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Editorial Correspondence

EN ROUTE OVERLAND TO CHICAGO, Sunday, Dec. 18.—Rushing through eastern Nebraska now, half an hour late. That's one thing about the Union Pacific, it may be behind time en route but it seldom arrives on anything but the dot.

This is near "Old Jule's" country,—which is up Niobrara-Norfolk way. It's a peaceful rolling country, lightly sprinkled with fresh white snow, the taller blades of bunch grass showing through it.

The Omaha Sunday World-Herald, was served with the orange juice this morning,—nothing much on the first page but this fantastic McKesson & Robbins Drug case,—column after column of it, with the resourceful F. Donald Coster alias Philip Musica, front and side view, shaved head and all from the Rogue's Gallery.

There is nothing so startling about an American Big Business man going to the penitentiary,—there have been many of them,—but seldom has an ex-convict gone to the top in Big Business FROM the penitentiary. That certainly is reviving the traditional Horatio Alger pattern with reverse English!

It only goes to show for the twentieth time, how much stranger truth is than fiction. Had Brother Oppenheim used such a plot he would have had his hide taken off for treating his public, like a lot of saps. Imagine a man, coming out of the pen, changing his name, changing the names of his brothers and sisters, pulling an international swindle to the tune of a hundred million and GETTING AWAY WITH IT! Just wouldn't make sense, would it?

Incidentally it seems to have taken a surprisingly long time for the Securities Commission and Uncle Sam to get wise to what has been going on apparently for many years.

It always gives one a shock to hear one's name called out on a train like this—or any train for that matter—where one always feels so sheltered and anonymous. Then BINGO!—A telegram for MISTER Robert Wuh RUI-EL—telegram for Mister Robert W., etc., etc., the Pullman conductor waving the yellow envelope and making a needless noise about it.

Here IS bad news however,—getting down on lower ground now, and the landscape is as brown and parched and bare, as the Dust Bowl is supposed to be. Sun shining in a clear blue sky, the mercury around 40, and not a snow flake in sight.

A young lady in this car is travelling with two Airdales and a personal maid. The personal maid presumably attends to the young lady and the young lady attends to the dogs,—the maid assisting when the pups are given exercise at station stops—the general tableau being somewhat reminiscent of the "Thin Man."

We realize the subject of women's hats is an old story, but we refuse to believe they have EVER been so completely terrible as they are this winter. Why doesn't some psychiatrist come forward and explain it all,—there must be a rather profound explanation lurking around somewhere.

Novelties Dot Hawaiian Home of Duke Heiress

(AP Feature Service) HONOLULU, T. H.—Tricky innovations, like a "choose your own height" elevator diving platform, are mixed with romantic old world touches on the estate being prepared for occupancy by the former Duke of Duke, tobacco heiress, and her husband.

Personal Health Service

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.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE HEART

When valvular leakage develops as a result of endocarditis complicating some such illness as quinsy, scarlet fever, acute infectious arthritis (perhaps without being recognized as endocarditis at the time of the illness or indisposition, since it frequently produces no symptoms pointing to the heart), the natural course of the valvular disease is a gradual enlargement of the heart.

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lural Athens of your state. More power to all of you. Yours very truly, EDWARD S. VAN DYKE, 1619 Willow Ave., Burlingame, Cal. December 17, 1938.

Professors Tree Thefts. To the Editor: For 18 years I have been trying to protect my little trees from Christmas tree vandals and in that time hundreds of trees, all the way from two feet high to six inches in diameter have been cut for Christmas trees or decoration purposes, without my consent.

I have put up trespass signs and in a few days after putting them up I find the signs torn off and thrown at my gate. My fence doesn't seem to stop them either. Inside my field I find saplings six inches in diameter cut and a few feet of the tip taken, the rest left to lay and rot.

I have a strip of land ranging from 100 to 200 yards wide and a quarter mile long bordering the road, that is not fenced and it is on this strip that so many little trees have been cut. I noticed several little fir, cedar and pine are coming up and if I had any assurance of protection for the trees in the future, I would plant seeds of fir, cedar and pine and in a few years would have a nice growth of little trees.

