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Ye Smudge Pot

Berlin announces any peace offer by the United States States "would be a waste of time." Under the circumstances, there is nothing to do, diplomatically, but waste the time some place else.

The reported discovery of a gold pocket in a California mine, that yielded a million dollars, brought the observation from an Applegate prospector, "That's fair money for a miner."

Residents of the hills report warm and balmy weather, with violets blooming on the sunny side of the barn. They do their fall plowing in bathing suits, and don red flannels, and put hay in their shoes, after they get to town, it seems.

In a gun battle in a southern city with the police, a bandit shot the hat off a lady pedestrian, across the street, leaving her mad but unhurt. As a poet once said: "There is a little good in the worst of us."

It's about time for a down-trodden husband to show up, claiming he likes chicken best, but will have to eat turkey next Thursday.

The term "White Russians" appears frequently in dispatches telling of diplomatic dealings of Russia with tiny Finland. The "White Russians" don't act it.

A JIBE & A JAB (Yreka, Cal. Journal) "Appropos of Thanksgiving, there is a sign in the window of a storekeeper: 'Do your shopping now. Who knows, tomorrow may be Christmas.'"

The esteemed Oregonian today editorially bemoans the passing of the Barber Shop Quartet, and explains the whimsical organization of which the great daily speaks so tenderly, is now the Tonsorial League for the Whacking Into of the Taxes.

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This Thursday Is Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, November 23rd, is Thanksgiving Day in Oregon. Official proclamations by the President of the United States and the Governor of Oregon have made it so. Those who cling to the tradition that the "last Thursday in November" should be Thanksgiving Day should bear in mind that this particular time actually was not officially designated until 1863 and then by Abraham Lincoln. It was NOT the official day in early colonial times.

AFTER a winter of great suffering and privation, when bountiful crops were gathered by the Pilgrims at the Plymouth Colony in the fall of 1621, Governor Bradford proclaimed a "day of thanksgiving."

In years that followed, similar events were celebrated with appropriate religious observation and feasting in various localities but it was not until 1789 that the first NATIONAL "Thanksgiving Day" was proclaimed by George Washington. In that year, November 26th was the day set aside.

Thus, Thanksgiving Day, as we know it today, has not always been observed on the "last Thursday of November", so there should be no disposition to resent the recent change by executive order, as in any way the upsetting of an ancient and long-established tradition.

EVEN in 1621, the custom of celebrating the gathering of the harvest with solemn services and feasting, was not new. The Bible tells of the festivities of the Canaanites and the Israelites at harvest time. Later the Greeks celebrated with a festival known as the "Thesmophoria", and the Romans worshipped their goddess of the harvest, Ceres, with the inevitable feasting of thanksgiving. In early England, when the sickle was laid down and the last sheaf of grain gathered, there were the autumnal festivals in which everyone participated — and the bountiful table had an important part in the celebration.

SO, this harvest festival of Thanksgiving was by no means of modern origin; so it was quite natural that the Pilgrims, after their first difficult year in the New World, should give thanks for abundant crops as they did.

Therefore, it is not a question of WHEN we observe Thanksgiving nearly as much as WHY we should observe it.

With the echoes of marching armies, the rumble of tanks and the drone of war planes reaching these shores from the Old World, Thanksgiving Day certainly should have new significance in America this year.

AS the Pilgrim Fathers set aside a day for "thanksgiving and praise to God for the mercies of the past year," "we the people" should set aside next Thursday as a day for humble gratitude for the PEACE that we now have; reaffirming our determination to maintain this peace in a world, torn with cruel, senseless, destructive war.

A SMOOTH sea never made a skillful mariner; the storms of adversity excite the prudence, skill and fortitude of the voyager.

And so it is with America! We learned a bitter lesson in the last war. The memories of its horrors and sorrows, its devastation, degradation and havoc are still clear in our minds.

We are fortunate in this fact. It will strengthen our vigilance and bolster up our determination to have no part in—and these are the words of a British "Tommy" in the trenches today—"the filthy, contemptible business of war!"

With a widespread, earnest desire for peace on the part of American people; with wisdom and restraint exercised by our statesmen; with adequate defense to command the respect of the greedy, ruthless despoilers who have thrown the world into a turmoil, we CAN maintain this peace.

WHEN the people of Medford and Jackson county, and the people of this state and other states of this great nation, gather at the Thanksgiving feast next Thursday, they should reflect upon their good fortune to be Americans.

No people on earth have so much for which they can be grateful.

Remember, too, that no Thanksgiving is complete without its generous thought of those who are less favored or less fortunate than we are.

By all means, celebrate next Thursday with fun and good-fellowship, eat heartily of turkey and all the trimmings, see Medford play Coquille, dance and make merry, but—

Don't forget to be thankful, for YOU are very, very lucky to enjoy the freedom and security of this great and PEACEFUL democracy!—H. G.

