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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

It's about time the fire chief warned amateur Sam Claus not to get their cotton-battened whiskers too near the Christmas tree candles, as it is only three weeks until the event.

Partners are not saying much about taxes, but are sure disgusted with their hens, who quit laying eggs around 32c doz. They are re-feathering.

Cool. TouVelle of Jville has gone to Texas with state highway board, and will be traipsing around down there, until about the 14th.

The Yule decorations were draped on the light posts last week. They are too high to be of any use as a place to hide an empty rum bottle.

The Dub Watson boy was 13 years old Wed.

Dewey Hill of Prospect has been busy tearing up the shindigery, and using the remains to build hen-houses, garages, and whatnot. The space will be converted into a tennis court in summer, and backside into a woodyard in the winter. Urish Gordon did the fancy carpentering, while Mr. Hill did the supervisory yelling.

Everybody is over Thanksgiving, and the country sausage no longer tastes like turkey.

The prediction the Strang boys would be through cheering OSC's victory over Oregon by mid-summer is a bit too optimistic, as it looks like they would never get through crowing.

Steve Nye of Talent had words with the dist. atty. Fri. and drew a map of a road, with his right foot on the courthouse floor.

Quite a number report they have been hacked the past week, by a hacking cough.

There is a mixup over the new marriage license law. The co. clerk will issue no licenses, as a result. It slowed up romance and put a stop to shiveres.

Sopranos will be admitted free to the regular Monday eve pull & hall, if they bring somebody with them. A trio of Arkansas hillbillies will have at opponents, as the main attraction.

The safety parade a week ago has caused boy bicyclists to mind their P's and Q's, and pay attention to the rest of the alphabet, when in range of a juvenile motorist.

Rains fell during the past week. None caused agriculturists to rejoice, nor their valuation to be fixed at \$1,000,000.

There is now nothing wrong with the Eika tom-cat, outside of being a tom-cat.

Jno Anderson of the C. Ft. area is back from Calif. Jno. has been doing considerable running about this yr. going to Sweden, in the middle of haying.

Royal Brown of E. Pt. bobs up with a way to get a match dry, if wet, when in the timber. Stick the match in an ear, and leave for about one minute, then strike on seat of pants, states he.

Like the Poet Shelley some of the home boys "are reflecting by a shady pool."

Atty. Ken Denman has been named referee in bankruptcy and president of the ski club.

The Stanley boys of Brownsboro sent some corn to Portland last week, that was displayed in the corn show.

This is National Potato week. There are more ways to cook a spud, than a jackrabbit can jump.

B. Morris, the T-Rik tiller wants to know why your corn don't write more. It's for the same reason Mr. Morris don't plow more.

Phone 342. We'll haul away your refuse, City Sanitary Service.

A Bit Too Hysterical

IN his role as columnist General Hugh Johnson is doing some good work, spanking Mr. Louis Johnson, assistant secretary of war.

As a West Pointer and veteran of the World War, the General knows something about the war department, and how it should be conducted.

He doesn't like to see an assistant assuming the duties of his chief, or playing to the gallery in the serious business of war preparation.

General Hugh maintains Assistant Louis is doing both. As a result, this rambunctiousness and insubordination "has split the army department, at a time of national danger, when it should be in perfect harmony," and he intimates Mr. Johnson who is nothing but a politician and a publicity hound, should be put in his place or kicked out entirely,—for the good of the service.

PROBABLY the General is somewhat intemperate in his animadversions—he usually is. But the criticism, in our opinion, has a sound basis.

After all Brother Woodring of Kansas is the Secretary of War, and should speak officially for that department. He may be rather a weak sister but as long as he holds the job he does HE should be spokesman not some of his lieutenants.

MORE than that, we suspect there is considerable truth in the charge that Mr. Louis Johnson likes the limelight too well, and if he is not actually infected with the brain trust complex, suffers at times with delusions of grandeur.

His recent burst about an airplane fleet that will cover the western hemisphere, struck this column, as extreme to say the least.

There is no doubt of the need of putting this country in shape to defend itself against any possible enemy, or combination of enemies,—and the American people, as a whole, are behind such a program,—but they are not behind any going-off half cooked, or yielding at this time to anything approaching a war psychosis,—and that appears to be Mr. L. Johnson's affliction.

We would not go so far as to request the resignation of the Assistant Secretary of War, but we would be heartily in favor of putting him in his place and compelling him to take a strong bromide before each and every speech.

