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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry.

The Multnomah county grand jury recommends stricter regulation of the sale of "fortified wines," inasmuch as the more ardent imbibers abuse it, and, in turn, are maltreated by what they swig. Besides, the juice of the grape is cheaper, easier obtained, and does not claw the internal mechanism of man, as does cooking whiskey. It seems the theorists, who declared the American people after the terrorism of Prohibition moonshine, and the trials of making their own beer, would know how to handle their potions, were in error. Convinced, at long last, of the utility of trying to drink the distillers out of business, they proceed to the task of bankrupting the wineries, though they, too, work night and day. Alcohol has no affinity for common sense, as well as gasoline.

Henry Ford, the auto billionaire, and Gov. La Follette, of Wisconsin, recently advocated work as the cure for the national ills. Now comes the Governor, and urges hunking of coats and the flow of electric grease to restore prosperity. After many moons of chasing rainbows down crooked paths to Utopia, this is sudden, though sound. A rival school of economic thought, that favors work, and walking to and from it, may spring up to haunt the people.

John Fuller of Ashland was among the out-of-town Democrats, who glared at the Tuesday luncheon here, attended by the chief executive.

"The reported case of scarlet fever in this vicinity proved to be a flivver."—(Sommes Bar (Calif.) Jottings)—Sounds interesting.

The opposite (and how!) sex, are making dresses out of window curtains, to make the clothes match with the furniture. It is expected the window curtain dresses will look more like a dress than the current hat look like a hat.

POLITICS AND POETRY
(Here and Now)
"Fire in each eye, and papers in each hand.
They were excited, and madden about the land."
—(Prologues to Slatere: Pope)
"The mountains tower proudest.
The thunder peals the loudest.
The scenery is the grandest.
And politics the damndest.
In Kentucky."
—("In Kentucky": Stanza 7)

The un-springlike weather has reduced the woodpeckers so low, no politician can hide a colored gent in one of them, and then make the discovery there is a colored gent in the woodpile.

CIVIC NEAR TRAGEDY
(Huntington (Hl.) Times)
"Cap" R. E. Taylor's cow, that's "expecting," fell in the hole in the Elizabethtown school yard Saturday, and couldn't climb out. The wrecker from the Rosolare Chevrolet garage was called, but even the wrecker could not get the cow out of the hole. So a path was dug, and the animal walked out, seemingly unharmed.

Merry quips are being hurled throughout the land by wise-crackers, at relief clients and workers, driving new cars. None compare to the quip that had its fling back in 1901. It ran: While visiting his parents at the poor farm yesterday, his Rolls-Royce parked outside, was stolen.

"Watkins is correct in one other assertion: the editor was spared the ordeal of listening personally to his tirade in Salem the other night, being privileged to assign that task to another."—(Salem Capital-Journal)—Ye of take a neat cut.

Volcanoes are situated in areas of weakness in the earth's crust.

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U. S. A. and British Taxes

OUR British cousins stand a lot of tax punishment. Their basic income tax rate, which has been 25 per cent, is now boosted to 27½ per cent. The additional income is needed to take care of rearmament and unemployment relief and pay interest on the national debt. There are also heavier national sales taxes imposed on tea, gasoline, oils and fuel alcohol.

The new budget will be more than \$5,000,000,000, and in relation to Britain's population and wealth is said to represent as much as 10 billion or 15 billion dollars a year would mean in America. The British national debt, nearly as much as ours now, might be comparable to a national debt of 80 million dollars here. (Ours is less than half as much.)

Under the new tax schedules a citizen with \$3,000 a year, who would pay no income tax in America, will pay \$200 in England. The tax on \$5,000 a year, which is \$64 here, will be \$640 there. The tax on \$10,000 here, which is about \$380, will be \$1,880 there. And so on.

Our taxes are very burdensome, but somehow this makes us feel not quite so bad. The British, in the matter of taxes, seem to "take it" better than we can.

R.S.

Toys in America

BUSINESS depression and foreign militarism have had little effect on playthings in the United States. When the annual American Toy Fair opened for its two-week display in New York the other day there were 5 per cent more buyers on hand than on the first day a year ago. Ten per cent more toys are on display, those in the higher price brackets attracting the most attention and the most active buying. Retail stores are not cutting their toy department budgets. Military toys comprise less than 1 per cent of the exhibits, which cover seven acres of floor space.

