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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry. There will be a special bond election Wed. for funds to pave the streets that are run-down, from being run-over.

C. Wig Ashpole is still over in Idaho, where "politically immoral" Republicans voted Democratic, and were scolded by the president for it.

The Griffin Crk. Grange is fattening a hog, that will be assassinated and ground into sausage, and served with waffles, at a Grange supper, when the weather gets cooler and the hog gets fatter.

F. Luy, who wrestles the soil on the Antelope, threw the soil for a suit of clothes with a tuck in the back of the coat last week.

School will open a week from Tues. and Maw's kids and schoolmama can hardly wait.

Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man suffered Tues. from a corn, which turned out to be a collar button he lost Sunday.

AH. Banwell, the CoCo. secretariat is over the whooping cough, and will not be out of school for three weeks, as first feared.

Wall Olmsted, formerly of here, now of Rabg, was around his old haunts the first of the week.

The woodpeckers have started storing stuff for winter, and are having a hard time, between getting shot by juvenile hunters, and robbed by bluejays.

A buzzard belonging to Ludo Grive disappeared then days ago from near Prospect and the sheriff reports the saw was stolen, and not hid to get out of sawing the winter's wood.

The Older Girls are busy canning fruit, swatting flies, and debating whether to sew the Siberian mink collar on their old coat, or the new ensemble. Some Christmas knitting is underway.

The I. Coleman boy John, 3, was gently bumped by an auto on Newton Tues. and the daylight was scarce out of John and seven eyewitnesses. He was unscathed.

The Jackson county Democracy listened to a Portland leader one night last week. They were admonished to stick together. They predicted victory, but did not sing. "Happy Days are Here Again." There is no doubt that will be a victory, but where it will rest, is fretting many with good cars and eyes. The speaker said there were no apologies to make for the primary selections, though nobody asked for an apology.

Several people report they heard geese flying south Tues., but none headed the same way have showed up on the highway, as yet.

Gold Hill is getting ready for a county fair, Sept. 10. The men-folk are raising whiskers, and the women-folk are writing poems about them. Many from here will go down to make the welkin ring.

Social gossip says a number of romances that have been brewing all summer, will soon be wound up, by the gentlemen saying "I do."

Get All The Facts

THIS paper is interested only in the FACTS regarding the city bond election on Wednesday. For we are certain if the people have the facts,—ALL the facts—they will from the standpoint of plain self interest vote for these bonds. Certainly as we see it only those who don't understand the proposal, haven't all the facts, could vote against them.

For it is something unusual in our municipal life—to have an opportunity to have an outside source,—in this case the federal government,—contribute nearly \$60,000 in hard cash to give us a greatly needed civic improvement.

Not often in the past has Medford had the pleasure of being offered such an amount of money, on a silver platter. And if advantage is not taken of this offer three days hence, it will be gone forever,—or at least as far as the present pump priming program is concerned.

ON Friday we corrected the false report that if this \$73,500 bond issue is authorized, it imposes a tax without limitation, or will be in any sense different from any of the other general obligation bonds, of the city.

We trust therefore no one will go to the polls on Wednesday and vote against the bonds under this misapprehension. These bonds if passed, will obligate the city for the \$73,500 with interest only, and when that amount is paid, the entire issue will be wiped out. In no essential do these bonds differ from any other general obligation bonds.

NOW we are informed that if this bond issue is authorized, such authorization will not cancel the two-mill tax levy formerly imposed for this road reconstruction, and therefore, the circulators of this second "alarm" intimate that this levy WILL be imposed, even though the bond issue is authorized.

There is no more truth in this, than in the other canard. Obviously the two-mill levy could not be repealed,—or SHOULD not be,—until the bond issue has been authorized. For if the bond issue should be voted down, and the two mill levy repealed at the same time, no funds would be available to carry on to completion the paving program which has already started.

Mayor Furnas and the members of the City Council have publicly gone on record, and the resolution to that effect spread upon the minutes, that if this bond issue is authorized, the two-mill levy will be repealed,—at the earliest possible moment. Certainly no sane person can believe, that this pledge will not be carried out.

The members of the council and the Mayor in fact, were as loath as any tax payers could be, to increase the bonded indebtedness of Medford by one thin dime, but they decided,—and decided correctly,—that such an opportunity as the new federal pump priming program offered, should not be passed by,—that really they had NO RIGHT to deny the people the opportunity to secure this gift of nearly \$60,000, if they so desired.

IF the people of Medford don't want this gift, it will certainly be perfectly Okeh with the members of the city government as it will be with this newspaper.

It is a matter for the people to decide, and the people only. But they should decide it in the light of ALL the facts, with a clear understanding of EVERYTHING involved, and not under such misapprehensions and absurd reports, as the "grape vine," is trying to produce at the 11th hour.