The condition of the world is serious, and in some aspects alarming but it is certainly no time to lose our heads or tear our shirts, or spend a cent more than we need to spend to be safe against attack.

What Next?

WHAT are we coming to? If press reports from Portland are correct, scholastic requirements for High School athletes, will soon be completely abolished.

In repealing one of the few requirements still in force, one of the school officials was quoted as saying: one doesn't need football to know ALGEBRA, why should one need to know algebra to play FOOTBALL,—or words to that effect.

For outright cynicism as far as education is concerned, and shameless appeal to professionalism in secondary school athletics, this statement certainly takes the cut-glass out bowl. If the aim of education is to play football, WHY indeed,—why know anything but football? Why not carry the thought to its logical conclusion, and make no pretense of giving the football players, an education,—let them play the game and do nothing else!

If this is to be the ACADEMIC spirit in our secondary schools, what chance is there of saving what is left of the amateur spirit in our colleges?

Perhaps the Portland school official was misquoted. We hope so. If not, he is wasting his talents in the Rose City. He should be "promoted" to a well-paid recruiting job, at Southern Cal or Pitt!

Vive la France!

THREE, long, rousing cheers for France!

It may be recalled (more likely won't be) when the Munich pact was signed, this column stated those who maintained it represented the end of democracy in Europe, were a bit hasty in their conclusions.

England and France preferred peace at any price in September 1938. BUT,—that did not mean necessarily they would be too proud to fight at some future time,—when they were better prepared materially and spiritually for it.

And now, according to press dispatches from Paris, the Daladier government has called II Duce's latest bluff, and given him until Monday to show his hand,—or else!

Fine work!

APPARENTLY assuming that the general strike and general confusion in France would be the opportune time to pull another "coup d'etat", an anti-France demonstration was staged in the Italian parliament (so-called) for the benefit of the new French ambassador, and one of Mussolini's official journals, released a trial balloon to the effect that unless France showed a disposition to hand over Tunisia to Italy, a declaration of war might well be the result.

But there was no Munich crawling this time. With the general strike broken and the army partly mobilized and under his command, Daladier told II Duce, without any diplomatic trimmings, that not an inch of French territory will be given to him or to anyone else, and if he doesn't like it he can jump in the lake,—or if he wishes to get a beating, he can fight.

With a peace pact just signed with Hitler, M. Daladier is fairly safe. But the moral effect of calling II Duce's impudent bluff should be tremendous.

Democracy may be riding to its fall in Europe. But its end is not yet,—not by a long shot!

New Bus Depot

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Buses began moving today from a new central depot located at Southwest Taylor street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Occupying half a block, the terminal was constructed by bus lines to replace cramped facilities at Park and Yamhill streets.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Corvallis Man to Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Donald C. Severson, 33, of Corvallis, Ore., was sentenced today by Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure to serve five years in prison for having 13 tobacco pipes in his possession, a poisonous smoking weed, in his possession.

Closing time for Too Late to Gladly Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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.

QUAINT FANCY DIES HARD

In the good old days when the Chapel street gang trudged two or three miles to go swimming in Cana-digua lake or the Chapinville mill race we always

made the first plunge with considerable trepidation. These dire consequences purported to occur when one was foolish enough to enter cold water when overheated. But if any kid ever succumbed to such a fate his parents hushed the matter up, or no one missed him.

One of the strictest rules around any beach or pool, asserts a "guest coach" of a metropolitan high school, in a letter to the editor of a metropolitan newspaper, is not to go into the water when the body is perspiring. The guest coach, who signs his name as Member of the Metropolitan Track and Field Association, decries the organization behind the coast guard for permitting swimmers in a recent capsize race to row three-quarters of a mile, upset their boats, jump into the chilling water, right their craft, and proceed to the finish line. The "guest coach" apparently thinks it is a dangerous thing to go into cold water when you are all heated up like that. Indeed he is sure no such thing would have been permitted when he rowed on a Navy team back in 1912.

What makes the "guest coach" and his quaint idea noteworthy here is the answer to his letter to the editor which appeared in the same paper a few days later. This second communication is signed by a common layman. In part he says:

"Sudden cooling after exercise, in persons unaccustomed to vigorous exertion, interferes with removal of combustion products from the tissues about the muscles, through the circulation, and may cause soreness or stiffness, which is unpleasant but

in no way dangerous or really harmful. But a trained athlete, with his better oxidation process, is practically immune to such lameness.

