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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. Farmers have started praying again for what the windshield wipers wipe, if they work.

The fashionable "wasp waist" has started showing up on the local social horizon, but none to date, will fool any wasps.

The junior senator from Oregon, home from Washington, D. C., to make a speech, opines he scents a desire on the part of the New Deal regime to play full-back in the European imbroglio.

Some of the Hallowe'en pranks went too far, and the pranksters are going farther, if they can catch them, the police report.

JOYS OF JOURNALISM (Richmond (Md.) Independent) "Dear Mr. Porter: I am sorry that I will not be able to send in any news items this week as we have 11 exciting pigs which have to be fed by hand every two hours. I may be able to get something at a later date to you later. If not will not matter."

Turkeys are now busy eating hot corn mash, so they will be "milk-fed" in time for Thanksgiving.

"The first of a series of eight current event book review programs was given at the high school auditorium on Thursday afternoon to an appreciative audience of forty-eight women." (Gola (Kan.) Register) — "Twas not dry reading."

A Cleveland, O., mother sewed bits of lace and embroidery on the tail of her boy's shirt, so he would keep it where it belongs. This is regarded as an outstanding bit of feminine ingenuity, unless it runs into a style rage next summer.

SUNNY, NUTTY CALIFORNIA (Oakland Tribune) "To Editor Tribune: If Proposition No. 1 (30 Thursday) is carried I can see happy days will be here again. The schools will be closed and that will make the children happy. The lawful money of the state will have like water running down hill. As money is the root of all evil, that ought to make some people happy."

The annual argument! Should a college football player be remunerated for his end runs and tackling, from the cash collected at the main gate, arises to confound the heavy thinkers of the campus. An eastern professor fears a financial reward would kick the daylight out of the recipient's "perspective," but he could probably stand it. The huge throngs who crowd the stadiums Saturdays come to see the halfbacks run. The "Vell King" works as hard, but nobody cares how high he jumps straight up, after the victory touchdown has been scored.

VERY, VERY GOOD "The excessive use of 'very' imparts to any text an accent of glibness. Some fanatics insist there never was a sentence which would not have been the better for its omission and anyone would agree that a neoplatonic writer might do worse than swear off using 'very' for a year. For total abstinence in this matter often compels the practitioner to think in order to say precisely what he means. Sometimes words owe their vogue to the fact that they can be aptly tossed about by a writer too lazy to do either."

That American farmers are using more machinery is indicated by figures showing that farm machinery sales were 350 percent higher in 1939 than at the bottom of the depression.

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There are fidelity and service for you! But how much attention do we pay to it? How much gratitude do we really feel for it? Why most of us kick like steers if anyone suggests, we get up early enough, once in a decade or two, to greet it respectfully when it arises, and show some faint signs we appreciate its work! We suggest the Yogi Movement retire in favor of the modern and honorable order of Sun Worshippers. Is there a second?

Three days and three nights out from North Bay—76 hours to be exact. Naturally we became pretty well acquainted with the men and women on the train, all Canadians, with the exception of an Irish doctor and his wife from Belfast, who plan to spend the winter with their son and daughter in Victoria.

And quite as naturally the war was the chief topic of conversation. With the exception of the Irish doctor, his wife never talked about the war in our presence, there was a common attitude toward the war, no one wanted it, but now that Great Britain has been forced into it, Canada is behind her to a man—and woman,—and there will be no stop until Herr Hitler is not only thoroughly whipped, but all that he stands for has been swept from every chancellery in Europe. In fact not only as a result of our experience on this trans-Canadian train but our experience in Canada for over a week, we would say, that Canada is far more enthusiastically and completely behind England in this war than was the case in 1914. And we wouldn't except Quebec although that is the one province, where an anti-war party exists, and promises to function after a fashion, in spite of its recent overwhelming defeat.

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Editorial Correspondence

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 31.—No fooling.—British Columbia is the cream of Canada, just as the Pacific coast is the cream of the U. S. A. One has only to travel from coast to coast to know it.

A new hotel here since our last visit,—the old Canadian Pacific hotel "Vancouver" has been abandoned, and this new, imposing edifice with the same name takes its place. Instead of being conducted by the C. P. R. it is conducted by a separate corporation on behalf of the C. P. R. and the Canadian National railroads. We have seen enough of it to declare it one of the finest hotels on the North American continent.

The old Canadian National's "Continental Limited" had hard work to avoid getting here two or three hours ahead of time, but finally made it,—thanks to many stops, and seldom releasing the brakes. Arose early to see the scenery down the Frazer river, and it was worth it,—a gorgeous morning without a cloud in the sky and the sun coming up, UNLIKE thunder, over the eastern snow-tipped mountain tops.

