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Ye Smudge Pot. A University of Oregon professor asked his class if they knew the size of the national debt. None did. Neither did the professor. (Laughter.)

According to widespread reports, there will be a football game here tonight, and when it is over, it won't be the home-guards who feel like Czechoslovakia.

I must have help as I cannot get my mind off her and on to my books.—L. E. J.—(Love Agony column Chico (Calif.) Enterprise)—Woe of a Romeo.

Democrats are busy working for party success at the polls. The persuasion is not streaming, and at times they seem to be taking no interest in their work.

F. Luy, the Antelope cowhand sports a whipcord tailored shirt. This is a quite a stylish jump from the caftan vest that formerly kept pinned pneumonia, and the winds of winter. The next thing this vaquero will be calling his horse a "mount."

The co-operatively fattened Griffin Ork. Orange hog is now sausage, and will be served next Thurs. eve. with waffles. The menfolks did the fattening and the sausageing, and a good job they did. Nevertheless, they will have to stay out of the kitchen while they are cooking, say the womenfolks.

HEROIC DINING (Eugene News) "Filling one's whole corner of this suit case was a huge cucumber which my brother-in-law had sent as a challenge to my husband. A sort of 'dare you to raise a bigger one.' We ate it for breakfast along with the wedding cake. Cucumbers have their moments, but breakfast is not one of them. In any case, they should never be served with wedding cake."—(Olive Barber's Column.)

WPA Investigators discover Oregon has the same climate as Monte Carlo, site of the world's largest gambling hell. Optimists hold there is some comfort in being "broke," if you have pleasant weather for it.

Farmers are again praying for rain. They need something as potent as the opening day of the abandoned county fair to produce a soaking precipitation.

I am sorry that some who will vote for the measure cannot read this.—C. W. R.—(Oakland (Calif.) Tribune)—The meanest job THE HIRED MAN "No better farm-hand could be found. Each man agreed, and kept him long. He was not one to look around. For easy work, and he was strong. No one had need to come and call when light was dim along the east. For he was up—from Spring to Fall—And he was kind to man and beast. His appetite was not too great. He never drank a drop nor swore. He talked of crops—and watched his plate. And hurried out again to chore. He stopped with friends the other day. For dinner, stout of back and arm. Proud that the manager would say, "The best hand in the County Farm!"—(Poetry.)

Your Help Is Needed

THE drive for Community Chest funds here has figuratively "bogged down" on the home stretch. Chest officials are alarmed for, unless a new impetus be given to the campaign, the essential, smooth-working programs of the six participating agencies will be seriously impaired.

They are putting the facts squarely up to citizens of Medford and Jackson county in the hope that those who have not already contributed, and those who can afford to, in a more generous degree, will put their shoulders to the wheel and put this worthy project over, as it must be put over, if some of our deserving citizens are not to suffer.

Twenty thousand dollars was the quota set for the ensuing year. In the judgment of conservative Medford business men who prepared the chest budget, this sum was deemed the necessary minimum for the continuation of the chest program.

At the present time subscriptions total only \$15,600. IT IS NOT ENOUGH! THOSE who have made a study of Medford's Community Chest financial set-up and the problems of individual, participating agencies, frankly admit that the present program may be continued however on a restricted basis if the \$18,000 mark can be reached.

This would require a pro-rata cut in the budgets of all participating organizations, with corresponding curtailment of the valuable work of each. So there are the cards face up on the table! A minimum of \$2400 MUST be secured at once. Here is an inescapable COMMUNITY OBLIGATION. No person who can afford to contribute should "be content in taking a FREE RIDE on the other fellow's generosity."

EACH of the chest's member agencies is performing distinct services in the field of family welfare and health, and in the important work of advancing the cause of Youth. As pointed out in this column before, the activities of these agencies are essentially OURS; the federal government can not and will NOT assume them.

This fact was stressed by President Roosevelt in his recent nation-wide radio broadcast which formally opened the 1938 Mobilization for Human Needs. The chief executive pointed out that the government has accepted increased responsibility for social welfare, but insisted the need for private charitable cooperation "is just as great as before, because government help was intended to improve the old conditions and if local help and private help decrease today, we will nullify the improvement and return to just where we were before."

That's true in Medford. Medford generosity has never failed before! With the present need so great, it MUST not fail in this emergency!—H. G.

Dr. Townsend Is Right

THERE is one measure on the ballot this year which should be snowed under. That is the measure known as the Citizens Retirement Annuity bill, designed to pay older people up to \$100 per month from the proceeds of a multiple transaction tax.

