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Ye Smudge Pot

Russia's attack on Finland Thurs. made blood boil around here.

C. Von der Hellen, the Wellen country-jake towned Wed. shaking hands of some, and just waving at others, as is his wont.

The Dubb Watson boy Edd was 14 years old Thurs. He is a good boy no matter how long it is till Christmas.

Local actors presented "Hay Fever" at the hs. and last week, and everybody said it was nothing to sneeze at.

A. Moore Hamilton, the scribe is in love to be named head nose counter for this area, in the 1940 census.

Judge Coleman is back from Calif. where he visited his oldest boy, and saw Hollywood.

Leland Clark, the ins. agt. who gave your corr. a calendar last New Years, made a 74 on the lynx, and picked four winners in a football pool this week.

The new po. is coming along fine, though it don't look it. Neither did the ethse, built by same contractor, until he got through.

Rain is needed to make the farmers rejoice, help duck hunting, end the flu epidemic, and let autoists know their windshield wipers have been swiped.

Forward looking citizens of Ashland last week took time by the horns, and mapped plans for next summer's softball games.

Cowmen have started serving hay to their steers, and beginning to fear the cows will eat green grass, with snow on it, and get sick.

Fleth Fish, the boom-day tenor of Phoenix, has been confined to Phoenix all week, fighting the flu, that has been fighting him.

Tom Johnlin of the box factory is in Florida basking neath the palms.

The Elks tom-cat caught his tail in the front door Tues. The appendage is still sore, and the feline has lost all faith in doors, and comes into the Temple against his better judgment.

Jack Fogg showed up for the first time Fri. and was more vicious Sat. This is a sign of winter, and that the orchard set will soon be heading south.

The postmaster issued an ultimatum Fri. for the masses to do their Christmas mailing early. If they do it will be the first time.

Forester Promoted: Portland, Dec. 2.—(P)—Lester Moncrief, Whitman national forest supervisor, has been promoted to personnel manager of the Intermountain region, with headquarters at Ogden, Utah.

Crime Career Nipped: Tacoma, Dec. 2.—(P)—Three youths who Detective Captain Cliff Osborne said planned "a criminal career" while they were inmates of Monroe reformatory were held in city jail today for investigation into a series of recent robberies in King and Pierce counties.

Perhaps It Would be a Miracle

H O-HUM! The Republican presidential candidate who parts his name in the middle.—J. Styles Bridges—stopped in Portland yesterday long enough to tell the Multnomah Republicans:

"The one miracle left to free the white man from the situation he is facing today is the Republican party." (AND—we presume,—Senator J. Styles Bridges.)

But WHY that curious term, "MIRACLE?" By all the laws of the political tides, which ebb and flow almost as regularly as those of the ocean, next year should be a Republican year.

JUDGEMENTS differ, of course, but the best authorities in Washington believe, President Roosevelt will not run for a third term. If he doesn't, who can lead the party to a victory over the Republicans, for the 8th year?

Of course the Republican nominees, thus far mentioned, haven't been so hot either. But at least they are no worse than those mentioned during the close of the former Democratic (Wilson) administration,—also a war administration. And the G. O. P. then won hands down.

Why does the New Hampshire senator think that old reliable swing of the pendulum won't hold good next year? Or does he use "miracle" not as a deviation from the expected,—but merely as something to be desired?

NOT knowing Senator J. Styles Bridges, and not having heard his speech in full, we can't be sure, but our guess is that that "miracle" just slipped out,—wasn't a product of the senator's analysis of the political situation so much as a product of the self-conscious.

At any rate the New Hampshire solon's subsequent remarks, as reported by the press, certainly indicate that if he fairly represents his party's view point, then in spite of all the natural forces in its favor, it WILL be a MIRACLE if the Republicans show enough intelligence and political shrewdness, to take advantage of their opportunities, in 1940.

Certainly the leader of the party must have something more original and constructive to offer than Mr. Bridges,—the return of a high protective tariff, rugged individualism, free enterprise, and all the other warmed-over hocus pocus, that went down with the ship in 1936.

Undoubtedly the ebb tide from a Democratic standpoint has set in and the Grand Old Party may not have to do MUCH, but to get the votes of any American majority next year, it will have to do MORE than that!

OUR own belief is the American people next year, will be in the mood for a change. But if the only alternative to a continuance of Democratic rule, is a return to the Smoot-Hawley Republicanism of a decade past, then smart money will again back the New Dealers, and smart money as usual will be right.

Return to Smoot-Hawley?

THE fruit growers and timber owners of Oregon, don't like Secretary Hull's trade treaty agreements, and according to report, are a unit in favor of their repeal.

Both interests want, not underselling foreign competition but protection, and as a result these reciprocity agreements promise to be an important issue in next year's presidential campaign.

WELL there is this to say on behalf of the fruit and timber industries of this state. Both are having a difficult enough time to avoid complete bankruptcy,—not to be harassed, by having to repel a flood of cheap products from Canada, Argentina, or any other foreign land.

