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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Ice Arena opened Satur-

day and citizens of both sexes

and all ages cut fancy dices on

the silver blades, frozen surface

and their own anatomy, the last

named being in the minority.

Refugees from the middlewest

were the nimblest and most

graceful. Many of the natives

had not been on ice. Bear

creek froze over the winter of

1890.

S. (Farm-Fresh) Morris, the

"R-Rk. farmer, is over his pneu-

monia, and in better shape than

ever to whistle Wall St. and the

international bankers.

November continues here-

abouts just like May, except it

only has 30 days. The pussy-

willow buds are swelling on

Butte creek, which is their own

business and their own lookout.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect Mt.

Wm. brought a load of cows,

and Herb Carlton and Dewey

Hill to town Wednesday to see

a six-boy football game.

The youngin's of the Roosevelt

school gave an operetta Thurs-

day evening. There were 120

kids in the cast, and they war-

bled like the lark, the robin

and the chick-a-dee think they

can sing.

Armistice day will be ob-

served here Tuesday. It marks

the end of the war that was go-

ing to end all wars.

A number of gas silos in the

biz area have been revamped

and repainted and turned around

to face another direction.

The Older Girls have started

making mince-meat. A farmer

reports he nearly met the same

fate when he tipped over a gal-

lon of it.

The people are getting stirred

up about the European and

labor situation. They want Brit-

Football Upset Explained

WHAT is that strange rumbling noise one hears, rather like a heavy surf off Cypress Point, or perhaps the Pacific fleet at target practice?

Why that is the famous Quarterback Club, still in session, giving an incredulous public the low-down on JUST what happened at the High School football field Friday night!

So if you want all the answers just listen. It was this,—it was that,—it was something else,—and yet it was the other thing,—!?!?

Perfectly simple if you happen to be a football expert,—and the morning after two nights before, WHO ISN'T!

THE best to date, as far as this department is concerned is the charge—delivered in all seriousness and with considerable heat mind you,—that the cause of this upset of upsets by the Gas House Gang from the Granite City was, and still is, the Medford Mail Tribune!

Yep, straight from the feed box!

The local boys got the swelled head because of what they read in this newspaper, so what else could one expect?

The moment things started to break against them, they just fell to pieces like the one-horse shay, became infected with the prima-donna jitters of the coaching staff and failed to pull themselves together, until the game ended 20 to 13 against them,—thus bringing about the greatest seismic shock, the local sporting world has suffered since the San Francisco earthquake!

OF course the Mail Tribune feels flattered, by the thought that what it says, or doesn't say, about the local football team, could have such a far-reaching and devastating effect. But REALLY, what a gratuitous insult to these husky kids on the M.H.S. football squad! As if what they might, or might not read in the local press, could so turn the heads on their sturdy shoulders, that what looked like a certain victory could be turned into a decisive and ignominious defeat.

Yet this "alibi" is no more absurd than scores of others, that have been bandied about all over the town-site, during the 36 hours that have transpired since the "tigers" not only had their tails badly twisted by the underdogs from Ashland, but just about torn off.

AND they all come under the well known heading of phooey and wham-doodle!

For, as has been carefully pointed out heretofore in this column, and particularly after the OTHER great 1941 upset in Oregon football,—the defeat of the champion Stanfords at Corvallis by Oregon State,—there was only one reason for that shattering blow to Palo Alto, just as there is only one reason for this: THE BEST TEAM WON,—brethern, that's ALL there is to it!

THAT doesn't prevent the "experts",—professional, amateur and self-appointed,—from explaining just what happened, in far more complicated and technical language, to their complete satisfaction, of course.

Nor does it prevent the present writer, donning his canvas-vest and hard-rubber nose-guard, carved (as some readers may recall) "R.H.S. 1898" from promptly pontificating they are all as wet as the bottom of Crater Lake.

For these things CAN'T be explained! Ashland WAS the best team—the "on" team—Friday, November 7th.

For the same reason Oregon State was the better team in Corvallis October 11th.

How would OSC and Stanford come out today? Or how would Medford and Ashland come out in a post-season game? (Not a bad idea THAT,—the box office sale would be tremendous!)

