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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Editorial fears are expressed these times in various parts of the state and the nation, that Germany and her runt paranoiac, one A. Hitler will not get a square deal, at the peace table, if and when. Neither are entitled to it, so the solicitude appears irrelevant, immaterial, and out of order. Herr Hitler should be pickled away in a penitentiary, not called a fortress, out of politeness to his military titles. The same fate should be meted to Messrs. Mussolini of Italy, Quisling of Norway, and his other puppets. They should have a penitentiary exclusively to themselves. It would be cruel and inhuman to compel run-of-the-mill criminals to abide behind the same walls with either one or all of them. Two world wars in 20 years spawned by Germany, should be sufficient to convince the rest of creation there is no way to get along with them. They love war too much to be trusted as a unit, with any weapon more destructive than a broomhandle.

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THE BOOBY PRIZE
(Blue Mountain Eagle)

"There are now prizes being offered for the largest buck and the biggest doe killed during the hunting season. The Eagle would like to offer a grand sweepstake prize of a wax forget-me-not for the smallest, weakest, scrawniest fawn. The record is a 15-pound fawn. But if the hunters will shoot everything they can drop their sights on they can get one even smaller. No jackrabbits go in this contest."

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Cong. Mott charges the New Deal is out to ruin the Republican party. Cong. Mott should be more definite. Does he mean again, or yet?

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The football teams of Oregon's institutions of higher learning, in their invasion of California gridirons made a fine showing Saturday. The Staters were ahead until the last 16 seconds, and the Webfeet were ahead twice during the game with Stanford. The nicest time to be ahead is at the finish.

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"HAND IS HEAD OF COMMITTEE ON CAMP PLANNING"—(Hdline Corvallis Gazette-Times)—There'll be a lot of shaking of both.

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THE MUCHNESS OF MUCH

Too many highways, too many cars,
Too many people behind the bars;
Too much poverty, too much wealth,
Too many people in ill health.
Too much politics, too much booze,
Too many wearing high-heeled shoes,
Too many spending their dough on gas,
Too much taking of other's sass.
Too many living beyond their means,
Too many buying canned corn and beans;
Too many hiring their washing done,
Too many playing bridge for fun.
Too much buying goods on time,
Too many people don't save a dime.
Too much taxes, too much spent,
Too many folks spend every cent.
Too much reform, too much law,
It's the darndest mess you ever saw.—(The Pepper Box.)

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Congressman Mott's Comeback

IN legal and military circles there is a time-honored maxim:

"The best defense is a strong offense."

The Russians are giving a good example of this now, in their persistent counter-attacks, in answer to each German advance.

And Congressman Jim Mott, as a capable politician and attorney, gave a good example of the same principle in Roseburg Saturday, when he countered the attack of the 18 interventionist Republicans by declaring they were dupes of the Roosevelt administration, unwittingly serving as 5th columnists for the establishment of a one-party country and the New Deal.

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WE don't know how many delegates to the G.O.P. convention accepted that counter-charge as a valid one, but our guess is it had more weight in that partisan gathering than anywhere else in the state.

For it "listened well", as the saying goes,—sounded plausible if it did insult the intelligence. And in any party convention what sounds well from a radical partisan viewpoint, is always surprisingly potent.

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HOWEVER, in the light of any factual analysis, the counter-charge just doesn't stand up,—hasn't even one little leg of reality to stand on.

In fact we doubt if 18 prominent citizens in the state could have been SELECTED, less likely to be "DUPED" by anyone, much less by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, than these dozen and a half ultra-conservative and well-heeled Republicans, who certainly weren't born yesterday, and at least 95% of whom, we venture to say, have never graced even the most eminently respectable "easy sucker" list.

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NO James me boy! Call Harry Corbett, C. C. Chapman, Judge Sawyer of Bend and their insurgent associates, Anglophiles, Liberty Leaguers, Economic Royalists, if you wish, even Ambassadors without portfolio of the International Bankers Trust, but DON'T call them DUPES!

Any smart guy with a phoney business deal to put over would shun this "Arlington Club" list, as he would the plague if he ever wished to get to first base in the metropolitan business environs of this great commonwealth.

DUPES! Might as well try to pin that title on old J. P. Morgan himself.

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SO whatever the precise motives behind this pre-convention bomb-blast from Portland, duping had nothing to do with it. Anyone seeking the truth can put that in the old pipe and smoke it.

