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Ye Smudge Pot: By Arthur Perry.

Following a campaign speech at Albany, by the chief Democratic opponent of Governor Martin, the play "Governor Martin Goes to Town" was presented by a cast of Portland people.

The secretary of the interior refuses to sell Germany helium gas for the inflation of dirigibles.

Some cousins of the Elks tom-cat were here with the circus, but he did not call or send them any word.

The Phoenix Grange fed the candidates ham last night for supper.

OH QUIT BRAGGING! (Roseburg News-Review) "Once in a while (not so often as to become monotonous) we, as a commonwealth, do something extremely sensible."

Farmers are busy removing wool from sheep, and quite a bit that was pulled over their own eyes, by late professional friends.

The American Bible society reports the Bible is still the world's most widely read book.

A Democratic candidate for county clerk received only one vote in Duck Creek precinct, Indiana.

THINGS GET MIXED (Oregon City Enterprise) "Just what the family affairs of Mr. Stags have to do with the charges that known aliens have violated the state laws by voting at Clackamas county elections is beyond our comprehension."

The weather turned off suspicious yesterday, for getting fingers caught in an electric fan.

This is Friday the 13th, listed as a day, when bad luck becomes more so. It is regarded with suspicion by all accustomed to bad luck.

THE DALLIES, May 13—(AP)—George Bauer, 18, student at the Whittier junior high school, was in a hospital today for observation after swallowing an open safety pin.

Time to Quit

WHY doesn't the League of Nations call it a day and adjourn sine die? We can see no earthly good served by its continuance, and if there are many more meetings like the one yesterday, there is danger of the League doing great harm, to the world.

THE League was founded upon the determination to maintain world peace and its two cardinal principles were: The protection of weak nations against the strong. The crushing of AGGRESSIVE wars of conquest.

Italy violated both these principles. With no excuse but the lust of conquest Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, slaughtered thousands of its defenseless inhabitants, and took over that country, by the right of superior strength and force.

Now, we are not saying such action was not in accord with realistic politics, and probably in accord also with the exigencies of the new balance of power in Europe.

But we ARE saying that when a League of Nations—any League—formed to advance the cause of world peace, pledged to oppose wars of conquest and maintain the rights of weaker nations against the stronger, abjectly fails to do any of these things, and becomes the medium through which war-like nations return to the old balance of power, in preparation for another world holocaust, the TIME HAS ARRIVED TO QUIT.

Is Politics in Relief?

REPRESENTATIVE BACON'S amendment to "decentralize" federal relief was squashed in the House yesterday by a vote of 106 to 39.

We wonder how many of the wailing-wall habitues, who today are proclaiming this outcome, as a body blow to good government, have analyzed the proposal at all?

BRIEFLY Mr. Bacon's idea was this. For every dollar donated for relief by the government the state would donate 25 cents. In return for this contribution, the state, not the government, would determine how, where and when the federal money should be spent.

With the assistance of bi-partisan state boards, "politics would thus be taken out of relief and relief out of politics!" Very pretty.

BUT WOULD it? Just think that over for a moment.

Does anyone suppose that there would be no politics in relief, if the state of Pennsylvania, or Illinois, or Louisiana, or New York, were given millions of federal money, to do with as its state "non-partisan board" might wish,—the government that donated the money, having nothing to say as to how its money should be spent?

Those who would answer in the affirmative are certainly pretty trusting souls, unfamiliar with the history of political government and methods, in the states of this country, up to present moment.

AND if federal relief were further decentralized,—as others have proposed—and government money with no strings attached handed over to the municipalities,—HOW pure and non-political would be the distribution in Greater Manhattan, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, and other American metropolises?

Think that over, too, in view of human nature and the facts.

MILLIONS mind you turned over to the larger city governments, by Uncle Sam with no strings attached,—to be distributed as that local government, through its non-partisan board might dictate.

Can't you see just how non-partisan that board would be, and how completely all local relief would be divorced from politics? It's absurd on its face.

THIS column, of course, would like to see ALL POLITICS removed from relief. But regardless of the party in power, as long as federal relief has to be carried on, on a large scale, we never expect to see such an ideal realized.

As far as it CAN be realized however, it is this column's firm conviction, that the Roosevelt administration through Director Harry Hopkins has administered relief as NEAR to a non-political and non-partisan basis, as is humanly possible.

The fly in the ointment has been, NOT in the character of federal administration, but state and local distribution,—not what federal officials have done, but what city and state BOSSES have done, with the federal funds at their disposal.

Repeatedly Harry Hopkins has told relief workers and the country, that political affiliations must not be considered in any way and as far as the government is concerned, are not considered. But as Alsop and Kintner in this paper's "Column Left" brought out yesterday—the Guffeys and Kellys, and McCloskeys in the state of Pennsylvania, can't be controlled.

And yet the Bacon amendment would give these state bosses, MORE control over the expenditure of federal relief funds instead of less.

It's another one of those propositions that listens well but doesn't wash!

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.

HOW TO EAT WELL: I know of only one way for a child under eighteen years of age to reduce safely in any case, and that is under the constant observation of a physician.

Another habit or custom which now prevails in the far west and deserves adoption in the east, is the serving of salad before the entrée or main course of the meal. This is the time for all big eaters who do not earn their bread by the sweat of their brow to daily with greens and raw vegetables and relishes and to give their teeth, gums and jaws a bit of much needed exercise.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS: What could you put around the eyes to prevent wrinkles, yet not injure the eyes? Would lanolin be harmful? (B. M.) Answer—A little happiness is fine for that. Lanolin is harmless enough, but I know of no remedy or cosmetic that will prevent or remove wrinkles.

