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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Now it is June—the month of brides, roses and the only Friday the 13th this year.

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The city was deserted late Fri. One could have shot a box-car or highway truck down the Main Stem, without hitting a speed idiot, in a life-and-death race for a dozen bottles of ginger ale.

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A number of busy citizens dropped into John Mann's last week, and bought a "loafing coat".

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The school year wound up Thurs. with the kids and school-ma'ams rejoicing and a majority of the Maws praying for the first Mon. in Sept.

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The administration is getting ready "to beard the power trust". Many think it would be better to pull the whiskers from the labor racketeers.

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E. Ulrich, the Prospect mtwm. passed out the diplomas Thurs. eve to the young of that area.

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The fair sex are now wearing dresses with the "button accent". A garment will have from six to 40 buttons, none of them usefully employed in holding anything up or shut.

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There was not much of a hegira of localites to the hills and seashore over the week-end due to the weather threatening.

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The Art Hess boy Billie came home from school Thurs. with his report card and got 7 a's. Good work, Bill!

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The Baker county candidate for PUD director, who urged his friends not to vote for him, went in with a whoop. Candidates should not adopt this technique. The voters are just as apt to do as requested.

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A few rumors were abroad the past week, but they were neither believed nor magnified. The rumor the rumors were not believed startled several.

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The Sheriff's posse was in the saddle Fri. Syd Brown, the old Texas cowhand, was caught pulling leather.

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The showers of Wed. & Thurs. caught farmers with hay down. Some viewed this with alarm, and some said if the hay got rained on it was the cow's hard luck.

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The Dionne quintuplets and Miss Ragsdale of Eagle Pt. observed their seventh birthday Wed.

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S. Sherwood and Dub Watson are doing their own cooking these days. They better get the pile of dishes in the kitchen sink washed, before their better halves get back from trips.

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Len Carpenter of the orchard set called one day last week, and caught us out.

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Andrew Jackson Simpson hiked in 10 miles Sat. all slicked and shaved from his mine. He reports a couple hundred hillbillies with squirrel rifles would have stopped the nazi parachute business in Crete. "I'm 77, and I'd like to see a Dutch man with an umbrella hitched to the seat of his britches, come down near my place at 2 miles an hour," said Andrew firmly.

Named Mayor

Lafayette, May 31.—(AP)—C. W. Warren has been named mayor, filling the vacancy left by the recent death of Benjamin H. Courtney, who had held office for 12 years.

Garbling the War News

WE wish our "penny tablet" critic would sign his name. For his comments are perfectly proper, and if his identity were known we would gladly print them in full.

There is another one in the mail this morning, again taking the Mail-Tribune to task for not giving its readers the facts regarding the war.

> "Look over your files the past ten days and then see if your face isn't red,—victory after victory for the heroic Anzacs and now it is admitted, they are fleeing for their lives. How much longer are you going to keep up this farce, it has been going on ever since September, 1939."

We admit it.

We have admitted it before. But having no special correspondents over there, we have to depend upon the regular press services and they, in turn, have to depend upon the official war office reports. And it has been stated repeatedly, the war offices in this conflict are all doing the same thing,—playing up news that is favorable, playing down news that isn't.

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THE only trouble with the British war office is,—there have been so few favorable items to report.

And we again insist the Churchill government doesn't tell lies, it merely refuses to tell ALL the truth.

For example, here is a condensation of the London reports on the battle of Crete, as printed in this paper:

May 20th: 1500 Germans disguised as New Zealanders landed by parachute in Crete, but situation is well in hand. Nazis fail to capture airdrome, as Anzacs recapture military hospital for a time in 'chutists hands. All but one group of landing parachutists accounted for.

May 21:Germany's attempt to land soldiers in Crete from small speed boats defeated, attackers of Canea quickly surrounded and accounted for. Germans suffer heavy losses, British losses comparatively light.

May 22: Prime Minister Churchill tells Commons Nazi 'chutists capture Candia but British still hold airport there. German gains only isolated successes, sea landings again fail. Prime Minister adds "situation well in hand, German forces handicapped by lack of artillery and tanks."

