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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

It looks like war was just around the corner, where Prosperity has been for ten long years.

W. Roedel, a Central Point boy who made good in Medford, Crater Lake, Portland, Denver and San Francisco, is back for a visit.

Ed. Childers, the saw & hammer man, leaves tomorrow for Lake Co. where he expects to hit a muletail deer, where he hits nalls.

Indian summer is again upon us, and fine weather prevails for the enjoyment of man, who is always at his worst, when nature is at its best, it seems.

Several valley residents have recently taken in the Prisco fair, and vice versa.

There are 3,342 students now in schools. This is a lot of kids, who are called adolescents by teachers.

Our contemporary, Moore Hamilton, is being moved the past week, and plans to stay put in the hereafter.

The Older Girls have started talking about taking down their screen doors. It takes as long to start taking them down, as it does to start putting them up in spring.

The John Wilkinson boy set sail upon the sea of matrimony last Mon. His Paw did the same thing 26 years previous.

Horticulturists have started looking for Pailas on their pear trees. Pailas is pronounced allah. The P is useless, not very ornamental, and fools nobody.

T. Slate Johnston is a classmate of Sen. Taft of Ohio, mentioned as a GOP presidential possibility. They were in Yale together. R. Carlton of the Redskin orchard, trod the same campus.

The government is getting ready to take the census next year, and has named the state senator from Clackamas county as director for this state. Conditions are getting better, as to date, there are more noses to count than nose counters.

Chuck Strang, the pioneer pillist celebrated his 79th birthday last week and was told by everybody he did not look a day over 60. Not to be outdone, Chuck declared he felt 59. He started in business here when some farmer's team ran away every Sat. pm.

The Elks' com-ent is having some more trouble with his right eye, which was hurt some time ago while going across the street. Kitty-corner. This cat has had everything but the whooping cough.

Pioneers met at Ashland Thurs. and returned home full of chicken, and memories of early days. Many said if they had to cross the plains again, behind an ox team, they would not do it, as this mode of getting any place is worse than walking.

Vic Bursell of the C. P. district is going back to N.Y. to see the world's fair there.

The ha football team will face Weed next Fri. eve. in their 1939 debut. They have been getting ready and look promising.

Dock Butler has fired a poem at Del Getchell the banker-poet, who as yet has not retaliated in kind.

Always Boots

CHARLEBURY, England.—(AP)—There always were boots—and heavy boots—in the armies of Britain. Remains of hob-nailed boots were found on the skeleton of a Roman soldier buried near here 2000 years ago.

Leads Trapped Sheep

MELBOURNE, Australia (UP)—A large flock of sheep, huddled together in a bushfire that was sweeping through the Grampian mountains, was saved by an emu, a large ostrich-like bird. The bird, rushing down from an adjacent hillside, spotted the only break in the fire line and led the sheep through a hole in the fence.

Lindbergh Is Right, But—

MOST people will agree with Lindbergh's main thesis—that the United States should keep out of the mess overseas, unless and until its VITAL INTERESTS are involved. The difficulty will come in defining "vital interests." There are some imaginative and rather idealistic citizens, for example, who believe this country's vital interests are involved now.

The present writer, for example, talked with a prominent citizen of Portland a few days ago, who not only favored an immediate declaration of war against Germany, but declared his two sons would enlist, and he would serve in the front line trenches with them if the army would take him.

As he viewed it, every shot fired at England and France was also directed against this country, and it made him furious so few Americans could see it.

This was an extreme case, of course.

WE would say most people will not regard America's vital interests involved, as long as Great Britain and France have only Germany opposing them, and while notoriously slow starters, give every indication of having the situation well in hand. They will agree with Lindbergh that under such circumstances this country should keep out, and stay out.

But, if the present German victories should continue, or particularly if the present war should develop into a real world war, with Russia and perhaps Japan, on the side of the Rome-Berlin axis; then it is our belief, that an overwhelming majority of the people would agree the vital interests of the United States were threatened, and Uncle Sam should do everything in his power to defeat the totalitarian dictatorships.

EVEN under such circumstances, however, there would be a minority in opposition, as there always is. There would first be the pacifists,—the conscientious objectors,—probably a larger group particularly among the youth, than ever before. They would maintain nothing justifies war, that any threat to this country's vital interests can only come from without, not from within.

NUMERICALLY larger, and more formidable, would be the die-hard isolationists, augmented by various and sundry alien and un-American groups. They would stoutly maintain, the vital interests of this country could not be involved as long as actual warfare was confined to Europe on one hand, and the Orient on the other.

Only when an armed invasion of the western hemisphere by some foreign power or group of powers threatened, would they consider a war declaration, justified.

