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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry.

It turned off cloudy Fri. causing the womenfolk to fear their Easter finery would get doused and bagged.

Len Carpenter has returned. He has been away, and is again seen in our midst.

The lighthouse will erect another story, and pretty up the side of the building on Holy St.

Democratic faces, are steadily lengthening in these parts, and either side or both, could accommodate a windshield slogan sticker.

Piscatorial enthusiasts gathered at the river, on the opening of the fishing season. Several outwitted the wily trout, and the trout also did some successful outwitting.

V. Brophy, the Butte Crk. vaquero towered Thura, and reports the grass was never greener, nor more cows to eat it.

The senior class of the high school has started thinking about June, when they will go forth into the world.

J. Wesley Bates, the tonsorial artist was down Thura. He wants the taxes shaved, he said.

Candidates have started moving through the rural areas, and the more astute know where the country ham is cut thickest.

The Dubb Watson boy Edd, has a certificate informing the world he writes a good clear hand in English, and feels quite high about it.

"Life" was censured last week in a number of cities of the land, and many here did not get to the newsstand in time.

People who have been snowed in the hills all winter, or held up in Calif. are again driving their vehicles on the highways and byways, around here.

That DMaggio holding out for more than 25 grand, reminds me of the year I balked at playing ball for Brockton, Mass., for a \$10 per week raise, and nearly starved to death.

Some fancy traffic lights will be installed in the downtown area soon, to annoy spectators, and delay them getting to the dance, or home with a head of lettuce.

The Elks tent had both eyes closed most of the week, from a mauling apparently administered by a couple of Bengal tigers.

The wheat is up knee high in some spots. Tillers have started showing their whiskered barley.

Deedee Guy Tex, the Cent. Pt. stragun addict, has been wounding tin cans and hunks of wood all week. It costs him .80c to pull the trigger 1000 times.

Noted Dead: WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Representative Charles J. Cadden, 68, a California Democrat who came to Congress in 1933, died yesterday.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Lest G. Nutt, 72-year-old former head of the narcotic enforcement bureau of the internal revenue department, died today.

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The Great Game of Half Truths

ONE of the leading anti-Roosevelt papers on the coast observes that France has now followed the leadership of Germany and Italy.—"M. Deladier joins hands with Mussolini and Hitler in the unholy bonds of dictatorship."

But such a statement "listens well," superficially there are facts to support it. And that's enough in politics for certain representatives of the fourth estate.

President Roosevelt asked for more power, (in an effort to increase executive efficiency and really prevent any sort of totalitarian government)—so he suffers from a Hitler-Mussolini complex, and if American institutions are to be preserved must be slapped in the face, and put in his place.

By practically a unanimous vote the French parliament makes Premier Deladier a dictator for 100 days, privileged to run the country by decree, until the end of July, and if possible solve that country's serious financial problems, labor troubles, and the critical matter of "self defense."

SO, France goes Fascist, and M. Deladier, abandoning democracy, hooks up with Stalin against Hitler and Mussolini, in the holy bonds of dictatorship!

WELL, what's wrong with that? Merely this: Mussolini seized supreme power, by marching on Rome with his black shirts. Hitler seized power, by a similar show of strength with his brown shirts.

There is all the difference in the world between what was done in Russia, Italy and Germany, and what is being done in France today,—all the difference between a dictatorship imposed by force, and a people deliberately choosing a dictatorial form, to bridge an emergency, without abandoning any essential principle of its democratic government.

THE latter is what has transpired in France. Even the communists and syndicalists voted for this Deladier dictatorship. Even in radical labor circles, there was no effective opposition to it.

In fact those who know their French history, know there is nothing new or startling in this adoption of a 100 day autocracy. In the essentials it doesn't differ from the sort of emergency government set up, shortly after the declaration of war against Germany in 1914, and at many critical times before.