Nor is there as charged any direct or indirect Fifth Columnist technique involved. These 18 gentlemen, are even more devoted to the power and perpetuity of the Grand Old Party than Congressman Mott, and far more allergic either to the New Deal, or any program of radical social and economic reforms than the resourceful congressman from the First District.

Imagine any one of them, for example, endorsing the venerable Townsend Plan as Mr. Mott has persistently and conspicuously done! Individually and collectively they would be as likely to commandeer a Columbia river ferry boat, and take to sea, with the skull and cross bones of Captain Kidd, nailed to the topmast!

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READ them out of the Republican party because they want the Oregon delegation to support more active intervention in World War No. 2?

Why Congressman Mott might as well ask the powers that be to "read out" Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler and the Honorable Jim Wordsworth!

Without these 18 representative business and professional men of this great state, AND the type they represent, the Republican party wouldn't be able to collect enough cash-money in Oregon, to put out a fifth ward shopping sheet, much less buy page-space in the Oregonian or send anything substantial to the national committee's war chest.

Small wonder the Roseburg delegates maintained a cold and unrelieved silence as the "Gentleman from Salem" made this extraordinary request!

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MORE than that.

While as before stated, we regard this pre-convention blast against the Oregon congressional delegation, as bad politics from the party standpoint, and are surprised such a loyal and ultra-conservative group as this committee of 18 would not have FIRST tried to thresh the controversial matter out in committee rather than in the public press,—

All that after all is solely a question of procedure.

As far as the direct issue is concerned, that of generally supporting or opposing the Roosevelt administration's FOREIGN policy, the Mail Tribune entirely agrees with this committee, and is entirely opposed to the program of the isolationists, which Messrs. Mott, Angell and Holman have upheld by their votes, in practically every important roll call.

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AND finally instead of criticizing the action of this committee as detrimental to the Republican party, or anything reprehensible or improper, in any sense,

We believe, such a move will prove helpful to the party, that such action is in harmony with the best principles and traditions of democratic government,—that of representative responsibility and POPULAR rule,—and that the net result will be to clear the political atmopshere in the state, as far as Mr. Mott and his Oregon colleagues are concerned.

Finally and even more important, it should clear the heads of the Oregon delegation, as to what line the people of Oregon, really want their representatives at Washington to adopt!

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.

SO YOU WANT A SPECIALIST?

A request constantly recurring in the mail suggests that keeping up with the Joneses has a good deal to do with the high cost of medical care.

The request is something like this: "Have been treated by several local doctors for over a year and have tried several (near-doctors) too. They do not seem to help me. Please recommend a good specialist in (city)."

Apparently people who decide to consult a specialist believe a specialist is a superior type of physician, a super-duper-doctor who knows more or has more skill than ordinary practitioners or mere "local" doctors have.

That is a foolish and costly notion. Certainly one physician, here or in a distant city, may know more or have greater skill than another, but that is not because the capable one purports to be a specialist, nor need a doctor have greater knowledge or greater skill than his neighbors or colleagues in order to become a specialist in any field he prefers. Medical specialism in America is purely a matter of the personal preference or choice of the doctor himself. Any doctor who has obtained the degree, Doctor of Medicine, bestowed by the medical college upon completion of the medical course, and a license from the state or province, which permits him to practice medicine and surgery, may enter upon general practice or hold himself out as a specialist in any branch or field of medicine or surgery without further qualification or experience, if he wishes. While specialists recognized by the rank and file of the profession command the respect and confidence of their medical colleagues by reason of years of postgraduate study and experience in their chosen fields, there are far too many of the other type of specialists in Yankeeland.

I call the other type "brass specialists," meaning they are not genuine. Brass specialists take advantage of popular credulity to appeal directly to the public for patronage—not in the honest way of a merchant who buys and pays for publicity, but in the devious ways open to a shrewd charlatan who does not choose to quack it openly. They use the prestige the name of "specialist" carries in the mind of the untutored layman in unfair competition with honest general practitioners. Right there is the outstanding difference between the brass specialist and the genuine specialist. A real specialist's practice consists chiefly of work referred to him by medical colleagues who recognize his special capabilities, or in giving opinion or advice in difficult or unusual cases in which the attending physician seeks his aid. The brass specialist cannot hope to build such a practice, so he devotes himself to making a noise like a specialist and beating the honest general practitioner to the patient.

Brass specialists catch enough suckers to live on, right from the first, because, as Barnum may or may not have said—(you fill it in)—or, as Ol' Doc Brady says—"So you want a specialist?"

