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Ye Smudge Pot

A Baker, Ore., resident, weight 120, can pull 25,000 pounds of dead weight, loaded in a truck and trailer, with his teeth. He did it this week for the benefit of the needy.

The Secretary of the Treasury is considering plans to loan money to Latin-America nations to promote trade with the United States. The loans will foster good will, maybe lead to the discovery of another Finland.

One of the Older Girls, discussing Fuehrer Hitler, branded him a blabbermouth; then blushed.

Reports of foreign spy activities in America, are not apt to scare the hell out of Americans. After nine years of a depression that should have been long-lived at nine months, there is none left to scare out.

PIONEER HAND BITERS (Yreka (Calif.) Journal) "The next fall Boles ran for Justice of the Peace and was beaten. He then settled their potato bills, voting against him. It was a common thing on the day of election to hear him upbraid these ungrateful settlers.

"Who can remember when all we had to worry about was the fate of the Armenians?" (Newark Star-Eagle)—"Those were the days when every man had three suits of clothes and came home to discover his helpmeet had given the best one to the Armenians."

A motorcyclist reports he roared from Roseburg in record time, and met a hitch-hiker thumbed him for a ride, on the breezy sea seat.

ROMANCE RIZZLES (Press Dispatch) "While Snyder, her husband for 17 years, slumped, as if dazed, she testified that the smoke from his revolver mingled with that of burning pork chops as he was cooking for the 30-year-old Alderman."

One school of diplomatic thought holds Fuehrer Hitler "will hang himself," and thus solve the fears and problems of Europe. This idea was given a good trial in this region. As it panned out, it became a movement to hang everybody but the one that needed it.

Opposition has developed to the plan to permit higher freight trucks on the highways of Oregon. They appear to be the squamous motorists like the depot hauling the section-house down the road.

The Rev. H. E. Marshall met Chester Woods on the street the other day and extending his hand said: "How are you, Brother Wenzel? Mr. Woods was so flattered that he gave the preacher four pounds of honey. Brother Wenzel did not feel bad enough over it to quit the church, so everything turned out all right." (Brashear News)—All's well, etc., etc.

Million From WPA Listed For Oregon WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Allocation of more than \$1,000,000 of WPA funds to two major Oregon highway projects was announced today by Senator Charles L. McNary. The Wolf Creek project will receive \$820,000, to aid construction on the Fiske-Davies section. Highway construction in Marion county will benefit to the amount of \$248,000. In addition to the highway funds, \$66,400 was earmarked for relief committee distribution of food and clothing.

War in the Spring?

PROBABLY about as many people in this country really understand the present situation in Europe, as understand the Einstein theory.

That is to say there are very few. Among the few we would place Walter Lippmann of the New York Herald-Tribune, near the head of the list.

Lippmann, has made a specialty of foreign relations, spent most of the summer in Europe studying the situation first hand, and in addition, has a very keen mind, a scholarly background and the "sine qua non" in such matters,—the judicial temperament. (Nothing could better illustrate the latter quality than Lippmann's refreshing freedom from passion and rancor in analyzing the tragic predicament of the Jews in Germany,—Lippmann himself being a Jew.)

LIPPMMAN explains the present confused mess across the seas somewhat as follows: In the first place, as has frequently been pointed out in this column, in the modern world, a dictatorship automatically ceases when it achieves internal peace and contentment.

THIS explains the continued stress and strain in Europe, but it does not explain, the apparently cock-eyed foreign policies of Central Europe, exemplified recently, by Italy threatening war against France over Tunisia, at the same time Italy's ally Germany, signs a pact of eternal peace and friendship with the same country,—and her traditional enemy. Is this all a farce,—a conscious farce on the part of all the principals,—or are Hitler and Mussolini so dumb they believe they can put over such a double-cross in broad daylight,—Germany promising to keep the peace with France, while the other end of the Berlin-Rome axis breaks it?

According to Lippmann, neither of these things is true. It isn't a farce. It isn't a double cross. It's a well thought out and clever bit of power diplomacy, which from the standpoint of Germany's traditional policy of "drang nach Osten" is entirely logical, consistent, and if successful, will again put the "impossible Hitler" along with Napoleon, as one of the world's master strategists,—in world politics nothing short of a genius.