That is what this column is endeavoring to do between now and election day,—give the people ALL the facts!

U. S. Ancestor Worship

WE now observe that President Roosevelt's effort to secure a congress that favors instead of opposes his program, is un-American because, George Washington the first President of the United States, issued a statement in which he declared the executive should not interfere with the legislative department of the government.

Well it shouldn't. But is it any more interference for a President to urge the people to vote a certain way in a BYE election, than in a REGULAR election?

And if the latter is not improper interference, why should the former be? In both cases whether the President is running for re-election, or members of the congress are, he is saying what he wishes the people would do,—but also certainly in both instances the people are free to go to the polls and do as they darn please!

AS to the views of George Washington, we have always liked what President Woodrow Wilson told the members of the Virginia Bar association in 1897 long before he was President and long before the "father of his country," was politically resurrected to become the chief opponent of the League of Nations.

Here it is: "Our fathers chose governments to suit their circumstances not to suit their ancestors, and we must follow the same good rule."

A Medfordite In Europe

Leonard Carpenter travelling in Central Europe writes experiences to the Mail Tribune.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Aug. 4 (By Mail)—All conditions on this continent are in a state of violent upheaval of two kinds. The first is what the Wall Streeters would call the "long-time swing" and the second "the day to day movements." Turkey very well exemplifies the first and Germany and Italy for instance the second. Here in this old Ottoman empire the march toward westernization is at the double quick. For instance, the only tea I have seen was one picked up at a curiosity shop by one of our passengers. The only face veil was a handkerchief held at the nose to ward off the dust of a passing automobile.

Asia Minor is the greatest market in the world for second hand suits and dresses. Perhaps that old brown suit of yours is walking down the Main stem of Soutari at this very moment!

MOSQUES have been turned into museums and are open to intricate without starting with a little

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. Only one letter received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, 255 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

IMMUNITY AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

In France there are 2,000 deaths annually from diphtheria and about 30,000 cases of the disease annually. For years it has been obligatory for French soldiers to be immunized against diphtheria with toxoid, which is called anatoxin in France. Not long ago the lower house of the French legislature passed a bill extending compulsory immunization (it is inaccurate to call it vaccination) to all children during the second or third year. Early in June of this year the French government announced that immunization against diphtheria is now compulsory in France. Parents or guardians are made responsible for having all children immunized. No child can be admitted to school without a certificate showing that this law has been complied with. On publication of the new law in early June notice was given that all children up to the age of 14 who had not been immunized must be immunized as soon as possible.

The immunizations with toxoid will be carried out entirely at government expense. The French government regards this as an economical policy, believing that the outlay will be amply compensated by a marked reduction in the present sick rate of 20,000 cases a year and the death rate of 2,000 cases a year from diphtheria. They do some things better abroad. It never occurs to the United States government or to the Dominion government or to the various state or provincial governments to assume all the cost of producing vaccine, antitoxin, Pasteur virus, toxin-antitoxin or toxoid and all the cost of protecting citizens with these agents. In this country we prefer to go to it in some complicated, tortive, indirect way, which will give petty politicians opportunity for a bit of legitimate graft and a chance to vent their spite on a few citizens who happen to be present at or perhaps people who do not believe in such practices. We put one law or ordinance on the books which makes it obligatory to send children to school;

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Habbes In Man Our hygiene class discussed subject of rabies and Pasteur treatment. Instructor was surprised when I said modern medical opinion doubted even existence of rabies in man. Can you give me references to scientific evidence, experimental or clinical data bearing on the question? (B. J. P.) Answer—Until someone discovers a germ or other cause of rabies there can be no scientific proof of such a disease. I can only give my earnest conviction that rabies does not occur in man; I believe the cause of death in some cases the health department oracle designates as rabies is actually tetanus (lock jaw) which gains entrance through the bite or scratch just as that or any other infection may gain entrance through any wound, scratch or puncture. But my opinion is shared by few physicians; I fear you will find the great majority of physicians still believe in human rabies even in so-called Pasteur treatment (homoeopathic doses of the spinal cord of an animal presumably dead of rabies).

Fruit Acids What acids are in strawberries, peaches, apricots, plus, cherries, pineapples, grapes, nectarines, cranberries? (M. H.) Answer—Citric, tartaric, malic acids,—all readily oxidized in the body, into carbon dioxide and alkaline bases. Cranberries, plums and prunes contain some benzoic acid, not oxidized.