Cramps in Legs at Night: Several months ago you recommended something for elderly people who suffer with painful cramps in the legs at night. (F. C. J.) Answer—Yes, that is a form of tetany. I recommended calcium vitamin D treatment. For instructions send three-cent-stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on high calcium diet, calcium feeding. Meanwhile try a good dose of calcium in any form and vitamin D in any form.

Man About Manhattan: NEW YORK—I had known Irving Eastman for years, but it was not until an assignment carried me over to West 34th street the other day that I met his brother, Nat.

What about it, Nat. I didn't know you were the home sort? "Well," he replied, "once I visited a women's penitentiary, and it has windows just like that woman's penitentiary. . . Plenty of air and light but nobody can get out, or in, and they remain open even when it is raining."

"Look at this picture," he exclaimed, holding up a photographic vista of a house which resembled something as lavish as a motion picture director's dream. It was streamlined, with 18-foot glass windows "for more sunlight"; it had white Venetian steps leading down to the water. All the doors were operated by an electric eye. . . Even the garage had a new sort of electric eye. . . If you roll out, the doors remain open; if you roll in, they lock automatically.

"We call this house the Futura," explains Nat, who went on to describe what a really unbelievable place he and Irving made on Pine Tree Drive in Miami. All the stair railings are of stainless steel, which cannot tarnish or rust. It is built of blue glass bricks, imported from Belgium. . . There is a special built-in safe in the master bedroom. And the house does exactly what we hoped it would do."

"Well," said Nat, "for some reason, Florida has gone bugs over Spanish architecture. Now, Spanish architecture means rows and rows of gloomy arches, which are all right if you want to become a monk or raise mushrooms. But people go to Florida for air and sunshine. Irving and I just decided to build a house that really gives you sunshine. Plenty of sunshine, even on gray days. We built this place, modern to the last curl of the window sill."

Nat went on to explain that he was in New York "because it is Irving's turn to spend a year in Florida."

Pine Tree Drive, Miami, and West 54th street, Manhattan.

About that house: it has become so publicized that now it is listed in the guide books, and tourists flock there in droves. Nat says they may sell. The Futura is their second experiment at home building. The other they called the House of Tomorrow, which was similarly anti-Spanish, and designed to filter the sunlight.

Meanwhile, Nat is slaving away and thinking ahead. Of next year. Then, as you will recall, it will be his turn to go to Florida.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.

PROF. G. P. KUIPER, of the University of Chicago, has discovered a new star, which he believes to be only 3.7 light years from the earth. A light year is the distance traveled in a year by light rays, which move at a speed of 186,324 MILES PER SECOND.

THE light year is a device used by astronomers to simplify staggeringly immense numbers. If we go on priming the pump, we'll have to invent some similar device to express our national debt.

THIS dispatch comes from Washington: "President Roosevelt's multi-BILLION dollar recovery program started through the house today (Tuesday), praised by Democrats as a means of providing five million-jobs in the next fiscal year and sharply attacked by Republicans as a step toward another wild spending orgy."

BOTH are right. The spending spree will create the jobs, and when the money is gone the jobs also will be gone. After that, another headache.

THE dispatch adds that passage of the bill in substantially its present form is assured.

Why is it assured? Because it is believed to MEAN VOTES.

VOTES, you see, are all that count in this political day and age. Little things like adding our children with a crushing burden of debt are looked upon as insignificant trifles.

"AFTER the deluge" was the cynical philosophy of the period when France was decaying. Some of our reckless spenders should read a little history.

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DEPARTMENT of agriculture estimates indicate that the 1938 winter wheat crop will be the second largest in our history—and the prospect is hailed in Washington as a calamity of the first order!

When good crops are looked upon as a calamity, it's a sign that somebody has gone screwy.

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 12, 1928 (It was Tuesday) Italian airship again starts on North Pole flight.

Orchardists need help but unable to induce workers to leave city. Vandals rob east side flower beds. County physician warns "river tramps are becoming health menace."

Plan to oil highway to the golf course. City to hold straw hat parade tomorrow for opening of straw hat season.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY: May 13, 1918 (It was Monday) Road to Crater Lake to be opened for travel by June 1.

Artillery fire increases along the entire western front. Work of constructing the University club tennis court opposite the postoffice proceeds rapidly.

\$100 reward is offered for the arrest and conviction of the vandals who broke into the Roguelands school last night and broke up the desks.

Agricultural camp for girls to be established in the Holloway orchards. School children to give entertainment at the Page tonight.

Saddened Selassie Leaves League City

GENEVA, May 13.—(AP)—Haile Selassie, who came to Geneva yesterday as an emperor without a country and lost even legal recognition of

his imperial title, today quit the League of Nations city "forever." The little negus quietly packed his bags and stepped aboard an early morning train for Paris.

Surrounded by police and accompanied by detectives of the French surete nationale, the former king of kings bade farewell to the city which saw sanctions voted against Italy for invading his country and then saw him stripped of his title after the Italian victory.

OREGON ON HONOR LIST FOR ANTI-GANGSTERISM

PORTLAND, May 13.—(AP)—Governor Charles Martin said in a campaign speech at Oregon City yesterday that Oregon was "on the honor roll in its campaign to end gangsterism."

He asserted his nomination at the Democratic primaries was opposed by union leaders because of his activity in curbing labor violence. The governor said he was "the best friend the laboring man ever had because I am trying to get the gangsters off his back."



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Back in the early days of the Spanish Don. . . They took their siesta till the sun went down. If you ask a Mexican to hurry along, You'll find "Manana" the burden of his song.

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