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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry. The scribbles of the land are experiencing difficulty in determining whether the parents of the Dionne quintuplets...

Citizens are warned to keep out of the line of fire, as the mud, fur and vitriol of the May putsch has started to rain and fly.

A survey reveals a number of pioneer pumps in these parts that need priming, as well as priming, besides suffering from asthma.

"Dear Miss Blake: My friend asks me out and I agree, but I never show up. Am I hurting his feelings?"

Portland has been denied WPA funds for the eradication of mosquitoes. The metropolitan can now go after a lesser health menace—the crossing bats with heads on the waterfront.

A clap of thunder that sounded like the distant roar of a rural shivaree, approaching a residential area reverberated Wed. pm.

Klamath Falls, as an experiment, has installed nickel parking meters. For a municipality that once boasted three courthouses and 81 slot-machines, this is quite a come-down.

Several new autos painted a more hectic flush than a feminine fingernail, are catapulting hither and yon.

Ah, Banwell the CoC, mansprings, has ceased functioning as the grapping bull announcer. It was feared he would forget and introduce the distinguished guest at a noon luncheon as weighing 16 pounds.

Some editorial disgust is expressed because Oregon withdrew its exhibit from the New York World's fair. In the light of the way the Democrats are threatening to vote for Governor, this may turn out to be good judgment.

BRICKBATS & ROSES (Pleasant) (Mo.) Time "The Swell Fellow season is opening up again for newspaper editors. There is no aveller feller to be had for back-petting purposes by candidates for office than the editor—until and unless he gets out in the open for some candidate, whereupon the others demote him from the Swell Feller Society to the Big Heel club with amazing promptness."

Following a White House chat yesterday, Henry Ford, the auto king, announced "the country would be all right if the people would think." Another school of thought holds the economy was due to a surplus of trying to think.

Mid-West farmers are now in "revolt" against the crop control efforts of the New Deal on the grounds it is legislation. The movement will not get serious until the tillers start tearing up government checks on the courthouse steps.

"A tale of intimidation comes from Florida, where Harry Richmond was lately married and 17 best men cut off all escape." (Detroit News)—Snippy!

The star catcher of the Cleveland baseball team, whose first name is Rolie, bloomed on the sport pages this week. An admirable and adept workman, he was fined \$200 for profanation. Last year it cost him \$5000 for that trick. Some allowance should be made for being named Rolie.

HANDS TO CAPITAL. BAKER, April 28.—(AP)—John L. Hand, state supreme court justice and Mrs. Hand left today for Washington, D. C., where Judge Hand will attend the American Law Institute's annual meeting at the national law school, at which certain vital subjects are prepared.

Editorial Correspondence

PORTLAND, April 27.—Judging by our trip up from Eugene today the speed norm in Oregon is steadily rising. The distance is about 120 miles, and it was covered in 2 hours and 30 minutes—which is close to an average of 50 miles an hour.

No doubt it's an old story but someone with a sense of humor placed a highway sign north of Salem reading, "45 degrees parallel—just half-way to the north pole." Perhaps that was the destination of some of the boys and girls who passed us which would justify a bit of speed warming up the engine before striking the Arctic circle!

Another sign enroute struck our fancy, "Ye Pack-Rat Nest.—Antiques." That's the best definition of a modern highway antique shop encountered thus far. Being on a solo trip,—there were no stops for antiques.—(Thank God!)

Did you know contented cows are LESS contented in California than in Oregon or Washington? Well they are and the dairy experts at Corvallis, of course, know the reason. California cows are treated, not like living things, animals with a sensory system, but like machines. From birth up they are forced night and day to produce more and more, and more and more—until they crack and the rendering works foreman is called. A dairy cow 8 or 10, or 12 years old is still contented and may be going strong in Oregon. In California the bovine milking machine is all through and washed up in half that time. We have an idea that's true of human beings likewise, but have no statistics to prove it. The California pace is terrific.

