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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry. This is Pay-for-Finland Sunday. Don't forget to leave some smudgepots at the bank Monday, for the Finn relief fund.

Ear muffs are all the rage among the boys with bicycles, as they filter through the auto traffic.

Os West, former gov., was here Wed., causing Col. Tou Valle of Jville to dress up in the middle of the week. Os met with a number of Democrats of the old school.

The Yule decorations were put on the lamp posts on Main and 6th sts. last week. They look pretty, but are too high up to be a hiding place for an empty bottle, or other rubbish, as in yester years.

Dewey Hill of Prospect came down Thurs. and renewed his annual threat to go to Hollywood—and stay there!

John Enders of Ashland, was noted running on a leading street last Tues. It was not determined whether he was scared or in a hurry to get home.

Peoria Bill Gates came out the first of the week, with a plea to mathematicians to figure out the weight of the rain that fell on Jackson county, to the tune of 4.91 inches. Nobody cared enough to figure it out, and, furthermore, it made no difference what it weighed.

The sheriff's boy, George, became a proud Papa again Fri. and was just as proud as the first time. The sheriff was not detected at becoming a two-time Grandpaw.

F. Fry, the mountain climbing forerunner, who conquered Mt. Pitt two summers ago, has been busy all week trying to conquer a cold.

The Elks tom-cat wrote a letter to Santa Claus Fri., which read: Dere Santy: I am a bad kiddy, and don't want anything. If you come, I will scratch you!

Valley Republicans are shining up to Thomas Dewey of N.Y. for president. They like the way Thomas wafis his voice over the ether, and, besides, he sounds like he knew what he was talking about. He knows how to hit the high notes, and make the welkin and the rafters ring.

Eddie Carlton, of the Redskin Orch, near T. Rk, towmed Thurs., visiting the po., ctise, and Copco.

Cowmen are rounding up their steers et al, that don't know enough to come to the haystack.

The Fred Strang boy, who is working in an airplane factory in Calif., writes he has been promoted from tightening nuts, on the wheels, to the same job on the wings.

500 Elks participated in the Christmas tree party Thurs. eve at the temple, and Dime Flynn, who has radios to burn, got another one as a prize.

Two Die, Rail Crash. Redding, Cal., Dec. 16.—(P)—A railroad brakeman was killed and two other trainmen were seriously hurt in a crash of two Southern Pacific freight trains last night that sent three cars hurtling down a 200-foot embankment into the Sacramento river at Morley, 25 miles north of here.

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Our Most Serious Menace

PRESIDENT Roosevelt was perfectly safe in offering Senator Taft of Ohio a prize if he would explain in detail just how he would balance the budget. The Ohio Senator may not be exceptionally smart, but he was too smart to fall into that trap. For the moment he, or any other presidential aspirant, departs from the general to the specific, in this budget-balancing field, the trouble starts.

And neither he nor any of the other Republican hopefuls, are going to be put in that spot.

SO the plodding and persistent son of our 27th president, will undoubtedly continue to promise the balancing of the budget, and be very careful to say nothing about the economics he favors to bring that about.

In fact this budget problem, from a political standpoint, probably represents the most serious menace this country faces today. For it is obvious to any person, who ever passed elemental arithmetic, that if any progress toward balancing the national budget is to be made, one of two things must be done, viz. and to-wit:

Federal expenditures must be drastically reduced. OR,— Taxes must be just as drastically increased.

The politicians can expound and expostulate until they are blue in the face, but there is no other way out. One thing or the other, or a combination of both MUST BE DONE,—or this budget remains out of balance and in all likelihood a steady increase of the national deficit continues also.

MEANWHILE, there are formidable and active "pressure groups" threatening political mayhem and destruction to any man in public life who proposes to adopt EITHER course.

Just let Brother Taft get down to brass tacks for five minutes, and specify what expenditures he would reduce, or what particular taxes he would increase, and then watch the fuzz fly! "Dear Robert!" wouldn't have even his cherished watch chain left to cover his political nakedness.

Yet, if this country is ever to be saved financially, some government must not only have the courage to SAY that, but DO it! There is no other way to escape disaster.

Only those who can predict with accuracy when such a government CAN BE ELECTED to office in spite of these pressure groups in opposition, can also predict when the federal budget will be balanced.