And here is a new metaphor: "Consciousness of the fact crept over him, as slowly as the dawn." For on a clear morning is there anything more certain than the sunrise, and yet more gradual,—so gradual the changes are almost imperceptible. We worked hard this a. m. to note when the changes occurred, from faint icy light to the first real glow of dawn; from a slowly retreating darkness to the first real color,—but finally gave up in disgust. It couldn't be done. The changes were there, that's all, it was impossible to SEE them come, or note just WHEN.

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There was one Canadian aboard the train, in whose views we were particularly interested,—a veteran of the World war, a member of the British Columbia parliament, and even in his 40's, well known throughout the Pacific northwest as a brilliant amateur athlete,—this man gave such an intelligent, sane, and yet convincing view of the present situation in Europe, that we were sorry—and we told him so,—that he couldn't find the time to make a lecture tour, or go on the air, or take part in the Public Forum broadcast.

Captain X fought for three years in France, entered as an infantry private and came out a captain in the air force, but running through all his remarks was FIRST: complete and uncompromising condemnation of the Treaty of Versailles and its punitive spirit; and SECOND: the hope that not only this time there will be no repetition of that mistake, but that the final result will be, the formation of a United States of Europe, with Germany, England, France and Italy presenting a united front against Stalin and the Communists.

Time after time he would say: "Why we shouldn't be fighting Germany and if we hadn't forced Hitler on Germany at Versailles we wouldn't be. The one supreme danger to Europe is Communism,—Communism and its half-brother Fascism,—and Germany and England should be arm in arm against it. That was Chamberlain's idea, and if he hadn't had a criminal and a maniac to deal with, that would have been the result at Munich. That's going to be the result anyway unless the war utterly destroys all our common sense and judgment. But before that or anything else can be done, Hitler of course must be blacked out,—blacked out so he will STAY out. And if they need me again this time, I am ready to crank up and help them do it!"

There was a great deal more, some of which we doubt if it would be wise to repeat. He was extremely lenient as far as Lindbergh was concerned,—an opinion not shared by most of those present. But we liked the tolerance and sense of proportion this attitude revealed, as for that matter did all the opinions he expressed.

"I have met Lindbergh once," he explained, "and liked his complete absence of side and fluff. Why crucify the poor chap because he accepted some poor advice,—a deplorable mistake,—YES,—but why not take all his record, and not single out one slip, and try to ruin him because of it. That's one thing I can't understand about you Americans, you insist upon making demigods out of your own, and then stone them to death when you discover they are merely flesh and blood. What did you expect? We had a great aviator too,—Bishop—but we didn't insist upon making him out a demi-god,—we gave the man the V. C. and let it go at that. But if he should say something now that we regarded as unwise, would we wish at once to tear the man's heart out? No, not at all. We really do believe in free speech, and we would balance one fool remark he—or anyone else,—might make, against the many that WEREN'T."

Incidentally we have yet to hear the slightest suggestion in Canada, of criticism of Chamberlain. In fact many Canadians have said that had Chamberlain broken with Hitler at Munich, and war resulted, Canada would have refused any military assistance. It was what Hitler did AFTER Munich that convinced Canada that Hitler had to go,—and much as they detested war,—force alone could do it.

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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.

SALT WATER EYE WASH

A standard solution for eye drops or eye wash is made by dissolving a heaping teaspoonful of boric acid (formerly called boracic acid) in boiled water, preferably rain or snow water or distilled water, a pint. Boric acid is cheap. It comes in granular or crystalline form or in the form of fine white powder. Boric acid is antiseptic. That is to say, it tends to retard or stop the multiplication of germs. It is not germicidal—that is, it does not destroy all germs. It is comparatively non-irritating to the body tissues and non-poisonous except in very large quantity.

Boric acid has no specific "healing" or remedial effect, so far as I know. When such a solution of boric acid is used as drops or as eye wash, the patient, with inflammation of the eyes, may feel that it soothes the discomfort. If when used either as drops in the eye or as an eyewash it should always be warmed to nearly the body temperature. If you drop plain water in the eye it smartens and irritates. But if you dissolve a rounded teaspoonful of common table salt in the pint of water, boiled water, and use such a solution, at about body temperature, as drops or eyewash, it is non-irritating. That is approximately the salt strength of the tears.