SO while few will disagree with Colonel Lindbergh, that until our vital interests ARE involved, we should keep out of the fracas, there is little chance of agreement on just what vital interests are, or at any given time, MAY be.

The Other Side of the Picture

IN another column is a communication on the interesting subject of keeping one's head in war time. A most desirable thing to do, of course, but extremely difficult.

As an aid in that direction, however, for those who find war so fascinating and thrilling (when it is 6 or 7 thousand miles away), we would commend the perusal of a short article in this week's "Time" under the heading of "Medicine" with the sub-head "War Wounds."

Just read it over,—the matter-of-fact recital of what goes on behind the lines in any battle, from the first-aid station to the base hospital,—and all true, as any war veteran will tell you.

WE often hear the expression "there are things worse than war". We sometimes wonder if there really is,—at least this side of Hades!

We are not offering the exhibit, however so much as an argument against war as a good antidote for excessive war enthusiasm, particularly for the armchair non-combatant.

WE admit it is thrilling to read of the French advancing eight miles on the western front, or of that Polish "lost battalion" breaking through the Nazi trap and with banners flying marching to the relief of Warsaw.

But if one really wishes to keep his head, then with each such perusal, one should also read a few pages of the book on which this "Time" article is based: "Medical organization and surgical practice in air raids."

Not in line with any doctrine or propaganda,—but merely to secure, what is so desirable to have,—A PROPER PERSPECTIVE!

The Eternal Query

AS a postscript to the above, it might be well to mark that war not only destroys lives and property, but thoughts and feelings,—at least the desirable and constructive ones.

In other words war is organized and concentrated destruction, and when the human mind is thus engaged, all its finer, higher functions are destroyed, as long as the conflict lasts.

Wars have been preceded, and followed by great creative achievements in letters and the arts, but never, at least in modern times, accompanied by them. There is a moratorium during war not only on normal financial and business activities, but normal intellectual and spiritual ones. It is literally true the human animal, in the mass, of necessity becomes the beast, and for the period of the war, behaves as one.

AND yet as a practical matter when a homicidal maniac like Hitler insists upon war, how can it be avoided? The answer is it can't be,—unless the rest of the world is willing to bow to his dictation, and abandon all the principles and ideals it has regarded as synonymous with human decency and civilization, in the bargain.

WAR is wicked, war is futile, war is sheer suicidal madness, but as long as a certain portion of the world insists upon employing it, what can the rest of the world do about it? For no matter how we may detest war, the unvarnished fact remains that the only way to overcome force, is to employ a greater force.

This is contrary to the Christian doctrine to turn the other cheek and that the meek shall inherit the earth. But we fear it isn't, contrary to human experience.

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.

A USEFUL TOOTH IN THAT VACANT SPACE

In an article published recently,

I said:

"A recent development of American dentistry—always the finest in the world—is the peg tooth."

An artificial tooth perhaps having a porcelain jacket crown is cemented to a peg or base of the alloy vitallium which is screwed into the jaw bone where it is retained as tightly and comfortably as you please."

Now the up-to-date dentist fills the vacant space with a single tooth, which gives the appearance of the patient's natural tooth and serves admirably in a functional way, without molesting the normal teeth on either side of the vacant space to use them as anchors for a bridge.

Perhaps that was simplifying the procedure more than the plodding old dentists are prepared to approve. In order to set the vitallium peg in the jaw of course it is necessary for the dentist to inject a local anesthetic, make an incision through the gum down to the surface of the jaw bone, and then screw the vitallium peg in about one half an inch, much as a screw in wood.

Such vitallium, alloy screws, nails, and the like have been used extensively in the bone surgery and repair of fractures. The alloy seems to be strong enough for the purpose and to be acceptable to the tissues—it causes little or no irritation.

As I expected, several mincing little men seized on this as a good excuse for telling me what an ignorant person I am, that such an assertion is "nothing less than vicious" and that it is what they would expect from a miserable hack writer who doesn't even know that dentists are legally entitled to use the title "Doctor."

Shucks, it is no use. I have said here scores of times that of course the man or woman with the degree of D.D.S. or D.M.D. is legally entitled to use the title "Doctor." Personally, I'd no more think of addressing such a person by any other title than I'd think of addressing a physician as Mr., Mrs. or Miss.

But my quarrel with the dental profession concerning dental education and the anomalous position of

this branch of medicine today is beside the point.

The peg tooth is a step in advance and American dentistry should be proud of it. If the old mosebacks in the profession can be stopped from babbling long enough to learn how to gain this advantage for their patients, a great many people now limping along with one tooth missing rather than sacrifice teeth on either side of the vacant space for bridge anchorage, will be happy to have that space filled with a good looking, functionally efficient tooth.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why Give Up?