May 23: British gain definite edge in Cretan war—16 Nazi air transports shot down, Nazi airborne detachments at Candia accounted for all killed or taken prisoner in bitter hand-to-hand fighting. Trend turning slowly to Britain's advantage. As long as British fleet wards off sea borne landings there is chance invasion will fail. 5000 screaming Germans drown as guns of British fleet sinks flotilla of small Greek transports. Rescues impossible because of torpedo boat menace.

May 25th: Defense position in Crete improves as allied forces recapture Landia and Retino. Germans hold British off at Malemi airport, but elsewhere not so fortunate as Anzacs mop up.

May 26: Major General Heywood, chief of British military mission to Greece reaches Cairo with Greek King, declares it still possible to hold Crete, but final result in doubt, as bitter hand-to-hand fighting continues. Anzacs superior in this type of conflict.

May 27: London admits loss in Crete of 2 cruisers and 4 destroyers, declares battle hangs in balance as British land reinforcements.

May 28: German sky troops retake Canea, British admit withdrawal to better defensive positions.

May 29: Crete defenders threatened by German-Italian vise movement.

May 30: No London report on Crete. Berlin claims battle is over and British are fleeing.

May 31: London denies British flight, also Berlin claim of death of British Commander Freyburg as his plane crashes in attempt to reach Egypt.

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THAT record, we grant, is nothing to boast about from the standpoint of objective reporting, but we do doubt if our "penny tablet" critic, or anyone else, can point out any specific misstatements of fact.

And when Crete is lost,—if it is lost,—there is no doubt, of course, Britain will frankly admit it,—as she has eventually admitted her string of defeats in the past.

Again we advise our readers,—as we did at the outbreak of the war,—to take all official war reports with a grain of salt, for in this war even more than in any other, "publicity" is a definite department of war strategy, and every belligerent makes the best story that can be made out of the facts.

The misfortune of the British war office, is not in the direction of unrealiability or mendacity, but in the continuously depressing nature of the facts.

Lindy Better Go Fishing

OUR advice to Colonel Lindbergh is to go fishing for a spell. His last speech indicates the need of a rest and a change of air.

Then, perhaps by the time he returns, the atmosphere will have cleared sufficiently, for him to get his bearings, and pick out a safe place to land.

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FOR we like "Lindy". We have never questioned his sincerity, his patriotism, or his right, to say what he believes, at any time, anywhere.

But when he gets so far off the radio beam, as to accuse President Roosevelt of "being as bad as Hitler," and seeking world domination because F. D. R. advocates (by implication) the occupation of Dakar and the Cape Verde Islands, then we see danger signals ahead, and high time to call it a day.

Not for the sake of the cause, so much as for the sake of the "Lone Eagle".

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FOR while this department has opposed Lindbergh's thesis, from the outset, we have admired his courage, his consistency and his freedom from personal rancour or intemperance. Moreover from his standpoint, it has always seemed to this column he made out a pretty strong case.

But this last outburst taken with various and sundry other symptoms, strongly indicate, that Lindy is rapidly developing an allergy toward good balance common sense,—yes and good citizenship.

It may be the unsavory company he has been keeping of late, it may be the realization that regardless of his efforts and those of his "America First" cohorts, this country is going slowly but inexorably moving toward what he considers the abyss.

WHATEVER it is, Lindy has definitely lost his sense of proportion, and therefore his effectiveness.

It would be too bad, if he should lose his dignity, and his country's respect.

So come on Lindy, forget the war, unlimber your fishing rod, and hie to the nearest fishing stream, before it is too late!

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 here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The Cost of Ambulant Treatment

Believe it or not, some individuals who have nothing wrong physically are pleased if they find a doctor who thinks an operation is necessary. Not that they enjoy being dissected — of course they know they'll be under anesthesia for that — but they seem to crave the role of patient in the drama.

