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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The frenzied football-minded alumni of Old Oregon and not-so-young OSC, will be out of their misery by this time tomorrow. The dissertations and commentaries on the contest have been as hysterical as the old grads and they have had a hell of a time, trying to predict one side would win, without making the other side mad.

Premier Mussolini plans to go to the Libyan front to encourage the Italian troops. If they surrender with all possible speed, they have a chance to escape the horror of one of his speeches.

February, March, and November of next year, each have a Friday the 13th. This information is gleaned from a 1942 calendar presented by the Garlock Packing Co., of Palmyra, N. Y. It was the first sign of 1942.

The shortage of backbone in Congress, incidentally one that is never mentioned in connection with a "defense emergency," is the latest target of commentators. They hold there are too many blocs in both houses, not mentioning the one in the middle and atop, the statesmen shoulders.

"Mabel . . . familiar face again shone in our midst after an absence of several days on account of sickness." (Modoc Tidings). The lost powder-puff.

An anti-strike bill is now before a Senate committee. There is a glimmer of hope it may be passed, before H. Bridges, the Pacific Coast labor pain, as threatened, is deported to his native Australia.

The cold spell ended abruptly with the coming of a fresh breeze. This put an end to younger members of the weaker sex running around fashionably frozen without stockings, and their shanks as red as a spanked sunset.

"The bride was beautifully dressed in blue satin and georgette, and the groom was nearly tired in a blue serge suit." (Siskiyou News). But they ruthlessly marched him to the hitching post.

NO ROLLED UP SIDEWALKS
"The car traffic in Brookings never ceases—day or night. Our all-night cafes and gas service stations and night policemen tell us that the most of the through trucks pass through the city between midnight and day-break. Many of them stop for gas and oil, and the drivers usually eat their night lunches in Brookings. Add to this truck traffic, at this season there is a considerable car traffic carrying hunters who are going out in the small hours to get located for the day's hunting. Also add the night prowlers, local, and those coming back from trips and getting early starts on trips, and you have quite a night life in Brookings. There are many similar-sized places where street life is almost a complete 'blackout' from 10 p. m. until the stores begin to open." (Brookings (SD) News)

DOLLAR LAUNDRY
Louisville, Ky. (AP)—Some employee at the Dixie laundry is honest. Mrs. Robert Crutcher lost a dollar bill around the house and engaged in a fruitless search for it. She almost had forgotten it when, a few days later, the missing bill fell out of the laundry just returned. Like the clothing, the bill was clean and neatly folded but not ironed.

There are 160 islands within the harbor of Rio de Janeiro.

Editorial Correspondence

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25.—The snow never came. Slid through the state of Nebraska in the pale moonlight, arriving in Omaha around 1 a. m., colder than a polar bear's hind foot. Couldn't sleep so took a brief stroll in an almost empty station. A sleepy and highly rouged waitress who will never see her 50th birthday again, finally condescended to procure a hot omelette, for the venerable insomnia, and the voyage continued with Morpheus getting in his licks around Sioux City, Iowa!

But what is insomnia? If you don't sleep, you don't need sleep, that's all there is to it. And what you miss one night will be made up the night after.

However we have a shrewd idea this wasn't due to insomnia at all, but a very affable and exceedingly dumb waiter in the dining car. The general ordered his usual pot of coffee, we ordered our usual Sanka. The latter tasted suspiciously like coffee so we asked the waiter if he was sure, he hadn't mixed the drinks. He was sure, "yes sah"—for "dat dere drink of yourn, sah, has been STRAINED of dee NICOTINE!"

Strained—of the NICOTINE!—as the general remarked, that must be some STRAINER! However we took his word for it, and there we were, while the general was talking in his sleep by nine o'clock, and could scarcely get up in time for breakfast this morning.

We shall skip the usual "hymn to the old homeland," on this trip, if you don't mind,—and no one could, for it is such a very old story. The sentiment is there,—the old urge between smiles and tears,—youth, youth,—the rolling farm land, the huge red barns, the twin silos, like turrets of old,—the farm boy with ear-muffs, and woolen scarf flapping in the wind, skating on the old duck pond,—ah, them were the days, and here they are again! And all the landscape gently powdered with dry, sparkling snow.

Yes, the sun is still shining,—the air cold and bracing,—it's perfect winter weather but a bit of a shock for the Californians on the City of San Francisco.

A group on our Parmalee bus with ten minutes in which to catch the Michigan Central Streamliner for Detroit,—the driver being urged to step on her.

The driver will do the best he can, but he hasn't had an accident since 1929 (Many of us suffered accidents in the fall of that year!) and doesn't want one now.

The ladies in the party take this with less grace than the men,—not unusual. At nine-forty,—train time for Detroit, we hit a red light four blocks from the 12th Street station,—so with much wailing, gnashing of teeth and shaking of hair-dos, the party decide they must wait until the eleven-fifteen. (They don't like the idea of spending an hour and forty-five minutes in Chicago!)

