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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A Utahn, aged 87, was married last week, after a 14-year courtship. Despite his years, he put up a good fight.

The proposed special session of the legislature would cost \$40,000. Many favor spending that amount to avert the travail.

The conduct of some Klamath fellows at Bend was not what Lord Chesterfield would exactly approve of. In fact it was very bad.—(Hiscock news Klamath Falls Herald). Social slap on wrist.

One peace (when and if) expert advocates the division of Germany among the Scandinavian lands and Holland, with mandates to govern the Teutons. They have done nothing to deserve such punishment.

Due to the boom in farm products, the cost of living continues to soar. In no time, the nation will be back in the good old days, when a ham sandwich costs more than a hog.

LIVE ALONE ITEM

(Bath, Me., Times)

"I hereby warn all persons in the city of Bath against harboring or letting Henry Adams, Jr., of 4 McKay Park, Bath, stay all night with anyone."

Signed: Beatrice Adams, His Mother."

Automobile engineers have perfected a new "parking brake," that is hailed as the greatest thing since the self-starter for women drivers. In order to park, the lady driver no longer needs a strong left arm, and a long reach. They press a button and step on another, and that's all. People who have worked it, say the invention is wonderful, when they finally found a place to park.

The Corvallis ski club is called the Helonakis. Charles Rising has again been named its president.

"There is no finer, better drilled contingent of uniformed youth in this country than the Aggie cadet corps."—(Fort Worth, Tex., Star-Telegram). A compliment back-fires.

Every other editor in the land is asking and pausing for reply. What ails the American people? They are talking about the widespread indifference to war, and the lack of enthusiasm about rushing into it. There are several things that makes them the way they are. They are urged to unite and stay that way. Before their unity can fall, they hear and read, union workers getting more pay per diem than a drafted man gets in a month, have blithely gone on a strike to preserve their jurisdictional integrity, and for the hell of it. Constituted authority beseeches, implores, begs, and prays labor leaders to order the strikers back to their defense jobs. The people are told a showdown is at hand, for "the discordant element in our midst." The whitewash and the soft-soap is applied, all is forgiven, the strike is called off in New Jersey today and breaks out in Michigan tomorrow. No wonder the people expect anything to happen, and feel that it will. They want the home front to stay in the same place long enough for them to unite. They feel the firm cease fighting demands sent to Finland, should have been sent in duplicate to all major labor leaders by special delivery.

A Referendum on War?

This department has always questioned the wisdom of a referendum on war.

Not because in a democracy, the theory isn't entirely sound. But because in practice the proposal, we fear, just wouldn't work out.

There would be too great a risk of delay, when delay might mean unnecessary loss of human life and perhaps defeat.

Time is the essence in modern war. And by the very nature of things no government can, in advance, tell the people ALL the facts that might at any given time render war probable.

In other words, a country, prevented by its constitution from declaring war without a favorable referendum by the people, would be at a tremendous disadvantage in this war against totalitarianism.

In war, democracy has enough inherent handicaps without adding any unnecessary ones.

BUT we WOULD favor a war referendum at the present time. Because none of the objections, above noted, are valid.

As this column has been insisting for nearly a year, the country is at war NOW, regardless of how many people in Washington, or out of it, refuse to believe it.

But if the people of this country as a whole do not favor war, and if the country is in, then want the country to get out, the sooner the government learns of this, the better for all concerned.

For we live in a democracy where the people rule. And nothing could be more fatal in a democracy, than to engage in a war which hasn't popular support. Such a course, as we see it, if persisted in, could only lead to one of two outcomes, both tragic:

Either the end of democratic government in the United States, or military defeat.

SO under the circumstances which today exist, we favor a national referendum on a war declaration against the totalitarian powers, and wish the congress would call for one.

There is, in our judgment, no doubt of the result. Not that any sane American WANTS war.

But we are convinced the American people, AS A WHOLE, approve of President Roosevelt's foreign policy, endorse the measures already taken to defeat Hitler, and if in the opinion of their government, a war declaration would help in that direction, they would gladly, by their votes, sanction it.

The question would have to be properly phrased, of course, but that could easily be accomplished. The time expended would not delay the present war effort IN ANY WAY, while the cost,—well the cost wouldn't be more than a fly speck on the current budget.

MOREOVER, as we view it, great good would come from such a plebiscite, particularly at the present time. For then all doubt would be dispelled, as to just where this country is AT.

