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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Order of the Long Face was busy yesterday spreading home-grown war rumors, and, as usual, there was not a cheerful note in a million of them.

Intermittent for the duration should be the fate of professional chronic and malicious spreaders of the "blues." A few sober citizens are acting otherwise.

Even war clouds have silver linings. The Nazis have announced they will not attempt to take Moscow this winter.

Bomber planes can easily reach the flimsy and inflammable cities of Japan. Both press dispatches are grounds for optimistic hope.

Harry Barneburg, the furniture man, has a rug on display that stood 6th st. foot traffic for a week.

Inasmuch as Herr Hitler chews rugs when mad, the other half should be dispatched to Berlin, to determine what damage his teeth can wrought.

LIKE A FOX (Chicago Tribune)

"One of the examining psychiatrists at the veterans' hospital in Dwight attempted to plumb the sanity of a new inmate with, 'What would you do if you saw a battleship coming down this corridor?'"

"Get out my submarine and sink it," the inmate retorted quickly. "Ah," the psychiatrist said in triumph.

"But where would you get your submarine?" "The same place you got the battleship," came the patient's reply."

Italy is now in a fix: there is nobody to fill Mussolini's shoes. There is nothing to do, but let Mussolini fill them himself.

The hatless male is still flirting with pneumonia hereabouts, as wintry fog enshrouds him. However, they all step lively, and headed for a heating stove.

Reports have been received of a shortage of buckwheat in the buckwheat pancakes.

Co-eds of Iowa State Agricultural college, located in the heart of the nation's corn belt, are anemic, a health survey shows. Offhand, it would seem they are not eating enough corn.

PROPHETIC BACKFIRES (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

"Leave it to Greg (Oregonian sports editor) to manufacture alibis. His latest is that Texas will try to run up a big score on Oregon in revenge because OSC did not choose the Texas team for the Rose Bowl. That man would have been a successful story writer, he has such a wonderful imagination."

The esteemed Oregonian editorial comments on the plight "of our most vocal isolationists" when war was declared against Japan. Interesting also is the plight of some eminent reformers, who a few years back, shuddered at the proposal CCC enrollees be placed under army discipline, and parents refrain from buying toy cannons for their children at Christmas time, lest it make them warlike.

WALK FOR DEFENSE

La Junta, Colo. (AP)—The La Junta Safety council recently sponsored a "walk to school movement and gave these reasons: It conserves gasoline for the defense program; it conserves automobiles for the defense program; walking is healthful; walking is safe.

The Massacre at Austin

THE massacre of Oregon by Texas Saturday, again brings into sharp relief the importance of the psychological factor in football.

There is no such discrepancy between the two teams as that score of 71 to 7 would indicate.

But the BIG game, the crucial test, for Oregon, had come and gone, a week before, so there was a tremendous mental let-down when the Webfoots ran out on the field at Austin. Moreover it was to be a post-season conflict, with nothing particularly vital at stake.

QUITE the reverse with Texas. Oregon was the state that had won the Coast conference, and had spurned the title claims of Texas.

Here was the big chance to show those moss-back Yankees from the northwest the brand of football the Longhorn Texans could produce. Moreover there had been ample time for Texas to regain its morale, since its big game and its unexpected defeat at the hands of Texas Christian.

SO psychologically Texas was in the pink and Oregon wasn't with the inevitable result that Texas was ON and Oregon WASN'T.

And nine times out of ten in modern football, the result is determined by just THAT,—whether a team is on or isn't, the mental attitude being the chief factor in its attainment.

The Worm Is Turning

YES the world does move,—even in Washington! Three or four years ago, such an anti-labor measure, as the Smith anti-strike bill, would never have been introduced into the House of Representatives, much less passed by more than 100 votes.

Of course, the war is a factor. The importance of defense, has accentuated the danger of labor troubles to the national welfare.

But more important, we believe, is the growing belief, among the rank and file of this country, that organized labor, particularly the radical element, has gone too far in its drive toward dictatorship and if American democracy is to survive, must be checked,—and checked emphatically.

IT is doubtful this measure will pass the Senate without material modification, it may even be buried there by the pro-labor bloc,—the lower, not the upper house, is today the conservative stronghold. But whether the Smith bill becomes the law or doesn't this much is certain:

Public sentiment in this country, has veered radically and rapidly from that of a decade ago, when Herbert Hoover was president, the Smoot-Hawley tariff was on the fire, and a certain governor of New York state was having himself fitted for a suit of white armour, to fight the battle of the underprivileged and the dispossessed, against the vicious and voracious dragon represented by Big Business and Wall Street.