There is so much of interest to see at Corvallis,—more Oregonians should stop there and look around,—learn about their state and one of the greatest agricultural colleges in the world.

For example: There is a nursery on the campus where girls are instructed how to care for babies, and there is nothing academic or theoretical about it either. The girls do take care of babies—real live ones,—feed them, dress them, teach them, discipline them—all according to the latest and most up-to-date scientific methods.

The babies are secured usually from foundling and orphan homes and needless to say are given the best of care. When they pass the first baby stage, they are adopted by parents whose qualifications are carefully passed upon by a proper investigating bureau. The demand for these college babies far exceeds the supply—in fact there is a long waiting list at the present time. (Which, incidentally, we don't regard as a particularly healthful sign—parents SHOULD prefer their OWN babies to any other brand!)

Spent last night at Eugene, where an invitation to attend a performance of "Peer Gynt" was accepted. Too bad this performance, put on by the university dramatic department and the Eugene Symphony orchestra could not be repeated for the benefit of outsiders,—that is for the people of the state outside Eugene. For it was a real artistic and musical triumph of the FIRST DEGREE—a perfectly amazing achievement. Our only criticism was the length,—didn't get out until midnight and lead we would have slept through the last act if the seats hadn't been so acutely uncomfortable that sleep (at least to us) was impossible. But it was a perfectly grand performance, and if produced in sections as Parsifal was many years ago, and in a place where something better than circus seats were available,—would be a joy to anyone with a taste for early Ibsen drama and Grieg—a rare combination in these days of swing music and two melo-drammers on one bill. R.W.R.

Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK—Mr. J. B. Priestly has some strange things to say about dramatic tastes on this side of the Atlantic in a current issue of a monthly magazine. But I think his argument would carry more authority if his own plays were a little more successful.



GEORGE TUCKER

Mr. Priestly was represented briefly on Broadway this season with two plays, one of which was called an artistic triumph, but failed to survive the public's apathy. The other, "Time and the Conways" was so unbelievably dull that most of the play-goers walked out or went to sleep.

Both of these plays had good ideas, but were handled so heavily that, from a box office angle, they never had a chance to succeed. Irrespective of what London thinks of him and the honors he has won in letters, it is my opinion that he can't write entertainingly enough to succeed as a playwright on the New York stage. He simply is too heavy-footed and dull.

This article purports to analyze the New York scene, which he finds cynical, trashy and ill-mannered. To arrive at this conclusion he completely ignores the successful plays of this season, most of which his own countrymen have hailed, and points to two hold-overs from last year as being the sum and total of what Broadway likes.

The plays he mentions are "The Women," now in its second year, and "You Can't Take It With You," a Pulitzer prize winner also in its second year and one of the big money makers in Broadway history. He is correct when he says New York likes these plays. But he is scarcely adequate as a critic and he is certainly less than honest as a reporter when he holds up two comedies which he dislikes, as representative of the whole New York theater.

professionally. Mr. Priestly, adds: "What they demand from the stage is a series of electric shocks, scenes that are tougher and tougher, comedy that is wilder and wilder, wise-cracks that are more and more daring."

Meteorological Report

April 28, 1938.

Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Unsettled to night and Friday; not much change in temperature.

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably rain northwest portion; Friday cooler, southeast portion tonight; moderate changeable wind off coast, becoming southerly and increasing.

Local Data. Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 56; lowest, 38. Total monthly precipitation, 1.23 inches. Excess for the month, .10 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1937, 24.64 inches. Excess for the season, 9.08 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 75 percent; 5 a. m. today, 91 percent.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5:09. Sunset tomorrow, 7:07.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Table with columns: CITY, Wind, Clouds, Precipitation, Visibility, Barometer, Temperature, Humidity, Dew Point, Frost, Snow.

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.

THE RABIES SCARE

Every so often the health department works up a rabies scare, not to create a demand for Pasteur treatment of "serum," but mainly to gain publicity for the health department. The health officer of his work, with a shrewd purpose behind it all, namely, to obtain larger appropriations or to prevent a cut in the generous appropriations now being made for the conduct of the department.

