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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Tues. is election day, and voters are urged to pour out. Some will, some won't. Some will vote their own judgment, and a few as the New Deal nabobs dictate.

Hobias Deuel, the woodman went into Ben Trowbridge electric store Wed. to get warm.

Atty. G. Newbury told a story to the jury Thurs. and was advised by the bench to get its whiskers trimmed, before bringing it into court again.

The Halloween havoc in town was mild, but in the rural areas, many henhouses, etc. suffered. The next day a deputy sheriff rounded up the gnomes and sprites, and made them tip their back.

Enough rain fell the past week to satisfy the farmers. Porsooth. It was so much the farmers are dissatisfied.

A few local shots are now shooting at clay pigeons. They don't have to pick, or pack what they shoot out of a canyon.

Co. Com. Of Gaster of Phoenix towned Pri. pursuing the festive vote.

The trees shed most of their beautiful leaves the past week. They don't look so handsome on the lawns.

Stockmen have begun to fret how they will get rid of their hay. If they will be patient, they will get a bulletin from O.B.C. suggesting they feed it to their cows.

C. Pankey is out again after being removed from his tonsils.

Twilight in the country is now made raucous by the squeals of hogs eating corn. They should squeal while they can, as they will soon be country sausage and ham.

F. Luy, the Antelope cowhand towned Thurs. on bus, and to blush when the girls told him, they saw his name in the Oregonian.

"Next Thursday is election day," proclaims A. Moore Hamilton, in his bright, lively, and snappy publication. 'Twas an honest error. If sent to Salem, he might think the legislature met in June, instead of January.

Republicans around here are confident, but scared of what Multnomah county will do.

Del. Cretchell, the banker-poet had a slogan he coined adopted by the Cent. Pr. Civic Club. Last week. It is: "Civic Duty Makes Civic Beauty." Good work, Del.

J. Frank Wortman, the Phoenix farmer and Bryan Democrat motored to town Wed. p.m. He looked like the Tuesday election results had started to hurt him.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect Mt.-Wm. has ret'd. from Portland, where he attended a gov't farm conference, that delayed his farm work.

It was cold and frosty Sat. a.m. removing the southern dew from the walk of the girls, and the men-folks, without the hats.

The hi grid team beat Eugene Fri. night. Neither squad did any footling around about scoring. Teeth chattered and their were cold feet on every hand.

Ludo Grieco and Dewey Hill of Prospect, towned Fri. They rep'd a wood fire feeds good pigs & pups, up their way, with ice freezing every night on the wash pans.

Life Long and Happy

BURBANK, Cal. (UP)—Pill, a 17-year old pet cat of a local apothecary died here of dropsy. The cat's utility during its long span of life had consisted of chasing away stray dogs. By a daily balanced diet of ice cream and neatstreak, the draught had been able to maintain its weight for years at 18 pounds.

The Federal Surplus Commodities corporation has been authorized to purchase an additional 38,000,000 pounds of butter during the fiscal year.

To The Defeated

AS usual this paper is relieved the campaign is over—though we will say this,—it has been one of the cleanest and most uninteresting campaigns in recent history.

But we venture to say, the relief of this periodical is nothing compared to the relief felt by the various and sundry candidates particularly those who are in for a beating, day after tomorrow. For while they don't KNOW they are going to be thrown out in the snow,—they have a stronger hunch to that effect than they will acknowledge. And from the outset have found the going rough because, they felt there was little chance of getting anything out of the mess, in the final wind-up.

So they have had to suffer the strain and stress and various and sundry indignities of this scramble for votes, with little or no prospect of any of the compensations.

AND by strain we mean just that. We can think of few vocations with the possible exception of cess-pool repairing or tin-cup peddling, more thoroughly distasteful to a civilized human being than running for office,—shaking hands with every Tom, Dick and Harry,—kissing the squalling infants (if any)—saying "yes, yes" when you feel like saying, "no, no, you're a liar!"—smiling when you feel like cursing,—playing a part—and a pretty ignoble, snivelling part,—every waking hour with no more sincerity in it, than a side-show spieler's bally-hoo.

And THEN to find, when the votes are counted, that it was all for NOTHING,—all the shoe leather and printing bills, all the hooes poods make-believe,—wasted,—nothing to show for it but decreased respect for human nature and decreased respect for oneself!