But at the station a Michigan Central official is waiting,—announces excitedly the train is being held for the California party, so with a great rush and much fluttering, the gals and boys from Long Beach, Cal., scurry away,—dropping several quarters in the driver's hand as they go. "I told 'em the train would wait," remarked the driver sourly to another Parmalee factotum, swinging his arms to keep warm. "Yeah!" said the other driver glancing with a fleeting suggestion of envy at the red fist holding the coins.

The party will get a new car in Detroit and then motor back to Long Beach via Mexico City. We may have mentioned it before but certainly it is true,—at least 88% of the Californians one meets travelling, are from Long Beach! Wonder how their connections will be on the Mexico highways!

Yes, a very nice, sunny day in the Windy City, and true to its name, particularly at the corners along Michigan avenue, where there should be signs "hold on to your hat," for unprepared,—embarrassment is apt to result, if nothing more disturbing. For it isn't pleasant to have to chase one's chapeau, fifteen minutes after arrival in this Mid-West metropolis, as was the sad experience of your correspondent between the Stevens and Blackstone hotels. Fortunately a Stevens doorman rescued the headgear, before it reached the motor traffic,—that is the first time in our experience a hotel doorman has rendered us any service worth a dime!

These windy corners are hard on the older gals too, but skirts fortunately don't come off. Not so hard on the younger ones,—at least one doesn't get the same impression!

We see by the morning Tribune Mrs. Franklin D. believes an army of women will be necessary to harvest American crops next summer. Well, Eleanor would handle a mean pitchfork as head of the threshing crew.

The war reports are becoming somewhat confused,—a 200-mile advance claimed by Britain, and yet from the same source it is declared losses are unknown, on either side. An advance so extensive as that, would, we should think, make it easy to count up the enemy prisoners and equipment. Probably London is waiting until the battle is over and the victory has really been won.

The Midwest has been called the stronghold of isolationism and the Chicago Tribune has been complimented, by being named the chief cause for same. In this morning's issue the Tribune explains its stand, which is printed below as an exhibit, that may be interesting to some of our readers in Southern Oregon, particularly to those who originally came from this section of the country:

The middle west has been called the stronghold of isolationism. That term has degenerated to a label and in the hands of the war mongers the attempt has been made to make it an epithet. Whether the middle west is isolationist depends on what meaning is attached to the term. If, as some of the more strident hysterics in Washington and New York would have the people believe, isolationism means that those who follow it are blind to the fact that we live in dangerous times, the middle west is certainly not isolationist. Its people appreciate the necessity for a strong national defense as thoroughly as do people in any other part of the country. They are putting forth something more than the average effort throughout the country to achieve that defense, both in industrial production and in the enrollment of their sons in the armed forces.

But if isolationism means that the middle west has refused to be panicked by palpably false stories that the United States is in danger of invasion or that its form of government can be overthrown from without, or that we as a nation are so weak that we cannot, if need be, stand alone, then perhaps the middle west is isolationist. It does not subscribe to the theory that the British fleet is the first line of defense for America, nor does it hold that the American way of life can be preserved by destroying all of its essentials at home in order to embark on insane crusades to the limits of the other four continents.

CERTAINLY that is an alibi that comes far short from being convincing.—R.W.R.

LEVEL DOWN
Louisville, Ky. (AP)—A letter to the editor made this unusual request: "Will you please ask to send someone out to level the high spots between the holes on Whitney avenue? The reason I suggest this is because there are so many holes that it will be much easier to level the street down than try to build it up."

The present position of metals supplies is causing greater use of glass for packaging according to some months ago. Desertiens in October were lower than any

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.

WHAT SORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION?

On p. 12 of the green book "Nerves and Nutrition" the author, yours sincerely, says:

"Class B neurotics are genuine moochers who use their 'bad nerves' as an alibi or a means of escape from any and all the trials and tribulations of life—they shove everything on to the shoulders of their associates, friends or relatives. In short they practice nervous imposition on the world and make it pretty soft for themselves. I can only estimate that about half the neurotics belong in Class B. (Class A neurotics really have something the matter with one or another organ or function, usually not brain, spinal cord or nerves. . .) Class B will probably remain a large class until some sort of compulsory medical examination shall expose the moochers and break up their game."

Now hold everything, moochers. I have heard that chestnut at least a thousand times before. You have consulted a good many doctors, both ordinary doctors here at home and "eminent specialists" far away, regular or medical doctors and cult or near-doctors whose sales talk is so appealing to the wisecrack mind. And all these authorities have concurred in your own diagnosis of your trouble—"nerves," "neurasthenia," "nervous tension," "nervous exhaustion," "nervous breakdown" or what do you prefer. So what do I mean compulsory medical examination?