THE idea briefly is this: The Italian threat against French possessions in northern Africa isn't exactly a bluff, but the fundamental purpose is not to conquer Tunisia but to alarm France,—go far enough in that direction to force French mobilization, along the Spanish border and perhaps send both ships and troops, to north Africa. If France doesn't promptly resist, in some such fashion then Italy might, grab some French territory; if she DOES, then the main objective is achieved, which is to put France out of the running as far as making an attack on Germany is concerned.

For Germany, according to Lippmann is now preparing to gobble up the Russian Ukraine, as clearly and certainly, as she was preparing eight or nine months ago to gobble up Czechoslovakia. And her technique is going to be very much the same. Isolate Russia from her allies, France and England, and march through Poland to the Ukraine, to liberate the Ukrainian and German minorities.

As was the case, last August, Hitler doesn't want war if it can be avoided, but he is willing to risk war, with Russia, alone,—just as he was willing to risk war with Czechoslovakia alone,—he doesn't wish to take the chance however a certain other army corporal took, one hundred years ago, of marching into Russia, and being attacked by England and France in the rear.

THERE is no doubt in Lippmann's mind that this roughly is the Nazi plan,—and as was true last summer, Mussolini is an important factor in its success, it being his job to handle France, as it was his job, at Munich, to handle England.

THE more one checks up on such a hypothesis, the more likely it appears, and the more understandable, the present noise, fury and general terrifying aimlessness of Central European diplomacy, becomes.

HOWEVER that may be this much appears certain,—not since 1914 does a general conflict in Europe, appear as likely as it does at the present writing. Time is still on the side of peace, as is the conscience of mankind,—but it looks dark indeed, for the 1939 Spring!



TO DUNK A DOUGHNUT properly, hold it as does Debutante Brenda Frazier in New York, between thumb and third finger of right hand with an index finger to steady it. So says Mrs. Gertrude Binney Kay, who told college class in Boston that "dunking's all right on informal occasions—but the hold must be correct." Behind the other "sinker" is Edward Hurd, Jr.

Personal Health Service

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WHEN THEY MOPE IN THEIR TEENS In some parts of the country a goitre is present in more than one-third of all school girls and more than one-fifth of all school boys, due to insufficient iodine in food and drink. When children get a suitable iodine ration they are much less likely to have enlarged necks. Many girls and some boys in their early teens, whether they have any thyroid enlargement or not, begin to mope at a time when they should naturally or normally be full of the vivacity of youth and the joy of living. Parents worry about them needlessly. There is always plenty to worry about, in bringing up children. But if your young son or daughter of twelve to fifteen begins to mope and pine and is inclined to melancholy and doleful day-dreaming, don't just call that your uncle went insane—we all had more or less of that in the family—and don't worry about some secret vice, for there is no ground for that notion—but give the child the benefit of medical care. Let your doctor examine the child particularly for incipient tuberculosis. Meanwhile see that your child gets a suitable iodine ration—a drop or two or three drops of common tincture of iodine, dropped from the glass rod in the iodine vial, in a drink of water once a week the year around or else every day for a month in each of the four seasons of the year.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Great Moments in History It seems far out of line for a health advisor to recommend eating any such indigestible thing as buckwheat pancakes. How can you possibly justify... (HTJL) Answer—Man, you had better send right away to U.S. Department of Agriculture, or Government Printing Office, fifteen cents for copy of "Vitamin Content of Foods." Compare the analysis of wheat and buckwheat. Buckwheat supplies 25 international units of vitamin B in the ounce, as against wheat which supplies only 15 units. If you ever have the good fortune to find a stack of old-fashioned yeast-raised buckwheat pancakes on your breakfast table, with genuine maple syrup 'n' plenty of butter 'n' UNBOILED coffee on the side, you'll begin to understand why the 'nth of October, when the sack of prize buckwheat arrives from Penn Yan, is a day of rejoicing hereabouts. Of course if you prefer to quarrel with your food, don't let us stop you. But by the same token you can't expect us to go sour on good food just because this modern opera, it'll take a lot of money, won't it?