I am getting tired of having people sneak in and cut armfuls of trees and shrubbery, break up my laurel trees along the road for the berries and when they see me coming, salute, thumb their nose at me, jump in their car and beat it before I can get their number. There is a law to punish everyone for cutting trees or shrubbery within so many feet of the road. There is also a law forbidding stealing from a bank.

I am firmly convinced if parents would teach their children to have proper respect for other's property these laws and many others would seldom be broken.

I hope someone will give this communication serious consideration and see to it that there is a law passed at the next legislature making it mandatory that any and all persons in possession of Christmas trees or other greenery taken from the forest, national or private, have in their possession ownership papers. And fixing punishment of fine or imprisonment or both for not so having such papers.

If we had such a law it would mean no hardship on anyone who had come in possession of such greenery in an honest way and would discourage the sneak that sneaks around and cuts everything they want, when the owner is not looking.

Mr. Lawmaker, will you please give this your serious consideration? M. L. MEADOWS, Route 1, Box 405, Medford December 19, 1938.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS READ this paragraph from a London dispatch; it's interesting: "British Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons today (Monday) that Germany must be taken in as a partner or there will be neither peace nor progress in Europe in things which make life worth living."

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TO YOU from Washington by Ethelyn Evans

THE GRIDIRON DINNER—(Washington's most notorious party)—invitations are all but fought and sold for EVERMAN wants to see the folks who make the news impersonated and cleverly subjected to hilarious fun and satire. 'Tis said that political and domestic affairs and foreign policy are apt to follow the trend of the Gridiron skits. Some writers insist that the president's recently announced decision to endow a library with the proceeds of his state papers was Marvin McIntyre's canny, eleventh hour scheme for blocking and satirical Gridiron sketch regarding it. If so—it must have been somewhat disconcerting, because the newsmen do some of their hardest writing on those skits, and the men who present them rehearse audaciously. However, my money is on the "knights-of-the-press." It desired they could do a gorgeous job of last-minute re-writing and not pull a single punch.

THE "WIDIRON" Party program—given annually at the White House for "Gridiron" widows, distinguished guests and women of the press—was in charge of the writers this year. Mrs. Roosevelt, who never fails to enter into the spirit of any occasion, took an active part as an entertainer. Also two of her professional house guests put on "one-woman" acts. The newsmen, following the men's established practice of razzing prominent folk, put on skits depicting difficult moments for impersonated wives of congressmen, senators, justices, cabinet officers and the Chief Executive, while others impersonated them.

All questions, however, were answered bawdily followed by the command—"Don't print that!" except the First Lady who declared—"I'll print that!" Another skit impersonated Mrs. Roosevelt as the new Supreme Court Justice announcing that her decision in an important case had been published in her column the preceding day. A good sketch was one impersonating Mrs. Cummings, wife of the retiring Attorney General, teaching the other cabinet ladies to curtsy to the visiting British King and Queen. (By-the-way, Mrs. Cummings has actually been presented at the Court of St. James, where she shattered all precedent by appearing in a gorgeous SCARLET presentation dress.) In the curtsy, the supposed Madam Perkins, Secretary of Labor, refused to remove the tricorne hat, to unbend, or to DEPORT anybody. Dinner in the state dining room, followed by off-the-record, extemporaneous speeches concluded the evening's fun.

REGONIANS HEADING FOR OREGON—A letter from Mrs. Mott, wife of the Hon James W. Mott, states that Representative Mott will leave Salem shortly after Christmas, arriving here a short time before Congress convenes on January 3. The letter also brought the glad tidings that Mrs. Mott and daughters, Frances, Dorothy and Baby Beverly will drive over the southern route and reach Washington about February 1st. Last year Mrs. Mott and the children remained in Salem, and the Congressman lived at the University Club during the session. The many friends of the family, in and out of Congress, are delighted to know we shall have all of them with us this season.

THE FIRST LADY corrects misleading news reports to the effect that she had ordered 41 pieces of handmade lingerie from Puerto Rico. We were asked to explain that FOUR garments were for her own use and the rest for Christmas presents. These garments are now being made by a newly organized co-operative. The workmanship is supervised and the materials used have been greatly improved and standardized.