Perhaps some such idea is in the back of the mind of the patient who needs treatment for hemorrhoids or hernia when he comes to the choice of methods. From correspondence with readers I gather that a good many of them find it difficult to decide whether to take ambulant (injection) treatment or to enter a hospital and submit to the radical operation.

"I have consulted Dr. ——," writes one such patient, "and he said he couldn't promise cure nor could he tell just how long it would take, but he would do his best and the maximum fee would be not over (let us say $150) in any event, if I decided to have the ambulant treatment. But a doctor connected with the hospital here will operate for $100, and that price seems more in line with my limited salary . . . "

The patient fails to consider how many weeks' salary he will lose while he is hospitalized for a major operation and after he returns home from the hospital before he will be in condition to resume work. Indeed, that is one of the features which make the ambulant or injection treatment the method of choice in most cases of either hernia or hemorrhoids these days, no interruption of ordinary work or activity.

Another feature is the comparative freedom from the risk involved when one undergoes an operation.

Finally the patient under ambulant treatment usually suffers little or no serious discomfort, whereas the discomforts following hernia operation or the standard operations for hemorrhoids are plenty.

Of course the doctor could not and would not promise a cure—no honest doctor or surgeon ever does. If a doctor, surgeon or specialist promises a cure or pretends to guarantee one you may be certain the fellow is a quack and a dangerous one to have any truck with in any circumstance. An honest doctor can only do his best—and it goes without saying that he is as anxious to effect a cure as you are to be cured.

The following states permit the employee under workman's compensation a choice between radical operation and injection treatment for his hernia, according to Dr. Leigh F. Watson's authoritative textbook on "Hernia," published 1938: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah, Vermont, Wyoming and Wisconsin. At that time, 1938, a dozen states permitted no such choice but restricted hernia cases treated by radical operation—Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, Ohio, Texas, West Virginia. Maybe the profession in some of these states has seen the light in the past five years.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Egg Nog

Please advise whether egg nog is all right for my 1½-year-old son. He likes it very much, but I have been told the raw egg is not digestible. The egg nog consists of one raw egg yolk, one teaspoonful sugar, a few drops of vanilla, one cupful sweet milk, one beaten egg white. (Mrs. H. G.)

Answer—Yes, if the child like it. Raw egg white is not as completely digested as cooked egg white, but that is of little significance. For practical scientific information on foods send 25c and a stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Feeders Digest."

Drug Habit

Man aged 34 injured his side in a fall several years ago. He has had many doctors and X-rays, but they can't find what causes so much pain. He has to take six ——— (painkiller) tablets a day. (Mrs. P. G. F.)

Answer—Whether there is any real trouble which would cause the pain or whether the man uses that as an excuse for indulging in the drug, if he continues the practice he will eventually have much more than a pain, if he lives long enough. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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Life In Oregon

Sprague River, Ore., May 31. (AP)—A mare, wandering down the main street of this village yesterday, paused and gave birth to a colt. Much of the town's population surrounded the little family throughout the morning, but presently the mare and colt ambled away.

Seaside, May 31.—(AP)—Donald M. McKay, 46, Portland, fainted in the surf here yesterday, and was rescued by a life guard.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

CCC Camp Cut Due In Oregon

Many Agencies After Enrollees

McNary Favors Poppy Growing

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., May 31.—Reduction of the number of CCC camps in Oregon is inexorable. The CCC enrollees are offered better pay through the National Youth Administration, and there is also the army competition. Between these rivals and orders from Office of Production Management the CCC organization is taking an awful beating. There is a possibility that CCC will be reduced, eventually, to the vanishing point.

First, the director of the budget slashed 135 camps from the organization. Then the house committee whacked off another 129, making a reduction of 264 camps or 52,800 men. Next OPM proposed transfer of 50 camps to the various military reservations. At this point the secretary of the treasury suggested that if congress wishes to practice economy it could reduce the CCC appropriation to next to nothing.