THE French are above all a practical, logical, realistic people. They are not deluded by catch words or scared by horrific symbols. They go to the essence of things. They don't care what a form of government may be called, they realize their country faces one of the most serious crises in its history, and they know that making one man responsible and giving him extraordinary powers, is the best way to surmount it.

But make no mistake. The power does not rest with that one man. He is merely the representative of parliament. The power remains with the French people through their representatives in parliament, and if Deladier should falter there would be no hesitancy in exercising it.

SO obviously France has NOT followed the leadership of Italy and Germany, Deladier has NOT joined Hitler and Mussolini in the unholy bonds of dictatorship.

But with the superficial facts what they are, it is easy to make such a charge. And if this country were in the midst of a political campaign and happened to have this question as a burning issue, how easy it would be for the paper in question and its equally influential contemporaries to make the people BELIEVE it!

Pardon Dr. Townsend!

WE are surprised that President Roosevelt left it to Senator McAdoo of California to urge a pardon for Dr. Francis E. Townsend instead of issuing one as a matter of course after the supreme court upheld the sentence.

Of course Dr. Townsend made a serious mistake when he walked out on a house committee because he thought its members had insulted him. But it was a natural one for this well-meaning old gentleman from Long Beach. And the power and dignity of congress were amply vindicated when its power to punish for contempt was sustained by the highest court.

GROTESQUELY impracticable as it was, the old-age pension movement started by Dr. Townsend did more to hasten old-age insurance and security than all the reports and treatises of social workers and college professors in 50 years. It is due largely to him that this country is catching up with England and other progressive European nations in dealing intelligently with the tragedy of "disregarded age, in corners thrown."

WE can't believe the San Francisco News is as naive as the above makes it appear. Senator McAdoo is coming up for reelection and has a hard fight on his hands. He wants that Townsend vote (and how!) and this request for a pardon may give it to him. The President is always generous to his loyal supporters, and no doubt on request allowed his old pal in the Wilson cabinet, to get the credit for the pro-Townsend posture, instead of taking it himself.

BABY KIDNAPERS FACE LIFE TERMS

TACOMA, April 16.—(AP)—William Miller, 16, and James Lang, 18, were each convicted on six counts of kidnaping by a federal court jury late yesterday. The boys were charged with kidnaping Lloyd Warfield and Kenneth Meek of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones and Arthur Jones of Olympia after recent holdups.

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 Hills, Calif.

A woman reports, to-wit: I have been taking irradiated yeast tablets for several months. I have had very satisfactory results and now find life worth living. Constipation has all left since taking them.



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Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK—Hendrik Willem Van Loon, geographer, historian, and chronicler of the arts, is expecting a dinner guest.



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NO MORE KLAMATH POTATOES TO BEND SAYS REP. PIERCE

THE DALLES, April 16.—(AP)—No more, believes Rep. Pierce, will the federal surplus commodities corporation ship potatoes from Klamath Falls to the Deschutes region or apples to Roseburg.

Writing constituents here, Pierce said he had taken steps to stop relief shipments of such products as potatoes and apples from one competing area into another.

"I had previously protested to the federal surplus commodities corporation when they shipped apples to Roseburg, which was already glutted with apples produced locally," wrote Pierce in comment upon the transfer of a carload of potatoes from Klamath Falls to the fertile potato region of Bend.

"I learned at that time that this federal organization buys produce where there is a surplus and desperate need of having the market cleared. The federal organization gives these products to the state relief committee, which has an employee whose duty it is to make distribution of the purchases."

"The rules governing that distribution are perfectly clear but because of mishandling and abuse, a new circular was issued."

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The Garner method of poking a wasp's nest is simple and effective. He makes no speeches. He never broods many. He just talks to his friends. As a man, he is immensely charming, with his Texas wit, his air of being a plump and sleepy man, and his genial manner.

Moreover, his private office, which he usually describes as the "bureau of education" has a closet well-stocked with soothers for Senators. When he asks a Senator to have a soother, he says, "come, let's strike a blow for liberty"—a phrase originating in the prohibition days.