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bit of history and geography. The Dardanelles perhaps five miles wide and 120 long connects the Mediterranean with the Sea of Marmora and then the Bosphorus less than a mile wide and 16 miles long leads east to the Black sea. Istanbul is built at the meeting of the Marmara and the Bosphorus. Europe and Asia are separated by that very thin line of cobalt blue water. The ruins of the Crusades, especially from Eastern Europe—what today is Poland, Germany and the Danubian countries—mounted their horses, whistled to their wives, dogs and retainers and started walking to the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. The city of Constantinople was on their way so they stopped there much to the annoyance of the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire. In order to get rid of these unwelcome guests he ferried them across the narrow strip of water, knowing full well that the climate and the Arabs would take care of the problem. The fourth crusade was diverted from Palestine by the Merchants of Venice in order to help collect a debt and took and sacked Constantinople. However, that was not the end of the Christian City for it continued to flourish as the center of Greek and western culture until 1453 when it fell to the Turk and has been the center of eastern culture, torture, religion and wealth until a decade ago.

There are very few ruins here. The palaces and mosques are beginning to go the way of Athens and Rome but the disintegration is just commencing. If we glance inside the old palace what do we find? Courts paved of many sizes and shapes hemmed in by dreary buildings. Here the kitchen where 800 cooks labored—a thousand sheep were slaughtered and consumed every day. Through a gateway and into rooms where in stacks, in cabinets and covering the walls and ceilings are over one hundred thousand plates and platters of china from China. Not the China that Ridget breaks but the china that Aunt Lizzie kept in the corner cabinet to gaze at. All brought on the backs of slaves, of camels, or donkeys, thousands of miles over deserts and mountain passes and white water rivers. "Hurry—hurry—don't waste your time on Ming China."

What is here? The dagger of Saladin. Inlaid with jewels of which the most prominent are six emeralds the size and shape of a hen's egg cut lengthwise. The jewels on the 10-inch throat slitter are valued at five million English pounds. This is only unique because of its erasable ownership not because of its gems. There are eight large rooms here filled with gold and jewels as ornaments for every occasion. Forehead plumes for the horses of the sultans, guard-studded with diamonds and pearls. Crowns and necklaces for the sultans. Yards of cloth woven from pure gold threads. Throned covered to the last millimetre with pearls, diamonds and gold embossed needle work so fine that even a painter's camel hair brush could not paint it finer. If the English fleet had sailed up the Sea of Marmora the loot might have paid the war debts. I am informed that should a whaler of any importance of these jewels come from an authoritative source that the price of diamond necklaces, pearl ropes and everything except Woolworth jewelry would crash.

AND now the Harem where lived the Sultan, the mother, the five-

skirt the edges of Greece and Asia Minor but certainly one cannot believe that these acres upon thousands of acres of grey limestone hillsides could produce very much. There are tiny terraces, grape and olive fields. These are brown patches which in May were ripening grain. But everything is dry—dry or dryer than Roxy Ann. Cameras are not wanted in Turkey. One of our "candid" friends found upon developing that none of his snaps came out. He figured that when he had to leave his camera in his car that the film had all been exposed by driver or police. If the matter were important enough I would go further with my investigation.

WE have an American chocolate king, his wife a five-and-ten heiress and their two Scotties aboard. The latter are in charge of the chauffeur who is said to know more about what we have seen than anyone else aboard. Perhaps that is because he chatters less than most. There is really no point to this story except that one would naturally not expect a couple of Scotties to be on a month's cruise. But after all perhaps they are just as logical as most of the two-legged tripplers.

WE had a brief glance into the Black sea yesterday afternoon and that marked our furthest point east. Now we are pointed homeward and in due course will arrive. I find that Medford papers are not unknown and that the various Christmas boxes of Comice bring joy to the palate of many who have followed this trail of Odyssus.

Comment on the Day's News

BY FRANK JENKINS. COMMANDER FRANK HAWKS, world-famous speed flier who has dared death in a hundred spectacular ways, loses his life in a relatively simple crash—fouling some wires as he was taking off after a trial spin to test a new ship. He had retired from speed flying to enter commercial aviation. Life's like that. We take long chances, and get away with them, only to be upset by some simple error of judgment. The point is that LITTLE things as well as big ones, are important.

NEWPORT'S dead whale problem is solved, an Albany rendering company coming to the rescue and converting the carcass into fertilizer. Thus what threatened to be a menace is turned into a benefit. That's American ingenuity for you. Taking what appears to be a handicap and turning it into an advantage.

NOTE, please, that private enterprise, and not government help, got Newport out of its whole trouble, and it didn't cost the taxpayers a cent. Not only that, but somebody stands to make an honest profit out of the job, and when somebody makes an honest profit it's pretty sure to lead to a job for somebody else.

THERE'S always something new in the world, and now it's the golfathon. The golfathon was invented by a Chicago broker, who played 144 holes in one day. His record was promptly beaten by a 150-pound housewife, who played 134 holes in a day and as she dusted off her hands end called it quits remarked: "It's easier than housework at that."

