. The lady who is almost constantly up in the air: Julia Chandler, the Empire Tower hostess. Mayor La Guardia whittled down could play Punch in a Punch and Judy show.

Rhyme: Nelson Eddy sings sweetly, veddy. Statuesque Vera Corbett, Jimx' widow. Alec Templeton, the blind pianist, chattering and smiling along the avenue. With a moth eaten astrakhan collared coat and frayed spats Harry Hershfield could pass for an old time Shakesperian actor.

Still top in strutting tunes: "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee." Hic-cup name: Bob Hope. Some of the economic royalist hooters must feel pretty little after reading Andrew Mellon's will. Benay Venuto is really the pronunciation of Cellini's first name, for goodness sake!

Not many hat tilters so accomplished as the late Colin Clive. And no one can look so all steamed up as Herbert Bayard Swope. Never met a man named Alonzo who wasn't a circus performer. Or a fellow named Ted who didn't like to go to night clubs.

What's become of Mrs. Harrison Williams? Grand feeling-sorry-for-yourself tune: "Song of India." George Palmer Putnam still looks forlorn and dejected. Walter Chrysler and Major Bowes window shopping and swapping yarns. So wags the world—or what is left of it.

No one in radio work has had such an unfortunate professional break as A. L. Alexander, one of the pioneer announcers. His Good Will Court from almost every angle seemed a perfect set-up for a crack entertainment. His sponsors were just as enthusiastic and had the capital to put it through. But the program struck a snag when the legal fraternity objected to what they seemed to think was trespass. The objection suspended a program that would have, experts say, netted Alexander a million.

Paul Whiteman seems like to become a dyed-in-the-wool Long Horn. His stay at Fort Worth-Billy Rose whoop de doo this summer gave him a sharp taste for life on the pampas. He returned there for a second season. In the meantime he has built a home in one of the residential sections and has become a recognized member of the established citizenry. Those who know say that upon retirement he has planned to live on his ranch in Colorado but now when he puts his baton away he will trek to Ft. Worth for his front porch rocking.

Incidentally, Vincent Lopez has gone a long way from the days—or rather nights—when he tickled the ivories at the rather rowdy old Pekin in Times Square. Lopez was the first along Broadway to glisten his hair with the modern version of "bear grease" and slick it back straight from his forehead. He was a decided lady killer in that era and the Pekin patronage was mostly admiring ladies who brought their boy friends to pay the checks while they listened, watched and dreamed.

How colorful Broadway in those days! I recall one summer noon standing on the Astor steps and watching a cream-colored Rolls zoom southward. In the back seat a fleeting glance of Vernon Castle, bare of head and wearing a lavender shirt with the collar in deep Byronic roll. A few steps away Joe Weber and Lew Fields were exchanging banter with the wide-collared Louis Mann. Across the way Willie Collier and George M. Cohan were ducking into the Claridge for lunch at the famous Nat Goodwin table. Marie Cahill was playing at the Criterion. Fred Stone at the Globe and Al Jolson at the Winter Garden. One somehow felt that to be a part of a Broadway scene was to be on top of the world.

I also recall my ambitions encompassed a suite at the Astor and a chance to dine nightly at Rector's, Churchill's or Shanley's. And to have Chet, the head bar-man at the Knickerbocker, inquire: "Your usual champagne cocktail, Mr. McIntyre?" while Kato, the Jap bar boy, struck a match for my imported panatella. That was one thing about a $35-a-week copy reading job—one could always dream.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS dispatch comes from Hyde Park:

"President Roosevelt ordered his heavy clothes packed today (Wednesday) for a whirlwind tour of two weeks to Seattle and back to find out among other things what the country is thinking about administrative objectives."

DO you really suppose anybody will walk up to his train and say: "Mr. President, I DON'T LIKE your second New Deal, because I think you and your nutty advisers are heading the country straight toward dictatorship. I wish you'd change your ways, and if you don't I'm going to vote against you."