If there should be a majority vote AGAINST war, of course this undeclared war would have to stop.

But we are as certain, as we can be of ANYTHING in this uncertain world, that the referendum would be an overwhelming endorsement OF war, as an essential part of the program of the President.

And then, just as the minority would acquiesce in the verdict of the majority, in case of a negative vote; there would be a similar acquiescence in case of an affirmative vote.

And there, verily brethren, would be a consummation devoutly to be wished!

For the great outstanding need in this country today is national unity, and a war referendum (and perhaps only a war referendum) would give it!

--- It Might Help

A war referendum would have a particularly salutary effect upon the congress.

That surprisingly large vote against revision of the neutrality law yesterday, can't be brushed away on the ground of partisanship, isolationism, obscurantism, or even the blind perversity of a "group of willful men."

No,—congressmen are just as anxious to hold their jobs, as other men on the public payroll,—perhaps more so.

And if those 194 members of congress who voted against revision had not believed that a majority of their constituents favored such action,—or would favor it by the time the next election comes around,—they would have voted otherwise.

(Oh there may have been some exceptions. There usually are. But by and large, members of the Lower House, don't vote their convictions when they know the people back home don't like them,—and as long as we live in a REPRESENTATIVE democracy they SHOULD'NT).

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SO-O-O— A national referendum would not only clear the national atmosphere desirably but the congressional atmosphere as well.

Then Congressmen Mott and Angell would not be on one side of the fence and Congressman Pierce alone on the other, they would be where the Oregon delegation should be on a clear-cut war issue like this,—in the same bailiwick.

The modern battleship of the U. S. navy compares in size and completeness to the Waldorf Astoria hotel. Set it upright and its bow would top the tallest skyscraper in Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Detroit or Baltimore!

Sailors in Uncle Sam's navy have their own language for completeness. Candy bars, popcorn balls, nuts and similar sweets are called "porgy bait." Ice cream, soda water, sundaes, ginger ale and soda pop are termed "gedunk."

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.

HI, THERE, HAG

Alma, as we called her for publication purposes, who told us the other day how financial depression compelled her to "join one of the three letter associations" drew a sad but true picture of the loss of teeth by extraction because prompt repair of cavity by the dentist was beyond her reach. Alma said "old age" contributed to her plight, being now forty-five. We could smile at that with Alma were it not for the fact that she has only seven lower front teeth left and any day now she must march stoically to the "chair," as she puts it, and have one more tooth removed. This time an upper front tooth. A woman minus an upper front tooth looks like a hag, an old hag, as Alma observes. Gone glimmering the prospect of many a job a woman of pleasing personal appearance might creditably fill.

I read somewhere the other day that Uncle Sam is beginning to do something sensible in regard to the disgracefully large number of young men who have been deferred on account of defective teeth. Uncle proposes to have them treated by their dentists at home, necessary dentures installed, and then assign them to military or other service.

When I say "disgracefully large number" I am not thinking about the number of young men who do or do not brush their teeth regularly. That is immaterial. I am thinking about the widespread popular ignorance of the care of the teeth in this country. Brush or no brush, the only way any one can preserve his teeth is by having regular periodic inspection and treatment by his dentist. And in my opinion, the fundamental soundness, perfection and beauty of the teeth is determined by the state of nutrition.—The mother's nutrition before the child is born, the infant's nutrition, the nutrition in childhood, youth and early adult life.

It is by no means financial depression or poverty or lack of wherewithal to pay that causes a good many individuals to limp along minus teeth. It is sheer ignorance, ignorance of the vital importance of maintaining normal mastication and salivary digestion.

Like too many others, Alma seems more concerned about the loss of a front tooth than she is about the loss of many back teeth. As far as the immediate effect on personal appearance is concerned perhaps loss of a front tooth is unfortunate. But the more remote effect on personal appearance will be much worse from the loss of one or more back teeth. That inevitable brings change in facial contour and permits premature sagging and adds years to the age the individual looks.

But these effects on personal appearance are far less deplorable than are the effects of loss of teeth or health. Here, too, loss of back teeth is much more harmful because it is during grinding of the food by the back by the back teeth that salivary digestion occurs.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
The Idiot Savant
Please explain what an "idiot savant" is. Psychology teacher says a certain child prodigy of natural history is no doubt an instance. (D. L. J.)

