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Not So Surprising

OF COURSE it is easy to be superior and laugh at "these uneducated morons, and half baked neuroathenics," who fled from Sunday night's fake broadcast in terror.

BUT do you remember when that extraordinary broadcast of the burning Zeppelin came over the air,—that graphic, breath-taking eye-witness account, caught up, entirely by accident?

THE present writer didn't hear the broadcast,—but he did answer a number of phone calls to this office immediately after, asking what the Mail Tribune had on the wire regarding it.

SHE—yes it was a she and a comparatively young one,—had turned in when the broadcaster, in a voice of extreme terror, and the most awesome dramatic diction, declared,—as the radio commentator at the Zeppelin disaster had declared—he didn't know how much longer he could stick to the microphone—that the broadcast tower might go at any moment,—etc., etc.

W E HAVE an idea about the same proportion of victims were hysterical elsewhere, as here, largely youngsters or people emotionally unbalanced,—not more than 5% of those who listened in, and the latter represented no doubt, less than one-half of one percent of the people.

SO WHAT! What is the moral? That we are a neuroathenic, emotionally unbalanced, illiterate and undisciplined people! Not at all.

THE radio is merely a comparatively new medium of information, and as a news medium it has certain weakness, which have not as yet been generally recognized.

ONE is its fragmentary character. Another is, it registers only with one sense,—the hearing. Another is, it leaves no record, to reinforce the memory—it comes quickly and when it goes, it goes forever,—one can't read it over and check up to be sure of what it does, or doesn't mean.

HAD more frequent announcements, that the broadcast was fiction been made, there would have been no serious trouble. Had those who listened in, listened to the entire program, there would have been none.

BUT with too few explanations,—at least after the real narrative had started—and with, as is always true, so many breaking in merely for a brief time,—

THE unfortunate reaction was inevitable.

Is W. P. A. a Racket?

A FEW weeks ago, an odoriferous scandal broke in the ranks of the WPA in New Mexico. Various and sundry officials,—named by the Democratic state machine,—were indicted by the grand jury, for misusing WPA funds and being guilty of various degrees of graft and corruption.

QUITE naturally the general Republican reaction was, "I told you so." What can you expect, when the federal relief set-up is nothing but a political racket, and has been from the outset. Human misery is being exploited to keep a bunch of crooked politicians on the public payroll, etc., etc."

AND if any Democrat, or person, sympathetically disposed toward the Roosevelt administration should have suggested, this wasn't true, that there are about as many crooks in one party as the other, and if the Democrats WERE kicked out and the 100% Republicans brought in, conditions such as exist today in New Mexico, would probably continue, such a statement would be discounted as merely more partisan buncombe—another effort to alibi teacher's pet, F. D. R.

BUT when not only a 100% Republican, but a famous one, and a former member of the national G.O.P. board of strategy, says something to this general effect perhaps, perhaps it will be given some consideration.

AT any rate that is why we are reprinting the following editorial by William Allen White, Republican chieftain, in his Emporia (Kansas) Gazette:

WPA GRAFT A big scandal has turned up in New Mexico, involving a number of leading politicians who are awindling through the WPA. Don't blame relief. Don't blame the WPA. Don't blame anybody but the grafters. New Mexico has always been a grafting state. There is no reason why, in a state where graft is a conventional practice, the WPA should be sacrosanct.

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.

ALL BOUND UP WITH A LINE Back in the days of the almanac the dictum that a daily bowel movement was essential for every one is a century or more old. It is a fact that the bowels functioned for whatever ailed the dumb customer, was broadcast as widely as the quacks and nostrum mongers could get their free bait.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Lost, a Tack Husband, upholsterer, swallowed a tack. It may have gone down his windpipe into his lung. He did not gag much and he has felt no distress. If there is a possibility it went into his lung, would he like to have it X-rayed. (Mrs. R. L. K.)

Answer—There is no such possibility. But it would be foolish to decide about X-ray yourself. Leave that to the judgment of your physician. If the tack went into the stomach, it was probably soon embedded in a ball or mass of food residues and passed from the bowel within 48 to 72 hours from the time it was swallowed.

Emergency Treatment of Burns I wish you would give in convenient form some practical suggestions for treating burns in the home, what to keep on hand to use in such emergencies, etc.—Mrs. R. G.

Man About Manhattan By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK—Somebody at the meeting of the Society of American Magicians came up with the suggestion that Black Cat day be set aside each year in honor of the late Harry Houdini, and I am all in favor of the idea.