These same strengths of boric acid solution or salt solution, made with boiled water, preferably rain or snow water or distilled water, are better for bathing wounds or burns or raw surfaces, for the same reason—they are less irritating than plain water because they have nearly the same salt strength as the blood serum itself. For my own wounds or sore

eyes or whatever I would as soon have some home made boric acid solution or some plain salt solution as any fancy "antiseptic" solution you can name. For mouthwash or gargle I would as soon use plain boric acid solution as any other.

Some medical men of wide experience believe that boric acid is especially potent in retarding or preventing the growth and multiplication of the ubiquitous pneumococcus, the germ responsible for pneumonia, many cases of tonsillitis and quinsy and many cases of acute coryza. Altogether boric acid solution and salt solution—always prepared fresh, from boiled water, in the quantity you will use within a day or two, are excellent remedies for many common ailments and deserve the respect and confidence of intelligent people.

Questions and Answers: I do not recall having seen in your column on aspirin. Is it advisable to give one aspirin tablet a day to a child aged five years for a head cold, until the cold is broken? (Mrs. W. G. E.) Answer—My advice is never give a child aspirin.

Do you have a calorie chart for overweight? What is the best food for strength or energy but not fattening? (Mrs. P. F.) Answer—Authoritative analysis of foods, showing amounts of fat, protein, carbohydrate, mineral matter, fibre and calories are given in pamphlets issued by Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.—Bulletin 29, Agriculture Department—for 10 cents a copy. If food hasn't calories it will not give strength or energy. I have a booklet "Rules for Reducing"—for copy send 25 cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address. For the government Bulletin 28 write to Washington as above.

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The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner. Released by The North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.

Washington, Nov. 3.—The story of the western progressive conference, blasted by that practiced blaster, John L. Lewis, is a political Aesop's fable, with the simple moral, "liberals are always amateurs." James Roosevelt dodges in and out of it, clutching money-bags. John and Anna Boettiger are to be seen in the background, scattering blessings. But the main actors are younger members of the new deal group, of the type more remarkable for enthusiasm than practical experience.

The notion of a western progressive conference was apparently conceived last spring by one Howard Costigan, a leader of the Commonweal Federation in Seattle, Wash. Costigan is a friend of the Boettigers. With his notion on his mind, he decided to come to Washington, in Washington, as the friend of the president's daughter and son-in-law, he achieved a wide notice. He is understood to have had interviews with Harold L. Ickes, Frank Murphy and Harry L. Hopkins, and to have been received at supper at the White House.

While Costigan was in Washington he also paid a call on John L. Lewis and disclosed his plan to the labor leader. Lewis tentatively promised support, but on the specific condition that he or his lieutenants be consulted at every stage in the preparations. Costigan seemed to understand Lewis's stipulation, and departed for home after assuring Lewis that the C. I. O. would have its say. Shortly thereafter, Norman N. Little, another Boettiger crony, who has the post of assistant attorney general in charge of the lands division, and Marshall E. Dikook, assistant secretary of labor, emerged as the conference's Washington managers.

All sorts of persons were approached, including members of the White House secretariat, the president's publicity adviser, Lowell Mellett, the new dealers' secretary paragon, Claude Pepper of Florida, one or two other senators and one or two more cabinet members. Some, like Mellett, were cold to the conference idea. Others were enthusiastic. Meanwhile, Costigan, at work on the west coast, brought in Philip Dunne, son of the famous author of "Mr. Dooley."

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SPY stories are coming from Switzerland today—convictions for telling military secrets, but no shootings, indicating that the cases are relatively unimportant. One concerns a 35-year-old dancer, jailed but not shot, and described as the "paw of mysterious higher-ups."

The movies ought to get some good material out of that.

FINLAND, moving cautiously, admits that Russia's demands for strengthening Leningrad and improving the Russian position in the Baltic are reasonable, but intimates that Russia's virtual ultimatum will have to be softened somewhat if it is accepted. (Diplomats, as well as business men, have to have some trading stock when a deal is on.)

Canny Finland, noting that in the present-day dog-eat-dog world small nations have little protection, is taking no chances she can avoid.

STORIES of increased German-Russian COMMERCIAL co-operation are numerous in the dispatches today, but as yet no shred of evidence of MILITARY co-operation between Stalin and Hitler has shown up.

It is evidence of military co-operation between these gangster lords that the diplomats are watching for.

IT is still a war of diplomacy, with military and naval warfare mere unimportant episodes. The diplomatic warfare hasn't been going so well for Hitler lately. The Turkish treaty with the British-French allies was a hard jolt, and Mussolini's recent shake-up of his black shirts, in which pro-Germans appear to have lost out and anti-Germans were elevated to positions of greater responsibility, conveys the idea that Italy is shifting steadily away from the possibility of joining with Germany.

