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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

Friday the 13th passed uneventfully, and these parts are now up against Monday the 16th.

The sister city to the north is extensively fretting over what the proposed cantonment will do to the tourists and the fish.

F. Fry, the tonsorial artist and mountain climber is getting ready to make his annual assault upon Mt. McPitt.

Andrew Jackson Simpson of the Jville hills would like to be in England with his 30-30 when the Nazis start their parachute invasion. He figures he could stop that nonsense with a monacle in both eyes.

The faithful pipe of C. Strang, the pioneer pillist, was unfaithful last week until he found it again.

Leland Brophy, the jeweler, has on tap a cigarette lighter that will not blow out, once it is lighted.

S. (Farm-Fresh) Morris, the T. R. K. tiller, townied Fri. trying to find out what makes Peoria Bill Gates, the tired businessman, tired.

Summer arrived Wed. with 102 deg. People are urged to ignore the heat, and get it over with as soon as possible.

Cherry picking is the order of the day, and as yet no small boy has fallen out of a tree and ruined his vacation.

Rumor hit the democracy of V. (Shotgun) Canon, the c. hall janitor has started to unravel. He has long been one of the leading democratic factions of these parts, and a Gibraltar of the New Deal.

The warm weather brought out the tender gender in wash dresses they didn't wash.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect m.w.m. was a Fri. visitor, and reported he was visited by the heaviest rain he ever saw, with none of his hay down, on the 18th.

The people are urged not to get hysterical over Communists. Neither should the Communists. It's a poor curdy comb that won't scratch both ways.

Now that school is out, a high school boy was caught wearing a clean pair of corduroy pants Thurs.

Next year's candidates for congress from this district, have started to sprout. All will be against foreign dictators and higher taxes.

The juvenile element is loose with BB and 22 guns, and shooting most everything that jumps and squeals when hit.

356 new laws went into effect in this commonwealth yes, instead of 500, as first announced. It's still 500 too many.

A number of the Older Girls are mad enough at the velvet grass on their lawns to call it Hitler grass.

No Sale

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) said today that Allan Johnston, general counsel of the Federal Works agency, had reported unfavorably on a bill to purchase the old postoffice building at Eugene.

More new freight cars are on order now than at any time in the past 16 years.

Editorial Correspondence

Pendleton, Oregon, June 13.—A welcome change in the weather after that 98 in the shade in Portland and about the same in humidity. However no one complained in the Rose City, as long as old Jupiter Pluvius didn't perform his usual stunt of raining out the annual Rose Festival.

Came up here via Vancouver and the Washington State highway which proved to be a great improvement over the Columbia River thoroughfare. The Washington route is comparatively straight and level, with little traffic, in marked contrast with the "switch-back" Oregon route.

Crossed the river to Oregon on a crazy little ferry, just large enough for four motor cars, (the charge being one dollar per car) landing at a place called Biggs. We can recommend this river trip on the "north bank" highly, particularly around sunset.—It isn't as sensational as the Columbia River highway, perhaps, but it is one of the most beautiful scenic drives in the country, and exceedingly comfortable.

Left Portland at 5 p. m. so reached Sam Hill's art museum at Maryhill, Washington too late to look within—the museum closes at 7 o'clock. Stopped for a look over the parapet, a breath-taking view up and down the river in the golden twilight. Here Sam Hill once greeted Queen Marie of Rumania, when the latter toured the far west—a strange pair of highly-publicized romantics!

Could have made Pendleton before midnight, but decided to follow the rule of safety first, so parked at a roadside hotel, for the night and reached this round-up metropolis the following day in time for lunch, having a good view en route of the new airbase, which is perched on a flat hill, a couple of miles west of the city. This is the airbase Medford once hoped to get,—but didn't!