Answer—Idiot savant means learned idiot, one with extraordinary talent in some one with extraordinary defective in all other directions. Idiot savants are often noted musicians, artists or mathematicians or have phenomenal memories. I doubt the child to whom you refer is in any way defective.

Hay Fever
Happy to report my experience. Followed instructions in "Relief for Allergy," obtained 100 per cent cure of my hay fever—at least I went through the season without a single sneeze, for the first time in many years. Have passed it on to others, two of whom tell me they obtained the same complete relief. (F. P.)

Answer—In the pamphlet, "Relief for Allergy," which I am glad to send on request if you provide stamped envelope bearing your address, I explain how potassium complements or supplements the action of adrenalin—medicinal adrenalin or the adrenalin your own adrenal glands secrete. I do not believe potassium cures anything. It does, however, bring extraordinary relief in many cases of allergy, and when it gives any relief it is harmless to use in any case, as a symptomatic remedy in the emergency, regardless of any treatment directed at the cause of the condition.

Lodin Ration in Arthritis
On p. 4 of your "Arthritis" pamphlet you say it is generally well to make sure of getting an adequate lodin ration. May one take an lodin ration at the same time one is taking vitamin D and vitamin B complex? (Mrs. E. W.)

Answer—Yes. Send 10 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "The Ills Called Rheumatism" and pamphlet "Instructions for Taking an Lodin Ration." (Copyright, 1941, John P. Dille Co.)

Ed. Note: Persons wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letter direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

IDAHO THANKS DAY
Boise, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Governor Clark yesterday officially proclaimed Nov. 20 Thanksgiving day in Idaho and called upon "the free men and women of Idaho to join in relaxation from work, that this day may be given over in spirit of thankfulness to the creator 'who holds in the hollow of His hand the fate of nations, yet marks the sparrow's fall.'"

Our navy at sea moves completely blacked out after dark.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Federal Auto Tax Call Due Soon

Flight Strips For Army Only

No Ceiling For Advertising

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.

There is a concern in a Chicago office building that is working day and night tabulating, in alphabetical order, the name and address of every owner of a motor vehicle in the United States. These are broken down by states, and the owners in Washington and Oregon can look for their formal notification to pay \$5 for the privilege of owning a motor vehicle in about seven weeks. For once the treasury is experimenting with tax collecting by private parties and will not have to employ 2,500 extra hands to do the tabulating and indexing in the national capital.

Out of the pockets of owners of passenger cars, commercial trucks, buses, taxicabs, etc., Secretary Morgenthau estimates that he can make them produce between \$2,875,000 and \$3,000,000—all new, clean tax money. For the entire nation it is believed there are in excess of 33,000,000 owners of motor vehicles and from this source the treasury should receive \$163,000,000.

There are a couple of points that must be ironed out. One is the \$5 tax on motor boats. This is quite important to the Puget sound and Columbia river areas and at coast points where fishermen operate. It is understood that the fishermen will have to pay the \$5 tax on their motor driven fishing boats the same as the owner of a pleasure yacht.

IN Washington state there are 13,756 publicly owned cars in addition to 670 trailers and semi-trailers. Of the cars 5,800 belong to some federal agency and 7,956 are owned by the state, counties or municipalities. In Oregon there are 7,750 vehicles which are exempt from paying a state license, and of those 3,344 are federal trucks and trailers. From the slick limousine carting cabinet members around (thirty secretary of the interior peddles eggs to grocers in his official car) to the jalopy used by the forest ranger or the fruit inspectors Uncle Sam has 143,500 cars on the road and 143,500 cars on the road.

They will probably continue tax exempt. The exempt vehicles of the state, county and municipality is a sticker. It is assumed that these cars will be exempt from state licenses but not from the \$5 use tax. Collectors of internal revenue will check from their index cards and enforce the law.

THOSE flight strips to be built along federal aid highways in the northwest will be the first of 300 to 400 scattered throughout the United States. The appropriation of \$10,000,000 is insignificant, but it is recognized as making a start. The highway rights-of-way where these strips are to be constructed will be expanded to 450 feet, at least, and where possible from 800 feet to a mile or more in length. An estimate places the cost of the average strip at \$50,000.

Wherever possible short grass will be used for the runways instead of paving.