BUT needed and legitimate protection is one thing; high protection,—Smoot-Hawley protection—is quite another. For the former is given only where protection is needed for normal domestic operation; the latter is given to create and maintain, virtual American monopolies, through what comes close to being an absolute embargo.

EVERYONE knows what such protection did to this country, particularly to the farmers during its operation. Our customers abroad, retaliated with similar embargoes, foreign trade declined, sharply, and while there were other factors of course, experts are pretty well agreed that the Smoot-Hawley embargo was one of the major causes of the early '30's depression.

So there is another side to this tariff question, as there is to most questions, and it is one all fair-minded citizens should carefully consider, for in this matter as in all others, the goal should be, not what is best for this particular section or that, but what is best for the COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

IN this direction, there are we believe, certain obvious facts no one will deny, to-wit: The United States is no longer a debtor country.

It is a creditor country. It can't be paid in gold. It can only be paid in goods and services.

But an embargo tariff prevents any such payment. Moreover while foreign sales are only a small percentage of total sales, that small percentage is vital to American prosperity.

Finally the United States approximately can only sell to foreign customers, as much as it buys from them.

THEREFORE to maintain any sort of prosperity in this country, certain products from other countries must be purchased by this country.

The only real question is what foreign goods can be purchased which will injure the American economy least.

In so far as the present administration is building up U. S. foreign trade, by importing the maximum of products which don't compete with American products, and the minimum of products that do, we believe it should be commended. In so far as it fails to do this, we feel it should be condemned and the course it has adapted, corrected.

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.

CALCIUM WILL STOP THOSE LEG CRAMPS

Seems as though the any new idea or suggestion given here goes in one ear and out of the other the first half dozen times.



Muscle cramps in the legs, sometimes in the arms, coming on at night, waking the victim from sleep and compelling him or her to get up and rub the cramped muscles or work them actively for a time to get relief, are a common complaint of persons past middle age.

Now in reference to these cramps, I say I regard the condition as tetany. Ordinarily tetany (not tetanus) is seen in infants, but probably many cases in adults escape recognition simply because physicians are not looking for it.

Tetany in young children in their second year is often associated with rickets. The characteristic condition is an extreme irritability of the nervous system and a marked tendency to muscle spasm and to convulsions.

So far as the adult tetany is concerned, the cramps are soon relieved if the patient takes some form of calcium two or three times a day for a week or so, from time to time, as needed.

At 19 I cut one wisdom tooth (right), later had to have it pulled. At 22 out the left, and had to have that out too. Now, a dentist claims I have still a third wisdom tooth—is that possible? (R. T.)

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.

The Capital Parade

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

Washington, Dec. 2.—From neighboring neutral sources comes a sad little story which somehow seems the most effective footnote to Russia's brutal invasion of Finland.

Experts here at last feel fairly sure about the mechanism of the Germans' so-called "magnetic mine." As reported here, there was no truth in the first stories that the mine was attracted to passing vessels by magnetism.

It will be remembered how the Russians charged the Finns with firing seven salvos of artillery into Russian troops stationed just northwest of the town of Mainla, and how these salvos and subsequent, probably imaginary border troubles were magnified into a "threat to Leningrad."

In a world gone mad, such stories are more than likely to be true. Meanwhile, the state department is waiting for the invasion of Finland to settle the long argument which has recently divided it and most other foreign offices in the world.

The members of the ill-fated war resources board got their second great surprise the other day, when the president disclosed that the board would continue to exist as an "advisory" body for the army and navy munitions board.

Board members now know that the reason why they were abruptly interrupted was the combined effect of the attack on them as a "J. P. Morgan group" and the threat of a god-fly investigation by Senators Clark and Nye.

"so long as the United States is not engaged in war, such a board has no power and no executive responsibility." They did offer to act in an "advisory relationship" to the army and navy munitions board.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins This, today, is the most important question in the world: What does STALIN want? Here is the probable answer: He wants to be MASTER OF THE WORLD.

TAKE a look at the map. You will note that Finland, commanding the Baltic sea on the north, offers possibilities of an attack on Russia from the west.

COMMUNISM, by means of a revolution, mastered Russia. By intrigue and seizure of despotic power, Stalin has made himself MASTER OF COMMUNISM.

REVISION is the weapon of despair. If it is to be effective, its intended victims must first be REDUCED TO DESPAIR.

IN a world war, Stalin finds his opportunity to master the world by means of communist-inspired revolution.

DISMISS from your mind, therefore, Stalin's effort to picture Russia as the peacemaker. His purpose is to INVOLVE THE WORLD IN WAR so that out of war's despair he may hope to inspire world revolution.

IT is a grandiose scheme, but there is plenty of evidence that Stalin has grandiose ideas.