No Doubt Of It Now

YES how time flies,—and the world with it! It seems only yesterday we expressed the fear in this column that Stalin might aid Hitler, in his fight against the European democracies.

But in looking over the files yesterday, in search of another item, we discovered the editorial in question was published last September!

The idea was rather shocking then, and decidedly improbable. The claim we made, that there was little practical difference between Stalin-Communism and Hitler-Nazism, was particularly resented.

BUT now, only about 90 days later, the possibility of such action is pretty well taken for granted. Every day in every way Germany and Soviet Russia, are getting closer and closer.

In fact the conservative and cautious Oregonian now expresses the opinion that England and France welcome such an alliance, on the ground that Russia is lost to them anyway, and a direct break would give the allies another avenue to get at the Nazis.

We seriously question the correctness of the term "welcome" in this connection, but would not doubt that France and England, might prefer Russia as an avowed, rather than a covert enemy,—which she plainly is and has been.

While as far as the charge that Stalin and Hitler are brothers under the skin, politically speaking, is concerned, practically no one outside of the Communist party itself, tries anymore to deny such an assertion.

More and more in fact, the Communists themselves, in this country at least, are defending the tactics of the Russian-German offensive, and attacking and misrepresenting, the allied cause, as one of imperialistic aggression!

AND now Paul Mallon reports, from Washington, that Hitler and Stalin agents in this country, have pooled their forces to sabotage war supplies designed for England and France, while Russia ever since the war started has been buying up large quantities of a rare metal known as "molybdenum" for the benefit of German munition makers.

It only goes to show how quickly the map of the world, from a political standpoint can change, and when the process is gradual rather than abrupt, with what comparative ease, public opinion becomes adjusted to it, almost without being aware of the fact.

If,—

ENGLAND is justified in crowing over the naval victory off the coast of Uruguay.

Finland and the allies are justified in crowing over the victory of Finland's armies over the Russian bear.

Now if the good work can go on,—Germany can be swept from the seas, and Russia thrown back on land, what a different world this will quickly be.

For the two great fears when this war was threatened, outside of the air supremacy, were the unknown sea power of Germany, in the direction of its U-boats and pocket battleships, and the unknown land power of Soviet Russia, with its inexhaustible but untested man power.

Now, if the first fear can be exploded by a decisive naval victory and the second by the Russian colossus being checkmated by a tiny country, one-twentieth its size on land, then it would seem the air menace could be handled in due time, and an ultimate allied victory, in the current vernacular, would be in the bag.

Dams Opposed. Portland, Dec. 16.—(P)—Dams proposed for the Santiam, McKenzie and Willamette rivers would spell the end of the salmon runs, Hugh Mitchell, state fisheries superintendent, declared yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(P)—The agriculture department announced today commercial growers in 34 major onion-producing counties of Idaho and Oregon rejected a proposed federal marketing program at their recent referendum.

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.

NUTRITION IMPAIRED BY INTROSPECTION

A business man has suffered for fifteen years from a trick diagnosis of gastrointestinal neurosthenia. The trick diagnosis was made by a "leading" doctor, the business man assures me, but in this instance I suspect the doctor led with his chin. Altho the poor man has consulted many specialists and visited many sanitariums and health resorts, and taken various sorts of non-medical treatment as well (which I infer means he has had considerable truck with charlatans and vendors of mechanical and psychological nostrums), of course nothing has ever given him any benefit. Sometimes he does feel a little better but he soon relapses. He has to neglect his business a good share of the time.

Acids, starches, fats, meats and sweets disagree with him, he says. Likewise milk and eggs. Boy, that's tough going, trying to choose something good to eat without including any of the items proscribed.

Just what the man means when he says something "disagrees with him" is a delicate question which one can scarcely venture to dwell on. I wonder if it is anything like mashed potato. There's an item I would not mind if I had an allergy to. They made me eat some mashed potato with my turkey once when I was a little boy. What is the result. I have a furious seizure if any one attempts to foist mashed potato on me, and as for turkey, you can have all of it, I'll take a hot dog or any other fish or meat and thank you. Oh, I can eat turkey, if my mind is on something else, but I'd have to be terribly hungry before I'd voluntarily push a gob of mashed potato down my throat.