Inside reports from Italy intimate that the Italian people won't stand for any such adventure and that Mussolini is carefully WATCHING PUBLIC OPINION.

TODAY'S dispatches intimate that recent German fighting on the western front has been merely a test staged by Hitler's generals to show him that a general offensive this fall or winter couldn't hope to succeed.

The war is still in the so-called screwy stage, but don't overlook the fact that when the diplomats fight relatively few lives are lost. That is something.

At The National Capitol with John W. Kelly

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creased personnel of the army. Some anti-administration critic could make quite a fuss about the president's disregard of the law.

ACCORDING to a government official, a survey of 70 cases where corporations have contested decisions of the National Labor Relations board, shows that it cost the average corporation \$24,600. These were corporations with a capital of \$50,000 or less. Costs are piled up against the employer by such methods as having an entire book copied for the record instead of citing page and the vital paragraphs. This is duck soup for the official reporters as the employer must buy a copy of the transcript.

An apologist for the board exculpates the members, saying that the costs are caused by the examiners and that board members do not know the practices of the examiners in raising employers. A glaring example of running up costs by stuffing the record occurred in a lumber case involving Oregon and Washington. This Pacific northwest case was brought to Mr. Roosevelt's attention personally by a member of the senate.

COOPERATIONS apply for a certificate of registration with SEC are also "soaked." A member of an internationally known banking house said it cost his concern \$250,000 to register. The costs included employment of accountants, research, lawyers, the hearings before SEC and other items. Investors eventually must pay that quarter-million dollars, although SEC was established ostensibly to protect investors from being fleeced.

ADMINISTRATOR RAYVER of Bonneville, has a surprise for the people of Portland and he will announce it shortly after his return to Oregon with a release to the local press. He is negotiating for sale of a large bloc of Bonneville power to a nationally-known industry and this industry will give employment to other industries. Negotiations are also practically completed with a second industry for a branch along the Columbia using energy from the government's hydroelectric plant.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY November 3, 1929 (It was Sunday) Eugene high defeats Medford 28 to 7. Washington State beats O.S.C., and University of Oregon downs Uclans.

November 26 set for public hearing on county budget. Sheriff wages war on cattle thieves who haul cows away in trucks.

President Hoover declares "American business is fundamentally sound," and urges calmness in Wall Street panic selling.

Oregon facing deficit unless tax money flows in more freely. Five hundred people visit Crater lake under ideal weather conditions.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY November 3, 1919 (It was Monday) President Wilson continues to improve in health. If returns are favorable he will be allowed to see them. Elections to be held in several eastern states.

Eggs selling for 80 cents per dozen here owing to a shortage. Thursday, November 27, is fixed by proclamation as Thanksgiving day.

Labor's request government call off injunction against coal strike denied. Milk survey of city planned by city schools.

Ye Poets Corner

Autumn Summer's gone and autumn's here. What a lovely time of year! Trees have turned a gorgeous hue. Leaves are bright and skies still blue.

Listen! hear that rustling sound? See them flutter to the ground, Red and yellow painted leaves Lightly lifted by the breeze.

Someone's burning leaves somewhere. Smell their fragrance in the air! Indian-summer, linger on. We'll be sorry when you're gone.

There's another sign of fall! Do you hear the wild geese call? See them high against the sky, Winging south with plaintive cry.

Harvest and Thanksgiving day, Open fires and time to play. These among sweet other things Are the joys that autumn brings. Mrs. R. D. Chamberlain.

Eugene Building Slumps Eugene, Nov. 3.—(P)—Although October building permits totaled more than \$62,000, far ahead of last year's figure, they reflected a decided slump in activity. September's total was nearly \$100,000, the year's highest.

Notice To Creditors In the County Court of The State of Oregon For Jackson County. In the Matter of the Estate of Addie Halley, Deceased.

Japs Bomb Hospital Shanghai, Nov. 3.—(P)—The British Church Missionary society reported to the British embassy today that its hospital at Hingwa, 70 miles southwest of Foochow, was wrecked in a Japanese air raid on Wednesday. There were several casualties among Chinese.

Advertisement for Seagram's 7 Crown Blended Whiskey. Features a bottle of whiskey and text: "DON'T SAY WHISKEY say Seagram's", "SMOOTHER AND FINER AS THE YEARS ROLL BY". Price \$1.05 per pint.