"The fact is that it is precisely when one is overheated that a plunge into cold water is most enjoyable and beneficial."

"Mr. . . . says that the organization behind the racing swimmers consists of intelligent medical directors; this doubtless explains why the harmless cold plunges were permitted."

It is refreshing and encouraging to find that not all laymen are so unlightened about questions of health.

The public is beginning to learn the rudiments of physiology and hygiene.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Acne

Can you tell me anything about acne preparations. I am a college student and have to write a paper on the subject. (Miss N. K.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address and ask for monograph on acne.

Sour Milk

Husband consumes as much as 1 1/2 pints of sour cream a day. M. Told it contains starch, corn starch. Is it so? (Mrs. A. M.)

Answer—Not unless the corn starch is added to the sour cream. It is a healthful food.

Wheat Germ

Is the wheat germ you recommend in your booklet on vite the same as (a wheat preparation) you buy in packages? Where would one buy rice polishes? (M. H. A.)

Answer—No, pure wheat germ may be bought from health food stores, sometimes from millers who will take the trouble to catch out some—this part of the wheat is discarded from refined flour, used for cattle feed, etc. Rice polishes may be bought at health food stores.

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M.D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

curred to me that he could be so persuasive.

Claire Boothe, the dramatist, parts her hair on both sides and also in the middle . . . but not all at the same time.

KLAMATH WORKER SLAYS WIFE, THEN ESSAYS SUICIDE

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Clara Kersey, 42, was shot to death, and her husband, Joe N. Kersey, 50, was critically wounded here Friday night in what Coroner George H. Adler described as a homicide and attempted suicide.

Mrs. Kersey's body was lying in their automobile parked beside their two-room house, and Kersey was on the wet ground when neighbors re-acted to screams of Mrs. Maude Jones, mother of Mrs. Kersey.

There were no witnesses to the shooting, done with a .22 caliber rifle.

Mrs. Jones, aged 42 and deaf, told Coroner Adler Mr. and Mrs. Kersey had been having trouble off and on but that they appeared to be in a friendly mood Friday night. She said that the couple went away from the home for a while. On their return, she said, Kersey came in and got the rifle, but Mrs. Jones said she had no idea at the time what he intended to do with it.

Mrs. Jones asserted that Kersey had attacked his wife with his fists on several occasions, and a fellow workman, of Kersey at the Pelican Bay Lumber company related that Kersey and his wife had had a dispute about an automobile and a recent trip to California she took with her mother.

Kersey was suffering from a bad head wound, and it was doubtful he would survive, hospital attendants said.

FARMERS TO GET CROP COIN SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Agriculture department officials said today that benefit payments under the 1938 crop program would be distributed this winter and spring—several months earlier than similar payments have gone out in past seasons.

The earlier payments were decided on, they said, with the objective of increasing farm purchasing power at a time when market receipts are low. About \$500,000,000 in benefit payments are to be distributed. Officials said grower applications for payment would be received during December and January and the first checks would go into the mail in February.

The bulk of payments made under the 1937 program went out during the past summer and fall.

Huge Fair Crowd

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The San Francisco exposition of 1938 should draw at least four million visitors, a large number of whom may be expected to tour Oregon, Harold Say, of the state highway commission, told a conference of hotel operators here.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE'S something worth thinking about:

Thirty per cent of American railroads are now in the hands of receivers or trustees. The remaining 70 per cent are not earning interest on the money invested.

It's pretty hard to believe the railroads aren't headed for government ownership.

WHAT will happen if the government takes over the railroads? One rather dreadful thing will happen. States, cities, counties, school districts and road districts that now are receiving a considerable share of their tax revenue from the railroads will have to get along WITHOUT this revenue.

The federal government pays no taxes.

WE THINK of public ownership as OWNERSHIP BY EVERYBODY. That makes the idea attractive to a great many people. They like to think of publicly owned property as THEIR property.

But is it? Property we own is something we are entitled to use as we wish for our own purpose. Did you ever try using any of our more or less considerable publicly-owned property for your own purpose?

THE postoffice system is publicly owned. Therefore, theoretically, it belongs to everybody.

There are many rooms, comfortably furnished and heated in winter, in the average postoffice building. In theory, these rooms belong to you. At least, they belong to you as much as to anybody else.