I mean a fair, unhampered, thorough examination, study or investigation of the individual patient by a competent physician. A competent physician, be he an "ordinary" family practitioner or a "leading specialist" will not and cannot in any case acquiesce in the notion that "nerves" or "nervous exhaustion" accounts for anything. A proper medical examination or study of such patients covers not merely the customary physical examination but also careful functional tests as the individual condition may indicate. It includes what we may call a psychological examination, meaning a practical inquiry into the patient's character, personality and general outlook on life, and not any abstruse or occult monkeyshines. The value of this part of the study depends

on the sincerity the patient shows and the frankness with which the doctor can deal with the case. For example, if the patient insists on the "nervous" concept or manifests impatience or annoyance at the doctor's effort to make an honest diagnosis, the study is of little avail. This popular notion of nervousness or nervous exhaustion accounting for ill health and inefficiency is a formidable obstacle in the way of honest medical service. At the same time it is a handy diagnostic dodge for the quacks, especially the shrewd "specialists" who cater to Class B neurotics.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Stage Right
As an instructor in I am required to speak before an audience of several hundred persons and would like to know what the compound is that you recommended to prevent stage fright. (C. E. J.)

Answer—Begin at least two weeks before the ordeal (speaking, singing, playing or other performance before an audience, or before an examination) taking one grain of quinine three times a day and continue this up to the hour you go on. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "Quinine in Modern Medicine."

Sense of Smell
Have had nasal discharge for some time and now that it has cleared up I find I have lost my sense of smell. In what part of nose or head is the sense of smell located? Can it be brought back to normal? (R. J.)

Answer—Various disease conditions may impair or destroy the sense of smell. Inability to offer opinion without examination. The first cranial nerve (olfactory nerves) arising from the base of brain over the ethmoid bone and go mainly to the upper part of the nasal septum or wall between nostrils and the superior and middle turbinates in the upper part of the nasal passages. Don't let "indigestion" fool you. I understand you say acute indigestion always means some serious underlying trouble and is not due to improper food. (E. E. F.)

Answer—Something like that. Send 10 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "So You Have Indigestion?"

Barbituric Addiction
What is barbituric and what is its effect if taken regularly two or three times a day and at bedtime? (Mrs. S. M.)

Answer—Barbituric is a sedative hypnotic with some pain-benumbing action as well. Addiction causes loss of morale, mental depression, progressive impairment of nutrition, loss of appetite, ideas of neglect or persecution, loss of memory and judgment, disturbance of speech, lethargy, vertigo.

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months in the past six, excepting one. They were less than one-tenth of one percent, in this supposedly critical month, at the expiration of the first draft enlistment period.

THE heralded agreement with Mexico, in essence, means they will give back part of what we will give them.

We give \$10,000,000 a year for three years for the highways, use \$40,000,000 to stabilize the peso, purchase 6,000,000 ounces of silver a month at 35 cents an ounce. They deposit \$9,000,000 pending settlement of our oil claims (worth anywhere from \$15,000,000 up) and \$2,500,000 a year for 14 years to settle our agrarian claims.

The deal might be better if an American watchman had been designated to watch the expenditure for the highways. By old Spanish custom highway money sticks to political fingers.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Forest Service Film Is Opposed
Salmon Control Measure Fought
Morgenthau For Deep Income Dig

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—The forest service, through its propaganda department, is preparing to give the timbermen of the northwest a terrific shock. The report is that the service is cooperating with Warner Bros. to prepare a million dollar film in technicolor which will show what villainy is perpetrated by unscrupulous lumbermen and the valiant and successful efforts of the forest service to preserve this natural resource.

Lumber interests are aware of the propaganda film and have protested its exhibition. What the timbermen criticize is that the film places the industry in the wrong light and the effect on the general public will be bad; a timber owner will be viewed as a public enemy. According to a Washington representative of an organization in that state owning about 800,000 acres, the picture shows a lumberman setting fire to a forest because the forest service has not sold him the timber he desired. From this man-made start the fire becomes a great conflagration. Then come scenes of forest rangers battling the fire, etc. To get these shots, it is alleged, the camera men for the forest service took film of the destruction of a pile of slashing, which private timbermen had paid good money to haul to the spot, as a precaution against fire, the fire being set by the government workers to "get an effect."

THIS technicolor picture, as set lumbermen, is in line with other recent propaganda issued by the forest service, all of which tends to place the operators in a false light. It is this sort of propaganda, they explain, that is causing a switch in sentiment. Lumbermen have been anxious to keep the forest service in the department of agriculture and out of the interior, lest, secretary of the interior, Ickes, secretary of the interior, with the new wave of propaganda spread by the forest service many important lumbermen are now willing to see the service transferred to Secretary Ickes; they do not like Ickes but point to his administration of the O. & C. lands. Another showdown on control of the forest service is expected; the Ickes men are very busy.