With his soothing, his geniality, and, above all, the immense authority of his shrewd wisdom, he can do a powerful job of persuading. The bureau of education is frequently very educational.

He plans to try his persuasion against the president's new spending program. He has told his cronies that his attitude on spending hasn't changed and won't change. He has let it be known he will fight. And so the voice on the Senate floor will be the voice of Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, but the restraining hand in the cloakroom will be the hand of Garner. The chances are ten to one that he will lose, but losing will make him fight again, and more furiously, on other issues.

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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 17, 1928. (It Was Monday) Fishers galore, but few fish as fishing season opens.

Valley fruit crop is predicted as large as last year. General rush of voters to register. Bull Montana to wrestle Al Karastack at Hilary hall.

Supreme court rules state has no claim on O.C. funds received by counties.

"The Prosperity Reserve Bill" to provide a vast system of public work project, to be used by the President, when employment drops, favorably reported in Senate.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY April 17, 1918. (It Was Wednesday) German and British troops engage in bloodiest battle of the war, in Flanders.

New city ordinance drawn to halt seditions talk, and act, under an emergency clause.

The Rebel Lodge votes to buy a Liberty Loan bond.

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS SPENDING a lot of money (especially somebody else's money) is always a thrilling prospect, and this quite insignificant writer would like nothing better than to be able to throw up his hat and yell himself hoarse with approval of the President's scheme to prime the pump again.

But caution urges otherwise. THIS thought arises: For five years, we've been on the wildest spending spree ever indulged in since the world began. It has brought us a headache.

If we go on another spending spree, will it bring us another and WORSE headache? YOU've seen people go on a big drunk, feel like a million dollars for a while, but wake up in the morning with a throbbing head and a bad taste.

Did you ever see EVEN ONE PERSON get himself back onto his feet and into the good graces of his bank and his business associates by going on ANOTHER DRUNK? YOU've seen men mortgage the old home farm and spend money like drunken sailors for things they didn't really need.

Did you ever see EVEN ONE MAN get back the money to pay off the mortgage by going on with his spending spree? Probably not. But you've seen a lot of them GO BROKE trying it.

THIS thought fairly smacks one in the face: When you've spent too much money for things you don't really need and could have got along without very nicely, the way to stay solvent is to QUIT SPENDING and go to working hard and saving up.

WE'VE primed the pump, and it has RUN DOWN water refuses to gush forth freely and without effort—as we'd hoped and the politicians had promised. And we're getting thirsty.

Maybe, after all, it would be better to quit priming the pump and roll up our sleeves, spit on our hands and go dig another and BETTER well.

More Paper Money WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—The treasury indicated today it expects to print about 1,300 tons of paper money in the fiscal year beginning July 1. It asked paper mills for bids by May 5 on this amount of the special paper required.

Willowden, England, plans to destroy slums by "controlled fire."

Communications

Wants Large Old Age Pensions To the Editor: It is conceded by all congressmen that this congress will not pass H. R. 4199, the General Welfare Act. It is also conceded that no national old age pension will pass. All admit that the Social Security Act, while a step in the right direction, is wholly inadequate and only takes care of the old people through assistance—in other words—through charity. It will take at least two years before congress ever passes an adequate old-age pension bill. In the meantime, Oregon can pass a decent old-age pension. Petitions are in circulation to place on the ballot this fall, a bill known as the Citizens' Retirement Annuity Act. This will give the old folks in Oregon over age 65, a decent old age pension and it can be abolished when a national bill is passed, the same as all other state bills will be abolished. It is financed by a 2 per cent transaction tax and this money is placed in an ear-marked fund for the old folks and paid out pro rata each month. The money must be spent in Oregon each month, so it will stimulate business. It is not money that makes prosperity, but the circulation of money. A \$30 bill spent 100 times in Oregon does \$3,000 worth of business. While a \$20 bill left in the bank to draw interest at 2 per cent does 40c worth of damage in the way of increasing 40c more debt. Any merchant will gladly