What causes adhesions after an operation, for instance for appendicitis? Are they serious? What symptoms does one notice? My wife and I think a lot of your articles. If you kick off before we do I guess we'll just give ourselves up. (W.L.)

Answer—On what charge? Adhesions always form after operation or wound, an essential of healing. Rarely do they cause any symptoms. Don't watch for symptoms. If you have any complaint let your doctor determine what the trouble is.

Unbitten Guests

Please tell Mrs. L. J. M. to have the drugist put ten cents worth of carbolic acid in a pint of gasoline and let the unbitten guests (bedbugs) have it. She will have no more trouble. (W.B.L.)

Answer—Thank you. Probably acquiring gasoline or kerosene in cracks and devices where the bugs hide will do as well. In any case, great caution must be used against striking matches or have a flame in the room. Send ten cents coin and stamped addressed envelope for booklet "Unbitten Guests"—it tells how to deal with them all, from cooties to ringworms.

Thanks From a Gentleman

Just a week ago Dr. Brady did transurethral resection, and here I am home and in fine fettle. Believe me I am grateful for your advice. I was drifting into that "bladder" state you described so well. Your teaching saved me. (J.W.)

Answer—Glad to send on request. If you use a stamped envelope bearing your address, monograph on Prostatic Obstruction.

(Protected by John P. Dille Co.)

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agencies, a calm and reasoned policy was finally worked out. It may be described as a generosity tempered with firmness.

The anxiety of the American business men and American government to facilitate trade with their neighbors is to be clearly signified. All business propositions made by South American nations will be examined in a welcoming spirit. At the same time, they will also be carefully examined from the practical standpoint, so that no large unpayable debts are created. And, meanwhile, the opportunity presented by the need for economic assistance from us will be used to bring firm but friendly pressure on such countries as Mexico, whose economic relationships with the United States are now unsatisfactory. With the exception of this latter intention, which is best left unspoken, the policy will be expressed in a broad peace and trade declaration at the Panama conference.

With respect to financing, Federal Loan Administrator Jesse H. Jones has informed the conference that he believes the export-import bank can do the work. At present, the bank's outstanding loans leave no margin for more lending, but many of the loans may be taken over by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, thus releasing additional funds. If this does not meet the situation, a reasonable expansion of the bank's lending powers will be asked of congress. There is also the hope that rises in commodity prices, and South American war trade with the democracies, will supply South America with extra foreign exchange which may be used in paying North American exporters.

Simultaneously wise measures are being taken to safeguard our customers to the southward from possible excess on our exporters' part. It is recognized that South American buyers visiting this country will have full facilities at their disposal to insure a fair deal for them. In fact, matters are being arranged with a view to healthy profits and sound trade development.

Kicks In Dispute

SAN FRANCISCO.—(UP)—After hearing expert testimony by veterinarians that a cow cannot kick backwards but only sideways, the state industrial accident commission rejected the claim of a ranch hand for compensation. Whereupon, E. F. Eberly of Norfolk, Neb., wrote the commission that he had more than 100 head of cattle many of whom could kick the legs off a person standing behind them.

Communications

In Memory of Chic Sale

To the editor:

The country is saved! The "Isolationists" intend to invert the WPA's WCs for Bomb Sellers.

S. W. R. (Name on file).

Says It Isn't a Pension Plan

To the editor:

I have read, with very much interest, the story in this week's Saturday Evening Post, by Alsop and Kintner, entitled "Merchandising Miracles."

I must say that the subject matter was exceedingly well handled, to convey the matter as they wanted it; it could of course only be done by two such men as the authors.

But—

To put the whole article in a nutshell, they show that they do not have the slightest knowledge about the subject they are writing about.

The Townsend plan is not an old age pension proposition and never was intended as such. The Townsend leaders have always repeated that it was for the purpose of business recovery and stability. Dr. Townsend recently made the remark he was "not interested in pensions, his plan was a recovery plan."

We had a good example of what it would do in our soldiers' bonus. It put into circulation about a billion and a half dollars, and created 70 billions in business; the Townsend plan would do about something like that every month.

Neither is the Townsend plan for "4200 a month." It always has been a "pay as you go" proposition, pro-rate what they collect. Anyone trying to explain away the Townsend plan or ridicule it as this article does, should get any issue of the Townsend Weekly and read the "Townsend creed," which explains what the plan stands for.

As to the part of the article "panning" Sheridan Downey, I have this to say: I find no hint of scandal or skulduggery any place. Speculating, yes, but who of us hasn't, and a lot of us lost out. Downey is to be commended in his efforts to pay his debts; also a man capable and able to be a U. S. senator can't be such an awfully bad fellow.

As to any politician being a "ham andegger," "Townsendite," etc., they know which side their bread is buttered on. Downey would never have been senator without espousing "ham and eggs."

