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Member Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. 1938. Ye Smudge Pot. By Arthur Perry.

The Chinese pheasant season opened Sat. and many who never get up at 5 a.m. except to play golf, were out on the heather at that dewy hour.

The campaign is nice and quiet so far. If any of the candidates plan to exhibit their aboriginal cunningness, they will have to do so between now and Nov. 5.

A number of citizens journeyed to California the past week, and got back with their vests, but no \$30, though they stuck around all last Thurs.

Justin (Up-to-School) Smith is running a fever over the chance of "Oregon" to reach the Rose Bowl. A number of other old grads are palpitating.

In the week-end football battles, a number of squads as usual were green but game. One such failed to live up to the press notices in its hip-pocket, and proved it will be just another football team, who do their best expiring on the sport pages.

Thos. Carlton of Plouffe Rk. was down last week, and was coiffured by the Bates Boys. It makes him look chic, and the ears appear to be sticking out farther than they are.

This is "Be Kind to People" week. It has long been needed.

Lifelong Republicans, except when they vote Democratic, are reported quite plentiful hereshabouts at this writing.

MIKEY Hanley of Malheur co. was over from the wide-open spaces the past week.

Bob Hammond, Sr. has been at home all week building fences, and galloped a tan the womenfolk would be proud to own, the last part of May, June and July.

Quite a few caught colds the past week, and the colds caught just as many.

The kids forgot lost another argument in an alley Tues. and limps it.

A journalist from the south called in mid-week, and testified he was worse off than Czechoslovakia, and quite Hungary.

Meathouses are still dispensing 4-H steaks. How the country kids raise so many steers, etc., and kept up with their arithmetic puzzles city folks.

The fair sex are flaunting Persian neckties, that came from Persia just like the Persian rugs.

BEND MAN NAMED PRINCIPALS' HEAD. SALEM, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Walter E. Snyder, LaGrange, was elected president of the Oregon High School Principals' association, at the closing session of its annual convention here Saturday.

Other new officers are Harry Parker, Corvallis, vice-president; D. A. Emerson, Salem, secretary and treasurer; Martin E. Marshall, member of the executive committee at large, and Dean J. R. Jewell, representing the institutions of higher learning. Snyder succeeds Charles A. Fry, Portland.

Greetings were extended at Friday sessions by Secretary of State Ebel.

"Functions of the high school principal in a program of curriculum revision," was discussed by Dr. Norman C. Thorne, Portland. More than 300 school principals from all parts of the state attended the convention.

No Sense In It

THE inherent hoens pocus in politics, is clearly shown in the New York gubernatorial situation. Governor Lehman, present incumbent, has been one of the best governors New York state has ever had,—a fact which, regardless of party, is almost universally conceded.

But he is a Democrat, (though not a 100% Newdealer), and naturally the Republican leaders, want a Republican and particularly the Republican machine, in power at Albany. So they have, practically by acclamation, nominated District Attorney Dewey as their party candidate, and the chances are about even, that as a result one of the best governors the Empire State has ever had, will be defeated.

YET there is no evidence whatever that Mr. Dewey will make a good Governor, nor the slightest evidence he has any abilities either as a political leader or as a chief executive.

Mr. Dewey's sole claim for consideration in fact, is his record as a public prosecutor, in the campaign against racketeers of one sort and another, infesting New York state and particularly the state metropolis. He has done a good job, and a needed one, in this direction,—though he bungled his last effort in the Hines case pretty badly,—but why should that qualify him as a successful administrator of the Empire state's affairs!

It shouldn't. And from every standpoint of logic and common sense it DOESN'T.

BUT because of his racketeer record, Attorney Dewey is well and favorably known, throughout the state, and the Republican managers reason, this widespread popularity is strong enough to put him over.

There is ample precedent in New York state, to justify their optimism. But rationally analyzed HOW ABSURD the contention is,—that a man who has made good as Governor in a most exceptional fashion, should be thrown out, and replaced by a man whose abilities in an executive and administrative capacity, are entirely unknown merely because he has been successful as a public prosecutor, in a war against organized crime.

But that's practical politics. The wonder is NOT that we have so LITTLE good government in this country, but in view of the gullibility of the dear people, and their willingness to be flim flammed, that we have any at ALL!

Is England Crumbling?

ONCE more they are predicting the downfall of the British Empire. For a decade before the World War, German writers predicted it. John Bull, they claimed, had become soft and decadent; preferred his dish of afternoon tea to a dish of canister, and would be a set-up before German militarism and frightfulness.

Well John Bull had become soft from a Prussian drill sergeant's standpoint, but not decadent. He was not prepared for a fight on land, and in 1914, had no stomach for it, but was prepared, as usual, on the sea.

And say what you will that control of the sea is what won the war for the allies,—without it the Central Powers would have triumphed in three or four months, at the latest.