CORRECTLY garbed young men from the state department have been busy on "the hill" to defeat a measure which would place control of all salmon in the fish and wildlife service. The bill covers the Strait of Juan de Fuca, along the Washington and Oregon coasts to California, as long as the salmon are at sea. Under this measure the government service is to regulate trolling and prevent the destruction of food beds and the killing of immature salmon. Cannermen, fishermen and sportsmen have written their approval of the measure, but the department of state objects. The diplomats in Secretary Hull's department consider that the measure might interfere with negotiations with some foreign government (Japan, British Columbia, Russia) at some future date and have made an adverse report on the bill. Senator McNary, sponsor of the measure, is waiting for sentiment to accumulate behind the bill before forcing it.

UNDER the plan of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau he would take one day's pay in every week for income taxes, starting January 1 (the suggested starting now). The proposal gives an idea of what the secretary thinks the tax load will be next year. A waitress, working in a hamburger stand or a hotel restaurant, receives about \$14.40 for a six-day week. Mr. Morgenthau would have the boss take off \$2.16 a week, leaving the waitress \$12.24. This deduction for 52 weeks would amount to \$112.32, the sum the secretary of the treasury figures should be paid by the waitress to make the United States the "arsenal of democracy." The \$18 a week clerk would be tapped for \$2.70 each week; the \$25 a week clerk would have his pay reduced by \$3.75 and the \$50 a week worker would be forced to pay \$8 a week. The shipyard worker, drawing \$75 a week, would make an involuntary contribution of \$11.25 a week, or \$584.50 a year.

The farm bureau, while not endorsing the Morgenthau plan, announces that it favors taxes

which will be two-thirds of current revenue, or 66.4 percent of everyone's income, for the purpose of curbing inflation.

IN approving the 220 million dollar road appropriation the president spanked congress for its extravagance for including 50 million for what he considers not national defense. The president, however, approved of a like amount, 50 million dollars, to build a highway in Mexico to be paid for by American taxpayers. The new road bill will not furnish enough money to improve all the military highways in the northwest, but western representatives say it will provide a start.

Flight o' Time
Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 28, 1921
(It was Saturday)

Espee dining cars to serve baked valley pears.

Medford high football squad completes season with the loss of only one game to Marshfield.

Search for slayers of Ashland policeman continues without finding of any new clues.

Emergency relief work on roads to start soon in county.

Eagle Point cheese plant starts second year of operation with improved chances.

Slightly warmer with a high of 46 and a low of 20 degrees.

Christmas opening to be held next Tuesday evening by local stores.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
November 28, 1921
(It was Monday)

Witness for Fatty Arbuckle in manslaughter trial held for perjury.

The weather: High 46, low 30, precipitation .54 of an inch.

Japan opposed to 5-3 plan for naval disarmament.

A war hero of the Argonne kills self in New York City.

Launch plans for formation of golf course, with initiation fee of \$100.

Precipitation past week totals 1.58 inches.

Bootleg case on calendar next week in circuit court at Jacksonville.

1100 FACE LAYOFFS
Portland, Nov. 28.—(AP)—More than 1100 Portland metal workers face lay-offs January 1 unless new defense contracts are obtained, a Portland chamber of commerce survey showed today. The chamber said the survey indicated to governmental agencies the availability of plant facilities and manpower here.

OPEN SEASON
Brigham City, Utah (AP)—Attorney B. C. Call didn't have to go pheasant hunting this season to get a bird. On the third day of the season a large cock pheasant flew against the plate glass window of his office and fell to the sidewalk, its neck broken. The bird graced the Call table that night.

An instrument developed at the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, is more sensitive than the hand in determining pliability of woven fabrics.

22 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

"DON'T FORGET HUE FOR HATTE!"

Buy Christmas Seals

PORTLAND ATTORNEY HEADS JACKSON CLUB

Portland, Nov. 28.—(AP)—George Friede, Portland attorney and former member of the state legislature, was elected president of the Jackson Club of Oregon last night.

District vice presidents elected were Leo Martin, Waldport; Leslie Goslin, Portland; Celia Gavin, The Dalles, and Clark Faye, Eugene.

ON THE HOUSE
Indianapolis (AP)—Drunks feel right at home at police headquarters now. The new information desk Chief Michael F. Morrissey has installed in the record room part of a bar seized in a raid on a club that sold liquor after hours.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

(CORRECTIONS)

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'33 Chevrolet 1 1/2 ton, l.w.b. Truck. Good Motor and Tires. A big value for \$195

'41 Chevrolet 1 1/2 ton Truck, 2-speed Eaton axle. Motor, transmission and rear-end overhauled. Paint very good. 4 new 7:50x20 tires. \$995

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