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Ye Smudge Pot

The Columbia river is nine feet wide at its source, and seven miles wide at its mouth, a canoe-explorer reports. The dimensions sound like an Oregon demagogue bawling a rainbow, at an open-air gathering of voters.

A Good-Will club of The Dalles journeyed to Hood River Wednesday evening. All was serene. There were not enough collegians on hand to stage a civic riot.

The Duke of Windsor announces, after his tour of America, "there will be no more loafing." His Highness has his royal eye on the first vacancy on the section-gang.

Next to the way autists heed the "slow" signs near schoolhouses, comes the obedience of property-owners to police orders not to sweep autumn leaves on the street.

Dewey Hill, the Prospect hillbilly, towed Wed. After being wrapped up in baseball all spring and summer, Mr. Hill is still unwrapped, he reports a wolf has been howling in his vicinity, like it was mad at the "Old Oregon" football coach.

HOSPITALITY. (Salem Capital-Journal) "They will put on an exhibit... Mon at Ewald field... which will be free. So, both grandstands should be packed.

Refreshments, which need no permit to purchase, will be served. (Not to spectators but to the visiting football men.)"

Objections have been filed to the drab color of Oregon auto license plates, and gayer hues than black and white are wanted. They should be vivid and violent like a Christmas tree necktie.

The first lady of the land comes out against "half-baked thinking," but likes young people "very radical." There's a combination thought that wasn't left in the oven any too long.

An English auto racer drove 300.00 mph yesterday. This is a world's record for speedways and residential streets.

"OFF THE MANTLE" ITEM (Baker Democrat-Herald) "Rumor in the valley indicates some one isn't sitting down these days with comfort. Friday night Henry Myers, who had been missing a little corn each day slept in his corn field. At about 3:30 o'clock a pick-up with two men arrived in the field. The men jumped from the car to start loading grain and Mr. Myers fired his gun. One member of the party screamed and both beat a hasty retreat. That is all anyone knows of the incident except the thieves."

Farmers have started to hint they need rain, to speed fall plowing and aid duck shooting.

The Townsend Plan leaders announce they will divorce "political hitch-hikers," who have been cutting up their meetings and picnics.

COOS BAY DAIRY HERD LEADS IN STATE TEST

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 28.—(AP)—The 19-cow herd owned by Preston Monson of Coos Bay led improvement association tests in September for the second month. R. W. Morse, extension dairyman at Oregon State college, said today.

The winning herd averaged 47.3 pounds of butterfat per cow. The Tillamook county association with 54 tested herds had 1811 cows producing an average of 31.73 pounds of butterfat. A Gurnsey from the Clatsop association won the individual honors with 88.2 pounds of fat.

A Little Crystal Gazing

STOCKS went up yesterday from one to six dollars a share. According to press dispatches from New York, the cause was the Federal Reserve Board's action in lowering margin requirements from 55 to 40%, and imposing a 50% requirement on the shorts. This is probably true as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. The mere change of 15% in margin requirements, would not in itself, change a bear into a bull market. No, something more important, must be the cause of this sudden change of front.

OF course this is only a GUESS, but our own explanation is that since the first crash of the bull market, a great deal has been going on between Wall Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C., which hasn't met the eye, as far as the reader of newspaper headlines is concerned.

The administration officially has taken no cognizance of the stock market debacle; but behind the scenes, we venture to say President Roosevelt and his advisers have been in many a huddle, regarding what to do, and what NOT to do, about it. To officially recognize a crisis existed, would have been to pull a terrible boner from the administration's viewpoint. For such action would have further alarmed the people, and completely shattered, rather than revived, what public confidence existed.

SO such action was out from the very start. Instead of betraying the alarm it really felt, the administration assumed an air of complete indifference, went on its way as though nothing had happened of particular moment. But meanwhile, bent all its energies day and night toward preventing what it knew was a serious situation, developing into a critical and perhaps disastrous one.

The change in margin requirements was undoubtedly one of the moves decided upon, but unless our hunch is extremely sour, many other things were decided upon, and the big boys on Wall Street as usual know it.