Perhaps the same result, perhaps quite the reverse. It would all depend upon which team happened to click and which didn't.

YES, boys and girls—it is just as simple as that.

If it weren't true, then those who claim they know all the answers, would also know why Joe DiMaggio can get six hits against one pitcher on Tuesday and the next Tuesday, against the SAME pitcher, get none.

Or why Cravat (just a "sure thing" we lost \$2 on once), can outrun the field in 1.32 three days before the Futurity and in the big race with practically the same field, and under identical weather conditions be blown out in tenth place with the time 9 seconds worse.

Or take Glenn Cunningham, the miler,—but why go on,—it's all as plain as the red paint on Charley McCarthy's cheeks!

INDIVIDUALS physically, mentally and spiritually have their ON days and their OFF. No one knows why. Teams, on the football field or anywhere else are merely collections of individuals so they suffer the same malady.

Therefore and to-wit,—unless you can afford to lose, don't wager on what this team or that one will do on any particular date. It all depends upon certain imponderables which can't be known in advance, and therefore can't be doped.

Which incidentally is good reason, for the remainder of the football season, not to sell Medford—or Stanford—SHORT!

Salisbury, Md. — (AP) — City Engineer Clarke Gardner figures water for two days while the water system was being repaired, consumption jumped up more than 300,000 gallons extra each day.

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.

WHY IS A VEST?

Among the emotions with which men look at women is amazement or wonder how they can stand wearing furs and things when the atmospheric condition is so warm and humid that it keeps a man fairly smothered.

On the other hand men who regard women with a detached scientific eye—that's what I said—are often at a loss to understand how the inscrutable sex can keep so comfortable or apparently comfortable in the coldest weather with so many square, or rather rounded inches of skin exposed to the rude elements.

Heretofore the only logical or physiological explanation for the latter peculiarity, that is, the ability of women to stand exposure to cold, has been the panniculus adiposus—blanket of fat to you—which everybody wears just under the skin, but which is always thicker and hence a better insulator in women than in men, even in skinny women. This layer of fat tends to insulate the body against escape of heat or penetration of cold if you prefer to think of it in that way; incidentally it serves to pad or round off angles or corners and so contributes to feminine curves.

So far as I know there never has been a satisfactory explanation advanced to account for the calm indifference to weather or temperature conditions with which a woman flaunts her furs whenever or wherever she thinks there may be other women who haven't any to wear. Not until C. P. Yaglou, M. S. and Anne Messer, A. B., of Harvard School of Public Health, determined by precise scientific measurements that in a room where air and walls were at 72 degrees F. and relative humidity 30% and air movement about 20 feet per minute, a number of women wearing their customary winter clothing had a mean skin temperature (average of temperatures of 17 different points on the skin) two degrees F. lower than the mean skin temperature of a number of men wearing their customary winter clothing in the same room. The hands and feet of the women were about five de-

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

I have found the belly breathing exercise a great boon—it never fails to help me to unwind after a mean trying day. Formerly I had difficulty in getting relaxed and going to sleep, but since I began doing the B. B. exercise I can drift off into refreshing sleep with an ease that makes bed a heavenly refuge. (Miss E. H.)

Answer—Thank you. It appears to have a calming, soothing influence and helps restless folk to get pleasantly relaxed and fall asleep. (Quoted from pamphlet "Belly Breathing"—for copy send stamped envelope bearing your address.)

Essential Hypertension I understand you recently told of medical treatment of high blood pressure with very large doses of vitamin A. My physician says I have essential hypertension and he knows of nothing for it but would like to get your information. (H. T.)

Answer—On the doctor's request I'll be glad to refer him to the report in the medical literature. (Copyright 1941, John P. Dille Co.)

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In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

FROM Berlin this (Friday) comes confirmation that the German drive on Moscow has been checked.

A Nazi military commentator quoted by the AP says: "Weather on the Moscow front has become such that any large scale operations, particularly a direct attack against the capital, are not feasible. It is unnecessary to undertake anything under such circumstances, and we aren't doing it."

THERE were reports yesterday that the bulk of German air strength had been withdrawn from the Moscow and Leningrad fronts.