SOUNDS nutty, doesn't it? But, in comparison with a lot of the nutty things that are being done in this old world, it's wiser than Solomon ever dreamed of in his day. If Hitler and Mussolini and these Japanese military autocrats could work off their surplus energies in a golfathon, instead of starting wars and destroying wealth and killing people, this would be a better world.

Butterflies Blanket Area FALL RIVER, Mass. (UP)—Residents of the Narrows section thought it was raining butterflies when a migratory swarm clustered thickly on buildings and automobiles. So completely did the huge swarm blanket the area that brooms were used to put them to flight.

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Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW ORLEANS—As state director of the Federal Writers' Project, Lyle Saxon isn't making as much money as he would be if he were sitting at a desk on his place near Melrose plantation, pouring ink out of his pen, but he is having a lot of fun and accomplishing something that will benefit his career in the long run as well as performing a chore of indubitable merit for the people of Louisiana. Lyle is writing four books, the first of which is already on the market, and under his hand are some 85 assistants doing research, compiling data on early Louisiana history and in general accumulating a fund of material that has never before been available to the public. Saxon's first book is the "New Orleans City Guide," a magnificent piece of work that begins with the days of LaSalle and ends with present New Orleans.

His second, well underway, is a guide to Louisiana, doing for the state as a whole what the first has done for this city. A third will deal with folklore in Louisiana, and the fourth takes up the history of the Negro from the time he was chained in the hold of slave ships to the present day.

This represents exhaustive research and, as Saxon tells you, "All of my previous books took so long that often I was months on end doing research before the actual writing got underway. With 'LaFite the Pirate,' for instance, I was a whole year accumulating data before a line was set down on paper." But when Lyle was writing that book, and "Fabulous New Orleans," and "Father Mississippi," to name a few, he was doing all the work himself. Now he has a staff of 85 doing the heavy chores. He thinks the considerable sum in money sacrificed by this assignment will amply be repaid him when this accumulated data comes under his hand.

Lyle Saxon is an amiable, easy-going, big, gray-haired, 46-year-old fellow with a talent for conversation and a fine appreciation of wewolves, ghosts, witches, eccentricities and pirates. He makes his home at the St. Charles hotel and counts among his friends William Faulkner, Carl Cramer and his wife (the former Betty Black of New Orleans), Sherwood Anderson, Roark Bradford, and many others.

As for his private work, now interrupted by the writer's project, he has on hand a half-completed novel which deals with the career of a Southern family from the days of reconstruction to the present. His most recent book was "Children of Strangers," based on the rather delicate subject of people who believe they are white—but aren't. As for pleasant surprises, there have been two within the year. Things that pleased him very much. One was when Cecil B. DeMille bought his book "LaFite the Pirate" and made it into "The Buccaneer." The second was when Pare Lorenz produced the film "The River," and then told everybody that of all books written on the Mississippi, the two which seemed most authoritative to him were "Life On the Mississippi" by Mark Twain, and "Father Mississippi" by Lyle Saxon.

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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 (It was Tuesday) Col. Lindbergh ends visits here and hops off for unnamed northern point.

Crater lake visitors for season, 87,142.

Idaho Democrat "flays dry hypocrisy," and declares most of the delegates to both party national conventions "violated the Volstead act."

Oregon City hunters fined for killing deer out of season.

Parking prohibited on Bear Creek bridge; double parking also banned on Main street.

Fruit pickers and cannery workers needed.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY August 28, 1918 (It was Wednesday) German front in Pleadry crumbles, and Allies advance along entire Western front.

Edison Marshall in camp at a Georgia army post, is knocked down by a bolt of lightning.

Thirty-five Jackson county youths leave for Port Lewis.

Fordson tractor to be shown here next week.

Rain is threatened over the week-end, says weatherman.

Harry Rosenberg has been recommended for a second lieutenant in the army.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to express our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended us during our recent bereavement; also for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Ed Wagner Dr. Laura May Miller Miss Nettie May Bert May



Chevrolet JINGLES

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise. Maybe—but usually ignorance is in for a surprise. Seems as though some get by who are really dumb. But probably their ignorance costs 'em a pretty sum. As to that I wouldn't know, for the kind we sell seem to have cut their wisdom teeth quite a spell! At least when they come in to trade their old cart. Fact they buy Chevrolet show's they're PLENTY smart.

Chevy M Hurd Rogue River Chevrolet Main and Riverside Service Dept.—32 N. Riverside Used Car Lot—Riverside at 4th

STARTS TODAY - FOR 3 DAYS The HELL-DIVERS OF THE DEEP...! SUBMARINE D-1 Pat O'BRIEN George BRENT Wayne MORRIS Frank McHugh - Doris Weston ADDED SHORTS Sun. Mats. 1:45-3:00 Sun. Eves. 7:00-9:00

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