But did you ever try walking into the postoffice building in a strange town and saying to the superintendent: "These rooms are MINE—at least they are as much mine as anybody else's. I need a room tonight, and these look pleasant. I'm going to stay here."

Try it some time. You'll get an interesting demonstration of the real nature of public ownership.

THE railroads are eventually taken over by the government, they'll be run much as they're run now—only LESS EFFICIENTLY. If you want to ride on them, or ship goods on them, you'll pay for the service, just as you pay it now—except that you'll probably pay more. About the only difference you will see will be in your heavily increased tax bill.

Every person who stops to think hopes that in some way the railroads may be kept out of the hands of the government.

The Capital Parade

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treasury suspicious in that he denies general criticism of the order, declaring that his complaint was limited to the SEC's failure to consult the reserve board and the haste with which the order was issued.

It can be seen why feeling between the reserve board, SEC and treasury is now a trifle warm. Of course, such incidents have embroiled the three principal fiscal and financial agencies of the government before. No doubt they will again. The story is chiefly interesting as a true tale of one bureaucracy.

PAULETTE NAMED SCARLETT O'HARA

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The New-Telegram says the long quest for an actress to portray Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind" has ended with the selection of Paulette Goddard, wife of Charlie Chaplin.

The newspaper says David O. Selznick, head of Selznick International Pictures, Inc., who made the final choice, will have the cameras turning early next year.

Clark Gable will play Rhett Butler in Margaret Mitchell's famous best-seller of the Civil War period.

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TREADWAY URGES LIBERAL TRENDS BY REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Representative Treadway (R-Mass.) said today that Republicans in congress, not the Republican National committee, would chart the party's course between now and the 1940 election. He added that course will have to be a "liberal" one.

"I don't think we could get back into power," he said, "with a conservative lineup."

Discussing the recent meeting of the party's national committee, Treadway, ranking minority member on the House Ways and Means committee, expressed belief "too much emphasis" had been placed on the idea the committee directed the policies and actions of the Republican minority in congress.

"From my viewpoint, just the reverse is true," he said. "It will be up to the Republicans in the future to lay down a definite liberal program in anticipation of the fact that a national election is in the offing."

Speaking of the contest for the house minority leadership, Treadway indicated he was opposed to the candidacy of Rep. James W. Wadsworth of New York.

"Treadway said the New Yorker 'represents an element that in leadership would mean the party is not advancing with the spirit of the times.'"

Doctors report there are only a few cases of flu in the city, and they are mild.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bradley of Copco, Calif., are in the city for a few days while Mr. Bradley supervises the installation of machinery at the Prospect station.

A recent survey indicates that less than a third as many Alabama residents have hookworm disease now as did 25 years ago.

BORAH PREDICTS PEOPLE TO SPEAK UPON WAR PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Senator Borah (R., Idaho) predicted today that if the United States joined the "hysterical" world armaments race, popular sentiment would force congress to approve a constitutional amendment giving the people the right to declare any but a defensive war.

"If this huge armament trend continues, he said, 'the people are going to demand a voice in this matter of going to war. Twelve men today could plunge the world into war without consulting a single citizen.'"

He did not identify the men.

From another member of congress came the assertion, meantime, that greatly increased defensive armaments were absolutely necessary.

Chairman Taylor (D., Colo.) of the house appropriations committee said it was apparent that confidence could not be placed in treaties.

He said he would support any needed defense measures, "regardless of cost," and thought air defenses especially should be strengthened.

Study of language similarities has convinced scholars that the gyptians originally came from India.

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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
December 4, 1928
(It Was Wednesday)

Prof. F. C. Reimer gives Kiwanis club talk on astronomy.

Lowell Dew, local boy, to take examinations to enter naval academy.

Ezra Meeker, famed Northwest pioneer, passes in Seattle.

President Coolidge in annual message asks for increase in navy.

Rejected sailor, with the lady in his arms explodes a stick of dynamite, and both are killed.

Senator McNary introduces farm relief bill in senate.

Medford men buy George Mansfield ranch on upper Rogue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 4, 1918
(It Was Wednesday)

Carter Glass of Virginia is named to succeed W. G. McAdoo, as secretary of the treasury.

Prosperity era predicted for America by congress leaders, due to the return of peace.

Former Crown Prince of Germany declares "father and I are down and out."

German Communists plan revolt in Berlin tomorrow.

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