AMERICAN WHEAT GOING TO SPAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, announced today the Surplus Commodities corporation was prepared to provide 800,000 bushels of wheat monthly for the next six months to relieve suffering and human misery in Spain.

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The Red Cross already has shipped 60,000 barrels of flour obtained from the Surplus Commodities corporation to Spain on vessels belonging to the maritime commission.

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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 December 21, 1928 (It Was Saturday) Mid-west is swept by icy blizzard on shortest day of year. County court gets petition for Emigrant district road.

Beagle defeats Agate in a spelling match. Mrs. Everett Faber of Central Point entertains in honor of her daughter's birthday. Many in Table Rock district have the flu, but peak is believed passed. State income tax plans find favor with tax body. Savage Creek gold mine reports good clean-up.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 21, 1918 (It Was Monday) Field Marshal von Hindenburg of Germany leads large force to Posen, which is claimed by Poland as part of the New Poland. President Wilson and wife plan to visit London, where they will be the guests of the King of England at Buckingham Palace. City is brilliant with American flags and special street decorations. Milton Ottoman is promoted to chief clerk of the Southern Pacific here. Stockraking reported on increase throughout state. Flu masks are no longer required to be worn on the streets, the city health officer rules.

Weather. Northern California: Fair tonight and Thursday; cooler in interior of south portion tonight; frost and local fogs Thursday morning; strong northwest wind off coast. Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably showers in west portion and light snow over mountains; little temperature change; moderate northwest wind off coast. News for Christmas. BUCHAREST, Dec. 21.—(AP)—King Carol through the department of agriculture today gave 1,000 plows to poor Rumanian farmers as Christmas presents.

Chevrolet JINGLES Remember when the self-starter came out in 1911; The old-timers had been cranking 'em since 1897; Then they developed the four-wheel brakes in 1923. That we thought made motoring SAFE as it could be. But when Chevrolet brought knee action out in '34. That gave us COMFORT we never had known before! Now with the vacuum gear shift on steering post—That's the GREATEST improvement and one needed most. Chevy M. Hurd Rogue River Chevrolet Main and Riverside Service Dept.—32 North Riverside Used Car Lot—Riverside at 4th

CHRISTMAS MONEY TURN IN YOUR OLD CAR — GET THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONE-THIRD DOWN AND THE VALUE OF YOUR CAR

IN CASH ON A BETTER USED CAR OR NEW CAR First Payment Feb. 1st, 1939

Green Stamps ON USED CARS Rogue River Chevrolet Used Car Lot—Riverside at 4th

Man About Manhattan By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK—What appears to be the most acceptable of the week comes from Chicago by way of our general radio office, Mr. Charles Butterfield, who landed at our desk this morning just long enough to tell all about Mr. Olan Soule, star of "Bachelor Children."

Communications Symphony Lauded To the editor: My family and I were so deeply impressed by what we saw and heard on our recent visit to Medford that I feel impelled to share the observations of an outsider with your readers. I refer to the recent concert of your symphony orchestra and the music program which is being carried on in your public schools.

Man About Manhattan (Continued) My favorite cat driver is one Will O'Leary. He admits that his restless nature led him to New York. I was with my aunt in California working on a fruit ranch, but I was so nervous that one day my aunt said: "Will, you seem sad. You haven't been happy since you left Dublin, four years ago. Why don't you go to New York and look for a job. There's lots of places in the big city."

Houses Went Cheap LIVERPOOL, England.—(AP)—There was only one bid when two houses were put up at auction in Liverpool. They were knocked down for \$2.50 apiece. Reason—the houses are scheduled for demolition. Closing time for Too Late to Clarity Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Comment on the Day's News (Continued) WITH the Nazi back turned toward Britain and the Nazi eye fixed covetously on SOMEBODY ELSE'S property, that doubtless sounds reasonable to British ears. But if the Nazi face should be turned toward Britain and the Nazi eye should be fixed on BRITISH property? That might change the situation.

Comment on the Day's News (Continued) NOTE carefully, because it is important to an understanding of what is going on, that Britain and France are strong for "appeasement" of the dictators as long as they can be appeased with SOMEBODY ELSE'S territory.