SO we advise those who again see a repetition of the "Rise and fall of the Roman Empire," to proceed on their way to prophecy with a certain caution.

England is even less disposed to a war on land than she was 24 years ago, but there is no reason to doubt that if it can't be avoided, the sons of her "First Hundred Thousand," will be as tough and gallant, as their fathers were before them,—and other hundreds of thousands will support them.

It takes a lot to arouse old beef eating John, but once in don't worry,—he will give a good account of himself.

Even more important, however, let the prophets of gloom, not forget this: England not only still controls the seas, Germany has formally abandoned all efforts to CHALLENGE that control!

So put this in your pipe and smoke it: So long as England controls the seas, the empire will not only hold together, but in war or peace will be the strongest single force for the rest of the world to reckon with.

Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK—Ever since reading George Jean Nathan's "The Morning After the First Night" I've been attending plays and scrutinizing the reviews next day with more than usual care.

In these after thoughts on the theater Mr. Nathan is inclined to chide his fellow critics for a lack of honesty in reporting certain aspects of the Broadway premieres.

For instance, he points out, a certain star on opening night arrived before the footlights so tanked up that he was unable to remember his lines. Next day the reviewers excused these mental lapses with the convenient explanation that the actor had only recently recovered from a long illness and no doubt he would soon settle down and become his usual reliable self.

Nathan went on to say that the actor hadn't been ill at all, and he wonders why a simple statement of fact wouldn't be better than long and involved lies.

On another occasion an actress of more than usual merit also opened in a play and she was so highly intoxicated that she was in distress most of the evening. This likewise was brushed aside being due to nervous reaction, or something. Any number of similar incidents are recalled by Nathan, who feels that any actor or actress who comes up to an opening night senselessly intoxicated isn't en-

titled to protection from the newspaper reviewers.

Mr. Nathan is on record also as believing the New York critics, of which he is one, are a gullible lot, and parades a stream of incidents as evidence of this fact. He recalls the time where smart presagers began spreading the happy tidings that a certain Chinese playwright, one S. I. Hsiang, was no less a person than the "Shakespeare of the Chinese theater." At that time "Lady Precious Stream" by this author was to be produced, and the critics wrote praise sonnets to the genius of this great Oriental Bard. As a matter of record, Nathan declares, Mr. Hsiang was merely a nice, gentle soul devoted to the theater, but so little a part of it that he was scarcely known in his native land.

Perhaps the most classic example of this gullibility, as Nathan expresses it, came when the Theatre Guild produced one of Mr. Eugene O'Neill's dramas. The press-agents primed the critics with suggestion that they observe how firm a grasp Mr. O'Neill had on his subject, how surely he approached his objective, how sharply defined his plot and characters were.

After the premiere certain reviewers noted the new maturity in Mr. O'Neill's craftsmanship, and lauded it accordingly. Later it was learned that in writing this play, Mr. O'Neill had moved steadily downhill, that is, he had written away from his climax and to correct this fallacy, the Guild had taken it upon itself to reverse order of the acts and produce the play backward.

What Mr. O'Neill's reaction to this was I do not know, though the Guild hardly would have dared this liberty without his permission. Nor do I know what the critics themselves think of Mr. Nathan's essays on these aspects of the New York theater.

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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. Letters should be brief and stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

VITAMIN A AND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. Theoretically vitamin A is an important factor in nutrition. Practically it seems to be negligible, so far as we are concerned in North America.

The following foods are especially rich in vitamin A: Milk, evaporated milk, condensed milk, dried whole milk, butter, cream, liver, spinach raw or canned, cheese all kinds, egg yolk, carrots, kidney, prunes, salmon raw or canned, tomatoes, juice fresh or canned, peas fresh or canned, string beans, romaine lettuce, dried green peas, banana, sweet potato, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, orange, head lettuce, dates.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Preview. Is there any harm to the baby in taking an X-ray picture of the expectant mother at the eighth month? (Mrs. A. L. D.)

Answer—No. In some cases such a preview gives the physician valuable information to guide him in the delivery. Send ten cent coin and stamped envelope bearing your address, for copy of booklet "Preparing for Maternity."

Damaged Nail. Finger nail damaged by injury remains in such a distorted condition that I'd like to get rid of it. If a doctor removed the nail would the finger get stiff and hard to bend? (P. E.)

Answer—No. Removal of a nail should not cause any subsequent stiffness of finger.

Chalk Mixture. Your suggestion to keep chalk mixture in the medicine chest is not so good, for the reason mentioned in the Pharmacopoeia—namely, that chalk mixture must not be dispensed unless it has been recently prepared. You see, it contains acacia and sugar and hence ferments readily. (B.S., Ph.D.)

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 262 21 Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Rogue River Valley Capable of Far Greater Development Says State Planning Board

The possibility of increasing agricultural land in southwestern Oregon is clearly stated in a report just published by the State Planning Board under the title of "Land Development in Oregon Through Flood Control, Drainage and Irrigation."