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Children's Tonsils

Our two children have bad tonsils. Doctor said they should be taken out before school starts. We have heard they can be taken out by electricity. Which is better, taking them out by electricity or cutting them out? (Mrs. K. M. E.)

Answer—Electro-coagulation (diathermy) is always preferable to surgical removal of tonsils in my opinion. This method is seldom applicable for children under eight. Unless a child has ear trouble or faulty development of chest or face or jaw or other serious effect of obstruction of breathing, I would not do anything about merely large tonsils and adenoids, other than to see that the child's general nutrition and health are maintained and especially see that any cavities in the teeth are promptly filled.

Isn't It Stupid?

I find your articles a source of great interest and helpful knowledge, but you put some things too bluntly. Still, I shall be grateful if you will send me the pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer From Piles." (Mrs. B. A.)

Answer—Well, Ma'am, that's what a lot of people say after they have been cured. Had I called the pamphlet "Why Suffer from Piles?" that would imply that I have a cure, and I haven't any. All I offer is knowledge of how to have 'em cured.

Sleeping In Feathers

Just at present I am unable to buy a new mattress, so I sleep on a metal bed with feather tick, the tick covered with a cotton comfort, and another cotton comfort for my own cover. I am 57, have fine health, except some backache. (Mrs. M.D.)

Answer—It is as healthful as any other sleeping equipment money can buy.

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Hugh Johnson Eyes Men and Issues of Day

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to the coming disastrous result. You've got to have a parachute, and it will be no good with great holes in it.

A parachute for both prices and wages is proposed here. Nobody is proposing any rigid ceiling. No control of wages that is not tied to the certain increase in the cost of living has been discussed. In a war economy prices are bound to go up and under these proposals the wages of labor must go up in the same ratio. Nobody dreams of preserving the old price structure or preventing an orderly rise. The object here is only to keep it from running away to absolute chaos and destruction.

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IN such a sky-rocketing labor always suffers first and worst. Nothing that labor, organized or unorganized, ever gained or dreamed of gaining would equal in benefit this proposal to control the rise, and, by insuring automatically a rise in wages proportionate to the rise in the cost of living, to secure to labor, at long last a preservation of the present high scale of "real wages." That means to insure to every head of a family that his pay envelope will buy throughout all the troublous days ahead at least as many groceries, as much clothing, rent and all the necessaries of life as it does today.

Those who oppose this are no true friends of labor. The reason advanced, that labor is not a commodity, is just political hogwash without any bearing on the real elements of the problem. Its only effect can be to befuddle and bemuse workers to their own disadvantage.

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THERE is hardly a student of this subject, and there is none that has had [illegible] experience with it, who does not know that prevention of inflation through price control is an utterly foolish and futile gesture—a mountebank's clowning—if farm and labor prices are free from control.

Yet, because some politically-minded labor and farm organization leaders have seemed to accede to this demagogy, some even more politically-minded federal officials have been willing to set aside the most obvious facts and logic of this case, even though the effect may be to sell the country down the river to the most terrible inflationary boom and deflationary bust that this country has yet known.

We are asked to get out of the realm of politics into the realm of unity and nearly everybody seems anxious to do that except the leaders who are asking for unity in their own support.

Canadian Trainees Balk at Boarding Crowded Transport

Ottawa, Sept. 29. — (AP) — A thousand Canadian-trained empire airmen stalked off a trans-Atlantic transport recently because of conditions they found aboard, the air ministry, acknowledging they had room for complaint, promised today "there need be no fear of any repetition of the unfortunate incident."

Canadians, New Zealanders, and Australians were involved in the affair which came to light last night when Air Minister C. G. Power announced that all but "a couple of hundred" of the airmen reboarded the ship and now have arrived overseas.

Those left behind, he said, caught another ship a short time later after being nominally disciplined with a reduction in pay. "The first airmen who went aboard didn't like what they saw," Power said. "They found the ship dirty, they objected to the sleeping arrangements, they doubted that the food would be good."

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Smaller Army Is Proposal

New Cantonment Building Doubtful

Ceiling on Fir Starts Wednesday

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Sept. 29—There is a bit of agitation in the uppercrust of the administration regarding the army that may materially affect the northwest. In short, insiders are discussing whittling down the size of the army and making what we have thoroughly efficient and armed to the teeth. There were in the army on September 4 a total of 1,580,775 officers and men. Plans are now in operation to return to civil life 200,000 by the end of this year, among them many national guardsmen and draftees.