HARDLY! Things like that just don't happen.

The hundreds of thousands who will crowd around the President's train will be a mixture of sightseers, sycophants, job-hunters, limelight chasers and plain, honest citizens who want to get a look at their President in person.

At each stop, the atmosphere will be noisily enthusiastic — the sycophants, the job-hunters and the limelight chasers will see to that. The attitude of the plain, honest citizens will be friendly, courteous and respectful, for Franklin Delano Roosevelt is the President of the United States, and each town where he stops will be honored by his presence.

NOWHERE will there be so much as a hint of open criticism.

SO, you see, if the President draws his conclusions from what he sees and hears while on his trip to the West Coast, he will go back to Washington fully convinced that the country is with him in his purpose to dragoon the supreme court into doing his will, in his demands for drastically more power than any man ever possessed in America before and in his desire to defeat and disgrace the senators who defeated his supreme court scheme.

This is undoubtedly what he WANTS TO BELIEVE, and the attitude of the crowds that will flock to see and hear him will give him every reason to think he is hearing what he wants to hear.

ONE more sidelight on politics:

An inmate of the Atlantic county, New Jersey, INSANE ASYLUM is a candidate for nomination to the New Jersey legislature, and in Atlantic City alone, not to mention the rest of the district which hadn't been heard from when these words were written, he gets 817 votes.

Well, in these days that isn't TOO surprising.

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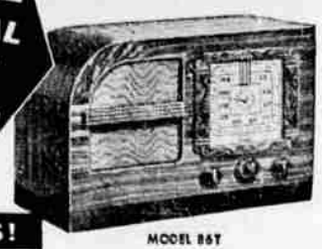

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PAOTINGFU TAKEN, DEFENDERS SLAIN BY JAP INVADERS

(Continued from Page One.)

including cavalry and tanks, took part in the drive.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Nine Japanese planes today bombed Hankow, the great port of the middle Yangtze river valley, killing approximately 100 persons and wounding twice as many.

The raiders, apparently trying to destroy the big army arsenal in Hanyang, dropped three large bombs on crowded city districts, two in the river near the British gunbat Aphis and others in the surrounding country. About 100 buildings were damaged.

Hankow is 600 miles up the Yangtze from Shanghai. Hanyang is separated from the main city by the Han river. These two cities, with Wuchang, across the Yangtze, make up the Wuhan cities, greatest commercial and industrial community of central China.

In Shanghai, the worst cholera epidemic in the city's history was reported spreading through Japanese army units attacking Chinese defense lines to the northwest.

Some 200 Japanese troops were said to have died of the dread plague in the Paoshan sector, 20 miles northwest of Shanghai, on the extreme northwestern flank of the battle front.

F. R. May Pass Up Owyhee Project

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Senator James P. Pope said today President Roosevelt probably will not visit the $6,000,000 Owyhee dam project near Nyssa, Ore., as planned, because roads in the section do not come up to standards required for the itinerary of the secret service.

"Instead, the president probably will deliver a brief address on the Idaho capitol steps here, will have lunch in Boise, motor about the city and then motor through Meridian, Nampa and Caldwell, where he will re-board his train," the senator said.

Flight 'o Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
September 24, 1927
(It was Saturday)

Oregon defeats Linfield 7 to 0, in first football game of year.

Mystery mother takes baby left on front porch of local home.

State fair to start Monday at Salem.

Southern Oregon Bankers society meets at Ashland.

Peak of the fruit season reached in valley.

Fire chief warns housewives to have chimneys cleaned before starting fall fires.

High school defeats alumni 13 to 0.

Start flood control work on Bear creek.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
September 24, 1917
(It was Monday)

Mail Tribune will receive tobacco contributions for boys in France.

Liquid fire used by crown prince in new Verdun attack.

Heavy rains last week end forest fire danger for year.

Passenger and freight service on Espee demoralized by movement of troop trains.

Talent irrigation district lays plans for next year.

Sale of the Blue Ledge mine is called off.

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