Coogan Planning Second Marriage

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Northern California: Fair to night and Tuesday; little change in temperature; local morning fog on coast; light northwest wind off the coast.

Bumpy Air Blamed In Double Tragedy

Alameda, Calif., Nov. 20—(AP)—A woman who saw her husband and another man die when their planes locked wings and crashed near the San Francisco bay air-drome said today she believed "bumpy air" might have been a cause of the tragedy. "The air was very bumpy during the afternoon," said Mrs. Ruth Vienot, whose husband, Chester Vienot, 33, was killed with Peter C. Peterson, 28, pilot of another private plane. Both men were San Franciscans.

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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.

BETTER BE SAFE THAN SORRY

I am feverishly scanning the table of contents of every medical journal that comes to my lounge these days. In the hope of finding an issue that will have no article telling of the 34.18 per cent of cases of something or other that showed improvement under treatment with sulfanilamide or sulfa pyridine. So far not much luck; on the contrary. In fact I wouldn't be so greatly astonished to see a report of the action of either of these miracle medicines on a bad case of retrodisplacement of varicose veins.

In the present stage of investigation it seems fairly well established that these new remedies may gain a definite place in the treatment of certain infections, but as yet their practical value has not been specifically determined. Fairly illustrative of the present trend of the investigation is the following case, which, incidentally, is typical of a common serious illness of children: Boy aged 7 complained of pain in right ear. Next day he was drowsy and remained so for four days. Then he complained of being "dizzy" and having pain in the back of neck when he tried to raise his head from the pillow. He was removed to the hospital. Examination showed ear drum bulging, but no tenderness or swelling over the mastoid bone behind the ear.

Doctors suspected meningitis, took specimen of spinal fluid, found it contained a greatly increased number of cells (one sign of meningitis or inflammation of the membrane covering brain and spinal cord) but no germs. Sulfanilamide treatment was begun at once. The bulging ear drum was opened, giving vent to a large amount of thick pus. Next day type I pneumococci (pneumonia germs) were recovered from the spinal fluid cultures and from the pus cultures made from the ear, and from cultures made from the throat. Then sulfa pyridine treatment was used instead of sulfanilamide, daily for four days in full doses. After four days hematuria (blood in urine) appeared with passage of some clots. Sulfa pyridine was immediately stopped, and within four or five more days the kidney function

restored to normal. Spinal fluid cultures negative, and the patient made a complete recovery. The ear drum had healed completely when the boy left the hospital. Before the ear drum was incised to give vent to the pus the temperature had been around 103 but followed an irregular course, as it generally does when a collection of acute pus formation is present anywhere. Following the opening of the ear drum the temperature returned to normal and remained normal. Question, at least to my mind, is whether the sulfa pyridine changed the course of the illness in any degree. I wonder whether the simple incision of the bulging ear drum and freeing of the pent-up pus would not have given the same prompt recovery, without the hematuria which is one of the untoward effects of sulfa pyridine.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Cooking Vegetables. I cook vegetables only short time, to retain more of the vitamins. On a visit to the shore last summer I had only thoroughly cooked vegetables, suffered from constipation. Left 2 year old son with grandmother who also cooks vegetables thoroughly. Son became constipated. A week after we returned home we both became regular again.—Mrs. D. M. Answer—Raw or slightly cooked vegetables or fruits are more laxative than thoroughly cooked vegetables or fruits. Send ten cents coin and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "The Constipation Habit."

Potassium Chloride. I asked the druggist for potassium chloride. He gave me —'s Chloride. Is that what you advise one to take for relief of allergic conditions?—Mrs. L. G. Answer—No. Potassium chloride (NOT chlorate) is available in readily soluble ten-grain tablets. The daily dose is ten grains in a glass of water two or three times a day, for several days or a week at a time. In many cases of hay fever, sinusitis, spasmodic asthma, eczema, hives, etc., in some cases of headache of migrainous type, due to allergic sensitivity, this brings much relief. In some cases only five grains give considerable relief. Never swallow the tablet or the powder but take it dissolved in plenty of water.

Are boiled water and distilled water the same?—Mrs. C. G. Answer—No. Distilled water is free from mineral matter. Rain or snow water is nearly as pure as distilled water. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.) 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.

As the president's executive assistant in charge of personnel, his job is to keep the government's vast, complex human machinery running with reasonable smoothness. For thirty years, improving that machinery has been the ruling passion of his life.

