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Ye Smudge Pot

with

Claude E. Ingalls

Editor of the Corvallis

Gazette-Times as

GUEST COLUMNIST

Here we are again, old Tom

Sawyer, whitewashing Art Perry's

fence. The difference between

Tom didn't get any pears as a

reward. Even if he had, they

would have been middle west

pears and not the luscious kind

that come out of Medford.

We note by Art's favorite

daily paper that eleven pear

pickers became so overjoyed at

the thought of the lusciousness

of Medford pears that they were

unable to contain themselves or

the bug-juice that brought them

under its influence and into

court, where, the report states,

the judge "read them a lecture."

He probably knew they were

needed in the orchard more

than in jail.

Speaking of judges, we note

where one in the east says that

there are 350,000 persons in this

country making a living thru

crime. Which would seem to

indicate that the wages of sin

have been misrepresented.

It would also indicate that

there is not enough arrest for

the wicked.

We note that Oil Duce Ickes

is headed for this section to

gloat over damage he has done

to private industry by the way

he has managed government

built dams. The cheerful One

predicts a gasoline rationing for

the Pacific northwest.

An eastern "scientist" states

that being in love is the same

as being crazy, but neglects to

state why she turned him down.

Our notion of the mid-Atlantic

seance is that Mr. Roosevelt

inspired it and that Churchill

had to comply that he felt as

silly as a parent at a side show.

But Mr. Roosevelt saw a chance

to be sensational and he is the

biggest "show-off" since Bar-

num.

In spite of the recent mess

in Europe, the world makes

some progress. There was a

time when the best shortstop

in the country wore side whiskers.

We are sometimes called un-

orthodox. Well, we admit it to

this extent,—we do not sub-

scribe to the old fashioned idea

that a boll is worth five dollars

to its owner.

Democracies Secret Weapon

DON'T hear much about "secret weapons" these days. But the allies have certainly developed one,—secret in the sense that when the war started its existence was not suspected.

And this "weapon" wears pants, smokes fat cigars and answers to the name (in London at least), of "Winnie."

YES, when war was declared two years ago, no one suspected that this "irrepressible and irresponsible son of a British father and American mother" would literally become England's Horatius at the bridge.

But there he stands, and the credit for England's safety and Germany's present dire predicament belongs almost entirely to him.

But for Winston Churchill's bull-dog courage, his fearless and rugged leadership, his inspiring example, not only to his own countrymen, but to the entire democratic world, where would the British empire be today?

One shudders to think of the consequences, had a Chamberlain remained at the British helm, or another Baldwin returned to it.

Never more clearly in world history, it seems to this department, has the fate of an empire been so clearly in the hands of one man,—determined, by his personality and persistence and genius ALONE.

THIS fact was brought forcibly to the present writer's attention yesterday when by a concatenation of circumstances, he was walking east on the "Main Stem" when the Churchill broadcast started, instead of being in front of the family radio as he should have been.

It was hot, there was over a mile to go, and yet, scarcely a word of that eloquent address was lost. For from practically every home, from the Bear Creek bridge to the Reservoir, the Prime Minister of England was speaking;—and speaking clearly,—so he could be plainly heard whenever a sidewalk pedestrian stopped to listen.

And that was not only true of Medford, of course, but of all Oregon, all the United States, and to a certain extent the ENTIRE WORLD!

YES, what a man, and through the radio microphone,—what a POWER! And what a contrast, to that rival European broadcaster (who by the way has not been heard for a very long time), the chief "menace" in this world melodrama, one Adolph Hitler.

True, the latter has spoken in German,—to most an unintelligible and unpleasant tongue,—but even with the subsequent translation, what a difference in manner, in tone, in content,—what a complete antithesis in the quality of appeal.

AND that led us pondering a bit on what is the real secret of Winston Churchill's power.

Is it what he says? Well yesterday at least, the British leader said every little,—little at least that was new.

It is the WAY he says it? That British accent is attractive, the diction flawless, the choice of words thrilling,—all these factors count in any total impression.

Or could it be the earnestness, the complete sincerity, of that deep voice, what might be termed the oral AUTHORITY of the man. Finally might it merely be that indefinable quality termed "charm."

WELL all these things undoubtedly register, and the absence of any would weaken the total effect.

But we finally decided the real SECRET of the man's power, lies in none of these things, but in the fact, that the man is RIGHT and the man is TRUE,—and that CONSCIOUSNESS of being in the right and telling what is true, on HIS part; and a similar consciousness on the part of those who listen to him,—

Is what really accounts for Mr. Winston Churchill's tremendous power today not only in his own country but throughout the world.