After luncheon drove out to the airbase, which at the moment is in a great state of confusion, with scores of huge tractors stirring up tremendous clouds of fine dust, ground crew men scurrying about in the dust laden heat, dry grass being burned off, while a fire engine stood by, the United Airlines operating on schedule in the midst of all the confusion. The Mainliner from Portland to Spokane came in as we were there, and the U. S. army major we had been chatting with got aboard, with many misgivings. "I hate to ride in these commercial planes," he declared mournfully, "and there is a lot of turbulence in the air, see those storm clouds over there,—don't like it!"

He got aboard however, and later we learned he had just completed an army air reconnaissance, piloting his own ship from the Atlantic to the Pacific along the Mexican border!

Ten minutes later the storm hit the hangar, but by that time the airliner was well to the northeast of it.

Most of the air-base buildings are up, but not ready for occupancy, as yet, so there is only a skeleton force on hand, engaged in construction. There are not half as many planes flying about in the heavens here as there are in Medford at the present time, but in another month,—probably before,—there will be many. One of the men in charge told us why Pendleton was selected for the base:

No. 1 reason was the fact the government has a ten million dollar ammunition dump at Hermiston, about 30 miles to the northwest,—air bases should be near ammunition depots.

This ammunition dump by the way is a huge affair, steel and concrete entirely underground, with it is rumored—thirty miles of underground railways. No one outside of the army knows its EXACT location. When completed, there will be nothing to distinguish it from the rest of the terrain, so enemy airplanes looking for it will be out of luck,—or at least that's the idea.

Other reasons cited: No mountains hereabouts, just a high plateau of bare rolling loam and sand hills, without trees, or other air obstacles, natural or man-made. The base will be an airplane training camp, green lads taking their first solo flights, etc., etc.—a decided advantage when in an emergency or in thick weather, a forced landing can be made, with the minimum risk of a crack-up.

Also this is a railroad and highway center,—the U. P. and Northern Pacific join,—hard-surfaced highways branch out in practically every direction of the compass, there are no extremes of weather, the altitude is desirable (practically the same as Medford) and of course, the base is well inland from the coast,—from where, in case of war, the hostile attack would come.

Adding all these items up and the only real advantage Pendleton has over Medford would seem to be the large expanse, mile after mile, of rolling, treeless and rockless terrain.

Although the main air force hasn't arrived, there are so many men engaged in construction work that Pendleton is filled up and overflowing. We were lucky to get the last room available in the Pendleton hotel,—the clerk informing us, it has been that way ever since work on the base started. Ditto the movies, the golf club, the restaurants, etc., etc.—business is humming, and everyone is happy. But when the 2300 men and 300 officers are all here with their 60 bombers, what about the housing problem, ditto water, sewage, schools, recreations and the noise above, etc., etc., etc.?

Well Pendleton is a wide awake, progressive community, and with its famous "round-up" is well trained in the art of taking care of large crowds, on short notice.

When the air base was assured, a small group of local business men, raised \$100,000, forming a housing corporation,—this corporation has been functioning for several months so when the peak load does come, no one will have to sleep in the street, or in a trailer camp either,—that is, no one who can pay a reasonable rent for a modern igloo.

This housing corporation, to date, has spent very little in house construction, most of the cash used, going for property on which to build,—various and sundry sub-divisions.

At this point competent building contractors have taken over, and through FHA, have built scores of modern homes, the most averaging around \$4000, some a trifle more, some less. Very liberal terms have been secured from the government, only about a ten percent cash outlay being required to start operations. Since the first of the year, approximately \$200,000 has been expended thus by these contractors, and according to report, each and every house has been rented or leased, as it has been completed.

Pendleton has a good water system piped in from the hills (much like Medford's) and the city agreed to furnish the air base with both water and sewer facilities. All city water is metered however, so the wholesale waste which afflicts Medford is not a problem here. The air base will be metered and will pay the prevailing meter rate. There is some doubt, however, that the present water system will be adequate, when the airbase is functioning, and the inevitable increase in population has reached its height. In fact plans are now being perfected by local authorities to enlarge the water system.