The report, which is one of ten Oregon development area intensive studies in this report, valuable lands lie in the middle Rogue River valley and on three of the river's major tributaries, Bear creek, and the Applegate and Illinois rivers, where the valley floors are sufficient wide to permit extension of the present agricultural area.

The possibilities of farm land development in much of this forested and mountainous region may appear small, but it is conservatively estimated that 1,700 new farm units could be established on the nearly 88,000 acres of land to be improved by the projects listed in the program suggested for this area.

For the combined purposes of flood control and irrigation, the Medford Irrigation district and the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district have contemplated the construction of a new dam on the South Fork of Little Butte Creek which would provide storage, even in dry years, for all lands within both districts and open to irrigation 1,800 to 2,000 acres to irrigation.

Improvements for the Grants Pass Irrigation district have been carried on by the State and the Works Progress Administration. The Gravity plan provides a new diversion from the Rogue River near Tolo, and a canal 20 miles long on the north side of the river to the Savage Rapids dam. This would be used for possible development of power for pumping in districts that are not obtained from the Savage Rapids dam.

The Medford and Talent Irrigation districts have prepared plans for improving their irrigation systems by groyting Fish Lake dam and for lining Keene Creek canal and east lateral to eliminate seepage. These improvements are considered necessary for a limited expansion of irrigation within the districts.

Flood Control Work. A preliminary survey of the Rogue River valley, made by the U. S. Engineer department to determine the feasibility of flood control works, suggests certain storage plans which would incidentally serve the irrigation needs of the region. Water impounded at the Ray Gold Reservoir site could be used to irrigate 35,000 acres of land. Since all these potentially irrigable lands lie above the dam site, water would have to be lifted to feeder canals by pumping plants, power for which would be generated at the dam site. Two alternate sites have been considered, one below and one above Trail. The lower site would best serve for irrigation of approximately 35,000 acres.

BLOOD TRANSFERS GIVEN C. JOHNSON

Three more blood transfusions were given State Policeman Clark Johnson yesterday, as the seriously injured officer battled for his life against a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by a hunting companion last Wednesday morning. Community hospital attendants reported that he was holding his own, and that he spent a fairly restful night Friday. One of the blood donors yesterday was Clyde Fichtner, city policeman.

The state policeman was accidentally shot through the back by Bill Coy of Medford while they were hunting near Fish Lake. Coy mistaking Johnson for a deer.

PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—(AP)—No telegram, no marriage for Raymond D. Kramer and his Eugene sweetheart.

That was the situation over the week-end for the former Eugene resident, arrested several days ago for West Virginia officers, who said he was wanted on a murder charge.

Kramer was caught in the act of his wedding. His bride-to-be followed him here and expressed a wish to marry him despite his jail residence. U. S. Marshal Jack Summerville, doubtful whether such a ceremony was proper, asked the U. S. attorney-general's office for advice but his telegram brought no answer today, so the couple held all in abeyance, hopefully waiting for Monday.

ADMIRER SHOOTS WOMAN RELATIVE. OREGON CITY, Ore., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Mrs. Edith Willis Yoder, about 30, was killed yesterday by a rifle bullet at her Aurora home and State Police Sergeant E. C. Snow quoted Ramon Yoder, 30, her brother-in-law, as saying: "I shot her in cold blood and I want to hang."

Yoder, Snow said, was held in connection with the shooting although no formal charge had been filed. The officer said Yoder attributed the shooting to jealous rage growing out of his love for the woman.

Snow said Mrs. Yoder's last words were: "Ramon shot me." Willis Yoder, husband of the slain woman, is in eastern Oregon on a deer hunting trip.

EARLY BIRDS NOW AFTER 1939 TAGS. SALEM, Oct. 15.—(AP)—More than 250 applications for 1939 motor vehicle license plates already have been received at the state department, Secretary of State Snell announced Saturday.

These applications will be placed on file for participation in the annual drawing for low numbers to be held Tuesday, November 22. Other applications received before that date unless otherwise specified, will be included in the drawing.

Snell urged motor vehicle owners to file their applications for 1939 plates as early as possible.

Bay Business Woman Buys Cattle Ranch. The Fur, Fish and Game field ranch, located on the Red Bluff road, 11 miles south of Prospect, has been sold to Dorris Miller, San Francisco and Oakland business woman, who is converting it into a modern stock ranch. It is renamed Mill-mar ranch.

All buildings, including a new barn have been completely electrified. Dorris Miller plans to make the ranch her permanent home, although she is retaining her Bay business interests. Her brother William Martin is assisting in the operation of the ranch.