THERE is no disposition to let the malefactors of great wealth return to the seats of the mighty. But there IS a disposition NOT to submit to an organized labor dictatorship.

The American people are a unit in their determination to maintain their democracy and their liberties, to submit to no dictatorship whether foreign or domestic, and the passage of the Smith bill in the House of Representatives, gives convincing proof of that fact.

,—But the S. P. Doesn't!

YES and other things change too.

Not very long ago, a new airplane record of 30 hours was set between the North American mainland and England, amid great rejoicing.

Day before yesterday, Captain Cramer, an American pilot, flew the same distance in a new Liberator plane in 8 hours and 20 minutes, with luncheon the only meal en route, and all in bright day-light.

However still other things DON'T change.

Had the dear old S. P. left Portland the same hour as Captain Cramer left the mainland, the train would have reached Medford about 300 miles away, exactly three hours and forty minutes, AFTER the Captain had landed in England, a distance of 3000 miles,—maintaining approximately the same rate of speed maintained over the same route by the same railroad a quarter of a century ago!

WE, grant, Rosey, the S. P. can't be expected to compete with the airlines in speed; but is there ANY good reason WHY the one train a day could not leave Portland, around ten p. m. and reach Medford in time for a 7:30 breakfast?

TIMBER WORKERS PLEDGE WAR AID

Portland, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—

Three hundred delegates to the AFL Northwestern Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers virtually abandoned prospective wage demands today in a resolution pledging support to the war effort.

The delegates, representing 50,000 workers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California, voiced support to President Roosevelt and called

ed on members for full production.

A spokesman, who declined use of his name, said the action would likely shorten the scheduled five-day meeting by several days with discussion of wages, hours and working conditions virtually swept out of consideration.

How the motor propelled vehicle has supplanted horses is graphically illustrated in the figures of the census bureau showing that only about 250 livery stables remain, doing a business of \$1,372,000 a year.

The five states that reported the lowest birth rates in 1940 were New Jersey 14.1; New York 14.6; Connecticut 14.7; Rhode Island 15.1; and Missouri 15.5.

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.

QUININE IS FINE FOR THE CRI

I wonder (asks R. W.) whether you blush when you meet yourself coming or going—or just marvel at the rapid strides medicine is making these days?



Then R. W. quotes a remark about digitals, a remark to the effect that in my opinion it isn't worth a tinker's dam as a remedy for heart disease or heart trouble or as a "tonic" or stimulant in any circumstance. He does not venture to say whether I'm right or wrong about that, but he submits that I am extremely inconsistent, for I take an entirely different attitude towards the use of quinine for "colds" (R. W.'s term), as in the booklet "Cal it Cri," for instance, where I say:

"If any medicine under the sun deserves the name of 'cure' (cold cure) to the preserve it is that old standby, quinine. Altho it is manifestly there can be no specific cure for the nonentity, 'the common cold,' we are bound to recognize that quinine hold general preference among physicians and laymen as a remedy for 'checking' or 'breaking' the cri."

Our good friend, R. W., belabors the point to show that I contradict myself even there, for I imply there is no such ailment as a common cold and in the same breath I recommend a remedy for it!

All right, have it your own way, R. W. I still say I am not able to see any evidence that digitals ever does any real good as a medicine, but I have seen a great deal of evidence that quinine does good as a prophylactic against and as a remedy for the more common respiratory infections, no matter which yours turns out to be or what you please to call it in the earlier stage.

An adult should take as a remedy for cri three grains of quinine sulfate in pill, tablet or capsule form, every four hours for two or three days. A child weighing 50 pounds should take as a remedy for cri one grain of quinine sulfate in pill, tablet or capsule form every four hours. A person weighing 100 pounds should take two grains every four hours. Dose is adjusted to body weight, not to age.

As a prophylactic or preventive treatment, when cri is epidemic, an adult should take two grains of quinine three times a day; a person weighing 100 pounds, two grains twice a day. A child weighing 50 pounds, one grain twice a day. As a prophylactic the quinine may be continued for the duration of the epidemic, whether three weeks, six weeks or six months.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Sauerkraut
What food value has one-fourth cup of sauerkraut juice daily? Is it harmful to the system. I find it beneficial in avoiding constipation.

(Mrs. D. H.)

Answer—Practically no food value. It is harmless if you like it.

Deodorant

Please suggest some effective underarm deodorant that can be prepared at home.

(Mrs. G. L. T.)

Answer—Sponge the dry skin two or three times weekly with solution of one-half ounce of aluminum chloride in three ounces of water (rain or snow water or distilled water). Let it dry on the skin before dressing. If it irritates or smart, when dried, apply either plain talcum or a little cold cream.