Interest in higher-priced toys is explained by the fact that more parents seek well constructed and durable playthings and are willing to pay more to obtain them. The "do-nothing" toys are numerous and varied. They include microscopes, chemistry outfits, building sets and handcraft equipment.

Another new trend is the appearance of farm toys—disc harrows, plows, spreaders and tractors. There are many mechanical toys and many miniature articles of equipment which duplicate articles used in the home, such as toy electric stoves which may be used for actual cooking on a very small scale.

It is a cheerful picture, suggesting a country whose children are occupied with normal and wholesome living, not prematurely devoted to war.

R.S.

Peace With Ireland

BY the new agreement between Great Britain and Ireland, the latter apparently becomes almost like one of the Dominions of the British Empire, though with a bond not so strong as that between Britain and Canada. There will be more voluntary cooperation than there has been for many years.

Important difficulties are adjusted. Ireland pays \$50,000,000 of land annuities, held up since 1932. Britain will withdraw garrisons from Irish ports, surrendering old treaty rights. There are sensible tariff compromises.

"The agreement," says a recent London dispatch, "is regarded as the most important development in relations between the two countries since partition of all Ireland in 1922."

President De Valera declares that he has not surrendered his goal for a united Ireland, but he is practical. He gains peace and the moral backing of the British Empire, while Britain, with a friendly cooperative Ireland, retains a defensive western outpost. Both nations recognize that it is essential for the two races and countries to work together.

R.S.

Unsuccessful Air War

THE pre-views of the next world war shake the theories of some of the military experts. An Italian general at the end of the World war foretold the supreme importance of air power in future wars. Armies and navies, he said, would be merely complementary and minor fighting instruments. "Command of the air" was the thing, and war from the air would be short and decisive.

His idea was that airplanes could bomb and destroy the enemy's "vital centers"—power plants, factories, railroads, arsenals, and so on. No people could resist this force. They would have to surrender. So victory would be swift.

The world has seen in Spain and China determined, persistent and savage use of air power. It has worked untold damage and has taken heavy and terrible toll of human life, civilians and soldiers, old and young. But it has not brought quick conquest. It has only proved that there is as yet no such thing as complete "command of the air."

The wanton destruction does not bring surrender, but arouses the fighting spirit of the bombed populations. Retaliation and resistance grow more determined. As for complete destruction of munitions depots, railroads, armories, and so on, the war in the air has been equally ineffective. Apparently civilization has another chance even against so deadly a power as the military plane.

R.S.

JOB DIVERSIONS FOUND ON RISE IN INDUSTRIES

THEURE HAUTE, Ind. (UP)—Large industries in the United States have recognized that the monotonous routine in the modern factory requires an organized recreational program for the workers, according to the study made by Francis Overpeck, a graduate student from East Chicago, Ind., at Indiana State Teachers' college.

Overpeck found that of 137 large concerns surveyed, 90 per cent maintain recreation rooms, bowling alleys, club houses and gymnasiums. Lectures, motion pictures and concerts were sponsored by 92 per cent.

Mary Garden, American operatic singer, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

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FEVER AND AGUE ALWAYS WITH US

Experience shows that it is possible to stamp out an infectious or epidemic or endemic disease that affects only man and no animals or other animals.

It is difficult or impossible to stamp out a disease that is carried by animals. Hosts other than man. Plague has been virtually excluded from this country in the last twenty years by the eternal vigilance of the U. S. Public Health Service and rigid inspection of incoming ships and cargoes by the port quarantine. Plague is carried by fleas that infest rats and ground squirrels—one rat going ashore from a ship tied at pier or wharf might easily start the conflagration. That is why the quarantine regulations require those large dogs on cable lines tied to pier or wharf—rats can't pass such a barrier. If the dog is wide enough, and perfectly smooth so that it affords no foothold for the wide old rat.

