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Ye Smudge Pot

Sunday is the favorite day in this state for holding Democratic party picnics.

The New Jersey boy who started smoking when he was 14 months old, with the consent of his parents.

An autist, who made a mistake and drove over the pre-plowing for paving on 6th st., reports it seemed smoother than usual.

SOUNDS LOGICAL (Lakeview Examiner) "We will grant that making one's way through college is not all fun.

The Guesse Who? contest is over, and many who worried over the identity of No. 7 can now return to their cross-word puzzles.

"Of all kinds of credulity, the most obstinate and wonderful is that of political zealots; of men, who being numbered, they know not how, or why, in any of the parties that divide a State, resign the use of their own eyes and ears, and resolve to believe nothing that does not favor those whom they profess to follow."

Mr. Whizzer White of Colorado, a football player of great renown and ability to scoot around left end when it counts the most, has made his vital decision, according to press dispatches.

A SOLOMON ARISES (Lathrop (Ma) Optimist) "Much ado has been made about the acquittal of a woman who 'stole' 16 1/2 bucks from her husband's pants.

The Republican candidate for the US. senate, who is a spunky orator when aroused, in a Portland speech denounced the presence of "alien agitators" in Oregon.

AS HAS been frequently stated, this column holds no brief for the railroads, but it is convinced, and has been for sometime,—that it is decidedly to the PUBLIC INTEREST to give the railroads,—all the railroads,—a New Deal and a square deal, a chance to work out their own destiny on a just and equitable basis.

Then if they can't provide the service the people WANT and are willing to pay for (thus operating at a profit), let them meet the fate that any non-profitable industry under the profit system must meet—EXTINCTION.

But give them a new deal and a square deal, FIRST!

A study of women office workers in the U. S. showed that only 8.1 percent had education beyond high school, and only 2.3 percent were college graduates.

Black locust trees produce good lumber for posts, furnish blossoms for honey, check soil erosion and enrich the land with nitrogen stored in nodules on their roots.

Will There be War?

ONE can only guess concerning the situation in the Far East, for it is impossible to determine the facts. This "incident" on the Manchoukuo border, for example, is described in one way by the official communique from Moscow, and in an entirely different way by Japan.

More than that, for over a year, China has reported the war with Japan in one way, Japan in another. China has, according to its own story, been heaving a smart strategic retreat for over 12 months, wearing little Nippon out and bleeding her white,—anything approaching a Japanese conquest being impossible.

Japan, on the other hand, has steadily maintained, she has won victory after victory, that at the present time, Hankow is about to fall, and with the capture of China's provisional capital, the conquest of north China will be complete.

Which side has been telling the truth? And today,—is the Russian version correct, or the Japanese? No one at this distance can tell, one can only guess.

IF THE Japanese version is correct, that Soviet Russia, after fortifying the border, attacked Japanese troops, both by land and air,—then this incident means war between Russia and Japan, a war that inevitably will spread over Europe.

For unless Russia decided Japan is nearing victory over China and the time to strike is before her conquest is complete, Stalin would hardly have taken such an offensive.

On the other hand, if the Moscow version is correct and Japan took the initiative, then in all likelihood, this incident will have no more serious consequences than a spore of like incidents in the same region, since the Sino Jap war started,—merely a show of force, a warning, that Russia better not start anything, in this section, for in spite of the conflict in China, Japan has half a million troops in Manchoukuo, and is prepared to fight.

For the sake of world peace it is to be hoped the latter version is correct.

FOR several days there has been a grapevine rumor in Medford, that even the inadequate railroad service now enjoyed, is to be abandoned,—that "when winter comes" there will be no passenger transportation in or out, except by motor bus.

According to our information from Southern Pacific sources, this report is entirely unfounded,—the company has no intention of abandoning its rail passenger service via the Rogue Valley route.

Well, we hope the latter version is correct. But the report brings into sharp relief, a distressing but undeniable fact, namely,—

That the railroad problem, not only here in southern Oregon, but throughout the country, is extremely serious,—and becoming more serious every day.

SOONER or later, the people of this country will have to decide whether they want the railroads taken over by the government, or remain in private hands, and therefore the more they study the perplexing problem,—the more they learn about it,—the better for all concerned.

