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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Approximately all that remains of the old-fashioned Fourth of July, is the old-fashioned firecracker that when lit and cast thither, fails to explode as it should, but invariably does, immediately after being picked up by a boy with two thumbs, either one or both subject to a patriotic burning or blowing-off. The most intrepid celebrant of these times are the marathon gadders, who flourish best when the nation's birthday is in triplicate. They start out after work yesterday, to visit a relative in North Dakota, a matter of, say, 2,654 miles, coming and going. One driver sleeps while the other navigates. If they have no bad luck they arrive at their destination in time to yell, while turning around, "Hello, Maw! Good-bye, Maw! See you the next time the Fourth comes on Friday!" They are back on the job Monday morning, refreshed, relaxed and rested.

Still on the subject of firecrackers, the esteemed Salem Statesman elucidates as follows, on how human nature gets in its fine work with combustibles: "The 'glorious Fourth' is still a day off but in Tacoma three persons are in a hospital and two others are wearing bandages as results of an episode so typical of the fundamental Fourth of July problem that it is worthy of contemplation.

Three boys found a huge 'firecracker' apparently home-made. They brought it to the home of one of their number, placed it in a bathtub and apparently in full realization that it was dangerous, pretended to light it. Unfortunately the 'pretense' was too realistic. The bathroom door and a wall of the house were blown out. The three boys and two others in the home were injured.

The boys were 'showing off.' That's typical of the perverse side of boy nature. Why boys feel it is necessary to 'show off' is a question that might be answered but it's too late to do anything about it for this Fourth of July. The incident merely illustrates the principal reason why appeals for care with fireworks go unheeded. They merely aggravate perversity."

Noted Director Dies In Smashup

Hutchinson, Kas., July 4.—(AP)—Auriel Lee, 62, of Thermal, Cal., killed yesterday in an automobile accident here, was identified today as an internationally known stage director and actress.

Miss Lee, who acted in and directed many of Broadway's outstanding hits, was en route to New York from the ranch of John Van Druten, the English playwright.

STATEMENT BY BANKS COMPTROLLER'S CALL

Washington, July 4.—(AP)—The comptroller of the currency issued a call Thursday for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business Monday, June 30.

As is customary in mid-year, the federal reserve board and the federal deposit insurance corporation issued simultaneous calls.

Tomatoes Late

Milton-Freewater, July 4.—(AP)—Wallis Wallis valley tomato growers feared today that cloudy weather would delay their crop approximately two weeks, placing it on the market in competition with tomatoes from other major production areas.

Picking will start about July 10.

A Different 4th of July

THE present writer has produced a great many Fourth of July editorials in his time.

We can imagine few punishments more painful than to have to read any of them over TODAY!

For this is a different Fourth of July,—entirely different,—and the conventional tribute to the day of our national Independence has no proper place in the present scene.

YES, this is a totally different Independence Day.

For today, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY, the independence of the United States is REALLY threatened.

We don't mean by a German invasion, although even that is not beyond the realm of possibility. We refer more particularly to the threat of the fascist-totalitarian conception that might make right to the free democratic conception that might without right makes nothing but suffering and trouble.

Yes, that latter conception,—the truly American conception,—IS threatened, and if that idea should be destroyed, and the fascist non-moral idea take its place, then the true independence of this country would be gone, whether an actual foreign conquest materialized at the time or did not.

WE might go on and try to elucidate further if we hadn't happened upon an Independence Day dramatic poem in this week's Life, which expresses our idea so much better than we could possibly express it, that we are allowing its author, Stephen Vincent Benet, to provide the meat as well as the conclusion of today's discourse, in the following impressive Independence Day lines:

It's a long way out of the past and a long way forward. It's a tough way, too, and there's plenty of trouble in it. It's a black storm crowding the sky and a cold wind blowing,

Blowing upon us all.

See it and face it. That's the way it is.

That's the way it'll be for a time and a time.

Even the easy may have little ease.

Even the meek may suffer in their meekness.

But we've ridden out storms before and we'll ride out this one,

Ride it out and get through.