SINCE the smashing of Poland, the war has lagged. Both sides have moved with extreme caution. Why? It is not impossible that both sides (kept informed by their spies) have been awaiting the unmasking of Stalin's purpose.

OFFICIAL Nazidom announces (not very convincingly) that "Germany is sympathetic with Russia" in the Finnish horror. In the same way, Al Capone was doubtless broadly sympathetic with John Dillinger.

SELFISHNESS Causes War To the Editor: I do not share your wonder at the why of war: If there is any one thing that should be plain to us from all the records of the past it is the fact that unrestrained selfishness is the cause of all our conflicts in life.

It also is the mainspring of all our industry and progress, in fact our very life: without it we could not exist.

Our original object of combining forces was for the purpose of robbing others, or keep from being robbed, and it persists to the present day.

Our experience has taught us and it is universally conceded that it is necessary to have a strong police force to protect us from the over zealous selfishness of the citizens of our own country.

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GIVE DAD AN OVERCOAT FOR CHRISTMAS

PRICES SLASHED Reinhart & Barker

it has always been so and we should know it. Why not apply our knowledge that selfishness must be retrained by force, and act on it, as a world principal, as well as we do in our own home town?

There must be only one strong force to insure peace and free us from this dreadful scourge that preys upon our civilization like a hungry monster to devour.

The remedy is plain and simple. Yes of course there are many annoying obstacles to overcome and many details to work out, but nothing more difficult than our original thirteen states had to contend with when they Federated in 1787 on the brink of destruction from internal strife and discord.

The World is facing just such a crisis right now and federation will be preferable to destruction, what rights we may transfer to the supreme power of the whole will be more than ten times repaid by freeing us from the dreadful expense of freeing the world from the greatest curse and folly of humanity.

Ira C. Jones, Medford, Dec. 2. How About Hide Sales Phoenix, Oregon Nov. 30, 1939.

To the Editor: The Phoenix Grange, meeting in regular session on Nov. 28, wish to protest the manner in which the law prohibiting the sale of hides held less than thirty days has been interpreted and enforced.

Following a discussion bringing out the viewpoint of various members and their interpretation of the law, we just wonder how the farmers and other Grange members feel about it's passage and enforcement.

Phoenix Grange, No. 779 E. W. Inman, Master, Elva Caster, Sec. protom.

Not A Bad Idea To the Editor: I think most people have some ideas of a plan that they feel would make this world a better place to live in.

I would like to present this one. Let us make our democratic form of government so superior to that of any other form of government that no one will consider communism or any other ism when it comes to a choice of democracy or isms.

The first step, in my opinion, toward the accomplishment of this would be to make it desirable for all people in this United States to own a home.

To accomplish this a form of taxation should be adopted in which the small home would be exempt from taxation.

This would enable millions of transient families, ripe for any ism, to become once mbre good democratic citizens.

Elwood Hussey, Cave City, Oregon. Sign Power Pact Portland, Ore., Dec. 2.—(P)—Bonneville and Portland General Electric signed a one-year contract yesterday under which the utility will buy 20,000 kilowatts of firm power and amounts of surplus power from the dam.

Society Aces Fined Warrenton, Va., Dec. 2.—(P)—Three men, socially prominent in this northern Virginia hunt country who took part in a tar and feather attack on Count Igor Cassini, young chatter columnist writer for a Washington newspaper, were convicted yesterday in Fauquier circuit court and fined a total of \$500.

Flight O' Time

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

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 3, 1929 (It was Tuesday) Medford children to greet Santa Claus tomorrow night at Chamber of Commerce, and there will be plenty of candy and toys for all.

Henry Ford advances his wages to a minimum of \$7 per day. Weather bureau reports last month was driest November in history with only a trace of rain.

Labor commissioner reports there is no more unemployment in Oregon now than usual at this time of year, contrary to exaggerated rumors.

Roy Reigels, captain of the California grid squad is named all-coast center. Cold continues in the mid-West and East.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 3, 1919 (It was Wednesday) Germany refuses to sign protocol putting the Versailles into effect.

IWW attack on American Legion parade at Centralia Armistice Day was planned for three weeks, and all shots fired on a signal official report says.

Officers of the United Mine Workers Union are arrested charged with violation of injunction, and contempt of court.

Rumor says many Medford schoolteachers will be married during the Christmas holidays.

Will Rogers in "Almost A Husband" at the Liberty; Thomas Meighan in "The Miracle Man" at the Page.

Economy Move Portland, Dec. 2.—(P)—The circuit court was asked today to bar payment of dues to the Association of Oregon Counties by Multnomah county.

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We Will Feature Home Cooking Light Lunches Home Made Pies at Moderate Prices

PROFIT WITH SAFETY

DIVIDENDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST

SAEETY is INSURED up to \$5,000 for each individual account by an agency of the Federal Government.

Funds invested by December tenth will earn dividends from December first.

Jackson County Federal Savings & Loan Association 126 East Main