Brass hats say they will not require any more cantonments until congress votes an increase in the army and appropriates money. Also, they assert that they have no present intention of making such request from congress. There are being dispatched to Iceland, Newfoundland, Puerto Rico and other bases many thousands of soldiers, as well as marines and naval forces. These bases must have land forces with artillery and antiaircraft weapons. In the Pacific 50,000 men are now in Hawaii; other detachments are to be located at such bases as Midway, Wake, Johnston, Samoa. Thousands of soldiers are at the many bases in Alaska. No figures are available, but 400,000 or more troops are now scattered at all the bases. There are probably as many soldiers in Panama as there are in Hawaii.

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DISPATCH of such a number of troops makes available the existing cantonments for new enrollees without building new ones. With the Japanese situation quieting, army men say there will be no need of maintaining troops in cantonments on the west coast; that the places preferred are in the south and on the Atlantic seaboard, where weather conditions will permit a longer period of training and where, if necessary, an expeditionary force can be more quickly embarked for service than taking troops from the Pacific coast.

More American troops are inadequately equipped in the rush to supply the British, Russians and Chinese, with some munitions going to Latin America. There are army men who insist that the time is arriving to have a somewhat small but thoroughly armed and trained force of fighting men and to build up the two-ocean navy. These proposals, however, do not affect the army air corps, and the bases in Oregon and Washington will be developed and others added.

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AT a White House conference two weeks ago President Roosevelt inquired of a northwest senator what would happen to a bill to repeal the neutrality act in the senate. He was told that "at this time such a proposal would be defeated two to one." Repeal of this act is, however, practically certain and very shortly. All that remains of the neutrality act is forbidding the arming of merchant ships, prohibiting Americans from traveling on belligerent vessels, and keeping American merchant vessels out of the war zone.

Within a few months it is regarded as certain that the merchant boats now being constructed in Columbia river and Puget Sound will be provided with weapons. Plans for the "C" type cargo carriers of the maritime commission call for the strengthening of certain parts where guns can be mounted. This arrangement for armament was revealed by Joe Kennedy when he was chairman of the commission and before he was sent to the Court of St. James as ambassador.

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ABOUT eight freighters will discharge chromite on Puget Sound for a stockpile. A similar number will unload the same kind of ore on the Willamette river. A government agent has been sent to the west to arrange for space to store the ore. In addition to the far east, quantities of chromite are to be imported from Russia and some will be brought from Alaska, where northwestern capital is being used, partly furnished by a timber owner.

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SEPTEMBER 30 is the last day before the price ceiling is effective on Douglas fir. Leon Henderson, who imposed the ceiling, thinks that the fixed price will save about $5,000,000 to civilian consumers and national defense in the ensuing 12 months. Top price will be $60 for better flooring, vertical grain; it has been $75 and up. Drop siding will be $30, a reduction of $8 to $10, and 1x4 ceiling will be $45, a cut of from $7 to $10.

Sales outside the schedule will not be affected prior to October 1 "where actual delivery has been made by the mill to the purchaser or to a carrier for delivery to a purchaser." Anyone selling 34,000 pounds or more of Douglas fir lumber for shipment at the mill in any calendar month must keep a complete record for office of price administrator and submit it upon request. The ceiling, f.o.b. mill, does not prevent charges for switching, actual transportation charges, etc. This is the first blanketing of prices in an important industry in the northwest—the most important single industry.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LEAVING Washington after an interesting two weeks.

In these hectic, boiling days, with a world in flux, Washington must be one of the world's most interesting cities. At any rate it is interesting enough.

Not merely to country folk. The great of the earth are gathered here, for one purpose or another.

PROXIMITY to the source of great events adds astonishingly to the excitement engendered by them.

Out on the Pacific coast, the evening the President was to make his "rattlesnake" speech was just another evening. In Washington, you could feel the tension in the air.

It was known that he was to make an important utterance. What it would be was not known. As it turned out, what he said was not particularly spectacular. But the crowds here were jumpy. That's what being close to the source of big news means. And, aside from the actual battles, Washington is the source of most of the big news these days.

HOTEL rates are high. But the wonder isn't that they are high but that they aren't much higher.

The room clerks are a harried lot. Night after night they stand behind their counters and explain to worried and impatient and often angry people that they simply haven't another room left. Much of their time is spent phoning around to other hotels to find what is available elsewhere. Usually the answer is "nothing."