Man About Manhattan By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK—Mr. Reed Lawton, the lyric baritone (oh, yes there are lyric baritones, my lad) sank into a low-slung divan, cocked his head to one side, and waited for the candid-interview to begin. Q: What about opera, Mr. Lawton? A: I think it's too full of those long dull stretches between arias when everybody sings off-key in monotonous but meaningless da-da-da-da. That's when they're saying, "Howsdy do, Butch, how's tricks today?" Well, that isn't music, it isn't even good sense, because nobody, including the singers, knows what's being said. Q: And you suggest...? A: That they sing it in English. Or rather speak those non-musical lines as an actor would speak them. There is much beautiful music in opera, but all too often the effect is spoiled by long tedious bellowings on an even-keel. The audience never knows what is going on. And I'm one of those curious ducks who thinks the audience, since it pays the freight, ought to be invited in and told what is going on.

Man About Manhattan (Continued) Q: Have you any plans, Mr. Lawton? A: Yes, I want to produce an opera, probably "La Traviata," as I think it ought to be produced. I don't think a 300-pound diva has any business singing the role of a slim, 18-year-old girl. I think opera is old-fashioned as it is today. The scenery is an eye-sore. And when the really beautiful music isn't sung I want my cast to speak English. I'm going to have a musical director and a theatrical director. An opera, no less than a play, needs intelligent direction. If an actor in a present-day Broadway drama stumped ponderously onto the stage as they do in opera, waving his hands and shouting unintelligible lines, they would put him in a sack and drop him into the East River. Believe me there is a lot of ham in opera, and too much ham, even though it is good ham, is no help to a romantic love song.

Man About Manhattan (Continued) Q: Then, as you vision it, opera should be streamlined and modern? A: Exactly. Costumes, settings, lighting, everything should be in key with the modern tempo. In my "Traviata" the ladies will wear the most modern evening gowns and the gentlemen white tie and tails. The libretto will be revised so that the talk is in key with talk used today. There will be none of this: "Quick, my

doublet; I must unto the king." Instead, it'll go something like, "Well, Joe, I hate to rush off but his majesty wants to see me and I'll have to be running along." See what I mean? Q: Yes, I do, but that's a big order, this modern opera. It'll take a lot of money, won't it? A: It'll take about \$75,000 to do it right. But I think I can get it. I'm certainly not going to do it until I can do it right. When I do, I think I'll have something all roles will be sung by American singers. They'll be singers who can act. And, I reiterate, they'll look the part. Violetta will be no overrated diva who bulges in the wrong places. Nor will Alfredo be some barrel-chested yodler who should be playing grandfather roles. Violetta will be young and wan and slim and... why, hell, she is supposed to have tuberculosis anyway. And Alfredo is an enthusiastic hospital, handsome young man. They'll not only look the part; they'll be Alfredo and Violetta. I've waited a long time for this. It's something I've wanted to do for six or seven years. It's come now. And am I having fun!

The Capital Parade (Continued from Page One) In relief legislation and other matters, they are already planning friendly co-operation with conservative Democrats. They hope to avoid outbreaks of ultra-partisan feeling. And their last desire is to present a specific program of their own. "What would be the use?" they ask. "We couldn't pass it. We would antagonize our Democratic friends. We would provide a specific target for criticism. And we would probably prevent the Democrats from hanging themselves, as we now hope they'll do."

REAL BARGAINS IN LUMBER while they last at BIG PINES LUMBER CO. PHONE 1. 6TH AND FIR

program is unusually interesting, therefore. Its chief point is a balanced budget, which he hopes to effect by returning to the relief system he set up during his own presidency. He sees that relief must now be federally financed. But he does not stop at demanding state administration. He suggests that relief funds be disbursed by non-partisan local committees. He has stated that his system would keep relief costs down to \$1,500,000 annually.

Point number two is a lowering of taxes on large earned incomes (but not inheritances). In order to encourage private enterprise, other points are re-establishment of the gold standard, encouragement of individualism, and improvement of such New Deal reforms as the securities and exchange acts, in the substance of which the former president believes.

The most striking feature of the Hoover program is the political courage required of its advocates. He not only wants the Republican party to attack the rich, by lowering high bracket taxes. Apparently he also desires to reduce governmental benefits to the poor, for relief costs could not be cut to anywhere near his estimate without materially lowering relief standards. About \$450 annually would be the largest practicable average payment. And that, for family and even individuals, is a very small sum indeed.

Comment on the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS IN THIS column the other day, it was noted that the railroads are apparently headed toward government ownership—which would be a calamity. Referring to that statement, a high railroad official says: "It is beginning to worry a good many people, this question of probable government ownership. But there is no railroad problem except such as is made by administration and public officials. If the railroads are given an even break with the other forms of transportation they can do the business and keep the traffic."