His approach is best illustrated by two anecdotes. In the twenties, he was charged with setting up the civil service commission's classification system. Medial rates of pay still persisted in some of the older government departments, and McReynolds was intent on enabling these departments to hire good men. An influential Republican on the house appropriations committee, who was a penny-wise, pound-foolish economist sent a message that, if McReynolds went on coating the government money, he would be ruined. McReynolds replied that he would do his best according to his lights, preferring to be fired and keep enough self-respect so that he wouldn't have to shade his eyes when he shaved in the morning."

One of McReynolds' civil servant traits is his ability to gain the respect and confidence of political leaders of the most various opinions. He was a trusted lieutenant of Ogden L. Mills, as he is now of the president and Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Harry L. Hopkins is also one of his cronies, and one day, when the WPA's administrative horrors were particularly oppressive, Hopkins dropped in for a chat with McReynolds.

Hopkins complained bitterly of his agency, but McReynolds, who was then in charge of treasury personnel, replied that Hopkins' troubles were Hopkins' fault. Hopkins half lost his temper, swearing at McReynolds, and telling him that, because the treasury insisted on turning down all the misfit job-seekers, the WPA had to find places for them. "You get no sympathy from me. You took these people for political reasons, but if you and everyone else had the guts to do the facts, you would know that good administration is always the best politics in the end."

McReynolds entered the government almost by chance, taking a civil service examination for the fun of the thing while really intending to be a lawyer. But, six weeks after he was assigned to the post office department's inspection service, he was placed on a committee studying the department's administrative problems. That injected him with his life passion. In the last three decades, he has had all sorts of titles in all kinds of administrations, but he has stuck to his chosen task till he knows more about the government service than any other man in the country. To find the best way to run things is all he cares about, and, in order to

do so, he has studied the French, English and German civil services, read interminably, and spent vacations learning the methods of such great corporations as Standard Oil, American Telephone and Metropolitan Life. Under the present civil service system, McReynolds is an improbable accident. Under the one he is helping to devise, it is to be hoped that men like him will become the rule.

At the National Capitol With John W. Kelly

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trade treaties be approved by the senate and not by the state department.

NOTE: Concessions on apples and pears have been made in 16 of the 18 trade agreements negotiated by the department of state. Each concession had a more or less direct effect on the fruit industry of Oregon and Washington.

IT ISN'T supposed to be known, but according to whisper, overtures have been made to the Duponts to establish a rayon or cellophane plant somewhere within the range of Bonnetville power. Principal ingredient of these products is wood and there is an unlimited amount of the raw material available in the Pacific Northwest.

Also in the "conversation" stage, discussion of locating a plant to make beryllium, the master-alloy, with the mineral known as beryl (same crystal) occurring in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada, and plenty of copper supplies from the same states. Only three of the 82 known elements in the world are lighter than beryllium and two of these are gases, hydrogen and helium. Beryllium is found in 34 metals, many of which are deposits in the Pacific Northwest.

WAGE-hour administration has decided that places mining in Oregon, Washington and Alaska is a seasonal occupation and the 40-hour week does not apply. The ruling includes the gold dredge operations and all open-cut mining, but not where the miners work underground.

Another seasonal exemption from the law benefits President Roosevelt. The cutting and shipping of Christmas trees is included in the ruling. The president is carrying on that business as a side line to his administration of national affairs. He has a few acres of trees at Hyde Park.

ADMIRAL Land, chairman of the United States maritime commission, says he is willing to have Portland Chamber of Commerce submit a proposal for the establishment of a Columbia river-Oregon steamer service.

The chamber has indicated that local interests are willing to operate such a service with a subsidy from the commission—an arrangement similar to a Seattle-Oregon service. The commission dickered with a Portland exporter but imposed such provisions that the Portlander declined, with thanks. Admiral Land is now ready to study other propositions.

GOVERNMENT probes have been advised that the big steel companies in the east are "cooking" Oregon, Washington and California by not charging on the cost of production in the west, but on the eastern price of steel, plus the transportation charges. The companies manufacture some steel on the Pacific coast, but charge as much for it as though made in the eastern mills and then add the freight. The monopoly committee is gathering data on the subject.

He Hopes So. Washington, Nov. 20—(AP)—Senator Murray (D-Mont.), an administration supporter, declared today that "there is a strong feeling throughout the country that President Roosevelt should run for a third term."

984 Elk Killed. Pendleton, Nov. 20—(AP)—A total of 984 elk—685 bulls and 300 cows—fell under hunter's guns in northeastern Oregon during the season which closed Nov. 12. A. V. Meyers, checker said Thursday.

THREADS—Starting her 51st year at the task, Mary Pfeiffer with infinite patience spools the gossamer threads spun by 200 spiders in a scientific plant at Hoboken, N. J. Threads are used in the diaphragms of surveying telescopes.