And the present is a good time to start. Meanwhile this much is certain: If the people DON'T want their government to take over and operate the railroads, then they will have to give the railroads sufficient support to allow them to operate at a profit,—SOME profit. For no industry whether it has to do with transportation, timber-cutting, type-founding or what not,—can endure for any length of time when it operates at a loss.

There is a limit, and as far as the railroads are concerned that limit has about been reached.

On the other hand, if a cheaper and more satisfactory form of transportation has been developed than the railroads supply, then neither the government nor the people can be expected to subsidize, either directly or through paying excessive rates, what is in reality an outmoded and antiquated system. Our railroads, willy nilly, under such circumstances will have to bow to the inevitable and go the way of the stage coach.

BUT before anyone jumps to the latter conclusion, they should delve into the facts. By so doing they will find, we believe, that there is no way to accurately determine what is the cheapest form of transportation, for they are not operated on the same basis.

The railroads, for example, are strictly regulated as a natural monopoly, when no business is less a monopoly,—has to meet stiffer competition in the air and on water and land, through airplanes, ships and motor vehicles of various sorts. In fact in a certain sense every person who owns an automobile competes with the railroad, constantly in passenger traffic, frequently in freight.

OBVIOUSLY, as long as railroads are privately owned, they should not be subject to strict public regulation, on the assumption they have no competition, when the competition is of the keenest and most destructive sort.

Nor should the railroads be forced to buy their own rights-of-way, maintain them, pay huge taxes upon them, and then be compelled to compete with a rival transportation system, where the rights-of-way, the maintenance and the taxes are PAID BY THE PEOPLE. Yet that is the situation that exists today in the competition between rail and motor bus service,—the former has to pay its own way, the latter is subsidized to the tune of literally billions of dollars, both by the government and the various states.

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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.

SUNBURN AND BRONZE When sunburn is more than mere reddening, smarting and itching, which is relieved by the frequent application of calamine lotion, the inflammation may be alleviated by wrapping the inflamed surface in soft towels moist with a solution of 15 grains of aluminum acetate to the pint of water, and this is more effective if the patient is kept warm while the wet packs are on.

If any blisters rise, they should be opened with sterile (freshly boiled) scissors or with sterile (flamed) needle, the serum or fluid gently pressed out with soft sterile (freshly washed and dried) muslin or linen pads, and the spot brushed over with 2 per cent solution of gentian violet in water (approximately 10 grains in the ounce).

The drawback about the use of this gentian violet solution is of course that it stains the skin. A W.P. surgeon on a South American cruiser found that painting the entire burned area gave the greatest relief, when the victim was willing to put up with the stain for a week or more.

Sunburn of the second degree (blisters) is a serious as any other burn and should have the care of a physician. If any salve is applied as a remedy after blistering, it should be a sterile one (uncontaminated by exposure to air or dust or contact with human fingers). If medical care is not available, these salves or ointments, preferably applied by squeezing sufficient ointment from a collapsible tube to cover the blistered or raw surface, are useful: Boric Ointment (10% boric acid in ointment, official in the U. S. P. and the B. P.); Old Ointment (as supplied in tubes to physicians under the name of "lytoline" by a National Physicians' supply house) and talpaite which contains tannic acid and chlorbutanol, a local anesthetic, supplied to physicians and druggists by another large pharmaceutical house.

A tube of one of these salves kept in the family medicine cupboard will be found handy for the first aid treatment of burns, scalds, stings and many minor wounds. Youth has to learn by experience that it is wise to discontinue the

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE American Bar association, meeting in Cleveland, rejects about four to one a resolution calling upon the United States supreme court for information as to the eligibility of Hugo Black to sit on the court.

Good for the bar association! Its vote shows sound judgment and good Americanism.

HUGO BLACK, cowering in hotel rooms in fear of discovery of what he really is, presented a shameful picture—a picture that nearly everyone proud of his country would like to forget.

But we have him. And, although he was forced upon us in a moment of childish pique, there is no way to get rid of him. Calling attention to his shortcomings merely brings up a painful incident that would be better forgotten.

THE bar association also rejects a resolution attacking Germany for discrimination against "law-abiding citizens . . . solely because of their race, religion or political opinions, which action has shocked the conscience of mankind."