Passing over the fact we now have a state pension system for the older people, and we also have the federal social security measures,—if the benefits of these are inadequate, the sensible thing to do is extend them, not resort to duplication and increase the general confusion, by new and entirely untried legislation.

But, disregarding these obvious and valid objections, there is one that should in itself be conclusive, and make the negative decision practically unanimous.—The transaction tax is the basic principle of the Townsend program, and yet, Dr. Townsend opposes this measure and has publicly urged his followers to vote against it.

Certainly if Dr. Townsend and his followers don't favor this retirement annuity measure, based upon the essential principle of their own proposal, why should ANYONE favor it! AND Dr. Townsend's argument against it, is a convincing one. Briefly it is this:

A pension fund raised by a transaction or sales tax, to be satisfactory must be universal,—that is national in scope. If it isn't, if it is confined, as this proposal is, within the boundaries of a state, it can't fail but work a great hardship upon that state,—give an unfair business advantage to its competitors.

It is plain to see how true this would be in Oregon, if by any chance this ill considered measure should be adopted. Two of our basic industries are fruit and lumber. In both, Oregon has to compete with Washington and California.

No one knows precisely how much a cumulative transaction tax in this state would raise the price of domestic commodities, but that it would have to raise them MATERIALLY is beyond question.

And of course, there would be no similar tax levied on the lumber and fruit of Washington and California. As a result our two neighboring states could undersell us in this country and abroad. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say, that if this halfbaked bill SHOULD pass, it would put both of these basic industries out of business, and if not repealed, bankrupt the state.

NOW if this were only the opinion of the business and banking interests—the conservative interests—of this state, there might be some question, in the minds of those who are "pension-conscious." But when it is ALSO the opinion of Dr. Townsend, the father of the transaction tax pension plan,—how CAN there be any doubt,—reasonable or otherwise? As we see it there can't be. The negative vote on this measure should be unanimous.

Sting for Rheumatism SYDNEY.—(UP)—Australia claims to have the only, real, sure cure for rheumatism. It is the sting of the mill ant. The sting is admittedly painful, but is willingly accepted. The treatment has been used for the past 40 years by bushmen.

Co-eds Prove Superiority DE LAND, Fla.—(UP)—Scholastically, co-eds top male students at Stetson college. Dean Charles G. Smith said that of the latest semester honor roll, 44 of the 62 honor students were girls. Of six students who received straight "A" grades, four were co-eds.

Beer Hunters Shamed GILROY, Cal.—(UP)—The killing in this vicinity of two toothless deer is declared by game experts to be of no particular credit to the hunters. They insist that when a buck has become so old as to lose all of its teeth, almost anyone could knock it over with a club.

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 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. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

IS THIS PERSECUTION? In a backwoods hamlet in Pennsylvania lives a man who doesn't believe in vaccination. The man refused to have his young son vaccinated. When the son tried to enter the public school in his district the school authorities refused to admit the child to school.



You know the way the racket is worked. Under a sort of reciprocating statute or law the authorities then had the man where they could put the screws on him. They arrested him for failing to keep his child in school! The man took it on the chin, refused to pay a fine, went to jail for five days.

That rignarole has been worked many times in the past year or so and the man has spent more than a year in jail rather than give in that is, to anyone else than the boy and his parent or guardian. If all the children who are admitted to school are vaccinated, if all teachers, school janitors and others who visit the school are vaccinated, what is there to worry about, even if some one with smallpox should come to school and expose everybody? Nothing at all, if we are sincere in our belief and teaching about smallpox and vaccination. We believe that vaccination protects one against smallpox. If we are properly vaccinated ourselves, surely we are not concerned about coming in contact with anyone who has not been vaccinated, or even with anyone who is actually coming down with or ill of sort of travesty.

That the health authorities of the particular community where this wretched persecution is carried on, do acquiesce in the shameful performance is hard to believe. Are they, the medical and health authorities in Pennsylvania, so subservient to the politicians and the crooks that they haven't the decency or honor to speak out and lend the weight of their authority to the reform of the vicious laws that permit that sort of travesty?