It won't be done by the greedy and the go-easies.

It'll be done by the river of the people.

The mountain of the people, the great plain

Grown to the wheat of the people.

It'll be done by the proud walker, Democracy,

The walker in proud shoes.

Get on your feet, Americans, and say it!

Forget your grievances, wherever you are.

The little yesterday's hates and the last year's discord.

This is your land, this is your independence,

This is the people's cause, the people's might.

Say it and speak it loud, United, free . . .

MANY VOICES:

United, free.

VOICE:

Whatever happens and whatever falls.

We pledge ourselves to liberty and faith.

MANY VOICES:

To liberty and faith.

VOICE:

We pledge ourselves to justice, law and hope

And a free government by our own men

For us, our children and our children's children.

MANY VOICES:

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VOICE:

Not for an old dead world but a new world rising.

VOICE:

For the toil, the struggle, the hope and the great goal.

NARRATOR:

You've heard the long parade

And all the voices that cry out against it.

(quietly)

What do the people say?

Well, you've just heard some questions and some answers,

Not all, of course. No man can say that's all.

But look in your own minds and memories

And find out what you find and what you'd keep.

It's time we did that and it won't be earlier.

I don't know what each one of you will find,

It may be only half a dozen words

Carved on a stone, carved deeper in the heart,

It might be all a life, but look and find it—

Sun on Key West, snow on New Hampshire hills,

Warm rain on Georgia and the Texas wind

Blowing across an empire and all part,

All one, all indivisible and one—

Find it and keep it and hold on to it,

For there's a buried thing in all of us,

Deeper than all the noise of the parade,

The thing the haters never understand

And never will, the habit of the free.

Out of the flesh, out of the minds and hearts

Of thousand upon thousand common men,

Cranks, martyrs, stary-eyed enthusiasts

Slow-spoken neighbors, hard to push around,

Women whose hands were gentle with their kids

And men with a cold passion for mere justice.

We made this thing, this dream.

This land unsatisfied by little ways,

This peaceless vision, groping for the stars,

Not as a huge devouring machine

Rolling and clanking with remorseless force

Over submitted bodies and the dead

But as live earth where anything could grow,

Your crankiness, my notions and his dream,

Grow and be looked at, grow and live or die.

But get their chance of growing and the sun.

We made it and we make it and it's ours.

We shall maintain it. It shall be sustained.

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.

AS HARD TO GET AS KCI

My husband wishes me to thank you and tell you soluble potassium chloride cured him of a sinus condition that had troubled him for many months and had cost him a good deal in medical fees for treatment which gave no relief, writes Mrs. E. L. G. I had been urging him for several weeks to try your remedy. I would write it down on paper and he would take it along with him, but he would come home with pot. chloride one time and a liquid mixture another time. Finally I told him never mind and I would get it for him. But I had a good deal of difficulty in persuading the druggist I did not mean pot. chloride. Druggists seem strangely reluctant to supply soluble potassium chloride. Why do they take that attitude?

We enjoyed our three weeks vacation in your home town but we just couldn't find you there. We were driving around when the driver said we were in your neighborhood. We looked in the telephone book for your name but could not find it. Later we drove around the same vicinity trying to find your residence but two hours of searching yielded nothing. We inquired of a milkman who said he had everybody's name in his directory, but yours was not there. An elderly man wearing a badge and guarding a crossing where school children passed said he had never heard of you. He sent us to the residence of Dr. . . . whose wife had heard of you but thought you lived in another city. We called at the city hall, a beautiful building, but no one there knew where you lived although they knew you. We dropped into a hospital and scanned names on the bulletin board, and asked a nurse, but got no help there. Finally we stopped a laundry truck and asked the driver if he could tell us where you lived, and he consulted his directory and told us that there was no one of that name living there. So we gave it up. (Mrs. E. L. G.)