What Germany does about Germans LIVING IN GERMANY is none of our business, and the less we have to say about it publicly the better off we shall be.

IF WE LOOK OUT FOR OURSELVES, we'll have enough to do.

COLD-BLOODED, you say? Of course it is. The relationships of nations with other nations are utterly cold-blooded and heartless, dictated entirely by narrow self-interest. Anyone who has followed world events of the past two or three years and still thinks otherwise is a sentimental sap.

THE thing for us to do is to mind our own affairs. If we don't, we'll get our fingers badly burned and will do nobody any good, besides.

MINING his own business is an exceedingly good way for an individual to keep out of trouble. It is an equally good way for nations to keep out of trouble.

STREETS SKIMMED FOR NEW PAVING Work of removing the shattered topping preparatory to laying down the new asphaltic concrete pavement was started today by Warren-Northwest, Inc., of Portland on West Sixth Street between Oakdale Avenue and Fir Street.

Third street between Central Avenue and Fir is getting its coat of asphaltic paving now, and the shattered topping on Tenth street between Oakdale Avenue and Hamilton street has been removed and is ready to be repaved.

FIREMAN MAKING GOOD RECOVERY FROM INJURY Although he is suffering from a cerebral injury, X-ray pictures taken yesterday failed to reveal a skull fracture, and the general condition of C. L. Cruson of Eugene, confined in Sacred Heart hospital, was reported as "very fine" by his attending physician today.

Cruson, a Southern Pacific railroad company engineer, sustained serious injuries when he fell from a locomotive water tender here Saturday afternoon. His left shoulder was broken, his left chest was crushed and his left ear incised.

You are invited to have A FREE FACIAL AT Ethelwyn's Beauty Salon

Jews in Germany are forbidden to display the Reich and national flag, or to show the national colors.

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The Capital Parade

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president. Because he is an ally of the democracy's Garner-Farley wing, his departure is longed for with real passion by the more ardent New Dealers. He is an amiable and canny old fellow, but the New Dealers would sell at least a piece of their souls to see him replaced by Solicitor Robert H. Jackson.

Another good contender for the place is Joseph B. Keenan, the roly-poly, genial, satiate fellow who is officially Cummings' assistant, and unofficially the new political agent of the White House. But the men around the president, and, many think, the president himself, have not lost hope of making Jackson the president's successor. Thus Jackson is the better bet.

Cummings has long played with the idea of getting out. As for Daniel Calhoun Roper, Harp H. Woodring, and Claude Swanson, they are still very busy smearing glue on their respective seats, at the commerce department, war department and navy department. There is no enemy toward Swanson. His resignation is desired only because, for some time, he has been too ill to do his job. If he goes, Assistant Secretary Charles Edison, son of the inventor, is likely to succeed him.

Getting Dan Roper would probably give the members of the cabinet lynching party the most pleasure. His department has been allowed to become an every wilderness of politics and incompetence. In the middle of which is Uncle Dan himself, hopelessly repeating that "All is for the best in the best of possible worlds."

The scheme is to give Roper's place to a liberal Catholic, like Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan, or to a leading La Follette Progressive.

As for Harry Woodring, he is a cheerful little Kansas politician, whose chief assets are a pretty wife and a numerous brood of healthy children. If the lynchers have their way, he will be replaced by his assistant secretary, Louis Johnson, loved by the veterans and by the ardent New Dealers because he has had the sense to play in with them.

The motives of the lynching party are eminently sensible. They want to take work off the president's shoulders. And they want to go into the liberal-conservative struggle in 1940 with a strong line-up. But the odds are heavily against them, and on the presidential inertia.

LOCAL BUILDING ABOVE AVERAGE Although the volume of total building activity in the Pacific Northwest for the first six months of 1938 is down 19 per cent from the first half of 1937, Medford shows only a 6 per cent decrease for the first six months of this year under the corresponding period of 1937, according to the semi-annual survey of permit volume in 27 key cities by the statistical department of the Equitable Savings and Loan association of Portland.

Permits valued at \$41,375 were issued from the city building inspectors office here during the first six months of 1938, while the figure for the first half of 1937 was \$171,559.

Oregon showed the sharpest decline in the two periods, dropping 34 per cent. Idaho building activity declined 21 per cent and Washington showed a 17.6 per cent loss.

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