GEORGE IVerson.

Medford, Sept. 16.

What Is So Rare—

To the editor:

What is so rare as a person who can keep his head when the guns boom? You aren't doing so bad for at least you reason things out logically, but I would like to see a newspaper editor who really did keep his feet on the ground like a friend of mine.

When the war is over he will get his dues if he is alive but now he is about as popular with most of the gas house gang as a skunk at a garden party. And why,—just because he refuses to fall for the usual war propaganda and join in the chorus of passion and hatred.

For example, he doesn't blame Hitler for this war—that's too simple. He blames the treaty of Versailles and Uncle Sam's refusal to join the

League of Nations. The first would not have been so bad if the second hadn't spilled the beans; for the wrong of the first could have been corrected, but with the failure of both, he says the formation of the dictator powers and the present revolt against the democratic ones was unavoidable.

All the gang maintain the only trouble with the Versailles treaty arrangement was it wasn't severe enough, that the next treaty will correct the wrong by being signed on the ruins of Berlin and reducing the German empire to a few weak central European states. That I take it is the popular view but I string along with Mr. S. He points to the example of Lincoln and the Duke of Wellington. By his lenient terms after Waterloo and the liquidation of Napoleon the latter gave Europe peace for over half a century and then it wasn't broken by war-like France but by Prussia. Had Lincoln lived a lenient peace with the north would have rendered the reconstruction period and the present prejudice against the north impossible.

So he advocates after Hitler has been liquidated, a lenient peace should be made with the German people not for the sake of Germany so much as for the sake of peace in Europe and the world. The gang would like to lynch him for that sort of talk but again I believe he is right. But I realize that in the present state of the public mind which will grow worse, he couldn't get a first hand.

It's a pleasure to me to see a man who can keep his head at such a time. It reminds me of that poem by Kipling and it renews my faith in the essential rightness of mankind and the eventual triumph of true civilization. You can print this if you care to but I am not anxious for publicity, nor is my friend, but it might be heartening to that small minority that refuses to follow the mob in war time.

J. C. ECKSTROM.

Medford, Sept. 15.

V.F.W. WILL VOTE UPON NEUTRALITY

Veterans of Foreign Wars of Crater Lake post and auxiliary will meet in regular session Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the armory. A pot luck supper will be served by the auxiliary at 6:30 p.m.

Initiation will be featured by the post and auxiliary and a degree team and social affairs will be planned for the year.

Members will be polled at the meeting on the question of changing the neutrality law. The poll is expected to have particular interest as all of the members have had foreign service and many of them were wounded in action.

Commander Merrill A. Beneka requests members to be present on time.

The Bicycle Safety club will meet at 7 p.m. with William J. Cooney in charge. He requests that members of the club be present.

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 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 17, 1929

(It was Tuesday)

Salem attorney files suit against state forestry bureau for \$15,000 for being forced to help fight a forest fire while in the woods.

Dry agents seize 140 gallons of alcohol in the Siskiyou.

Berrydale citizens approve contract with city for water supply.

Democrats of nation start fight over John J. Raskob, national chairman.

Residents of Rose avenue frightened by a low flying plane.

County to have exhibit at state fair.

L. A. Banks takes over operation of Medford News.

Sale of tickets for world series games between the Chicago Cubs and the Athletics opens.

Crater Lake visitors so far this year total 120,358.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 17, 1909

(It was Wednesday)

President Wilson and wife arrive in San Francisco on national tour, and are greeted by cheering throngs.

Portland reformer starts war to make smoking a crime in Oregon after January, 1921.

Baltic states move to form Soviet Union.

Elks to dedicate new picnic grounds on Rogue river next Sunday.

Fletcher Fish has been named manager of the U. S. free employment bureau, and is a voluntary \$1 per year worker.

George Coddling and Carl Tengwald named delegates to state meeting of American Legion.

At The

National Capitol

with

John W. Kelly

(Continued from Page One.)

Federal Maritime Commission, which awarded contracts for cargo carriers to a San Francisco concern a few days ago, is asking bids on 20 more similar cargo boats.

"Educational" orders (further details unrevealed), are being placed with firms along the coast. Spies of FBI agents taking up their task of watching suspects—of which more anon.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

MURDER BY THE CLOCK

Out of fictions most exciting pages stalks the peerless Sherlock Holmes

the Adventures of SHERLOCK HOLMES

Based on the novel by SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE and starring **BASIL RATHBONE**

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Plus—Irish Phil Regan sings his way through the gayest romantic comedy of the year **"SHE MARRIED A COP"**

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"SHERLOCK HOLMES" today at 2:00-4:45-8:20-11:00

"MARRIED A COP" at 3:40-7:15-9:35

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