Comment on the Day's News (Continued) SPEAKING of foreign relations, everybody, of course, is all for friendly co-operation in the Western Hemisphere, but this conference at Lima (in Peru) where our representatives are lining up the American "democracies" against the European dictators is fully as amusing as anything that is going on in Europe.

Comment on the Day's News (Continued) ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, speaking at her weekly press conference, asserts vigorously the right of a President's wife and children to "live their own private lives."

Comment on the Day's News (Continued) While in Medford it was a further good fortune to attend one of the orchestra classes in the program of your Junior high school. To see 30 or more youngsters of the average age of 12 or 13 years responding with keen delight and avid interest to the musical interpretation of a skilled director is indeed a thrilling sight and augurs well for a balanced culture in your future citizenry.

Comment on the Day's News (Continued) This is a bromide, but it's still true: If this fellow Coster (or Musica) had played square when he went into business after being a convict, he'd now be respected instead of detested. And he'd be happy and alive instead of disgraced and dead.

Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry The coldest weather in 70 years—least in Europe. It is so chilly, the back teeth of Dr. Puchner Hitler rattle like his saber when he prattles of war.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) Lovers of thrills have cast aside mystery and murder tales, to read the amazingly incredible evidence of the swindling and criminal activities of Philip Musica. They pale before Back in 1911, there were signs some day he would reach the peak of cunningness. Press reports reveal, "fleece business houses and banks with a company that dealt in human hair, and did it on such a scale that eleven sets of lawyers fought over whatever assets he left." This indicated he would be watching, but he wasn't.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) E. Ulrich of Prospect, one of the many farmers tied down to their ranch, slipped a few knots Tues. and came to town.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) Henry Ford and Col. Lindbergh have been oratorically lambasted by the Secretary of the Interior for accepting Nobel medals. As a result of the secretarial shower of vitriol, the acceptance does not seem as bad as at first.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) YOU'VE MET THE EXAMINER! (Lakeview Ore.) Examiner: "We have read a number of your articles in a number of the Saturday Evening Post, our favorite magazine, and in them we always find food for thought, stimulation for better citizenship and living. Without doubt we have often bored our friends by endeavoring to tell them what 'the Post' had to say about this or that."

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) M. Fiewher, the demon baker, smashed a bridge table chair to smithereens, as completely as if it had hit a heavyweight wrestler in the head, one eye last week. Exuberated at doing something to an ace leg, by Dick Durso, Mr. Fiewher whooped and hurled himself heavenward, and the furniture was in the road on the down trip. Eyewitnesses state the devastation was the most complete ever wreaked by Mr. F. without the aid of a screwdriver.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) The police report a group "from the local knox who are headed for the same place, passed through the first of the week.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) Feminine admirers of a he-film idol, who forked over \$246.00, it is said, to his mate to procure a divorce, and eventually went a movie queen. It is further said, are in a quandary. They don't know whether to weep for the Duke of Windsor, or join the Society for the Administration of Nels Eddy, the blond bartons of the screen.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) The Pan-American Conference at Lima, Peru, seems to be getting no place fast. The Latin-American nations get along with each other like a couple of Democrats.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) "NEW DEAL NEEDS MORE PIN-IBS"—(Hillside Red Bluff (Calif.) News)—You said it!

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) As ably staged by the first lady of the children of the President have the right to earn their own living. None deny this. They are also entitled to all the luck they can muster. In going places in their chosen fields of endeavor. They should not find themselves drawing an Admirals' pay, before they have waded in the ocean.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) "This would be a queer world if everybody in it thought alike. . . . And with everybody in it thinking differently, what is it?"—(Washington Star)—It might be a phantasmoria. If there is such a thing.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) S. Claus left the Elks tom-cat at a Christmas present under the tree Tues. Everybody knows what it is but the tom-cat.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) "We are expecting a call from a delegation of Methodists of Manhattan, owing to the statement of our usually veracious correspondent that the 4th club dinner dance was held in the Methodist church."—(Ablene (Kan.) Reflector)—Journalistic sense and scent.

Ye Smudge Pot (Continued) Orashoppers have five eyes.