YES, to them, the also-rans,—the defeated,—goes this column's deepest sympathies and condolences. They certainly get the short end of it—worse than the scrubs on a third-rate football team.

It's too bad, but apparently that's just LIFE, when one tackles the office seeking business.

A World Safe For Lunatics

ABOUT a week ago, just before Dorothy Thompson was to appear on the New York Herald-Tribune's "forum" broadcast, Mrs. Reid, of the Herald-Tribune hoped (over the phone) that Dorothy would find something to say that wasn't so depressingly pessimistic.

Miss Thompson referred to this request in her broadcast, but failed, as usual, to say anything very cheerful. In fact she intimated that under present circumstances optimism regarding the world's future, is in inverse proportion to brains.

We can't agree with Mrs. Sinclair Lewis, in this direction entirely, nor do we share her gloomy outlook regarding the future, for we have an entirely subjective hunch that the future of civilization is not going to be as hopeless as most of the highbrows,—including Mrs. Lewis,—think it will be. However in a general way we do share the Herald-Tribune columnist's cynicism regarding the present status of civilization, particularly in Europe, and we even have our moments of also believing the entire world has gone mad.

At any rate we are going to let Dorothy Thompson take our remaining time today, and present to our readers her views on the state of this world which this column at the present writing shares. We admit there isn't much that is merry and bright in the picture, but it does strike the present writer as essentially true, and perhaps,—

If the people of the world as a whole get the same idea they may be more disposed to arise on their hind legs and DO something about it!

We say, wistfully, "I hope, before I die, that I will once more live in a world that is not plainly a lunatic asylum." We cling desperately to a formula as simple as the one that two and two make four, saying, "For the sake of my sanity, I must insist, at least to myself, that two and two do not make five."

Far from hoping that the world in our times will be made safe for democracy, we confine even our prayers to the hope that it may be made tolerably safe for a modicum of human decency, that public action may in some remote way correspond to the private behavior of halfway civilized human beings.

This is apropos the news in Saturday morning's papers that the German government is contributing to the stability, peace and progress of the world by starting to send several thousand Polish Jews—Jews with Polish passports—back to Poland, equipped with a railroad ticket and ten marks.

Poland itself, however, already has some three million Jews, and is beseeching the Evian committee to undertake some definite program for meeting a part of its crowded and deeply impoverished population in other parts of the world.

The same papers tell us that 3,000 former citizens of the Sudeten area of Czechoslovakia must immediately be deported to find new existences elsewhere.

Isn't it curious that poor, tight little Czechoslovakia could afford the means by which they might live, whereas this new great economic complex, so powerful and so successful, can tolerate neither their views nor their work activities?

The British legation in Prague sits up half the night, it is said, stamping visas to permit refugees to enter Britain, which already has a huge unemployment problem.

The United States government formally protested, nearly a month ago, the decision of the Italian government to drive 200 American citizens of Jewish blood out of Italy, where they are residents.

So far the protest has been recognized—after ten days' delay—but nothing has been done.

I doubt whether, since the pressure on Europe by Asia in the fourth and fifth centuries, there has ever been such a vast migration of peoples as we have seen since the war. Russians, Greeks, Armenians, Bulgarians, Assyrians, Germans, Austrians—capitalists and proletarians, monarchists, republicans, Communists, conservatives, Catholics, liberals, Christians and Jews—above all, Jews, the world's perennial scapegoats—turned loose upon a disorganized world, the further to disorganize it—4,000,000 or 5,000,000 of them by now—and all turned loose, heaven help us, in the name of some political formula or other which promises a "solution"—a solution of the Jewish problem, of some national problem, of some "scientific" problem!

This country might, for instance, decide to join the movement. How simple! There are in America, at present, some eight hundred thousand Italians and Germans—the number is almost equal—who live and work here and have never even taken out first papers.

Why not put them on boats, with 50 cents in their pockets, and send them home, keeping here whatever they may have accumulated in investments or savings?

Meanwhile the world will spend this year eighteen thousand million dollars for armaments. Armaments that will not feed a mouth, or shelter a child, or put a coat on a man's back or a dress on a girl's, and be outworn tomorrow. In 1932 the world spent less than four billion. The sum has more than quadrupled, and still it is not enough! We must spend more.