There is also the school problem. Pendleton school authorities expect an increase in the school population of at least 600 pupils, and the problem is where to put them, and how to provide teachers for them. Application has already been made for federal aid under the Lanham bill (this measure provides \$150,000,000 to assist communities in vital defense areas, carry the financial burden defense entails) also WPA, the U. S. Department of Education and the state department of education as well. Just what the outcome will be, is not known at the present time but we are told, the prospects look good, for a successful solution of the problem with not too severe a strain upon the local department of education.

There will also be need of increased sewage disposal facilities

and financial aid in this direction will also be requested from the government.

Of course Pendleton's air base problem, with an influx of only about 3000 officers and men, an investment of approximately \$2,500,000, is comparatively simple for a community of 9000 people—Medford's problem,—if and when the cantonment comes,—with an influx of 30,000 officers and men, an investment of 18 or 20 millions in a community only slightly larger, will be a far more serious and complex one.

Yet as an example of what to expect, the experience here in Pendleton, is interesting and, in some directions may be helpful.

There is one reassuring feature, as far as this airbase is concerned. To date the so-called "social problem," is non-existent, and the representative citizens we have talked with, expect none. A finer bunch of boys and men, they say, have never been entertained in this round-up town, and this goes for ALL the men. A large number of them, are on the streets and at the movies every evening, the Saturday night migration is a real one, but while the camp police are on the job cooperating with the city police there has been no trouble at all, and none is expected.—R.W.R.

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. Only the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not according to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

OSTRICHISM OF THE WISEACRES

Last warning to publishers of dictionaries: you had better have the NO SALE indicator in good working order when you come around here with the next edition if it does not include the nouns cri and vite. And while you are at it, please have another go at the verb ostrich, for I am confident Ger-



ard Darrow, Q. K., will support me when I say the ostrich does no such thing—and even if the bird ever does hide his head in the sand he is not merely pretending not to see, he just honestly does not see.

That's the way it is with the Wiseacres. The Wiseacres are a cut above the Morons intellectually altho outnumbered by them at least two to one. They are even harder to teach than the Morons because when a Wiseacre acquires a little knowledge that's all he wants to know, whereas a Moron frankly admits he doesn't know and does as he is told. You have to supervise or direct a Moron, but you have to watch a Wiseacre lest he decide he knows better than his boss, employer, doctor, teacher or adviser and proceed to follow his own superior judgment regardless.

Wiseacres impose childlike faith in the efficacy of a dash of something they believe to be "antiseptic" to prevent or cure infection, whether of a wound, burn or similar lesion or of the nose or throat. They have the same touching confidence in a dose of anything they believe to be "stimulant" to prevent or relieve exhaustion or collapse or shock or weakness.

To the Wiseacre mentality it seems as reasonable as the speller makes it seem that one can indulge in abuses of all kinds and remain immune from the consequences if one will only take a good dose of this or that nostrum. It never occurs to the Wiseacre intellect that killing ache, pain, or other sense by means of analgesic drugs is not equivalent to correcting the cause of the distress.

Mr. Wiseacre had acquired the habit of resorting to a popular pick-me-up or bracer whenever he felt tired, mean, head-achy or just worried. He felt uncomfortable one evening after dinner, took two or three doses of his favorite dope and went to bed. Toward midnight his breathing became stertorous.

NAVY BASE SEEN FOR LOWER COOS JUNIOR PORTLAND STAGES A PARADE

Marshfield, June 14.—(AP)—County court actions indicated today that Empire, in lower Coos bay, might become a naval section base although Commander John A. Beckwith, Sand Point, Wash., and other naval officers declined comment.

Commander Beckwith and the other officers inspected the area yesterday, and the county court agreed to deed land just south of Empire. Local agents were deputized to obtain firm prices on private land.

The court indicated that a wharf probably would be constructed to service 15-foot draft vessels, since minesweeper and patrol ships to keep the harbor entrance free of mines and to patrol the coast for 100 miles in each direction probably would be based there.

Naval officers said the formal announcement of site selection would come from Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, 13th naval district commandant, Seattle.

Portland, Ore., June 14.—(AP)—Produce prices steady, unchanged.