That's the way I like it, Ma'am. Oh, it is pleasant enough to receive such callers, and I would be happy to keep open house for 'em the year

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Answer—Thank you. I am glad to mail on request a pamphlet on the subject—"It Is Stupid to Suffer From Piles," provided the correspondent incloses a stamped envelope bearing his address. A good many cases of "lumbago" and "sciatica" are actually neglected rectal trouble. People too readily assume any rectal trouble is "piles." Even if the trouble is piles (hemorrhoids) and nothing else, it is stupid to put up with it.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

It Proved To Be Lumbago

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House about raising a Texas army and navy border patrol. This suggestion apparently had been made last January.

The primary merely confirmed the axiom of politics that a president cannot successfully influence elections when he is not running himself. His experience matches that of Hoover, Coolidge, and Wilson in that respect.

Awake, Ye Sons Of Liberty

The Liberty we now enjoy. In our broad land, so free, Was given us by Noble Souls Who would not bend the knee But many weak and craven souls The tyrant would appease And bring to us the living-death Upon our bended knees.

Awake, Ye Sons of Liberty. The traitors are at hand Who'd take the noble heritage Of Freedom from our land. Let every soul, within our land Say with each mortal breath: 'There's naught for me but Liberty— But Liberty, or death!'

Let every soul sing Freedom's Song, And while the echo rolls, Let every one be true and brave "In times that try men's souls."

Let each one say, with that Great Soul, Who all so clearly sees: "We'd rather die upon our feet Than live upon our knees!"

Far better die upon our feet For all our Liberties, Than cringe in "Times that try men's souls"

On weak and bended knees! For every name is written there, On God's Eternal Scrolls Who did not have a craven heart In "Times that try men's souls."

Awake, Ye Sons of Liberty. With heritage so grand, And ever keep the Stars and Stripes Unfurled across our Land! Let each one say, within the heart:

"My life and mortal breath, I dedicate unto the cause Of Liberty or Death!" —Fred R. Goddard, R. F. D. No. 1 Talent, Oregon.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

All political reports received here agree the Mississippi valley area down to Kentucky is dead-set against war. Prospects of a good harvest with high farm prices late this summer, coupled with farmers' fear of an acute labor shortage if we enter the war, may work toward strengthening this opposition rather than relieving it.

GENERAL Wavell's demotion to India may turn out to be a slight elevation when the facts are known. This British commander (the only one who has even been partially successful in the war so far) did make one tactical mistake in Egypt. The disposition of his troops after defeat of the Italian army was faulty, but not personally reprehensible in any way.

His transfer to India is accepted here as a move in aid of Russia, the import of which will develop shortly.

GOVERNOR O'Daniel's slim margin of 1,000 votes in the Texas primary will be more than enough. Any recount canvassing will be done by the elections board of which he is a member, as is Attorney General Mann who ran third behind the alert administration candidate, Rep. Lyndon Johnson.

The politicians around headquarters here figure O'Daniel's lead is likely to increase from the recount. The original counting was in charge of pro-Johnson federal organization men in populous centers. Also several almost unanimous Johnson counties were originally reported in the Mexican districts.

No one will ever charge that Mr. Roosevelt did not do his best for Johnson. At 10 p. m. the night before the voting Johnson made public a telegram from the president stating that O'Daniel had made a preposterous suggestion to the White

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Counties Seeking Timber Revenue

Federal Workers Disavow 'isms

New Headache Appears for OPM

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 4.—Legislation has been introduced in congress intended to bring money to timbered counties of Oregon and Washington by remedying a defect in the so-called "cutting rights" law. The measure had its inspiration at a gathering of county judges in eastern Oregon who realized that under the "cutting rights" act their respective counties were losing taxes. Any time a county judge sees an opportunity to save money for his county he acts, and the proposed legislation has the ardent backing of county judges wherever there is privately owned timber.

The national forest service has the right to exchange cutting rights on national forest lands for privately owned timber lands. For example, the forest service takes over privately owned timber land to consolidate a national forest and permits the private owner to cut a certain amount of timber on a selective cutting and sustained yield program. This cutting may be on the timber exchanged or elsewhere in the national forest.