Diphtheria carriers, as most intelligent people know, are persons who harbor in nose or throat virulent diphtheria bacilli, although not themselves susceptible to diphtheria. A diphtheria carrier, however, may infect susceptible individuals who suffer as severely as though they caught the disease from a patient. A healthy carrier, however, is unaware of their diphtheria potentiality as a rule, there are animal carriers that probably account for many otherwise inexplicable outbreaks of diphtheria, notably such pets as cats and dogs.

The child of a hospital superintendent came down with diphtheria. She had not been in contact with the hospital patients or staff, except her father, and he had not even approached the diphtheria patient. But the family kept a dog, and the dog had dropped in to say hello to the convalescent diphtheria patients every day—no one noticed the dog defying the isolation rules. Culture of the dog's throat was positive—the dog was the carrier of virulent diphtheria.

Acid and Alkaline Foods.
Where can I obtain a chart giving information as to those foods which are acid and those which are not?—C. B. J.
Answer—You will find lists of acid, alkali, alkaline and neutral foods on page 72 of the booklet "Vitals and Vite." For a copy of the booklet send 25 cents coin and three-cent stamped envelope not less than 4 by 6 inches.
Carrots Turn Skin Yellow.
I have been eating a lot of carrots, raw and cooked, for several years. My skin began to turn yellow. My physician said it is from the carrots and that it is harmless.—Mrs. P. B. R.
Answer—the yellowish stain of the skin of palms and soles (rarely the general skin surface) will clear up a few weeks after you stop eating carrots. (Copyright 1938, John P. Dile Co.)

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT is possible, of course, that a new party was launched in Wisconsin Thursday night, but it is much more probable that what happened was the launching of a new bid for the 1940 nomination by one of the old parties.

THIS much is significant: The LaFollettes (Phil broadcasting and Bob listening, but presumably applauding) REPUDIATES ROOSEVELT. Hitherto they have courted him, hoping to inherit his mantle.

They have decided either that the mantle will be bestowed elsewhere or that it would be a liability, rather than an asset, if received.

BROADCASTER Phil's speech (which is all there is to the new party so far) is too moderate for the radicals and too radical for the conservatives. It lends itself, therefore, to compromise. And it seems probable at this moment that a lot of compromising will be done between now and 1940.

It may turn out that the best compromise will be the most acceptable candidate.

THIS, of course, is cynical surmise. It may be wide of the mark. But it doesn't seem to make sense (at least as yet) that the LaFollettes can hope to win by starting a new party and DIVIDING their forces.

It is an axiom of politics that you can't win by dividing the votes you hope to get.

THE premiers of Britain and France today (Friday) concluded a vital two-day conference in which they forged a mighty entente (understanding) designed to keep the peace of Europe by virtue of its own strength.

IN other words, they propose to say to the rest of Europe, and pointedly to Hitler: "Keep the peace, or you'll have us to settle with. And TOGETHER we're big enough to finish anything you start."

It is the old idea of the balance of power, which means lining up enough strength on one side to stop anything the other side may start.

It kept the peace in Europe for a long time before the great war. Maybe it will keep the peace again—at least for a while.

METEORITE HUNT OVER U. S. URGED BY INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON — (UP)—"Stones from Heaven" may be worth more than "Pennies from Heaven," the Smithsonian Institution said in requesting a nationwide search for meteorites.

E. P. Henderson, of the museum's geology department, estimated that thousands of meteorites—or fragments of shooting stars—are scattered throughout the United States. Each meteorite, he said, would "bring a very good return for a day's work," although it wouldn't make the finder rich.

Henderson said scientists had to depend on the average citizen to find the "stones from heaven," because most "shooting stars" are high above the earth and usually appear to fall miles from their actual landing place. The best way to recognize a meteorite, Henderson said, is by its extraordinary weight. Meteorites, often composed almost entirely of iron and nickel, are among the heaviest of rocks.

The star fragments do not always show signs of burning. They are, although actually burned because of friction with air, probably as cool enough to handle when they strike the earth, Henderson said.

He explained that a meteorite is nearly at absolute zero—270 degrees below zero centigrade—when it enters the earth's atmosphere. As the meteorite plunges through the atmosphere in a few seconds, the exterior becomes white-hot before the interior is heated above ordinary earth temperatures.