Resuscitation

How long can a person remain under water and still be resuscitated? Is it true that persons have been resuscitated after stoppage of breathing for one-half hour, two hours, even four hours, as various reports have it?

(L. C. P.)

Answer—I don't know. Circumstances in emergencies usually make it difficult to be certain about the duration of submersion or cessation of breathing. Submersion or deprivation of air after a struggle or great physical effort would of course be more quickly fatal because physical effort uses up the individual's normal oxygen reserve (the oxygen in the blood and tissues). On request, accompanied with stamped envelope bearing your address, I'll be glad to send an illustrated booklet on "Resuscitation" which will teach even a six-year-old child how to save life in such emergencies—and it will teach many "life saving instructors" how NOT to rob the victim of the advantage of the right posture when applying artificial respiration.

Hypotensive Obesity

Is it possible for a person to be allergic to potassium chloride? In my case it seemed that the irritation, itching and watery nasal discharge came a few hours after I took the potassium chloride, and cleared up a few days after I stopped it.

(A. V. S.)

Answer—Anything is possible, except a mouse's nest in the cat's ear.

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington

PUD Court Fee Due for Repeal

More Restriction Looms for Copper

Silver Suggested For Substitution

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Half way through congress is a measure which will liberate the PUDs from a law which requires payment of 1 percent of all amounts received, kept and paid out, to the clerk of the United States district court as a fee. This statute has plagued the PUDs in Washington state and would apply to all PUDs seeking to acquire property of private utilities.

Representatives Coffee Smith and Leavy managed to have the bill approved by the house; the bill goes now to the judiciary committee of the senate.

Here is what alarmed the PUDs: Public utility district No. 1, of Cowlitz county, Washington, instituted a suit to acquire the property of the Washington Gas & Electric Co. at Longview. The case was transferred from the superior court of Cowlitz county to the United States district court at Tacoma. A jury finally decided that \$5,000,000 was the value of property acquired. A year ago the PUD proceeded to take over the property and was required to pay the six million, plus interest, and in addition, the 1 percent clerk's fee, which amounted to \$62,299. Salary of the clerk of the district court in Tacoma, paid by Uncle Sam, is \$5,500. The 1 percent fee in this Cowlitz county case amounted to six times what the district federal judge of that court received for a year.

NEXT, PUD No. 1 of Whatcom county, Washington, wanted the properties of the Puget Sound Light & Power Co. in that county, which is in the district of Representative Jackson. Price fixed was \$5,000,000. The power company appealed to the United States circuit court of appeals in San Francisco. Under the current statute the district court clerk will be entitled to a fee of about \$52,000, or five times the \$10,000 annual salary of the district judge.

Other PUDs wish to go to court to buy private utilities, but hesitate at paying thousands of dollars to a court clerk for doing nothing more than the routine service of receiving a check, banking it and drawing a check. The PUDs do not like it, but there is the law providing for the fee to be charged by clerk of district courts. The five PUDs in Washington and Oregon which have an eye on the Pacific Power & Light properties have the clerk's fee to think about. The PUD in Tillamook county, Oregon, saved the fee by not going into the federal court in its negotiations with the Mountain States Light & Power Co. For 14 years no one has given much attention to the law, the amounts involved usually being trifling, but in the Pacific northwest public power districts are striving to acquire the established systems of private companies the fee is no laughing matter.

When the senate acts on the repealer, favorably, Martin F. Smith will sponsor a private relief bill for the PUD of Cowlitz county and try to have the government make restitution of the \$62,299 collected by the clerk in the Tacoma court.

On and after Jan. 1, 1942, a further restriction will be made on the use of copper for civilian purposes. The copper shortage is now so serious that an investigation is under way.

OPM has a letter from the northwest giving a list of copper mines which would be opened and operated if the federal government would give a small subsidy. These extend from the Queen of Bronze and other properties in the Grants Pass region of Oregon to the rich copper possibilities of eastern Washington and Idaho.

A subsidy of about two cents a pound, OPM is advised, would bring out hundreds of thousands of tons, but at the current pegged price these mines can not be operated and compete with imports of copper ores from South America. If these mines were made active, it is alleged, the copper shortage

13 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



would be eased and there would be supplies available for non-defense purposes. Opposed to the idea is the state department, which prefers buying copper from the Latin American countries and cementing the "good neighbor" policy rather than developing the resources of the United States—the western United States.