There are advantages to the forest service and to the private owner under this law, but no benefit or advantage to the county involved. The private owner has a right to cut a certain amount for which he does not have to pay as a consequence of surrendering his land to the government; the government acquires new holdings with which to practice modern conservation, the county is left holding the bag.

Government pays no taxes on its forest lands and the privately owned timber disappears from the county tax roll when the owner exchanges it for cutting rights. Every such exchange, therefore, reduces the amount of assessed real property in the county. From the viewpoint of the county it is a serious situation, this nibbling down of taxable resources.

WHEN the forest service sells timber to a sawmill operator or logger 25 percent of revenue from the sale goes back to the county wherein the forest land is located and there is a steady stream of money coming in from this source to many counties. This act was worked out years ago and has been a lifesaver to counties having a national forest within their boundaries. However, under the cutting right or exchange act the county gets nothing; it loses the privately owned timber land and receives no compensation for the timber removed. There have been made exchanges in Oregon, particularly in the counties of Lake, Deschutes, Crook, Grant and Baker.

The proposed legislation undertakes to cure the exchange act and give the counties a break by authorization of an appropriation which will pay the counties such amounts as they would receive under the 25 percent act if the timber cut on an exchange was sold for cash. The extent to which private owners have turned in their timber for cutting rights is indicated by the 500,000,000 acres already exchanged; a half billion acres wiped from the tax rolls.

W. D. B. DODSON, who has been digging up industries and contracts for Oregon as representative of the Portland chamber of commerce, has returned to the Rose city for a month to look after local matters. Dodson has been instrumental in causing a number of new payrolls to locate in Oregon and Washington and is after several more.

EVERY government worker is holding up his (or her) right hand and making an affidavit that he (or she) is not a member of the communist party, nor fascist nor German bund nor any organization that seeks to overthrow the government. This is now the law. In the navy yard in the capital city 17,000 workers have taken the oath and have had to pay 10 cents each for the notarial seal. Workers kick more over paying this dime than in taking the oath. The business has been profitable for the notaries public. Notwithstanding these oaths, the charges

continue to be made that "reds" are holding well paid jobs in the government; in fact two government workers have issued an attack on the Dies committee.

OPM has run up against another headache. Several hundred merchant ships are on the ways and navy boats are in the yards. Each of these vessels will require boilers (contract for 30 boilers has been given in Portland already) and the same kind of boilers are needed in a steam standby plant to generate electricity. If boilers are not provided for the ships there will be no freighters to bring chrome and tungsten from the Philippines and China. If the boilers are not provided for steam plants there will be a curtailment and possibly a rationing of power essential in the production of aluminum. Of course, boilers are not needed for Columbia river power but they are very necessary elsewhere because of drought, especially in TVA territory. It may be argued that OPM could order boilers for steam plants and not order at once all the boilers for the merchant ships and navy boats, and this may be done.

STALIN's speech is only a speech. By itself, it means little. Speeches alone don't win wars.

What happens will depend entirely on the Russian people. If they are willing to make the sacrifices the Chinese have made, Hitler may live to regret the moment when he made his decision to go into Russia.

The real power of any nation rests upon the TOUGHNESS of the moral fibre of its people. Britain proved that in the dark hours that followed the collapse of France.

France proved it conversely by collapsing.

Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

July 4, 1931
(It was Monday)

Fourth of July deaths in nation begin early, due to auto and water accidents.

Nine members of Trail family ill from eating home canned beets.

Ashland carnival pair arrested for selling gin at 25c per drink in ice cream cones during celebration.

German pledges aid to war debt moratorium plan.

Economic conditions improve in Europe, quickening return of prosperity at home.

Increase shown in number of marriage licenses by clerk's office. They were slowed down by the depression.

Fair and hot. High 95, low 61.

ROAD is open to travel to rim at Crater Lake, and more walking required.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bates return from vacation trip of several weeks to Bend, Silver Lake, and coast points.

Epidemic of divorces sweeps England since end of war.

Lady arrested in Chicago for appearing on streets in pajamas.

Preservation of local scenery discussed at C. of C. forum.

Delegation of Trail citizens beseech county court to fix the roads of that vicinity before winter rains set in.