WHAT does he mean by an even break? Well, he cites the fact that government (state and federal) gives other forms of transportation the use of the highways free and keeps up their roadbed, their snow removed and all other expenses the railroads have to assume 100 per cent for themselves. "In addition to this," he adds, "we are taxed heavily for the building of these highways and then we are prevented by most states from using the highways that we contribute the most of the money to build."

IN MONTANA, a number of years ago, four railroads (three transcontinental and one local) operated between Butte and Anaconda. Then a concrete road paralleling the rail lines was built. Taxation in that area was then such that the four railroads contributed 90 per cent of the money to build the highway.

Before the highway was built, the local line (the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific) was running seven passenger trains a day each way. Now it has NONE. The highway built 90 per cent with railroad money took all the local rail traffic.

AND so it is with the waterways. They are built with public money and operate tax-free. They give only intermittent service. The taxpaying railroads have to help build them.

If you owned a grocery store and the government taxed you to get the money to build a competing grocery store across the street, and then taxed you to get the money to meet its deficits when it went in the hole underselling you, you'd feel abused.

That's the way the railroads feel about it.

THE railroads stand on their own feet. They build their own roadbeds and their own terminals. Then they PAY TAXES on them, and those taxes go a long way toward supporting local government in most American cities. But that isn't all. The railroads are forced to pay taxes to BUILD UP THEIR COMPETITORS.

To a fair-minded man, it sounds like a raw deal. IT IS a raw deal. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 16 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 15, 1928 (It was Saturday) King George of England shows improvement, but still in grave condition. Committee lists prizes for best illuminated yard during holidays. Snow in Siskiyou slows auto travel and many cars stranded. Henry Ford advises "young men to work and spend."

Police station moved to city hall quarters. Theodore Roberts, film star, succumbs to influenza.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 15, 1908 At special session of city council the ban on public meetings, as safeguard against public gatherings, is lifted provided everybody wears flu masks both inside and outside the place of meetings. The movies will re-open at once but dances will be prohibited. Poland breaks off relations with Germany; premier of Italy serves notice army will not be demobilized, until situation clears, and all war supplies will be kept intact. Largest winter wheat crop in the history of the nation predicted. Little state interest shown in coming session of the legislature.

Menus of the Day

(By Mrs. Alexander George) Souffle for Dinner Menu for three or four: Fish Souffle Cream Pasa Grapefruit Salad Bread Currant Jam Hawaiian Dessert Coffee

4 tablespoons butter 4 tablespoons flour 1 1/2 cups milk 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon paprika 1/2 teaspoon celery salt 1 teaspoon minced parsley 1 1/2 cups cooked fish 1/2 cup crumbs 3 egg yolks 3 egg whites, beaten Melt butter. Add flour and, when blended, add milk. Cook until a creamy sauce forms, stirring constantly. Add seasonings and fish. Beat for two minutes. Fold in the rest of the ingredients and pour into a buttered pan. Bake for 45 minutes in a pan of water in a slow oven. Grapefruit Salad 1 cup diced grapefruit 1/2 cup diced celery 1/2 cup chopped green peppers 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup french dressing. Mix and chill ingredients and serve in a bowl lined with a crisp salad green.

Hawaiian Dessert 2-3 cup granulated sugar 1 1/2 cups flour 3 teaspoons baking powder 2 egg yolks 1/2 cup cold water 1 teaspoon lemon extract 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1/2 teaspoon salt 4 tablespoons fat, melted Mix together the sugar, flour and baking powder. Add the rest of the ingredients and beat for two minutes. Pour over pineapple ingredients placed in a shallow greased pan.

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Fishermen to Fight Closing Law Effort

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Commercial fishermen along the southern Oregon coast prepared today to resist legislative efforts to close all streams except the Columbia river to commercial operations. A group headed by Charles Feller, president of the commercial fisheries of Oregon, will submit statistics showing the possible economic loss to this section.



Too often people kick—the banks won't loosen up—They're hoarding, won't loan the price of a mongrel pup. But don't believe 'em—I KNOW they're loaning every day.

Every day this month, they've financed at least one Chevrolet! About time we "spiked" a lot of this gloomy rumor stuff! Wake up to the fact that business ISN'T quite so tough. I've been around—done business with bankers many a year, And I've NEVER had finer cooperation than I've had right here!

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