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OREGON NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION. Ye Smudge Pot. By Arthur Perry.

The Russian army's circus trick of landing soldiers in Finland, via parachutes, has been found impractical. It seems the defending Finns mistook the aerial invaders for clay pigeons.

Hog-killing is the order of the day, in some rural areas. This is a sign of country sausage, and the culinary combination known as pig backbones and sauerkraut.

"I want to be back where the wild hawk whirls", said one of the Older Girls who has been reading Ben Hur Lampan's word-pictures on the editorial page of the esteemed Oregonian.

"Mr. Robertson, the instructor, played a cornet solo accompanying himself on the piano."—(Mehama News in Salem Capital-Journal). It's a good trick, even if he don't do it.

Farmers are desperate, so great is their need of a soaking rain. Some have even gone so far as to command their wives to buy Easter hats for Christmas gifts, and wear same until the heavens pour.

Harry Bridges, the alien Pacific Coast labor agitator, irked by not gaining his own way in a dock dispute, threatens to tie-up a number of shipping centers. This gent has the inside track on organized hellraising, and apparently immune from any federal action, that will hasten his departure by deportation for his native land—Australia.

THE PRESS PRIES DEEP (Heppner News). "Charles Bartholomew was doing some trading in the county seat the first of the week and wondering if there will be any moisture during the winter."

Specifications for the 1940 Republican presidential nominee name as vital requirements, the ability to appeal to labor and the farmers. Judging by the 1932 and 1936 campaign results, the ability to let fly from the rostrum with loud and soul-stirring speeches, will do him no harm. There's no use trotting out an entry, who can't be heard three miles against the wind, or unable to thump the table hard enough to make the water pitcher jump two feet straight up.

ANOTHER HAT JOKE. "Customer—Come, John, we are ready to go. Milliner—Pardon, Madam, here's the hat you bought—that's the box you're wearing."—(Cappers Farm Weekly).

The all-star non-combatant mythical football team picked herein yesterday has caused widespread comment and jealousy. Complaint was also made because only one Proud Papa was named on the squad. There are only eleven places on a football team. To get around this wholesale slight, all males not mentioned, and whose names are in the city directory, or get their mail at the local postoffice, are herewith given HONORABLE MENTION.

Poison Oak. Martinez, Cal. (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Richman decorated their home with "pretty leaves" which they had gathered in the hills, in honor of a party they were to entertain for a week. Later, the home became a sort of improvised hospital for victims of "poison oak" from the leaves.

A Smart Speech

DISTRICT Attorney Dewey's maiden political speech in Minneapolis last night struck us as a smart one.

The keynote was lack of public confidence in this country and the necessity of restoring it.

No one can quarrel with that. The outstanding fact in the United States today is the absence of public confidence, the crying need IS to restore it.

On such an issue the American people, as a whole, stand united.

BUT when it comes to outlining in definite terms, precisely WHAT should be done to bring this about, no such unanimity exists.

So we think Mr. Dewey was smart not to venture into that field. He picked the chief flaw in the Roosevelt record, and concentrated upon that.

He pointed out in general terms, the change in national psychology needed to correct it,—and then when the inevitable query intruded:

"But just what would you DO, Mr. DEWEY?" The speaker stiff-armed the interrogation, reversed his field, and eluded all tacklers with this clever bit of rhetorical escape: "Until we first make up our minds, that this is our purpose (restoring prosperity through the return of public confidence) there is no use discussing particular problems."

RATHER neat! And if the New York prosecutor hews to this line, and refuses to be drawn into any discussion of particular problems, our prediction is he will go far.

For like the clever attorney that he is, he has picked out the weakest point in his opponent's armor, and trained all his guns on that. Then by refusing to outline what he would do under similar circumstances to avoid a similar catastrophe, any enemy counter attack is spiked.

In other words as long as this strategy is maintained, the Democrats will be just as constantly off it,—which is a tremendous advantage in any fight,—particularly a political fight.