Yes Mr. Churchill is a great orator, a supreme master of words, a skillful advocate, a shrewd judge of human nature, a resourceful and fearless fighter but above all and before all he is fighting the GOOD fight,—and he knows it!

And those of his listeners who don't know it, sooner or later, as they listen come to sense it.

And THERE is the man's tremendous power. There is the SECRET of the strongest single weapon, the cause of world democracy has!

Herr Hitler's Boner

IF anyone should doubt, Herr Hitler got the Russian bear by the tail but now, can't let go, this announcement:

Soviet Russia has joined England in the occupation of Iran, with 50,000 mechanized troops.

Ought to dispel same.

Not only that. Apparently reliable sources from the Far East announce Stalin also has an army of half a million men, and a large fleet of airplanes in Siberia, ready at the word, to attack the Japanese.

Undoubtedly one of the many mysteries of this war, will be why Hitler with his knowledge of Russia and his espionage system in that country apparently didn't know that Stalin's second—or was it the third?—five-year plan was exclusively a MILITARY one.

That fact was printed in the American Mercury six months ago. But Der Reichsfuehrer apparently never suspected it,—or if he did, had no inkling of its extent or success.

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, 264 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

A HINT TO HYPochondriacs

In this column the other day I sent a nudge to neurosthenics in the suggestion that they may derive considerable benefit from supplementing their regular diet with vitamin B— and whenever vitamin B or B1 (thiamin) is referred to here the entire natural vitamin B complex is always the form preferred.

Although physicians who are honest about it still do use the term "neurosthenic" for instance in describing the "neurosthenic syndrome", as quoted in the article the other day, recognized authorities at present accept the concept of neurosthenia as a consideration or none at all as a diagnosis of a patient's trouble or an explanation for health impairment or functional derangement.

Many pellagra patients, in the southern states, are branded or brand themselves "neurosthenics" in the earlier months or years before the objective signs of pellagra make the nature of their disease manifest. Progressive physicians now recognize that in practically all cases of pellagra, although the primary or chief cause is prolonged deficiency in the intake of nicotinic acid (one of the entities of the vitamin B complex), there are deficiencies of the others as well and neither B1 nor nicotinic acid alone can give complete cure.

Experience in the treatment of pellagra proves that many of the nervous and mental symptoms particularly depend rather on insufficient intake or other entities of the B complex, such as the thiamin (B1) and riboflavin (B2 or G) and hence the entire natural vitamin B complex is preferable both for prevention or for treatment, and it is the usual practice to prescribe it for the pellagra patient regardless of how much pure nicotinic acid or thiamin the patient may receive temporarily.

All of this applies with equal force to vitamin feeding for persons whose complaint is "neurosthenic."

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

AS you read of the bloody fighting in Russia (probably the world's mightiest battle) recall this significant fact:

Today (Saturday) is the second anniversary of the signing of the Russian-German treaty of peace—the treaty that according to the nazis was to make a Soviet-German war impossible.

YESTERDAY DNB (German propaganda) estimated Russian losses, inflicted by Germany, at five million men, killed, wounded and prisoners; 14,000 tanks, 14,000 cannon and 11,000 airplanes.

Such has been the fate of ALL who have relied on Hitler's promises.

MARSHAL VOROSHILOV says today to the Leningrad populace:

"Terrible danger hangs over Leningrad. The decisive moment has arrived. The enemy is near. Our holy duty is to self-sacrificingly defend the approaches to our city."

The people SEEM TO BE DOING IT. They are dying willingly for their country. There has been no sign of flinching on their part.

People AS PEOPLE are an admirable lot. It's a pity as much can't be said for their leaders.

AN AP dispatch today says: "As the Germans face the likelihood of a long winter campaign, Nazi military authorities in Paris are taking stern measures to crush a RISING TIDE OF BITTERNESS AND HATRED among the conquered French."

The Germans in Paris arrest 6,000 "Jews, communists and de Gaulists." The next day a German colonel is stabbed to death in the Paris subway.

The German commandant in Paris promptly issues this order: "In case of a new criminal attack, a number of HOSTAGES corresponding to the gravity of

the act committed WILL BE SHOT."

Thus giving us a glimpse of Hitler's new order in Europe.

AT Vichy, the Petain-Darlan government FOLLOWS THE GERMAN LEAD and decrees the death penalty for "communists and anarchists" (definition of such to be left to Petain and Darlan).

The French people are willing to risk death to display their hatred of Germany.

Their leaders PLAY ALONG with the Germans.

THE new installment buying regulations, to become effective September 1, are announced today by the federal reserve board.

Down payments are to be required on all purchases and the balance must be retired within 18 months. Down payments are to be graded upward according to the luxury nature of the purchase—smallest on house furnishings and such and largest on autos, airplanes, motorboats, etc.