The business man assures me that none of the many doctors and specialists have found any organic trouble to account for his condition. As nearly as I can understand it, his condition is a chronic progressive introspection. His mind never gets

far off from his stomach, liver, and other bits of internal machinery. Now if I were the business man's doctor and had absolute control of the patient I'd treat him just as I'd treat all the sufferers from the constipation habit. I'd take the constipation habit victims to an isolated place, an island preferably, where they could not possibly get any physic, give 'em plenty of plain wheat, some vegetables, fruit, meat, pie, tea, coffee, milk, and say "So long—I'll be seeing you in a week." I'd expect to find 90 per cent of them cured in a week. It generally takes five days for nature to resume control when the physic is stopped.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Sacro-Iliac Geography. Please tell me where the sacro-iliac joints are, and what bones are joined in these joints? I can find no mention of them in a college textbook on anatomy used when I was a student. (O. P.)

Answer—They are not joints in the usual sense of the word, but rather junctions. Joints admit of motion; junctions are rigid unions. Medical term for union between sacrum (base of spine) and wing of flank bone (ilium) of hip or pelvis is sacro-iliac synchondrosis (without cartilage). Controversy long waged between regular medicine and osteopathy over question of mobility in sacro-iliac junction; osteopathy finally won, and slight mobility in the normal synchondrosis now recognized. If you place hands on hips with tips of index fingers on "hip bones" your thumbs will be directly over sacro-iliac junctions.

Title of "Doctor" Sometimes Deceptive. I want to thank you for a service. Wrote you inquiring about one "Doctor" . . . here who claimed to be a specialist in the treatment of . . . You informed me the man was not a physician at all. This shocked me, for he had high social standing . . . but on further investigation we found you were right. We are grateful that you saved us from quack exploitation. There must be many readers of your column who need just such sound guidance—but will they stop to ask for it when they contemplate seeking treatment by such a charlatan? (Mrs. C. M.)

Answer—Probably not. They generally swallow the quack's bait first, and later investigate. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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thorities are convinced that Germany is now supporting Russia's Finnish adventure to the full, perhaps even to the extent of assisting in the Baltic blockade. It remains to be seen whether the rest of the Italian planes, and perhaps a couple of hundred more, will be allowed to fly to Finland via France, Belgium and Scandinavia. If they are, Finland may be saved, for the time being at least.

Liberals and new dealers quarrel among themselves as bitterly as the most cross-grained reactionaries. A super-quarrel was started some time ago when Morris Ernst asked SEC Chairman Jerome Frank, Assistant Secretary of State Adolph A. Berle Jr., Arthur Garfield Hays of the Civil Liberties Union and Congressman Martin Dies to lunch with him at the University club. Ernst, a busy, new dealish lawyer, wanted to hear Dies' views. Dies made a good impression on the lunch party, arguing that he was a liberal by conviction, feared that the red label would be used to discredit the liberal cause, and was going after the communists for that reason.

The next day, however, Dies released the list of Washington members of the League for Peace and Democracy, and pinned the red label he had talked of so depressingly on every one of them. His luncheon companions were distinctly outraged, but, in the brief interval, Ernst talked of the lunch party. The rumor spread through new deal ranks that Ernst and Frank, both known for their opposition to the communists, were in cahoots with Dies.

Accordingly, there was a tremendous row when Frank was sighted at a cocktail party by irascible Gardner Jackson of labor's Non-Fascist League, who used to work for the SEC chairman in the old days before the AAA purge. Frank could not convince Jackson there was no plot with Dies, and Jackson is now going round town suggesting that Frank and Ernst ought to be investigated in their turn.

The new dealers have a "help wanted" sign out for good-will ambassadors to hull utilities executives' suspicions of their power program. They are thinking of such prominent industrialists as Owen D. Young and Gerard Swope, who will soon retire from the General Electric management, and Floyd Odlum, the able president of one of the country's largest investment trusts. As soon as it was known Swope would be jobless, New York's energetic mayor, Fiorello LaGuardia, nabbed him to handle New York City's housing, but the new dealers hope Swope may also be drafted to Washington.