Yes, we must. If the world is to go on being made safe for lunacy.

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. 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.

PASSING OF THE FALSE FRONT

Gone is the haircloth upholstered, whatnot adorned parlor where visiting celebrities were austere and staid.



Just as soon as a father's pay was raised above \$1.50 a day.

People whose education—from the neck down—has been neglected recently, and who do not know how to sit in a room when they try to assume or maintain good posture. They give all their attention to putting up a front and none to the back.

In an earlier talk about posture I said the first rule for good posture is keep your chin in. That is, imagine you are wearing a high stiff collar and you must keep your chin inside the collar.

The second rule, I should say, is to stretch your back. Never mind your front. If your back is straight and in good order the front will make the best possible appearance.

The mistake usually made by persons without education—physical education—is the attempt to draw the neck down and the front and chest out or hold in or draw up or hold up the "diaphragm," as the literate call it, or the "abdomen" as the prudish call it, meaning the belly. Hand in hand with that mistake goes the comic opera butler chest antic. If you want to have good posture, I repeat, never mind your chest or your belly, but keep your chin in and your back stretched.

The spine in a vigorous, healthy, well developed person is S-shaped, a stretched out S, with a backward curve at the shoulder level, a forward curve at the loin. This gives the spine greater strength and resiliency than it would have if it were perfectly straight. To enable you to add, well, not a cubit perhaps but one-fourth to one-half inch to your stature by taking thought and stretching your back.

My baby's eyes do not behave as a breech birth. Had swelling one cheek for a week after birth. Now that has disappeared but the pupil of the eye on that side at times varies in size, that is, is not the same as the pupil of the other eye. (Mrs. C. B. J.)

Answer—The baby's eyes will behave better after another month. Normally co-ordinate control of the eye-sight and eye movements does not develop until the infant is three months or older. Send a three-cent stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for your copy of the B.B.B.B.—Bigger Brains, Better Baby Book. Many amateur mothers worry needlessly about cross-eyes because the baby has not yet learned how to make his eyes behave.

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Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK—One may admire truth as a virtue but I am afraid it imposes certain penalties at times on those who write columns for a living. So many stories which appear to be ideal copy fall under the text of close scrutiny.

I was thinking of Washington Irving in the musical comedy "Knickerbocker Holiday." The action opens with Irving musing over the misadventures of his youth and his not having written any creditable books before his 30th birthday.

There, in the dusky glow of the footlights, he determines to write an historic account of the first Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam; of Peter Stuyvesant, the congenial tyrant; of the beginning of that part of America which is now New York.

So he flourishes a goose quill, steel pen, begins to write. . . . As he writes the action of his book comes to life on the stage. . . . That is the set-up.

Now a musical comedy is usually longer than a straight drama. . . . It is a full evening's show, and so from 8:30 to 11 Master Irving sits at a small desk on one side of the stage and writes. He is the busiest looking writer you ever saw. And when I caught the play I was so impressed by his diligence that I imagined he must be really writing. In my imagination I had him composing letters to friends, catching up on his correspondence. Maybe he was writing a story, or even a play.

I should have let well enough alone and receded my theories, but in a weak moment I went to see the play. The young man and asked him how he found so much to write about. And the moment I spoke I knew that I had wrecked a column.

He looked at me in amazement. He said, "Of course I am not really writing. If I were to write a letter or anything serious I should become so absorbed in it that I should probably miss a cue, thereby leaving Walter Huston floundering around on his slip leg, and the Indians might get him. That wouldn't be so good, for he would be made to appear ridiculous in the eyes of the Dutch council, and without dignity there can be no real authority. And without authority, old Peter Stuyvesant would lose his significance, and then Maxwell Anderson would have no play. Indeed, he might even have no Washington Irving, which would be very bad for me, for then I should be out of a job."

"No, I merely scribble. I draw innumerable but not very expert ovals. I do hen-scratchings. I make weird hieroglyphics that would baffle and confuse the most learned students of human behavior. Sometimes they confuse and baffle even me. I hope I haven't destroyed your faith in make-believe."