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The Capital Parade

thirty-three different states. A day or so later, Groesbeck called him, said that he had concluded that Douglas was right, that the problem was no longer the controversy between defenders of scattering and integration, and promised to turn loose his staff on a real integration plan.

Immediately thereafter, the Electric Bond and Share's operating experts, lawyers and bankers went to work. As their conclusion was that the Electric Bond and Share system could be integrated on reasonable lines, the Groesbeck announcement followed. Douglas was not sure of the outcome until he received an advance copy of the announcement on the morning when it was made.

When Douglas telephoned the news to the White House, the president was completely delighted, as indeed everyone ought to be, since every gain. The stockholders of Electric Bond and Share gain a more friendly attitude at the SEC. The SEC gains an important cooperator in its program. The utilities industry gains a valuable lesson in reasonable and realistic dealing. And the public gains the really exciting prospect of an end to the long chattering between business and government.

Decision Delayed. HILLSBORO, Oct. 15.—(AP)—The circuit court said yesterday that arguments for and against judgment in the case of Jack Estabrook, Portland A.P.L. warehouseman's official, convicted of complicity in the so-called beer-labor trouble, had been set over to October 25.

Suspect Firebug. SILVERTON, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Police investigated the possibility today that a \$50,000 fire which damaged a principal business block yesterday might have been incendiary. Coincidence of recent fires with burglaries raised police suspicions and were partially confirmed in that they found several houses were ransacked during the latest fire.

COYOTE BILL IS GIVEN LONG TERM. PORTLAND, Oct. 15.—(AP)—Coyote Bill, otherwise known as John W. Blevins, 70, sheepherder, had five years today to think over the little matter of his trip to the Pendleton roundup.

About a year ago, Coyote landed in federal court, charged with selling liquor to an Indian but he got probation on condition that he stay away from both Indians and liquor.

When the Pendleton roundup rounded around this year it was just too good for Bill. He had to go out and commune with his Indian friends. But Uncle Sam caught him slipping firewater in a drink over the mountain with the result that federal court sent him to prison today for five long years.

Comment on the Day's News

HERE is an interesting paragraph from a dispatch from Stanford university:

"The Stanford food research institute estimated today that the world's 1938 wheat yield will be five billion bushels, perhaps the greatest in the history of mankind's struggle for food."

A THOUSAND years ago, that news would have been GOOD NEWS. The people would have said: "The specter of famine is laid. There is food for all. Let us rejoice and make merry."

Today, people SHUDDER when they learn that the 1938 wheat crop will be the greatest since the world began. They say: "Woe be unto us. What shall we do in the face of this calamity?"

The world has changed, hasn't it?

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY. October 16, 1928. (It was Tuesday). Graf Zeppelin completes flight across the Atlantic in four days.

Valley Democrats denounce Literary Digest straw vote showing Hoover will carry Florida and Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Corning Kenly due home from trip to mid-west. Shooting from the Crater Lake highway arouses farmers.

Leonard Carpenter leaves on a motor trip to San Francisco. Fog and clouds hinder hunters on opening day of pheasant season.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY. October 16, 1918. (It was Wednesday). Western Union messenger boy, turns in fire alarm, to deliver message to night police, and city is aroused.

Abdication of Kaiser again rumored as allies continue heavy gains on western front; British outbreak for in Flanders, and capture thousands of prisoners; London insists peace terms will be signed in Berlin.

Frank Redden leaves for Portland to confer with state militia heads. Myron E. Root suffered three broken ribs in auto accident at Roseburg.

C. W. Davis resigns city position, and departs to take position as custom officer on the Mexican border.

Noted Dead

LONDON, Sunday, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Lord Stanley, secretary for dominions in the British cabinet and heir to the Earl of Derby, died at 3:30 a. m. today (10:30 p. m. E.S.T. Saturday).

He was 44 years old. Lord Stanley died in a London clinic following an illness of several weeks.

He underwent an operation upon his return from Canada last month. Stanley last May was promoted from the post of parliamentary secretary for India and Burma to head the dominions ministry in a minor reshuffle of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's cabinet.

Malcolm MacDonald at that time moved from the dominions post to become colonial secretary so he might deal with the troublesome Palestine problem.

His son and heir of the 17th Earl of Derby, Lord Stanley was born July 9, 1894. He was educated at Eton and Oxford and before serving in the World War until he was wounded.

He was first elected to parliament in 1917 as a conservative.

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Chevrolet JINGLES

Patience is a virtue, catch it if you can—Seldom in a woman, never in a man. Old stuff—we've heard since we were kids, Impatience makes us want to pry off the lid! Millions are spent to put over something new—Bet you've been in a mood, seeing a picture preview! But just you wait—only a few more days—Then YOU can preview our thirty-nine Chevrolets!

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

SI-FON-NITE

For Sinus Trouble, Catarrh, Allergic Hay Fever, Colds and Sore Throat. For sale at your Druggist. Price \$1.00