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DIRECTOR McEntee of CCC is having additional troubles. His enrollees are of military age, the selective service age; young fellows quick to learn the mysteries of trucks, tanks, machine guns and other implements of war. Of the available pool from which to recruit the ranks the draft is taking thousands. OPM wants 10,000 of these youngsters located at military reservations to receive instructions which will make them better qualified to cross the line from enrollee to draftee.

An even greater menace to CCC is the NYA, which has been given the task of training young people. At present more than 388,000 are on the payrolls of NYA. Of these 135,000 are in shops supervised by NYA and 35,000 others are at residence centers who also work in shops; 96,000 on construction jobs and 119,000 on white collar or professional jobs. There are 14,000 of them working directly for the army at cantonments. Under NYA hundreds of young Oregon boys are being taught the fundamentals of trades and are immediately leaving for aircraft plants, shipyards and other national defense projects.

Of course, no community wishes to see a camp of CCC, located nearby, closed, but there is little that Director McEntee can do about it.

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SENATOR McNary has a bill amending the Harrison narcotic act to permit Oregon farmers to raise poppies for seed. The seed is used in quantities by bakers. Dr. Geo. R. Hislop of plant industries, O.S.C., has found that the bureau of narcotics unsympathetic — in fact, quite nasty and uppity, in the matter of growing poppies for seed. The bureau is suspicious and intimates that anyone who raises poppies will be raising dope which will be bootlegged and provide an additional source for contraband opium and morphine. To straighten out the situation the amendment has been introduced, but the bureau intends making a fight against it.

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ACCORDING to Reclamation Commissioner John Page, at a senate committee hearing, the Deschutes project should have $1,000,000 this year, instead of the $400,000 provided by the budget in the interior department supply bill. The big job on the project is drilling a tunnel through Smith Rock. This is a job that the CCC boys, who are working on the project, are not qualified to perform and a contract should be let. The $400,000 appropriation is insufficient to more than make a start and unless there is a substantial sum provided it is contended that completion of the Deschutes project will be delayed for several years.

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INDIAN bureau says a road along Sprague river, bisecting the Klamath reservation, would be "valuable." It is roughly estimated to cost $600,000 and a start could be made with $150,000, but what with national defense, etc., the road is in doubt. However, Senator Holman found a good witness in an officer from the bureau to build up a case and background. The road would save many miles of travel and be used by Indians and whites alike . . . Dr. Arthur H. Mountford, at the Roseburg veterans' facility, is being transferred to the central office in Washington, D. C. Promoted to fill the position at Roseburg is Dr. Walter Futrelle, of North Little Rock, Kan.

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NO member from Oregon or Washington voted against the bill to prohibit sale of beer near military cantonments, despite wires opposing the bill which came from the northwest. Members might have voted "No," only the drafters of the measure included "vice," and no member of the senate of 96 nor of the house 435 could stand in the way of vice being banished. Carried unanimously and without debate. And the senator who drafted the bill is no more; Senator Sheppard went to his reward several weeks ago before his bill came up for passage.

Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

June 1, 1931

(It was Monday)

France still refuses to permit Texas Guinan, New York night club operator, and her troupe of show girls to land, and give show in Paris.

Largest class in OSC history—539 receives diplomas at graduation ceremony.

Mercury goes to 98 Sunday, but it is cooler today.

Diamond lake resort opened for season last Friday. Roads thereto in good condition.

County secondary schools closing this week.

State Grange convention to be held here next week.

District attorney takes steps to close walkathon at Nat.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 1, 1921.

(It was Wednesday)

Race war rages in Tulsa, Okla.

German troops rout Poles along the Oder river.

Senate passes naval disarmament bill, with clause providing for world disarmament. Alliance with Japan and England favored.

Local banks to close at noon on Saturdays during months of June, July and August.

Family staying at the free auto camp for three weeks, invited to move.

Good Cascara Year

Wheeler, May 31.—(AP)—Cascara bark peelers call this season one of the best in recent years. One buyer purchased $400 worth of bark last week.

Court Aide Honored

La Grande, May 31.—(AP)—H. R. Hanna, circuit court reporter here for the past 41 years, was honored at a banquet this week.

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