I have received several appeals from persons associated with the defense of the man under persecution—they asked me to volunteer to testify. But these appeals have been mixed up with other propaganda of which I do not and cannot approve, so I have not responded to the appeal. The medical profession and the sanitary profession desire to retain the confidence and good-will of the American public we can ill afford to perpetrate any such tricks as these Pennsylvania authorities are perpetrating in the name of public welfare.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Salt. Le plain table salt harmful or beneficial to teeth and gums?—Miss I. G. Answer — Used properly as a condiment in or with food, it is harmless to teeth and gums. Some dentists recommend brushing the teeth with salt on the brush. Wheat. Following suggestion in your pamphlet I obtained some wheat. Had it ground coarsely. Wife makes recipes given in your monograph and we're enjoying it immensely. My doctor approves, and it seems to make less insulin sufficient to keep me sugar-free, just as you suggested.—(L. B.) Answer — Vitamin B complex, of which wheat is one of the richest natural food sources, promotes carbohydrate metabolism and in diabetes often enables the patient to get along with less insulin. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for monograph "Wheat to Eat" which tells why it is healthful and gives recipes for using it. Nerves. I believe you ridicule the notion of weak nerves, but I don't know what else to call.—(Mrs. H. T.) Answer — Send 25 cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Nerves and Nutrition." (Copyright, 1938, John F. Dille Co.)

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Man About Manhattan. By GEORGE TUCKER. NEW YORK—At one of those cavalier soirees for a visiting fox hunter the hostess was moaning over the shortcomings of her new butler. Just then the import Jones came in and slipping on a rug, spilled a tray of cocktail glasses and causing no end of confusion. "See!" cried the doctor. "Every day he gets worse—and today he's like tomorrow!" As guest artist on a recent broadcast, Basil Rathbone was asked to identify certain quotations from Shakespeare, and he did this so beautifully, following each question with long recitations, that when he confers on the program burst into applause. "It's a pleasure to hear Shakespeare read so beautifully," admitted the master of ceremonies. "Mr. Rathbone, you ought to be an actor."

It happened in a backstage dressing room five years ago. Raymond Massey, the English actor, was talking to two Broadway reporters, and he said: "I think Abraham Lincoln is history's most interesting American. I'd like to play him on the stage, if someone wrote a good play about him."

All of which proves that dreams do come true, even for actors. Massey has now been given the role of Lincoln as a young man on the midwest plains—before he reaches the White House. The title of the play is "Abe Lincoln in Illinois." The author is Robert Sherwood, Pulitzer prize winner, and the world's tallest playwright.

An inveterate between-the-act smoker at the theater is George Jessel, who admits that he has abandoned Hollywood for good. At a recent first night the comedian found himself blocked from the aisle by a stout and unbudging dowager who glared hostilely at him when he tried to ease past her and into the aisle, so that he could gain the foyer for a smoke.

Later, at the second act curtain, the good George again desired to converse with friends in the lobby. Noting her displeasure, Jessel raised his hand, leaned close, and solemnly told her: "Madame, on my honor as an ex-boy scout, a scholar and a gentleman, I swear not to whether you again this night if you will let me pass."

Giving George a hasty glance, the amazed dowager gathered her skirts about her and fled into the lobby—where she calmly had a smoke herself.

At last, it is explained how the Queen of Bermuda made such a fine showing in the recent international lifeboat races. The sailors enjoyed the expert advice of Doris Humphrey, the dancer, who went up to Poughkeepsie and privately super-

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you are interested in the subject of gambling, either for or against, you should study carefully these measures that will be on the Oregon ballot at the November election. Two of the measures (308-309 and 310-311) are intended to TIGHTEN the present law AGAINST gambling. The third, a constitutional amendment (324-325), is designed to LOOSEN THE RESTRICTIONS by legalizing certain forms of gambling.

YOU will remember, doubtless, that there is haziness in Oregon law regarding slot machines, dart games, pin-ball games, etc., which are alleged to possess an element of skill. This haziness is materially increased by a statute enacted by a recent Oregon legislature.

The purpose of Nos. 308-309 and 310-311 is to remove this haziness and make easier and surer the enforcement of laws against gambling. No. 310-311 specifically repeals the confusing law passed by the legislature—the law under which slot machines and similar gambling devices ran wild a while back.

THE constitutional amendment (324-325) legalizes certain lotteries and other forms of gambling and authorizes the state to license them. It holds out the bait of added revenue for old age pensions. It talks a lot about "strict regulation and control with proper safeguards for youth" but its result, if adopted, will be to throw Oregon more or less wide open to the gamblers.

THE argument in favor of this amendment says: "The gambling instinct is too deeply rooted in mankind to be eradicated by legislative fiat." Yes, and greed is too deeply rooted in gamblers to be controlled. Give them an inch and they'll take a mile. Start with mild forms of gambling and you'll wind up with ALL FORMS—including the crooked ones.

If you believe (as this writer does) that gambling impoverishes the masses of the people, tears down standards of living and DEEPLY INJURES legitimate business, you will vote 308-yes, 310-yes and 325-no.

Meteorological Report

October 21, 1938. Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Saturday; little change in temperature. Oregon: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Saturday; probably light rain on coast; little change in temperature; gentle southerly wind off the coast.