They may not know the precise details of the program, but they know—or think they know—enough about it to be reasonably assured that as far as business in this country is concerned—including big business as a part of it—the Roosevelt administration has at last decided to take a turn to the LEFT.

THIS doesn't mean, any of the major reforms, or important principles of the New Deal, are to be abandoned. But it does mean—if our guess is correct,—that the end of the "forgotten man" era has been reached, and the beginning of what might be termed "the forgotten BUSINESSMAN" era, has started.

At any rate we would wager a new \$5 hat against a last year's cigar stub that some such explanation,—right or wrong—accounts for the sudden revival in Wall Street, and not the action the Federal Reserve Board, decided to take.

For if what the business world as a whole believes to be the hostile attitude of the Roosevelt administration, were to continue, unabated and unmodified, then nothing the Federal Reserve Board might or might not do, could save the stock market. (And the acrobatic cheering leaders, can say all they wish to say about the stock market NOT being important, the fact remains it represents what American industry is or isn't, worth, and if the bottom falls out of that, nothing can prevent the entire financial and industrial structure of the country going with it.)

NO, what business in this country needs,—or thinks it needs which amounts to the same thing, as far as immediate results are concerned,—is NOT a change in the technical rules and regulations, of the Roosevelt administration but a change in its SPIRIT.

If this upward bounce on Wall Street, is not merely another flash in the pan, the answer is, that the big boys who really determine such things, have come to the conclusion, that there has been such a change in spirit.

No repudiation of the record as it stands. No discarding of major reforms or fundamental purposes. But a change of direction,—above all a change of emphasis.

FOR example: Let's say there is to be a genuine, whole-hearted effort to balance the federal budget.

Guess No. 2: Instead of bringing this about by increased taxes, a sincere effort will be made to bring it about by increased prosperity.

What the country is really suffering from at present is a strike of capital. The administration (No. 3) is determined to bring about certain tax reforms, on one hand, and make certain friendly and conciliatory gestures on the other, which will end the strike of capital,—encourage the people who have flooded the banks of the country with their money, to put that money to work.

Or to put it in another way: The administration won't forget the "forgotten man," nor will it close its eyes to the selfish, anti-social aims of certain "economic royalists." But that portion of the New Deal program has been pretty well attended to, and the time has come—accentuated by the Wall Street crash—to look after the other part.

This part has to do, not with the reform of the capitalistic system from the LEFT, but legitimate assistance and support for the capitalistic system from the RIGHT. For if the capitalistic system is to be preserved, not only must the forgotten man be remembered, but the business man, big or little, must be remembered also,—and to remember him he must be given some assurance of a reasonable profit.

IN other words, President Roosevelt's fundamental purpose has been to preserve and perpetuate the capitalistic system, by adjusting it to the strains and stresses of a changed world. To accomplish this, it is as necessary to put CAPITAL to work, as LABOR,—in fact one is entirely dependent upon the other.

To date labor has received the major attention, because its needs were greater. But now capital is to have its innings—and its legitimate rights are to be recognized, also.

Perhaps we have been wandering about in a pleasant haze and indulging in nothing more important than some wishful thinking. But we started out by placing today's contribution in the realm of hypothesis, and that is where it remains.

It will take more than another bump or two on Wall Street however to prove that we are wrong!

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GREAT BRITAIN DEC LARES FOR VITAMIN D

The Medical Research Council, Great Britain, having carried out an exhaustive investigation of the state of the body's nutrition, expressed this conclusion: "... the low intake of vitamin D may be the most important dietary defect at present. While there is abundant proof of that everyone would be better off with a greater intake of vitamin D... its need is most evident during infancy. That is precisely what I have been trying to tell folks all along, that everyone would be better off with a greater intake of vitamin D.

The Medical Research Council has officially given as the "average" dose of vitamin D, as a preventive or prophylactic for infants or children, from 1000 to 3000 units a day. The curative dose is 5000 to 10,000 units daily.