Communications Who Are The Associated Farmers? In the reading of several articles commenting on the anti-labor bill, which I presume is as stated that the bill sponsored by the Associated Farmers of Oregon and Washington to reserve my opinion as to the relationship between all farmers and organized labor, what occurs to me is the direct attempt made in which the most vital elements of this bill are kept in the background whereby the average reader is not speculative enough to acquaint themselves with the true nature of this bill, and a thought that comes to me as a reader of these various comments is seeing the names of various people who are definitely classed by their vocation as employers representing themselves as farmers and advocating the necessity of passage of this bill, and upon further reading of the state granges who have declared themselves as not being in favor of this bill, when the granges are composed of the representative group of the farmers within the state, does it not occur a lot of us to wonder

Comment on the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS OREGON will elect a U. S. senator, November 8. It seems likely now that the whole future course of events in this country will be affected sharply by the kind of men composing the next senate. It is high time for Oregon to be thinking of the kind of senator she will send to Washington this fall.

Favors Transaction Tax Bill To the liberal minded the advances made in liberalizing the general conservatism of mankind are and always have been, particularly in the field of sociology, tardiness has been considered a virtue. President Roosevelt in one of his "Pitreside Chats," emphasized delay in the enactment of amendments to the social security act, in order that "no crack-pot or unsound financial plan be adopted." (Townsenders may take notice.)

DESPITE these differences in the two men, however, this writer will VOTE FOR HOLMAN for senator. MAHONEY'S technique is to promote 'em whatever they think they want, and then use his judgment afterward. He is generally looked upon as a radical (or at least a far-to-the-left liberal) but if he is elected and sentiment turns conservative he will be a distinct disappointment to his radical admirers.

Why the word RELIEF, in Oregon, instead of PENSION? PENSIONS go to the well-to-do; RELIEF to paupers. Oregon is 140 years behind the humanitarian law of France that gave their aged citizens more per year in pensions than is paid aged citizens in the Enlightened State of Oregon.

Prize for Two Jacksonville Men To the Editor: The annual drive for the Community Chest is over and the public has responded generously. Much praise is due those firms and individuals who subscribed 100 per cent to this cause. The Chest lists among its beneficiaries the Boy and Girl Scout organizations, two great character-building forces.

CHIEF OF POLICE (UP)—A casual shot with a bow and arrow eight years ago started Bert Heister, bank president, on an archery career. Today he holds a four-state archery championship. He won it at Springfield, Mo., releasing 400 arrows in process.

Girl Tries Out Allstars SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—"Geraldine Davis," juvenile delinquent, conspired local authorities somewhat by giving the different names and addresses she was understood to be held at the juvenile detention home until she decided to give the right one.

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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 November 1, 1928 (It was Thursday) Postoffice gets orders not to work on Christmas day. Democratic leaders predict Jackson county and the nation will go Democratic.

Herbert Hoover leads in straw vote in the high school. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY November 1, 1918 (It was Friday) Republic proclaimed in Austria as army faces disaster on Italian front; revolution flares in Hungary; Yan-kee capture 3,000 German prisoners in drive north of Verdun; British advance along the River Oise.

Everett Miller of the Applegate reported as a German prisoner. Upper floor of the Sacred Heart hospital to be used for flu patients; epidemic reported severe in Siskiyou county. Clarence Pierce cuts off two toes when his axe slips while cutting down a tree.

As part of the Halloween devilry several autos were stolen and driven to Central Point and Phoenix where they were found this morning. Phone 542. We'll haul away your refuse. City Sanitary Service. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Chevrolet JINGLES Copyrighted A few fleas are good for a dog, so they say. Keeps him from brooding on being a dog anyway. Never saw one seem to enjoy the little mites. Tied into knots trying to scratch their bites! Speaking of insects, bet your Aunt likes the new car—Give her a few rides, may prevent a family jar! You can be SURE of family harmony NOW every day. If you'll take 'em for a ride in your new Chevrolet! Chevy M. Hurd

Rogue River Chevrolet Main and Riverside Service Dept.—32 North Riverside Used Car Lot—Riverside at 6th

CHIEF OF POLICE (UP)—If Johnny or Helen wants to chew on a steak or pork chop bone after dinner, don't be too hasty in discouraging the habit, advises Dr. Aaa J. LaGrow of Oak Park, Ill. He says that the bone-chewing will help nature build a sound set of teeth in a child and at the same time overcome to a great extent the possibility of a receding or protruding jaw.

There's only ONE! 4 BIG DAYS Original SALE Nov. 2-5-4-5 Listen to 1000 Bernie Kestel 1 p.m. Thurs. Fri. 8:30. West Side Pharmacy Main & Grape Phone 178 "SAVE WITH SAFETY" at your Rexall DRUG STORE

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