The Russians claim today to be launching powerful counterattacks northeast of Moscow and driving the Germans back. Their purpose, of course, is to clear the Moscow-Leningrad railroad and re-establish direct communication between the two cities.

It may be that a winter stalemate is developing on the northern front.

THAT would mean that Hitler has failed (for the present) to take Moscow and Leningrad. It would be his FIRST failure.

For that reason, it would be psychologically important. (If you doubt the importance of psychological influence in warfare, consider the vast sums and the vast effort that are being expended by both sides on propaganda.)

IF the state of your morale is such that you feel you MUST do some wishful thinking, try this:

Today's dispatches carry hints that Hitler's drive on Moscow failed because his bombers were unable to smash the Russian defenses in advance of

fantry and tank attack. They failed, the story goes, because the lines of communication BEHIND them were too long for adequate supply in the way of fuel, bombs and repairs.

As Hitler moves on (probably into the Caucasus next) his lines of communication and supply will grow continually LONGER.

ALONG this line, Ankara (silent for weeks) is heard from today.

From Turkey's capital come reports that Britain is heavily increasing her military forces in Iran, Iraq, etc. (American supplies have been reported to be pouring into Egypt and into Iraq by way of the Persian gulf.)

Ankara reports also fresh word of German military preparation in Bulgaria, which is SEPARATED BY TURKEY from these British preparations in the Middle East.

AT this point, take a look at your map. It will show you that use of Turkey as an invasion route would shorten German lines of communication greatly.

The spot Turkey is sitting on is getting hotter day by day.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT today authorizes a billion dollar credit to Russia under the lend-lease act.

He directs deliveries to commence immediately and to be fulfilled in the largest possible amounts until the "huge stores" of munitions represented by the credit are in Soviet hands.

THEY are not stores of munitions.

They are just HOPES for stores. The munitions have to be MADE yet. And ships have to be made to transport them.

Production and still more production is America's No. 1 job.

EVERY day's delay of production decreases the possibility that by arming and supplying them adequately we may enable the British and the Russians to defeat Hitler.

Silver foxes are raised by about 1,000 farmers in the Province of Ontario, Canada, the department of commerce reported.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

RFC Rapped For Mining Neglect

Ignore Northwest Magnesium Pleas

Oregon Farmers Aided by Boom

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 8.—Chairman Henderson of Reconstruction Finance corporation let down his hair and told the senate committee on public lands that while the corporation can make loans to develop mines and for their operation it has done practically nothing along this line. Washington has received two development loans, one for \$15,000 for a gold proposition, and one for \$20,000 for gold-silver development. Oregon received two loans for \$401,000 for gold mining; one to develop a gold mine, and \$15,000 for two mercury mines.

No loans were made for alumina, chromite, manganese, platinum or any other of the strategic ores of the northwest. The statement failed to make a hit with the senators. They pointed out that gold is of no consequence inasmuch as all that is produced is purchased by the federal government and then hoarded in a hole in the ground in Kentucky, under strong guard. Loans to gold-dredging companies they did not approve under any circumstances, as such operations destroy the land forever, take it from the tax rolls and leave an unsightly mess of gravel.

SPOKANE is praying for a magnesium industry and has the raw material, but to date the government has not cooperated with funds. However, explained Mr. Henderson, RFC has actually put out money for the production of this light and very valuable metal by locating three plants in Texas, home of Jesse H. Jones, the boss of RFC; another in Ohio, and another in Louisiana, and also loaned \$9,250,000 to Henry Kaiser for a plant at Permanente, Calif., which has had three explosions already. So far, however, there is no loan for Spokane, nor Astoria, where an investigation has been made and excellent prospects reported.

Chromite has not been overlooked, said Mr. Henderson (ignoring deposits in the two northwest states), for Metals Reserve Co., a subsidiary of RFC, has arranged to obtain it in Stillwater county, Montana, and the stuff will be handled by the Anaconda Copper Co. under a contract. This is the only domestic chrome development interesting Metals Reserve Co., and the rest is being imported from the four corners of the world. Chromite supply this year will be 765,000 tons, provided 50,000 tons are produced in the United States, 715,000 tons coming from foreign countries.