And furthermore, observe how skillfully the young Republican aspirant has eluded the inevitable counter jab, that in opposing the Roosevelt administration and urging the return of prosperity through the restoration of public confidence, he represents a sordid materialism which would have no concern for the aged, the hungry and the dispossessed. We quote:

Here is the final answer to the defeatism of the New Deal. All history proves it is wrong. Our own eyes and our own brains tell us it is wrong. And because its basic theory is wrong, it has done only half its job. It is a duty of national government to perform its social obligations. I believe this administration has sincerely attempted to fulfill those obligations. But that is only half the job. The other half is to maintain, to encourage the economic system which supports the government and makes performance of social obligations possible.

Society has a permanent, deep-rooted obligation to its aged, its blind, its sick, its unemployed. But it is not enough to say no one shall starve. It is a cruel illusion to pass laws which are a mere promise without also taking measures necessary to the fulfillment of that promise. The present administration has thought it well enough to make the promise, leaving the performance to come from the savings of the last generation, achieved under Republican administrations, and mortgaging the earnings of the next generation, which will also be under Republican administrations. Our obligation—and I say ours because the Democratic administration has failed—is to start producing the goods and earning the money so that those promises can be fulfilled.

Our first task is to sweep away the obstacles to that fulfillment. There is only one source of real money in any free country and that is private enterprise, the enterprise of the farmer, the worker, and the business man. It is our first, our primary task, to create the conditions under which this enterprise can go to work.

So in view of that declaration it will be rather difficult to sustain the time-honored contention that the G. O. P. would restore good times, by sacrificing human rights to property rights—granting special favors to the fortunate few and letting the common folk scramble for the crumbs.

Anticipating such a thrust, the wily District Attorney, parries it in advance, by pointing to the quite obvious truth, that the first essential to federal aid in any direction, is a cash balance in the bank.

Yes, a very smart speech. And we feel young Mr. Dewey, is not only entitled to congratulations, on his maiden effort, but also entitled at the very least to share the sentiments of that famous optimist, who falling from the Empire State building remarked as he sped past the 18th story: "Well everything's O.K. thus far!"

Facing the Facts

MR. DeWitt MacKenzie, military expert of the Associated Press rejoices over the fact Italy has sent a score of planes to aid Finland against Russia. He thinks this an excellent augury, that Mussolini will cast his lot with the allies soon, against Germany and Russia.

It does look that way. And it seems to this department, that such action would close another door in a tightening blockade, that should hasten German collapse.

BUT there is another side to this picture, and we see no point in allowing our sympathies with the allies, to obscure it. It's the side this department doesn't like and hasn't liked from the first, namely:

The side that shows Russia and Germany joining not only in a non-aggression, but an offensive and defensive military alliance. For every aid, military or otherwise now given Finland against Russia, renders such an alliance more likely; alienates Russia from the rest of the world, throws her into the arms of Germany.

WE favor,—every decent, right-thinking human being favors—extending to gallant and outnumbered Finland, every EFFECTIVE aid that CAN be given, and at the earliest possible moment.

But with such aid,—we see no point in kidding ourselves,—hope of keeping Russia a neutral in this war, as far as the allies are concerned, steadily declines.

And practically all hope of preventing a Russo-German military alliance,—if one does not already exist—declines with it. From the standpoint of ending this war with a German defeat and ending it SOON, this side of the picture appears to us, far more discouraging than the other side, is EN-couraging.

Snake Invasion, Reported snakes become that farmers Bonaparte, Ia. (U.P.)—A modern day counterpart of St. Patrick's day, as they go about their field work in the summer time.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

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SCURVY STILL A COMMON AILMENT.

When the food is practically devoid of vitamin C (now chemically identified as ascorbic acid) well marked scurvy develops in two weeks in guinea pigs in two or three months in man.

"Before we left the shore floor," writes that excellent observer Vilhjalmur Stefansson in The Friendly Arctic (Macmillan, 1925) "Charlie had complained of illness. On getting up suddenly he felt dizzy and sometimes collapsed. In general he was disinclined to all exertion, depressed with all sorts of gloomy forebodings, and his strength was noticeably less. These were the symptoms of scurvy and I asked to see his teeth and gums. The gums were swollen and purple and the teeth were slightly loose. There was a dull ache in the arch of the teeth and the gums bled freely."

Stefansson could not understand why scurvy developed for he believed Charlie had been eating some fresh meat right along, and in his experience fresh meat (ovibos) had always proved sufficient to prevent scurvy. Later he discovered that Charlie had for some time eaten only groceries and a little dried ovibos meat, and when they were lucky enough to kill some caribou and get fresh meat, Charlie recovered in three or four days sufficiently to resume travel over the ice.