The federal reserve board says the present order is MERELY A START.

THE purpose of these regulations is to restrict purchases of what the economists call "consumption goods," thus increasing our capacity to produce defense needs.

This thought occurs here: If we'd work long enough and hard enough and intelligently enough we could probably turn out enough goods to supply war needs and maintain American standards at the same time. But we're not yet willing to work that hard.

Not being willing to, we'll have to accept restriction of our standard of living.

THIS fundamental truth can't be got around: WE CAN HAVE ONLY WHAT WE PRODUCE.

Probe Northwest Delay

Seattle, Aug. 25.—(P)—The Truman senatorial committee investigating defense contracts will convene in Seattle today to consider the possibility of producing steel on the west coast and inquiries into reasons for delays in construction of three government-owned aluminum plants, Senator Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.) announced.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Power Group At Loggerheads

Longview Favored For Rolling Mill

Fire at Mocpils Gives Ickes Aid

By John W. Kelly

(Note: During the absence of Mr. Kelly on vacation his daily column will be written by Mr. Paul Dunham, member of our Washington, D. C., staff.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 25.—

George W. Norris, senior senator for Nebraska, is taking a very active interest in the Pacific northwest. He wants to wrest from Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes control of the power of the region and place it in the hands of a triumvirate like TVA, his baby. Of real significance, however, is the fact that Senator Norris is on the verge of breaking with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The break will probably not occur, for Norris is susceptible to flattery, and the president is a master hand at buttering people he wishes to mollify. But relations are a trifle strained for, at this writing, the president has not given attention to the protests made by the elder statesman against the secretary of the interior.

The entire so-called power group in the national capital is at loggerheads. Secretary Ickes charges that Chairman Olds, of the National Power commission, knows nothing about power, although Olds was crusading against the "power trust" way back when President Roosevelt was just Governor Roosevelt.

There is a hint that Ickes believes Olds has succumbed to the trust. Senator Norris does not think that Ickes is slipping, but he positively does not want the secretary as a power czar. Since David Lilienthal, of TVA, bought the private power companies from Wendell Wilkie for more than the properties were believed to be worth Ickes views Lilienthal with suspicion. Washington's Homer Bone has a bill for a three-man board, which accords with the theory of Norris, and which is at variance with what the president explicitly demanded: all control centered in the secretary of the interior.

THE line-up now is President Roosevelt and Secretary Ickes versus Senators Norris and Bone, with Lilienthal lending a willing shoulder to the senators. The spectacle of these champions of government ownership clashing is being kept as quiet as possible in order that the private utilities will not feel encouraged, for it is the wish of all the group, from the president down, to eliminate all private competition by freezing them out or buying them out.

Sitting at the center of the maelstrom is Oregon's Charley McNary, who favors the president's idea of one-man control in preference to a three-man board. But McNary is not satisfied with the Ickes bill (introduced by Rep. Knute Hill) and it will require several modifications before he approves it.

The attitude of the private utilities in Washington and Oregon on these various measures and the quarrel within the ranks of the new dealers has not been completely revealed. It is said that they will take no side between a one-man or a three-man board; that what they want is good administration, fair treatment, ability to purchase power from the government hydroelectric plants and not be forced out of business. They know it is impossible to buck against the treasury of the United States.

THERE are some important government officials who are suggesting that an aluminum rolling mill be located at Longview, Wash., where Reynolds Metals Co. is building a plant to produce aluminum pigs. Other communities would like to have the fabricating plant, provided the government will finance and build it, but it so happens that Longview has southern democratic friends who are interested in seeing that town prosper and they are said to have been instrumental in having the Reynolds outfit locate there.

Other places with their hands up to attract attention of the rolling mill are Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore. A survey has been under way for several months without any determination yet, although there are reports a location has been made and that options are being picked up.

SOME criticism is aimed at the forest service for alleged failure to cooperate with the Indian service in battling the forest fire at Mocpils, which is still burning. The forest service, it is asserted, located its line of fighters and their equip some

eight miles from the advancing fire when the flames threatened the national forest. This is strictly according to law, but as the Indian service is a regular government agency, as is the forest service, and as the government does not want forests destroyed, there is muzzling that it is peculiar that the two agencies can not cooperate to preserve what the government wants preserved.

The Indian service is under Secretary Ickes, and he wants the forest service. While hiding away in the Olympic peninsula it is rumored that the secretary is giving some attention to the Mocpils fire and will use this failure to cooperate as an argument why the forest service should be placed under his wing.

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Flight O' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
August 25, 1931
(It was Tuesday)
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