Local Data. Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 78; lowest, 38. Total monthly precipitation, .08 inch. Deficiency for the month, .65 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1938, .66 inch. Deficiency for the season, .49 inch. Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 18 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 72 per cent. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:32. Sunset tomorrow, 5:19.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Table with columns: CITY, High Temp, Low Temp, Precipitation, Wind, Weather. Rows include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eugene, Helena, Los Angeles, MEDFORD, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Washington, D.C., Yakima.

Didn't Get Charm MARTINSVILLE, Ind. (AP)—Floyd Peters killed a rattlesnake—or thought he did. When he picked up the snake to get the rattles for a good luck charm the rattler wiggled and bit his hand. Peters went to the hospital.

Three Eggs In Two WATERLOO, Iowa.—(AP)—A light Brahms hen laid two eggs in 15 minutes at the dairy cattle congress. The first was normal and the second was a double—an egg within an egg.

The Capital Parade

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promising conservative, he ran for lieutenant-governor in 1936, and, in spite of a good record and considerable popularity, he was badly beaten by a no-account opponent.

That, and the simultaneous victory of young Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, whom no one could call uncompromising, constituted the lesson by which Lay and Dick Saltonstall profited. During their pre-primary campaign, they examined their situation, decided that without new methods the nomination would be easy but the election impossible, and promptly joined forces with Cabot Lodge.

Lodge, for all his name, is probably the most completely practical Republican politician in the country. If any exception should be made, it must be for Lodge's official secretary and personal nester, Uncle Tom White, who served Calvin Coolidge as a political expert and returned from retirement to serve Lodge in the same capacity. Uncle Tom, a genial and profane individual who prefers to work behind the scenes, received his most accurate tribute from an admirer who exclaimed, "Why, he can think of thousands of things, nice things, clean things, beautiful things that get you everything and cost you nothing."

Uncle Tom became the Saltonstall idea man. Sometime before, he had quietly managed the capture of the majority of Newton, stronghold of the leading Republican extremist, Sinclair Weeks, for his own extremely just-folkly candidate, Edward Childs. His first step was to make Childs take the silk-stocking curse of Saltonstall, in a speech proclaiming that "whatever his name may be, Lev Saltonstall not only has a south Boston face; he also has a south Boston heart."

Then Lodge, the Saltonstalls and Uncle Tom stage-managed a remarkable Republican convention, at which amid scenes of strange enthusiasm the Townsendite candidate for governor promised his support on the public platform, while Lodge made a speech scarcely mentioning the New Deal or Curley, but giving Saltonstall credit for all the social legislation in sight. After that, it has been Uncle Tom's kind of campaign, brutally practical, replete with appeals to special interest groups and, above all, calculated to convince the voters simply that they'll be happier with Saltonstall in the governor's chair. If Saltonstall wins, he and his backers have plans to reconvert to Republicanism scores of thousands of different sorts of people now seemingly lost to the party forever. In fact, by compromising when necessary they hope to make their party a regular election-winner.

This state may be on the eastern seaboard, and out of the main political current of the country. But, in view of what the new men are doing here, every Republican should remember the example of Calvin Coolidge, and "have faith in Massachusetts."

Hitchhiked to Preach ADRIAN, Mich.—(AP)—Bob Treat, Adrian college sophomore, hitchhiked to Port Wayne, Ind., a distance of 100 miles, preached a Sunday sermon, mounted a bicycle at 2:30 p. m. and arrived back in Adrian at 11 p. m.

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Flight-o' Time

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 21, 1928 (It was Sunday) Medford slaughters Salem high to 6. The locals headed by Bernie Hughes used power plays for most of their scores. The victory placed Medford high in the lead as a state championship contender.

Mississippi governor is wired a stinging message by Herbert Hoover, G. O. P. presidential nominee for "spreading canard, that Hoover had dined with a colored woman."

British radio expert plans to talk with Mars. Chinese pheasants plentiful and many hunters in the field.

Dr. H. P. Coleman goes to Salem on business.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 21, 1918 (It was Monday) Allies nearing Ghent in Belgium drive; allies regard German peace note to United States as "insane"; President Wilson will not reply until official text received; Sen. Lodge brands Germany's note as "a clumsy trap"; German resistance increases on western front, and lull comes in fighting.

Frank Redden is ill in Portland, with the influenza.

O. O. Alexander returns from a deer hunt in Klamath county.

Medford subscribes \$325,000 for fourth Liberty loan.

To The Ladies: You are most cordially invited to see the marvelous 1939 Chevrolet. At our showroom in the Sparta Building Main and Riverside. Tomorrow, Sat., Oct. 22. Open 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. P.S.: Bring your husband with you.

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