The scurvy which menaced sailors in the old days of sailing ships was prevented or cured, they knew from experience, by lime juice (what they called limes were probably what we now call lemons), by potato, onion, any fresh fruit or vegetable not too long preserved or too much dried.

Today in the rare circumstance that one may be unable to procure any kind of fresh food, a few ounces of tomato juice from a can will prevent scurvy. Tomato juice, fresh or commercialized, is now widely used as a source of vitamin C, practically equivalent or orange juice, in infant feeding. Tomato or tomato juice home canned is less valuable for this purpose, because vitamin C is destroyed by heating or cooking unless air (oxygen) is excluded as it is in commercial canning.

Moderate scurvy is far more common than is generally recognized. If that is poor in vitamin C, as many diets are in the northern part of the country, in the winter season, the mild scurvy that may develop in the course of the winter is thus described by Plimmer, English nu-

trition authority: "Before definite symptoms of scurvy appear there is a period of ill-health, characterized by certain symptoms which may also be looked for in those who habitually take too little vitamin C, though they get enough to prevent acute scurvy. These symptoms are a sallow, muddy complexion, loss of energy, fleeting pains in joints and limbs, especially in the legs, usually mistaken for rheumatism. So-called reumatism in infants and young children has often been proved to be due to insufficient vitamin C, and is really scurvy..."

In young infants the chief signs of slight scurvy are failure to gain weight and peevishness, irritability, restlessness. Apples are a pretty good source of vitamin C. Baldwins being about 6 times richer in C than Delicious, but on storage in a cellar apples steadily lose their C content so that in the course of eight or nine months they are nearly devoid of the vitamin; in cold storage they lose vitamin C potency less rapidly—about one-fourth in six months.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Distilled Water and Sterile Water. Please tell me if sterile water means distilled water. How or where can one get distilled water? Is it better to drink distilled water or sterile water? (Miss M. W.) Answer—Sterile means germ-free. To sterilize any water you merely boil it for 15 minutes on each of three successive days. Distilled water is any water that has been converted into steam, and condensed again to liquid—distillation purifies the water of mineral matter held in solution. Ordinarily neither is advisable for drinking—plain tap water is healthful drinking water, unless your local health department advises boiling it to make it safe to drink.

Lost Art. Saw in your column a sulfu-salicylic pomade for falling hair and dandruff. Tried to purchase this at four large drugstores, and none of them had it. One clerk said several people had been asking for it, but he guessed you were just old-fashioned and behind the times. (Mrs. W. A. Jr.) Answer—No doubt I am. Yet there are still pharmacists who can prepare the pomade if you ask for it—precipitated sulfur ointment, salicylic acid 20 grains, ointment of rose water to make one ounce. Rub a little into scalp by parting hair here and there, each evening, shampoo one night weekly, and continue for three or four weeks, to correct or control dandruff. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

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Washington, Dec. 7.—If the result equals the desire, the president's tax program will be planned to yield about \$500,000,000 annually. Most of the money is expected to come from long-mooted increases in middle bracket personal income taxes, and from excess profits taxes, based on a supposedly revolutionary new formula. The program will, of course, be presented as a way of paying for national defense.

Work on the program actually began some time ago. Workers were a treasury group composed of Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Under Secretary John W. Hanes, former Under Secretary Roswell Magill, the treasury tax experts, Thomas Tarleau and Roy Blough, and an interesting new figure, Randolph Paul. Paul is the tax program's father. He invented the new excess profits

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additional taxation to meet the cost of national defense. Morgenthau was not averse to taxation and munitions profits, but the president's proposal was left hanging. Morgenthau stayed over November 9 in order to settle the matter, since Hanes was about to discuss tax matters with the house tax leaders. They asked the president for instructions, and he told them to mention only their own minor tax revisions, but to add that no program was ready as yet. This led to the treasury's conviction that on tax program would be forthcoming, which, it may be assumed, was gratifying to Hanes, who is inclined to fear additional taxes as a possible business deterrent.