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

PRODUCTION Manager Knudsen, speaking today (Thursday) to 200 aircraft manufacturers assembled in Washington, says:

"Your production is 50 per cent ahead of schedule and by next fall you will be producing ALL THE AIRPLANES WE WANT."

REMEMBER at this point the proverb: "Rome wasn't built in a day."

Tens of thousands of airplanes of NEW types aren't built in a few months. Mass production, amazingly fast and efficient AFTER it gets started, requires time-consuming preliminaries BEFORE it can get started.

It appears from Knudsen's statement that these preliminaries are being got out of the way.

Put this fact down on the side of the ENCOURAGING news.

IN Cairo, the British Middle East command announces today:

"French defenders of Syria are offering resistance in certain areas, obliging us to use force to prevent obstructions to our advance. When these French troops have been overrun, many of them have expressed sympathy with the allies' objective of preserving Syria from German penetration."

The war in Syria, you see, is still a PROPAGANDA war.

THE Germans so far are staying out of Syria because they think it wouldn't set well with the French people if they see Germans fighting side by side with French against the English.

The impression they want to create is that of rebel Frenchmen (de Gaulle's) fighting side by side with the British to take Syria away from France.

DON'T expect this propaganda war to last long. If and when the French in Syria begin to take a bad licking, look for the Germans to go in for blood.

IN London "usually reliable sources" report receipt of information that the Germans are massing troops, artillery and aircraft in Poland and Rumania for a war of nerves designed to wrest further concessions from Russia.

What concessions? Baku oil and Ukraine wheat, for one thing. Also, maybe, a land route by-passing Turkey's two million bayonets to the east, leading down through Iran to take Britain's Iraq forces in the rear.

Your map will indicate the possibilities of such a route.

IF such a scheme is in the wind, will Russia fight or submit?

If you can answer that question accurately, you are one of the world's best informed persons.

A STRAW in the wind: Near Tobruk German dive bombers, attacking in force and fiercely, sink a British gunboat and a monitor.

When the shooting starts again on a grand scale, the vicinity of Tobruk will be one of the places.

That way lies the road to the Nile from the west.

(And you can be very sure it won't be long before the shooting starts on a grand scale again.)

OUR own state department says today that according to an American consular report the Robin Moor (American ship) was sunk by a German submarine in the south Atlantic and that the German commander was "fully aware that the ship was American."

Keep your eye on the Robin Moor sinking. It is one of these "incidents" that are important out of all proportion to their physical dimensions.

Take Livestock

Camp Claiborne, La. (AP)—Detachments from the 168th and 133rd infantry moved in line of skirmishers through the tangled underbrush of the 34th division's rifle range. When the 9,000-yard drive was completed, the officers counted the prisoners—88 hogs, 16 head of cattle, three horses and five goats.

To Lure Tourists

Ogden Utah (AP)—Regional officers of the U. S. forest service estimate that more than 6,000,000 tourists will visit the 24 national forest areas in the intermountain West during the summer. Extensive improvements have been made in camping facilities and in general recreational development.

Closing time for Too Late to classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.



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requirements. There is the capacity of the city plants, such as Tacoma, Seattle and Eugene; the dozen or more private utilities from Washington Water Power in the north to California-Oregon Power in the south with dams or steam plants, or both. This array of municipal and private generating plants has an estimated capacity of 1,600,000 kilowatts a year. With the government plants there would be available in 1942 approximately 2,436,000 kilowatts.

SUCH is the information collected by OPM, but there are opportunities for additional power to supplement the private, municipal and government plants. The sawmills at Longview, on Puget sound, on the Columbia river and in Willamette valley can join the pool if the need is pressing. In certain instances sawmills act as standby plants for private companies after providing for their own requirements.

As sketched by OPM, once the power of the Pacific northwest is pooled the next step is to be priorities, with stress being laid on industries having war orders (ship yards, airplanes, navy craft, dock equipment, engines, etc.) and elimination of the use of electricity for frills. As is now the case with certain metals, national defense comes first and foremost and when this has been taken care of, the citizens come next. (Borax is an example; others, copper, aluminum, chrome, etc.)