Weather.
Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer in the interior tonight; temperature generally above normal Thursday; moderate northwest wind off the coast.

Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Thursday, but considerable cloudiness west portion; moderate temperature; moderate west to northwest wind off the coast.

England's oldest military corps, the Yeomen of the Guard, was founded in 1485.

Motion pictures of the rare white rhinoceros have been made in Africa by Capt. C. W. R. Knight.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
May 4, 1928.
(It was Friday.)
County taxes being paid in hurry as time limit nears.

Scarcity of labor in valley handicaps farm and orchard work.

Little damage done by frost so far, county agent reports.

Grange sponsors play at Butte Falls.

War between Japan and China threatened.

President Coolidge warns nation against "era of private and public spending."

Construction of Montgomery Ward building started on Central avenue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
May 4, 1918.
(It was Saturday.)

The Mail Tribune prints a letter written to folks by Morris Leonard, who is in France.

Medford subscribes \$256,000 to the Liberty Loan campaign.

Sheriff Jenkins stopped 20 autos on Skisyouss last night, and found no whiskey.

Rain in France halts resumption of German offensive.

Emerson Merrick is now stationed at Fort Hancock, Ga., in the ordnance department.

session, while the approaching primary calls him home.

The senator's race with Governor A. B. "Happy" Chandler is not nearly so safe as some people have lately said. Indeed, the administration understands this well enough. The dispensers of federal bounty in Kentucky were recalled to Washington not so long ago, to see what dogpounds, marble federal buildings, places of the arts, dams, bridges or other tokens might woo Kentuckians to the Barkley cause. No doubt they hardly needed to be told how the workers on their rolls were expected to vote.

And when the president asks the senator to pass another reorganization measure in the senate, the senator is torn between love and duty. He loves his job, and would like to go home to make sure of keeping it. And his duty is to the president, without whose personal pressure on the senate the name of the majority leader would now be Harrison, not Barkley.

This week, Senator Byrnes and Senator Barkley have already foregathered to discuss their plight. Their checkers have reported to them quite frankly that there isn't a chance in the world of getting the president already that, if an effort is made to revive reorganization, its enemies will filibuster all summer. Senator Byrd of Virginia, Senator Wheeler of Montana and their friends have no primaries to get through.

Therefore (and this is the most interesting feature of the situation), Senator Barkley is on the verge of rebellion. He may go down the line. Or he may succeed in changing the president's mind. A number of influential White House advisers think it unwise to try to breathe new life into reorganization. They will help the senator.

But the president is an obstinate man, and especially obstinate when he sees nothing to lose but the sweat of his subordinates. He may persist in his suggestion. In that case, the chances are excellent that Senator Barkley and Senator Byrnes will tell him:

"We have been faithful to you in our fashion, but this is one time when you'd better get someone else to do the work."

The official senate leadership is considering revolt for the first time in the history of the New Deal. The

president's insistence on getting a wage-hour bill is making the house leadership talk of Simon Legrees in the White House.

The wage-hour bill now has the united support of the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. A White House emissary has already been sent to New Orleans to change the Louisiana votes which killed the bill last time. And if Mayor Robert S. Maestri trades his congressmen for something handsome in the New Deal's gift, no one will be much surprised. For these and other reasons, the house leadership believes that in the end a wage-hour bill can be passed.

But it will be an uncertain, unpleasant process. And the leaders can't forget the vote on the reorganization bill, which also established a New Deal record. Then, for the first time, eight men deserted the president without warning and every uncertain vote was cast against the White House. That really frightened the leaders.

Prepares for School—Simeri Jarvi, assistant forester of the Rogue River national forest, and Lee Port, district ranger, spent yesterday at the old CCC camp at Carberry. They made plans for the remodeling of several of the old CCC buildings for use of the fire guard training school to be held at Carberry in June.

Chevrolet JINGLES



Golf is a game played by young and old. You start at the tee, and when the ball is holed. The distance on the longest hole isn't very far. But what a job you have, trying to shoot a par! You hook and you slice, you dig up a divot. From the rest of the gang comes "You forgot to pivot!" You must count EVERY stroke if you want to play fair!

And next time at the club, count the Chevrolets there! Chevy M. Hurd

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