Blue Ribbon at 7—All little girls who dream of owning a pony might envy pretty Jill Boswell, 7, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., whose pony, Clever, won a blue ribbon for her mistress at the annual horse show in Montpelier, Vt.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S (Friday's) dispatches disclose considerable cautious angling (most of it, apparently, inspired by Germany) to get Roosevelt to ask both sides for a statement of war aims. If both answered truthfully, they would say: "1. To lick the other fellow. "2. To take his shirt."

(No official statement of European war aims, of course, WOULD be truthful. If made, it would be all prettied up to look like a Sunday school program.)

TODAY'S dispatches disclose also that 2,000 Czech students have been demonstrating against the government set up by Germany in the Bohemia-Moravia part of seized Czechoslovakia.

Everything isn't settled, you see, when a powerful conqueror grabs the territory of a weak neighbor. The conquered populations remain to be dealt with. We could put our own western Indians on reservations, for example, but we had trouble making them stay there.

One of the first principles of conquest is that you have to handle 'em after you conquer 'em.

GENGHIS Khan and Tamerlane had a method of their own for handling conquered populations. They simply KILLED THEM OFF, one good massacre solving the problem. Hitler probably isn't ready for that yet—or even Stalin. The world has changed a little since Genghis Khan and Tamerlane—not fundamentally, but in matters of detail.

IT'S still a war of words, with Hitler threatening bloody murder about every other day but so far pulling his punches. Don't ask why. NOBODY KNOWS—possibly not even Hitler.

HERE is a hunch: Hitler is cooking up something; probably a new deal with Stalin. He expects it to be good when he gets it ready. Meanwhile he is stalling along, taking no chances.

Bear in mind that this is only a hunch, and may be wide of the mark. But this war to date (aside from the smashing of Poland) is too polite to be true. Something nasty MUST be in the wind.

Two beautiful creatures in coats of steel gray Were romping and feeding that cold winter day. When a bullet destroyed their innocent play.

He fell in the snow, then tried to arise. As the cruel mist blinded his innocent eyes; His body a-quever with dumb, silent cries.

She started to fly when she looked up at me, But turned in her tracks with a heart-breaking plea That he rise to his feet and continue to flee.

She rushed to his side as he lifted his head. And kissed his frail nose, now bloody and red. Then quickly she left him alone where he bled.

I tenderly laid him beside a huge stone. And cried as I left him to sleep all alone; Somehow I wonder if I can atone.

By writing this verse of that savage deed—I vow never more to make dumb babies bleed. For the mere satisfaction of my animal greed.

This is his monument, built for him here. With a moral argument meant to be clear; Erected by me to protect baby deer.

REDISTRICT EASTERN OREGON KIWANIS CLUBS

Portland, Nov. 20—(AP)—Four Oregon Kiwanis clubs, formerly in district 8, were shifted to district 7 at a regional Kiwanis conference Saturday.

Clubs at Baker, Burns, Ontario and Pendleton, Ore., were shifted to the new division which includes Kenebec, Pacey, Walla Walla, Pomeroy, Dayton and Lewiston-Clatsop, Wash.

C. of C. Secretaries Elect Eugene, Nov. 20—(AP)—Oregon commercial secretaries elected George Layman, Newberg, president, at a meeting Saturday. Fred Brenne, Eugene, was elected vice-president and James Baker, Marshfield, secretary.

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 20, 1929 (It was Wednesday) Housewives and street department worry about how to get rid of autumn leaves.

Need of a harbor at Crescent City told railroad commission by local residents at San Francisco hearing.

Buying on Wall street shows a bullish trend. Economists predict a severe depression is in the making.

Movie theater to be opened at Jacksonville by Felton Franks.

Seelye Hall is named manager of airport and Mrs. Vivian Barto, dance matron, by Mayor Pipes.

Amateur weather prophets predict hard winter with much snow for this area.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 20, 1919 (It was Thursday) Senate adjourns without taking vote to ratify the peace treaty as proposed by President Wilson. Six months of talk wasted.

Wyoaming train robber sends Union Pacific a message thanking them for money he gained in sensational crime.

John L. Lewis, head of the miners' union, laughs at employers' offer of 20 percent increase in wages to avert coal strike.

Ethel Clayton in "The Sporting Chance" at the Liberty; Mildred Harris Chaplin in "Home" at the Rialto.

Sheriff pours near beer seized in recent raid, in Bear creek.

Ye Poets Corner

A Baby's Death (By Russell Mitchell) I picked up their trail in a fresh fallen snow, Instinctively guessing which way they would go— The tracks soon revealed a baby and doe.

With savage delight I followed the trail. With the sure intuition that a hunter can't fail To enjoy the sight of a white bushy tail.

As I crept round the ridge, there came into sight The pair as they plowed through the snow with delight— She was urging her baby to be careful in flight.

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