These flight strips will be limited to military purposes and, if necessary, the adjoining highway will be roped off and no one permitted to enter except the service trucks with aviation gasoline. There will be no financial advantage accruing to any community to have a flight strip nearby; free from this pulling and hauling, the army air corps will designate the sites they regard as of strategic advantage, especially for cross-country flying. As these strips are a war development, the government will negotiate for the right-of-way and supervise construction. They will not cost the state a nickel.

THERE is one thing in the price fixing bill which the ways and means committee reported; the administrator of the act can not tamper with the advertising rates of newspapers. Advertising being the life blood of the press, the committee finally eliminated proposals to place a ceiling on this source of revenue. This decision interfered with a plan by some new dealers who wished to prevent advertising by, for example, the gasoline companies through compelling all the companies to pool their resources. Naturally, if a gas company could not mention its product it would not advertise in the papers. The committee was not impressed with this idea.

A CIVIL engineer who has died much of the original layout for the Bonneville dam has been called into service as a reserve officer and as a captain has built two large projects for the air corps. He is wanted now to build a \$23,000,000 air corps project in the south, but here is the difficulty: He is only a captain and therefore can not have majors working under him.

Three times his superiors have recommended him for a commission as lieutenant colonel, but the adjutant general's office refuses to act; thinks that is too much of a jump; says it would not be fair to hundreds of majors, despite the fact that the captain has a record of building faster than any other man in the army. But this fact does not interest the adjutant general.

President Hoover's annual message to congress will stress need of relief. Democratic senate bloc plans to sidetrack aid measures. President launches plan for home financing.

Threatening skies with a high of 42 and a low of 25 degrees. Rain predicted.

Valley growers holding turkeys for price boost.

Oregon Frosh defeat OSC Rooks 40 to 20 in mud.

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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

November 14, 1931

(It was a Saturday)

First heavy snow of year falls in Klamath Falls.

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TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 14, 1921

(It was Monday)

Great powers of world agree to accept naval holiday. Vice President Coolidge urges arms cut for good of world.

Farmers plan the elimination of all middlemen with launching of producer-to-consumer movement in Portland.

There was a trace of rain fell. High 83, low 33.5.

Mild interest shown at opening of trial of Fatty Arbuckle, actor charged with manslaughter.

First purchase of medicinal beer made in Milwaukee.

President Harding tells Methodists, "They must strive for world peace."

Communications

From the American Legion

To the editor:

In behalf of Medford Post No. 15 of the American Legion, I wish to express our thanks for your kind cooperation in publishing the 23rd annual observance of Armistice day, held in this city on Nov. 11th. I also wish to take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to the many patriotic, civic and fraternal organizations, as well as to all other groups and individuals who assisted in making the celebration a success.

Yours Very Truly,

ERNEST W. WINKLE,

Post Commander, Medford Post No. 15.

Is John Lewis' Man Honest?

To the editor:

The late Jack Gilmer of the firm of Salisbury and Gilmer, who operated many stage lines in the Rocky mountain states almost three-quarters of a century ago, was wont, in his squeaky voice, to deliver many whimsical epigrams, some of which were probably not original.

As an example, he used to say: "When thieves fall out, honest men get a chance to steal."

Another saying: "Honesty is the best policy. I know—I've tried 'em both."

His cynical definition of an honest man was: "One who stays bought."

Many people are now wondering whether a public official who was bought and paid for a few years ago by John L. Lewis is an "honest man."

Albert Burch.

Medford, Nov. 13, 1941.

IT WORKED

Fairbury, Neb., Nov. 14.—(AP)

—Art Bitter, Jr., takes more interest in his high school chemistry now. He filled a toy balloon with hydrogen, using a formula used in class, and attached his name. He released the balloon October 18, and Mrs. John Wicks at Miami, Fla.—about 1,400 miles away—recovered it nine days later.

MURDER CHARGE

Canyon City, Ore., Nov. 14.—(AP)

—The grand jury indicted John Edmonson yesterday on a second-degree murder charge in connection with the slaying of D. Walter Fisk at Prairie City a month ago.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Myrtle K. Stander, deceased.

The undersigned has been appointed and qualified by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Jackson County as Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Myrtle K. Stander, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them, duly verified, with proper vouchers, to me at my office, Cooley Theatre Building, Medford, Oregon, within six months from November 14, 1941, the date of this notice.

RAWLES MOORE



THE DAY'S SCALES.—Though planes and long-range guns have altered methods of battle, ancient walls are still to be found in Japan, explains this wall-building practice by members of the imperial regiment in Tokyo, Japan.