ESSENTIALLY, a northwest pool is to divert every kilowatt possible for defense. This is one of the moves to provide for several very large industries which will be consumers of substantial blocks of power and which are now waiting for sufficient energy in the northwest to justify their location in that region. The government itself, will install an aluminum plant and very likely a magnesium plant as well but these are only part of the industrial development proposed for Oregon and Washington, all based on the need of war material.

How the Bonneville-Grand Coulee administrator will regard this merger has not been announced. Plans are even now being drafted permitting that administration to acquire private companies, and the administrator has no desire to sell government power to the private utilities. There are many details remaining to be worked out in the northwest suggestion, but in the east power magnates are already seated at the conference table with government representatives; it is extraordinary because of the war demands on production. What will happen to "frills" in the use of electrical energy remains to be seen.

REGARDING the military activity under consideration for central Oregon, is a possibility of using a vast triangle of about 150 miles east of Bend and south of the highway between Bend and Burns: where tented troops can maneuver with plenty of elbow room and away from the general public. To reach this triangle an access road would be required connecting the encampment with The Dalles-California highway. This Bend project depends, says the war department, on congress increasing the army and voting an appropriation. Both of these provisions are currently in the making.

SEXTON MOUNTAIN BID IS REFERRED

Portland, June 14.—(AP)—The state highway commission awarded contracts totaling more than \$250,000 yesterday and referred to the engineer with power to act a \$313,317 bid on improving the Sexton mountain section of the Pacific highway between Roseburg and Grants Pass.

The Sexton mountain bid of Frank Penepacker, Portland, for grading 4.7 miles in Josephine county on the Grace Creek-Jumpoff Joe Creek section of the Pacific highway, was referred.

Awards were made to all other low bidders.

Because of war-time trade dislocations the United States has increased sales of watches and clocks in South Africa by about 50 per cent, says the department of commerce.

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 15, 1931
Henry Fluhrer in "Cecelia" wins class D event at Portland Rose Festival outdoor races.

Gangster days of Al Capone numbered, as government gathers mass of evidence in income tax evasions.

Rainstorm of past two days deposits .71 inches of moisture and irrigation situation is materially aided. Some hay damaged. Best rain in months cheers farmers.

Sawmill on Jenny creek destroyed by fire.

Roger W. Babson, noted economist predicts "depression near end, and worst is over."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 15, 1921
(It was Wednesday)

Secretary of State Hughes denies America "fought in war from selfish interests, and declares "war ideals of the land are still alive" in address at Brown university.

Roy Gardner, escaped mail bandit, shows heels to posse and escapes them. Eats in restaurant at Kelso. Believed headed south.

Assessor Coleman at forum meeting makes pleas for cruise of Jackson county timber.

Due to the chilly evenings of the past few days, fires are lighted in many homes.

The first cutting of alfalfa this year is now in the stack and the barn.

Phoenix Townsend Club Meeting Set

Phoenix, June 14.—(Spl.)—Talks on old styles and customs will feature the program at the June 17 meeting of Townsend club No. 1. The men will describe their wives' wedding dresses and the ladies will tell how their husbands wore their hair and whiskers on the wedding day.

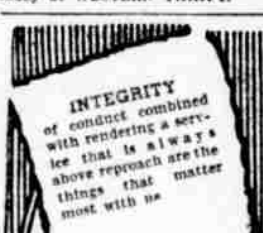
Townsend club auxiliary will meet with Mrs. L. M. Conklin on Monday at 2:30 p. m.

Cong. Pierce Travels

Washington, June 14.—(AP)—Rep. Pierce (D-Ore.) and Mrs. Pierce departed Tuesday night to spend the remainder of the week at a centennial celebration in Grundy county, Illinois, where the former Oregon governor was born.

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WEDDING DRESS



Rightly the bride treasures her belongings—those links with the past. But when it comes to everyday living, she's MODERN! And the modern laundry offers a truly modern service, efficient in all respects. May we call for your laundry this week?