Two reasons were given by Mr. Henderson for RFC passing up the strategic ores of the far west. First, is the theory that it is better to utilize the mineral resources of other lands and conserve the domestic supply. Second, few of the domestic strategic ores come up to government standards and, therefore, it is essential to import high grade ores. If it becomes necessary to use the domestic ores they could be mixed with the high grade imported article.

WHAT the war boom is doing for the farmers of Oregon is shown by figures released by the department of agriculture. The income from farms, plus government payments, for the first nine months of 1941 was \$83,997,000. For the same period in 1940 the income was \$63,543,000. This is an increase of \$20,454,000, and three months to go before the year's income is completed. It is the highest income Oregon farmers have had in many years, according to the records.

In these first nine months government payments in Oregon amounted to \$32,387,000 and from livestock \$47,345,000. For the same period last year cash crops brought \$23,718,000, or \$8,669,000 less than this year, and livestock rolled up \$37,097,000, or \$10,000,000 less than this year. Prediction of the department of agriculture is that the 1942 income will be an all-time record.

REASONS for this prediction are that at last the American farmer will have the American market, with a few exceptions. This is because there will be few importations of agricultural commodities; no more cheese, pork, corn from the Argentine for example. The business revival, or boom, is increasing the purchasing power and this is translated into greater domestic demand for farm products. The government purchases of at least

one billion dollars of food for the British will be a factor, and there will be a continuation of the food stamp program, although this is not expected to be as heavy as last year as food stamps will be only used for surpluses.

The sour note in these anticipatory profits is that farmers will be paying more than before for farm labor and for agricultural implements, as well as for everything else they buy. Production costs will be up, but the net income will be better than this year despite these increased expenses.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

(Continued From Page One)

lem will defeat the Nazi leader before spring comes.

NOT many congressmen like Mr. Morgenthau's glib talk about increasing taxation. His argument is that heavy taxes will stop inflation but the argument would go bigger in congressional quarters if the administration had taken hold of the chief threat of inflation, rising prices.

The congressmen have reached the conclusion that Mr. Morgenthau's real motive is "to tax and spend," a motive with which they are not in sympathy. Treasury tax proposals therefore will have to be modified sharply when the legislation is considered.

THE fact that Stalin took Litvinoff out of the moth balls to be ambassador to the United States was greatly encouraging to officials here. Litvinoff was an old League of Nations advocate with more friends in Geneva and Washington than in Moscow. No more acceptable person could have been chosen.

ODDS are dropping on the Langer case. Certain Republican leaders who know what is coming are laying 2 to 1 that the new deal will get its selected man.

Communications

Mail Tribune Is Thanked To the Editor:

The officers and members of the Medford Lions club extend to you their warmest appreciation for your assistance in making the Poultry and Rabbit Show an outstanding success.

The 4-H work is a worthy community enterprise, and your splendid publicity helped these young folks to the conclusion of a successful year.

MEDFORD LIONS CLUB Leland Knox, Secretary, Medford, Nov. 7.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 9, 1931

It was Friday!

Contract for building new court house let to L. H. Hoffman, Portland, local contractors to be awarded subsidiary work.

Voters of the Tiller-Trail district vote down road levy.

Boy Scouts to assist in drive to locate work for local needy.

Merchants vote to close stores Armistice day.

Democrats in congress plan bills "to meet the situation" and presidential booms start to blossom.

Farm bureau not to have turkey pool this season.

Cloudy and unsettled. High 62, low 38 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 9, 1921

(It was Wednesday)

Democrats sweep state elections throughout the nation. Tammany carries New York. Soldier bonus wins by huge majority in Ohio.

U. S. marines to guard all mail trains due to epidemic of hold-ups.

France willing to reduce its army; Japan to cut her navy.

Fair and cool. High 65, low 25.5 degrees.

Body of Unknown Soldier arrives from Europe on board Admiral Dewey's old flagship.

Past year hits low record for forest fires.

Beautification of Medford discussed at C. of C. forum meeting.



AGE-OLD RULE

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