Years ago, when I was a cub re-

In nearly every case of poor posture the forward and backward curves of the spine are more or less exaggerated. Marked exaggeration of the backward curve between the shoulders is called kyphosis, round back or round shoulders, and this is a characteristic posture of muscle weakness—weakness primarily due to nutritional deficiency (not lack of sufficient food, but deficiency in such essentials as calcium, phosphorus, vitamin D, iron, vitamin B complex; neglect of proper physical training during school life, an important secondary cause of the deformity.

Exaggeration of the forward curve at the level of the loin is known as lordosis, awayback, hollow back. To maintain good posture imagine you are stretching out trying to touch an imaginary high ceiling with the crown of your head.

Questions and Answers Hodgkins Disease

Can you suggest anything at all for a relative of mine who has what the doctors call Hodgkin's disease (H.J.C.) Answer—X-ray treatment is the best remedy known at present. The amount of X-ray treatment must be determined by the patient's regular physician in co-operation with the X-ray technician.

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porter sitting at the feet of Hugh Fullerton, one of the greatest raconteurs the news writing craft ever developed. Hugh said one day, "Son, honesty is a mighty fine policy, but you should never let the truth spoil a good story."

Of course his tongue wasn't actually in his cheek when he said that. It was way out around his ear. But I never forgot it. He sure spoke words of wisdom that day.

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THE average low income family in New York, according to this study, pays THIRTEEN PER CENT of its income in hidden taxes. Taxes, you see, get around to everybody in the course of time.

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Communications

Mr. Phillips Favors Hess To the editor: While yours, in common with nearly all of our newspapers of the state, is supporting Sprague and opposing Hess for governor, you have been fair in allowing space to Hess advocates. And presuming a continuance of your liberal policy, I am submitting this short and meager contribution.

It is difficult for the average person to understand how and why you have reached the decision that Sprague would make a good governor and Hess a bad one. "By their fruits ye know them." Hess was state senator for five sessions, and as such made an excellent record, working skillfully all the time for the progress of the state and the betterment of the people as a whole. His record is in the Voters' Pamphlet and speaks for itself. Even his worst enemies have never criticized it. His work must have been satisfactory to the people of his own county—Union county, an agricultural section or its voters would not have kept him in the senate for several terms. In the primary race for governor, his home county gave him a two-to-one plurality; and the people of the whole state must have appreciated his worth and ability, when they cast for him a substantial vote over Charles H. Martin, who is considered by many as the best governor Oregon ever had."

Mr. Sprague, on the other hand, has no official record whatever. What he would do in public office must be accepted on faith, based on his editorial and other utterances. Judging from these, he is a "ragged individualist" of the Mark Hanna type. The fealty of his supporters rests on the fact that he is a very successful newspaper publisher. This is indeed commendable, but does the acquisition and successful management of newspapers and printing plants prove a man a capable governor?

If so, William Randolph Hearst ought to be elected governor of the world.

WM. E. PHIPPS Medford, November 4.

Extinguishes Butts CANTON, Mass. (UP)—Peggy, a 4-year old beagle-whippet, has assumed the task of preventing fires at a gasoline filling station. When customers drive into the station and throw aside their cigarettes or cigars, Peggy sits off the lighted ends and carries the butts to a fast-growing pile in the rear of the building.

"Witching Stick" Playful OROVILLE, Cal. (UP)—A "witching stick" that has been used successfully here for years in locating water for the sinking of wells "witched" on the side of a fair-sized hill, despite the fact that water is not usually found on hills. However, the ranch owner had such faith in the stick that he is now down 75 feet and intends to dig deeper.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is a statement about taxes that is vouched for by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States:

"The cost of government—federal, state and local—mounted from \$6,918,000,000 in 1923 to \$16,900,000,000 in 1937, or from \$79.96 per capita to \$130.75 per capita."

AND here is a rather startling statement regarding the cost of the federal government alone:

"At the present rate of public spending, it would take the working population of a city of 150,000 inhabitants about 150 years to support the federal government alone for one year."

AND here is another one worth reading:

"If every dollar of income of persons receiving more than \$5000 a year were taken in taxes, the sum would pay the cost of our numerous governments for only about six months."

"SHUCKS," you may say upon reading this, "I should worry. I don't pay any taxes. Why should I bother my head about what government costs?"

The National Consumers Tax commission has just completed an interesting study as a result of which it finds that in New York city the average low income family gets \$1473.25 a year and out of this income it pays in HIDDEN TAXES the sum of \$192.19.

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