A tremendous row is boiling up over the administration program for a super-grid system connecting the largest eastern power systems. The RPC will probably advance the money and the charge is sure to be made over the scheme in a plot to take over the private utilities. With Messrs. Young, Swope and

Odlum advising the government, the new dealers are confident a public row could be avoided.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins. THE soviet (heel-dog) press brands expulsion of Russia from the league of nations as the work of the British-French bloc, and says its wicked purpose is "prolonging the war in Finland."

THAT is to say, according to soviet ideals, it's a crime for a little fellow to defend his home and the lives of his family against a BIG FELLOW, and anyone who encourages him to do so becomes an accessory to the crime.

Communists in America want US to subscribe to these ideals. BRITISH aircraft factories are estimated to be turning out warplanes at a rate exceeding 1,000 per month and France's estimated production has risen to better than 400 per month. In addition, large plane orders are being placed in this country.

This puzzling question arises: If Hitler (as claimed) had ABSOLUTE SUPREMACY IN THE AIR when the war started, why didn't he USE IT before Britain and France had time to catch up?

(If you can answer that question, you're better than a lot of people who are supposed to know everything.)

DR. FREDERICK M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon system of higher education, says the "next great development in American education will be vocational education of America's four million unemployed young persons."

Vocational education means providing young people with special skills that (if used) will enable them to earn a better living.

This writer, who is no cynic, believes that if we are going to educate special skills into our young people we must also educate out of them the idea that the way to get ahead in the world is to DO LESS AND CHARGE MORE FOR IT.

Every time that scheme has been tried (and it has been tried often since the world began) the result has been stagnation and falling standards of living.

NO ONE has EVER been able to get away from THESE FUNDAMENTAL FACTS:

1. The only way to have more is to produce more.

2. You can't DIVIDE what ISN'T PRODUCED.

Communications

As To the Mistletoe. To the Editor: The mistletoe throughout California now awaits the Christmas merry-makers. Near the Oregon line the children will gather it from cottonwoods or from oaks.

Along the Mexican border those searching for it will show many a scratch from cactus barbs. In some places on the desert the mistletoe furnishes the only moisture for the birds. They in turn serve the mistletoe. Adhering to their bills its sticky seeks are carried by them while flying. Then they are removed by rubbing against other cactus or other trees at a distance. It is this transportation by birds that has made possible the journeying of the mistletoe, until now it is found over large areas of America as well as Europe.

Our love for the mistletoe, like our names of week days, show how persistently we cling to the customs of our Teutonic and pre-Teutonic ancestors. After these became Christianized, the name of the old gods persisted, even to the present, in our week days. "Sunday" recalls the worship of the Sun—"Monday" of the Moon—while "Wednesday" is really Woden's day—Thor still hammers in "Thursday" or Thor's day.

So it is with the mistletoe. Before the Roman conquest of Britain the mistletoe was held sacred by the Druids—the priests of ancient Britain. It was cut only by the priests, and then with a sickle-shaped knife made of gold. This ancient reverence still persists in our gathering the mistletoe for Christmas. This has been substituted

for the festival of the shortest day of the year which the Druid priests held under the sacred oaks of Britain, heavy with mistletoe.

C. M. GOETHE. Sacramento, Seventh and J streets, December 15.

Another "Town Hall" Appeal. To the Editor: Town Hall held a preliminary organization meeting at eight o'clock the evening of December the seventh.

It was agreed at the meeting, that due to the Christmas season activities, and citizen interest in preparing for its festive days, that further meetings of all citizens interested in organizing Town Hall in Medford be held over until the first Thursday evening, January the fourth, at eight o'clock, in Chamber of Commerce Building.

The committee was assured local interests would cooperate in organizing a listening discussion group, awakening public interest by suitable publicity.

So hear ye, hear ye, citizens of Medford and vicinity, Town Hall extends to you an invitation to meet with its local representatives, to establish for you in Medford, Town Hall meetings, beginning January 4th, 1940.

Make yourself a committee of one to interest and bring your friends and acquaintances to the meeting.

The committee hopes that the appeal of Town Hall with its fine traditional background of community service dating from the days of the pilgrim fathers, will find our citizenry cordial and responsive to the privileges offered them by Town Hall.

On behalf of the citizens committee I extend to you Mr. Editor a vote of thanks for your cooperation.