Then followed several incidents indicating uncertainty, such as the speech calling for new taxes delivered at St. Louis by Chairman Marriner S. E. Hanes of the federal reserve board. Hanes' answering rebuke to Eccles, and the president's Warm Springs statement that "the people must decide" whether to borrow or tax for national defense. At some time during this period, Randolph Paul and his memorandum were introduced to the president. The president, who personally hankered for a tax program, was captivated by Paul's return presentation.

On his return from vacation, Morgenthau was informed of the president's change of mind. Because of his feeling about munitions profits, and because he thinks taxation can be used to maintain a normal economy despite the war boom, Morgenthau offered no opposition to the president's desire. A copy of the Paul memorandum was presented to him on November 27. Immediately thereafter, he asked Paul to join the treasury tax conference, and the work began as above-mentioned. Since Hanes went vacationing a few days after his chief's return, final decisions will probably be delayed for at least another fortnight. The treasury findings are likely to be ready for the president around Christmas time.

Possibly Paul's forty-six points may not turn out to be adequate revenue producers. Possibly business reaction to excess profits taxes, and the threat to the nascent business boom, may change the president's mind again. Meanwhile, if the tax story has a moral, it is that nothing is predictable in Franklin Roosevelt's Washington.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins THE Russian war machine, judged by its record in Finland, isn't as good as it is big. There are reports of Russian officers shooting their own men in the back in order to force them forward against the Finns. Still, DON'T expect Finland to win—short of a miracle. It isn't often that a good little man licks an EXCEEDINGLY BIG bad man.

It ought to be otherwise, of course, but unfortunately it isn't.

IF, HOWEVER, Russia continues to make a bad showing against little Finland, look for changes in the present international line-up. Russia's influence in world affairs is BASED ON FEAR, and if it develops that she isn't as much to be feared as has been supposed her influence will decline sharply.

JAPAN, for example, is dicker-ing with Russia not because she loves her but because she fears her. If it begins to appear that Russia isn't greatly to be feared, Japan will change her tone.

It is at least worth noting that NO FIGHTING OF ANY CONSEQUENCE is taking place on any other front. That seems to indicate that the other fighters are holding their punches while they size up Russia.

MEANWHILE, watch Mussolini. What he does in the next few days (or weeks) will be a pretty sure sign of what he thinks of Russia's might. Mussolini wants AND NEEDS to pick a winner.

FRITZ Kuhn gets an indeterminate sentence of two and

a half to five years in jail for using the German-American Bund's money for his own personal purposes. Thus another racketeer gets at least part of what is coming to him.

IF ALL the rackets, of every kind, big and little, could be cleaned up and the money they take from the public in one way and another could be devoted to paying off the national debt, it wouldn't take long to get the United States treasury out of the red.

HIRAM Johnson says in Los Angeles: "We should sever diplomatic relations with Russia, which is all we can do short of war."

When your neighbor does something decent people simply don't do, you pass him on the street without speaking. The next step is to hit him in the eye.

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 7, 1929. (It was Saturday.) Florida defeats Oregon, 20 to 6, in game at Miami.

Gasoline thieves active in valley.

Christmas rush starts at the postoffice.

President Hoover calls for committee to frame plan for "depression cure."

Governor Patterson comes to city for a week-end visit.

Bend juror fined for disappearance of evidence in moonshine case.

Europe swept by gales and rain.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 7, 1919. (It was Sunday.) Red Cross opens rest rooms in the Sparta building.

Methodist church, south, opens revival meetings.

Roads in the Reese Creek-Butte Falls districts muddiest in years, old-timers report.

Local Chinaman fined \$100 for selling a pint of moonshine.

Elks lodge to hold a spelling bee.

Three inches of snow falls in Portland, with more predicted.

Make Sure. — (U.P.) — When a night club repeatedly violated the closing law, a squad car was dispatched there

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nightly. A policeman toured the building, chased out all customers and locked the doors. The key was brought to the police station, where the proprietor would pick it up the next day.

Those Dieting Coeds Lubbock, Tex. (AP) — Three hundred coeds living at Texas Tech residence hall eat 500 loaves of bread a month, drink 60 pounds of coffee and 210 gallons of milk. In three day recently they tucked away 130 pounds of fried chicken, 62 pounds of veal and 504 pork chops.

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