WITH copper short and silver plentiful, suggestion has been made to defense agencies that silver be substituted in many articles heretofore manufactured from copper. The government has just completed an agreement with Mexico by which the United States will purchase every year \$25,000,000 of silver. The Mexican silver is buried, like the gold cache at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

It has even been proposed that transmission lines be made of silver instead of copper; ditto, faucets and other hard-to-get articles of copper. Principal use for silver now is the minting of dimes to be fed into juke boxes, the war emergency has resulted in an order to crack down on the juke as they contain so many critical materials that they are a military secret. Incidentally, Idaho is the No. 1 silver producing state.

Communications

For Convention System

To the editor:

A few weeks ago you published my letter telling of the reasons given by Adolf Hitler in Mein Kampf for the collapse of Germany in the world war, and in the same letter I pointed out the similarity of some of the conditions to those existing in our country today. At the end of the letter I asked how we could remedy such conditions in the United States, and as no one has answered that question, I will now attempt to do so.

As a preliminary, it is best to restate the causes given by Hitler which were: First, the low state of agriculture; second, rule by incompetent politicians, and third, money madness as shown by the absorption of small business by large corporations, control of the stock exchange by Jews, and the growth in power of the labor unions.

In my opinion, in this country, the second is the most serious of these causes, and if this were remedied, the effects of the others would also be eased. To effect this remedy some very drastic changes in our form of government are here proposed. When the constitution was adopted, there was a strong and well grounded fear of a monarchy in this country, and that fear does not exist today. The modern king is quite impotent. One expression of this fear was the limit of the president's term of office to four years and I am now proposing that his term be for life, or during good behavior. This would automatically relieve him from the temptation to play politics for reelection and this would enable him to devote all of his time to the real duties of his office. We have a precedent for this term of office in that all federal judges are appointed (not elected) for life and the plan appears to have been successful.

With this change in the term of office, many of the powers which the president now possesses, or in some cases assumes to possess, should be taken from him and bestowed upon a cabinet to be appointed by him, but solely responsible to congress. A vote of no confidence by congress would result in the downfall of a cabinet and appointment of another, just as is done in England today, thus making the government more promptly responsive to changing conditions.

The next question is how to make congress itself an abler governing body by electing as many statesmen as possible to replace politicians who place

their own interests and desire for reelection above the interests of the country they are supposed to serve. The congressional delegation of our own state consists of five men, one of whom is of outstanding ability and very likely even this is a higher proportion of real statesmen than now prevails in the average congressional delegations of the other states. (Continued tomorrow)

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 9, 1931

(It was Wednesday)

Wrath of nation's radicals is directed towards Secretary of Treasury Mellon, who wants to conserve wealth and balance budget.

Japan accepts League of Nations resolution on Manchuria.

President Hoover requests revivals of European war debts and some payments thereon.

Rain and snow and slightly cooler predicted. High 42, low 42 degrees.

Limestone and granite agreed upon as stones to be used in new courthouse.

Local youth admits robbery of a service station.

Clarence Pankey keeps lead in Elks billiard tourney.

Japanese planes bomb villages in the Chinchow district.

Washboiler still operator arrested in the Applegate.

Advertising of pears in east brings results, growers report.

President Hoover's message urging spending of federal funds relief and work projects brings howl from democratic senators.

Local elements starts rumput over new courthouse building. Leading citizens and upstate community thought is influenced by neurotic ravings of hypopyress "regrets a portion of the chronicles."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 9, 1921

(It was Friday)

Doomed man runs amuck in Arkansas prison.

Roy Gardner, mail bandit subject to fits while in San Quentin prison, jury at Phoenix, Ariz., told.

Wrestler held as suspect in Wall St. bomb blast.

Chicago University co-eds forbidden to smoke in rooms.

Broadway to have nothing to drink but water on New Year's Eve.

Fair and chilly with a high of 35 and a low of 23 degrees.

Work progresses on concrete work at Fish Lake dam.

Ye Poets Corner

Patriotism

Today we have a job to do. We have a cause to win. Let's take our trials and sacrifice With a good American grin.

Let's take the War God by the beard, Where the fiercest battles rage. And where the thundering conflicts whirl, Let the Flag of Freedom wave!

The tyrant who tramples under foot The right of a man to be free, Will feel the might of the U.S.A. In the Air! The Land! and the Sea!

—E. E. Arthur

Today's "Lady's Book," which suggests fashion plates to most people, wielded influence over the whole pattern of life in 19th century.

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Litvinoff Reaches U. S.



After traveling nearly three-fourths of the way around the world, Maxim Litvinoff, new Russian ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Litvinoff alight from a clipper plane at San Francisco en route to Washington.