Another thing the British Medical Research Council states is the relatively greater need for vitamin D in infancy and childhood. It has been trying to make that clear, too. Innumerable authorities in Great Britain and in the United States have carefully studied the potency or effectiveness of vitamin D from various sources—from fish liver oil, from irradiated ergosterol in oil (vitaminol), from irradiated milk and other irradiated foods (that is, foods that have been subjected to ultraviolet rays of a wave length known to convert the ergosterol in them into vitamin D) and from irradiated yeast (special strain of pasteurized and dehydrated yeast particularly rich in ergosterol content, irradiated with ultraviolet light). All agree that, unit for unit, it makes no difference what the source of the vitamin D may be.

This question having been scientifically settled, it becomes a matter of suitability, palatability, availability and economy which form of vitamin D is to be preferred in the given case.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Who Pays the Freight? Postcards in today's mail: two weeks ago I sent for your article on tobacco habit. Have not received it.—J. T. G. Send me a copy of "Victuals and Vite" pamphlet. Your column is very instructive.—Mrs. M. A. What can you suggest for a bad case of blackheads and pimples?—R. W. Answer—Somebody has to pay the freight, and believe it or not, Dr. Brady has a strain of Scottish in him. Correspondents who desire a reply by mail should inclose a properly stamped addressed envelope. Habit Spasm. Daughter, 14, finely developed athletic, most physically perfect girl in 4H club. Yet blinks her eyes continuously for past three years.—Mrs. B. O. G. Answer—The or habit spasm. May be corrected by patient, persevering exercises, under supervision of physical education teacher or physical therapist, especially exercises in expression before mirror and in inhibition. (Copyright, 1937, John F. Dille Co.)

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NEW YORK Day by Day

NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—Thoughts while strolling: Harpo Marx affects me like the village simpleton. At whom I never laughed. Molly Picon, the stage darling with the French aperitif last name. For prematurely snow-white hair none of the boulevardiers top the old '36er, Harry Silvey.

My father's black porter, Hannibal, laughed, precisely like Joe Penner. What the music world needs is another Victor Herbert, rest his soul. Louisa Sobol has also become one of the fiends for dark-hued collars and shirts. Leslie Howard in glasses and you have our elevator boy.

Rhyme: To play an old hag in a garret, I'll take Sheila Barrett. The fulfillment of George M. Cohan's line, "He's a grand little guy"; Burgess Meredith. For something neat in wax under glass: Rector's mustache. Snow-out-of-a-gun walkers: Edwin Baker, Major Boxes and Eddy Duchin.

To Jack Benny: Don't let them prey you up that way in your next movie. You're all right as is. Theodore Dreiser moping along. A millionaire of the depression: Henry Luce, the publisher. Crack description of a certain Broadwayite: Always wrong at the top of his voice. Most hilarious scene of the season: The legionnaires carrying Noel Coward.

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entered the subway: "There goes an ant in the hole!" the loose Swope always found them at Doc Perry's. China proper had an estimated population of 370,691,374 in 1934.

One of the mid-town oases for newspaper and magazine writers is Jack Fleck's—pronounced Black's—Westerners and Artists club in mid-town. It specializes in dark heavy brews, thick steaks and chops with giant spuds. And it is livelier between 2 and 4 a. m. Among the diversions is a target practice at which rubber suction gadgets are fired from toy pistols, the revival of a Gay '90 innovation by Stanley Walker, one of the leading spirits of the place. Lucia Beebe also makes it a part of call sometime during the evening, top hat and all.

Bleek's is the modern journalistic version of Doc Perry's—a drug store in the old World building whose room behind the prescription case offered sundry potions for bucking the rectorial rip tide. The Doc's customers were mostly drinkers of whiskey neat, although he could be persuaded to build up an old fashioned if in proper mood. Frank O'Malley did much to publicize the place in his roaming stories of the gas-lit days. Two of Doc's jovial patrons were Herb Swope's irrepressible, ink-stained journalistic twins, Joseph Jefferson O'Neill and Donald Henderson Clarke. When they went on

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