Some of these activities amount practically to the practice of medicine and come under health department scope only because the politician holding down the job of health officer feels he must identify himself with every possible matter that has the slightest relation to health in order to hold his political standing.

A medical colleague who evidently believes in Santa Claus and the stork sends me a newspaper clipping emanating from the health department. The item briefly mentions the death of a man from rabies. With it is another clipping telling of the death of a second man from rabies. Both men, the newspaper item says, had been bitten by a dog that had rabies.

The dog had bitten nine persons in all—seven of them received Pasteur treatment at once and all are still living and well. These two men did not receive Pasteur treatment. They are dead of rabies.

Could anything be more convincing? My medical friends ask whether these two cases do not cause me to alter my view and opinion as to the cause of hydrophobia (although he is a physician he seems to like that word "hydrophobia"), and its specific treatment. If it does so influence me, the medical colleague suggests, it would seem in order for me to take my readers into my confidence and advise them properly, in case any of them should ever be bitten by a rabid dog.

If I were bitten by a dog presumably suffering with rabies, I should by no means take Pasteur treatment. I honestly fear Pasteur virus causes some of the grave effects the health authorities and some doctors ascribe to rabies in man. Instead, I should want the wound immediately disinfected and dressed by a competent

Aims of New Tax Bill

WASHINGTON, April 28.—(AP)—Here is a question-and-answer resume of the compromise tax bill approved by a senate-house committee. What is the bill designed to accomplish?

Sponsors estimate it will raise \$5,350,000,000 in annual revenue. They assert it will encourage business expansion, remove tax inequities and prevent tax-dodging.

When is it effective? It will apply to 1938 corporation incomes.

What levy on undistributed corporate profits is provided? The tax rate a corporation will pay on its income is governed by the amount of profits it distributes to stockholders. If all income is distributed, it pays a tax of 16 1/2 percent; if none is distributed, 49 percent.

What levy does the bill place on capital gains? Short term margins (realized on assets held 18 months and less) must be included in a taxpayer's ordinary income to be taxed at applicable normal and surtax rates. Medium term gains from assets held between 18 months and two years will be taxed a flat 30 percent. Long term gains (from assets held more than two years) will be taxed 15 percent to take care of the "little fellow." Taxpayers will be permitted to include one-half of their medium and long term gains in ordinary income.

How would this last provision benefit the "little fellow"? He would pay rates lower than the flat rates. A single individual having \$1,000 income and \$1,000 of capital gains, for instance, would pay only the 4 percent normal income tax rate on \$500, or half his capital gains.

Does the bill affect any other provisions of an individual's income tax? No, only in regard to capital gains. How are the new undistributed profits and capital gains taxes designed to help business? The undistributed profits tax is a major modification of the present levy, which has been criticized by business. Proponents of the modification say it will remove present complicated provisions and increase business certainty and confidence. Similarly, the flat-rate capital gains tax is designed to let an investor know precisely what his tax will be and to encourage investment by eliminating the existing complex graduated scale.

What else will the bill do? It will increase to \$2.35 the \$2-gallon tax on hard liquor, provide special exemptions to encourage utility holding company liquidations, and overhaul numerous minor taxes.

Six Left Dead By Nebraska Twister DENVER, April 28.—(AP)—Tornadoes left six dead and more than a score injured today after an onslaught of freakish weather in five Rocky Mountain plains states.

Two rural school pupils, Mary Zorn, 8, and Ellen Brown, 6, were killed by winds which ripped through an area near Oshkosh, Neb. A third victim, Jean Zorn, 10, died later at an Oshkosh hospital.

Three others were dead and at least five injured when a hit-and-miss twister laid waste to scattered communities near Draw, Lynn county, Texas. The dead were Mrs. V. O. Caswell, M. B. Walters and George Walters.

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 28, 1928 (It was Saturday) Salmon fishing in Rogue river improves, but trout fishing in smaller streams is bad.