GEORGE I. MAXWELL, Organizer of Town Hall, 504 Pennsylvania avenue, Medford, Ore.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 30 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 17, 1929 (It was Monday) 2,044 tons of farm produce canned by Bagley Cannery at Ashland this season.

Warm rains and wind melt snow at Prospect and Union Creek, and spoils skiing.

Christmas rush starts at the postoffice.

Scarlet fever epidemic hits city and valley.

Jackson county has 67 students at the state college at Corvallis.

Heavy showers continue thru-out valley, but there is no danger of flood in Bear creek, City Engineer Scheffel reports.

Dry agent grabs carload of Christmas liquor on way to Medford.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 17, 1919 (It was Wednesday) Predicted end of the world today, fails to materialize, and amazement expressed by thousands.

Attorney-General Palmer opens fight against high cost of living.

Public library to be closed for few days on account of bursted water pipes.

Prices of turkeys for Christmas to go "sky high."

City threatened with wood famine, as country roads are impassable.

Page theatre to re-open to-night after close-down account of broken pipes.

Closing time for The Late to Classy Ads is 1:30 p. m.

HOLMAN OPPOSES JOB FOR MURPHY

Portland, Dec. 16.—(P)—Oregon's junior senator, Rufus Holman, republican, told the city club yesterday he would vote against Attorney General Frank Murphy if he was appointed to the supreme court.

He played the new deal for "pushing aside" those parts of the constitution that stand in its way.

I WON'T COME DOWN 'TIL YOU GET ME A SURGE MILKER!

SILLY—YET SENSIBLE!

If cows could talk, this cartoon wouldn't seem silly because EVERY cow prefers being milked by the SURGE—for several SENSIBLE reasons:

1. It milks all cows better with a light pull for an easy milker—a heavy pull for a hard milker and a progressively increasing pull on all cows as they are milked out.

2. It gets more milk (less stripping). Surge Owners prefer Surge because there are only 4 inches instead of 4 feet of rubber to clean—cleaner milk. It's faster—Surge is the fastest milker ever produced. AND—all metal parts touching milk are Stainless Steel! NOW—

About "Self-Washing" So long as ads continue to appear stating that certain milking machines are "self-washing," we shall continue to say that the Surge is not the kind of a machine. Milk is a very wonderful but very easily spoiled food—a dirty machine means dirty milk. We urge you to wash and properly sterilize your Surge Milker after each milking. There is not much of the Surge to keep clean and proper attention requires less time, less washing powder and less sterilizing.

"Dirt has no place in milk under any condition. Some dirt is sterile and carries no bacteria whatever. That fact does not lessen the importance of keeping it out of milk."

"No amount of straining or cooling can restore a dirty milk or a milk with a high bacteria count to its original high grade condition."

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The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner

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Washington, Dec. 16.—A single-track railroad is the weak spot in the Russian attack on Finland. Geographically, Finland is roughly wedge-shaped, with the broad end on the Baltic and the narrow end on the Arctic Ocean. On the southern border, strong Finnish fortifications have thrown back the rabble of Soviet troops. To the north, the Russians are pushing in, threatening to break the Finnish wedge in half.

But the single-track railroad from Leningrad to Murmansk is the Russians' only means of transport to the north. Jammed with troops and supplies, in poor condition and ill-defended against aircraft, the road could be smashed by a couple of good bombing expeditions. Considering the average Russian inefficiency in repairing industrial break-downs, smashing the Leningrad-Murmansk line would probably smash the Russians' northern offensive. The tragedy is that Finland has not got the bombers to do the job.

All of which explains why Finnish ministers in every capital where planes are available, including Hjalmar Procopé here in Washington, are frantically pleading for planes. In the long run, American planes may well find their way to the Finns. A large credit, plus some tinkering with the American, French, and British military priorities, would allow the Finns to take some of the planes now pouring off our assembly lines. The British have sent a few planes, and the French may send a few. For substantial, immediate aid, however, the Finns must look to Italy, desperately anxious to keep Russia too busy to invade the Balkans.

Much has been made of the 60 or 80 planes said to have been sent to Finland by Italy already. Actually, the Germans allowed only the first day's batch of eight to pass over their territory. High American au-



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