One disgusted customer turned away muttering: "Boy, wouldn't I like to have a business where I could spend all my time telling people I'm all sold out!"

Washington is a good modern replica of a western boom mining camp in the old days.

WHAT do Washington people think of the great issues that are in the making?

That is a perfectly natural question, and the answer is absurdly simple. If you will get into a crowd ANYWHERE IN AMERICA and listen to people talk, you will know exactly what Washington people are thinking.

In other words, opinion in Washington divides along the same lines as opinion all over the country.

LEAVING by Highway No. 1, headed toward Baltimore.

As a general rule, the highways entering and leaving the large cities of the east are far less modern than in the west. Instead of wide, easily followed four and six-lane routes such as those leading into and out of Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, they are apt to be merely none-to-wide streets with route signs none too frequent. You have to keep a close watch to avoid getting lost.

Washington is no exception to this rule.

BALTIMORE. One of America's great manufacturing cities. Hard to get into by highway, and no easier to get out of. But they do have a route by-passing the business district, which saves welcome time.

In Baltimore there are literally miles of uniform brick apartment houses with white steps leading down from the entrance to the street level — usually about a half dozen. In the better class apartments these steps are of white marble. In the poorer class districts they are of wood, painted white.

They are KEPT white. Obviously they are scrubbed several times a week—most of them every day.

Scrubbing these steps has been a tradition in Baltimore for generations.

IF you pass through in the morning, you will be almost sure to note that some of them have been scrubbed more recently and more carefully than others. Baltimoreans tell you there is a reason for this.

The reason, they say, is SUPERSTITION.

Maybe some unscrupulous person with occult powers may have come around during the night and put a hex on your door. In that event, the thing to do is to scour your steps thoroughly and painstakingly, with water and plenty of soap.

Otherwise, something highly disagreeable might happen to you. You might be stricken with a loathsome disease. Or you might fall and break a leg. Or your boy friend might run out on you.

There are many things that might happen.

OF course you don't believe it—much. In this modern world, things like that just aren't.

Still, soap and water are inexpensive, and the steps do look a lot better after they have been freshly scoured.

Anyway, these white steps are kept amazingly clean as a whole and some of them are undeniably cleaner than others.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
September 29, 1931
(It was Monday)

Hunter shoots brother in mistake for deer upstate.

Nine California couples obtain marriage licenses at county clerk's office.

Tourists continue flocking to Crater Lake.

Architect rush plans for new courthouse for early call for bids.

Medford high football squad to play Marshfield here next Saturday.

Cloudy and warmer, with a high of 70 and low of 40 degrees.

Three women prisoners in county jail spend time singing at all hours.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders put "soft pedal" on return of beer.

Mail Tribune will broadcast world series games starting next week.

Apple crop of valley hard hit by worms.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
September 29, 1921
(It was Thursday)

Jackson is banner county at state fair with a total of 96.4 points. Mrs. C. E. Gates wins first prize for exhibiting the biggest pumpkin pie.

Fatty Arbuckle, film comedian, charged with manslaughter, is freed on bonds and returns to Hollywood.

Tramps numbering 450 seize Southern Pacific freight train near Santa Barbara and police await arrival at Los Angeles.

Adkins building and Stewart building in business district bought by J. F. Hale.

Home offices of the California-Oregon Power company to move here from San Francisco at an early date.

Plans discussed for turning old ball park into high school field.

Warm days and cool nights prevail. High 84, low 36 degrees.

U. S. Power Expansion Is Planned to Exceed All Axis Facilities

Washington, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The federal power commission disclosed today that it had launched what it intends to be the largest electric power expansion ever undertaken, with the announced objectives of giving the United States greater generating capacity than all of Germany, Italy and the axis occupied countries.

The projected expansion contemplates expenditure of more than $1,500,000,000 in private and public funds over a five-year period. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has made available $150,000,000 to get the program going.

The commission program proposes to raise the United States kilowatt hour output in 1934 to 214,000,000,000.

"This plan," the power agency said, "is today based on the necessity of preparing for defense expenditures which, by 1943, will be running at $3,000,000,000 per month."

DRIVERS' PAY BOOSTED

Portland, Sept. 29. — (AP) — Portland trucking firms today increased wages of 1,000 AFL drivers 25 cents a day, Marvin Mayo, teamster's union secretary, said.

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