Chamber of Commerce annual Home Products banquet is huge success, with large attendance.

The Medford water supply which has been of whitish color, due to all getting into the pipes, is now crystal clear.

Unemployment in nation estimated at 7,000,000 by department of labor, despite prosperous conditions and demand for labor.

Snow storm sweeps Dixie. New and more complete weather broadcast for valley orchardists near.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY April 28, 1918 (It was Sunday) American troops on western front increased.

Blight classes for orchardists to open this week. Unknown miscreant opens the faucets of the smudge oil tanks at the Klamath orchards and 1,500 gallons lost.

Medford subscribes \$243,000 for Liberty Loan bonds. 1918 Buick auto on display.

The Capital Parade

(Continued from Page One.)

tax. The senate had voted outright repeal, and, at the outset, Senator Harrison swore by all his gods that nothing less than outright repeal would content him. Indeed, during the preliminary conferences, he made a great show of determination, more than once clapping his hat on his head, and telling his followers:

"Get your hats, boys, it's all over." "That the senator's firmness would slowly weaken to the sharp-bargaining point might have been predicted from the start. In the first place, Pat Harrison, who is one of the smartest men in the senate, likes dexterous log-rolling even better than golf. And, in the second, his friend Mr. Baruch, has not spoken for outright repeal. In his famous testimony before the senate committee on unemployment, he advocated no more than radical modification.

In the end, Senator Harrison won. The president's face was saved. The "principle" of his precious undistributed profits tax was "preserved"—for two more years. But Senator Harrison succeeded in writing it into the law that the tax would lapse in another twenty-four months; got his own way with the capital gains tax, and saved all the little pork barrel amendments the senate had tacked on the measure.

The fact is that, although the presidential face was saved, the gist of his tax program was sliced out. And, by insisting on the face-saving, the president has given the business men another stick to beat him with.

After the president's letter attacking the senate bill, Mr. Baruch was on the hill. He was asked his opinion of the presidential suggestions to the tax conferees. He is understood to have replied that, to help business, revision must be "ungrudging," and that signs of pique at the White House would nullify the good effects. It can be imagined how good more forcefully the same thought will be put by less kindly fellows.

At the treasury, the leading thinkers on tax matters are definitely depressed by the compromise. Undersecretary of the Treasury Rowell Magill has said that the face-saving on the undistributed profits tax was scarcely worth the surrender on the capital gains tax, the pork barrel amendments, and other points.

Altogether, the tax fight has been as neat a political comedy as you could imagine. Everyone has saved his face—the president, the business men, the senators, the representatives, the treasury. No one has got quite what he wanted, and the president less than anyone else. The only

Chevrolet JINGLES Working six hours a day—five days in a week, I'd figure I'd hit an awful lucky streak!

Coquille Herd High Producer In March CORVALLIS, April 28.—(AP)—Roger W. Morse, extension dairyman said yesterday the dairy herd of R. B. Rylander, Coquille Valley association, was high producer for March, with 24 cows averaging 1272.5 pounds of milk and 55.5 pounds of butterfat.

Heart Ill Takes Landon's Father KANSAS CITY, April 28.—(AP)—John M. Landon, 81, father of Alf M. Landon, the 1936 Republican presidential nominee, died here today of heart disease.

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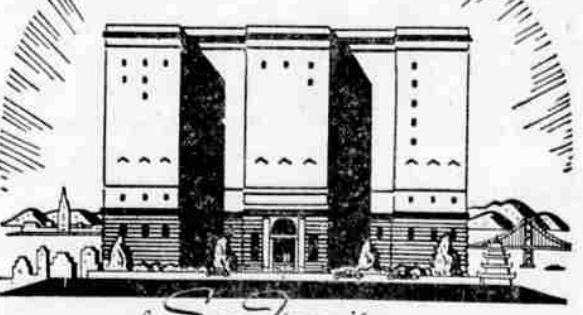
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