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**Ye Smudge Pot**

By Arthur Perry

The dogs of war broke loose last week, and Uncle Sam set out to make Japan a province of China, and reduce Germany to a former menace of world peace.

Valley cows have started eating the hay ruined by the rains last June.

Mel Hogan was given a medal last Sun. For his good turns for boys and impersonating S. Claus for years, without lighting his cotton-batten whiskers.

Dewey Hill, E. Ulrich and Ulrich Gordon, a threesome from Prospect towned Thurs. Ulrich had a squeak in his shoes. Mr. Hill identified as a cornfield canary.

The Ct. Hse. shrubbery was bartered during the week and the removal of the surplus foliage was a civic improvement.

Old Sol came out Fri. and yanked the fog blanket off the valley. It was about time. The weather has been raising Hob with the woodpiles.

Next Sunday will be just another day, but the shortest one of the year, and Atty. G. Codding's birthday.

Blackouts were in force all week and the candle-power of auto headlights that had not been dimmed for years was reduced to a twinkle. The darkness has been satisfactory, but not Stygian, or the well-known outer darkness.

Hersch Obye of the Forest Service has been promoted to G. Pass.

Rumors were rife and ripe, the first of the week, and some good one were brewed before they were nipped in their incipency.

The po. crew have girded their loins for the annual Christmas rush, and mail has started coming in lively from all directions.

Hungary and Bulgaria have severed diplomatic relations with the U. S., and declared war. This means when peace comes there should be no great rush to bury them alive in American beans and other foodstuffs.

Natives of the back country report the oak trees are showing signs of life. They fear there will be no winter until it gets here.

Night traffic has been so light on the highways and byways rural jackrabbits cross them with impunity.

Peoria Bill Gates is nearing the end of his resolution to smoke a pipe a year. His 1942 resolution will be not to smoke it for another year.

Hog-killing and deboning of steers is underway in the rural regions and several have their eyes on a mess of pig backbones and turnip tops, as well as the Far Eastern situation.

**FIRE CHIEF RETAINED**  
Tillamook, Ore., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Thomas Coates, secretary of the State Fire Chiefs' association, last night was elected chief of the Tillamook fire department for the 27th time. He has been with the department 49 years.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

## Doesn't Look Good

If latest wire reports from Washington are correct Soviet Russia will not join England in declaring war on Japan.

Certainly Japan will not declare war on Russia, for only from the Siberian coast could any really effective air attack on Nippon be made.

WE may be unduly suspicious, but we don't like the look of this Russo-Jap appeasement,—don't like it a little bit.

For without Russian air bases and cooperation, England and the United States will be in a tough spot in the Far East.

Those who doubt this have but to examine the war map published in today's paper, showing the exact set-up in the Pacific.

Assuming the United States successfully defends the Philippines and all its other Pacific possessions, there still would be no satisfactory U. S. bases for bombing Japan effectively without Russian assistance,—the distances are too great.

This would also be the case with British Singapore. Hong Kong would be a help, but with Japan in control of the China sea and air it is doubtful any allied air base could be effectively maintained there, for any length of time, if at all.

IN other words as the map shows, Russia HOLDS THE KEY TO EFFECTIVE ALLIED ATTACK AGAINST JAPAN, BY LAND, AIR AND SEA.

If Singapore should fall, it takes no board of military and naval experts to perceive the Japanese nut would be extremely difficult to crack.

Russia's explanation is she can't afford to fight a war on two fronts. Stalin wants to clean up on Hitler first and then join with his English speaking combatants against the Yellow race.

But what will Japan be doing in the meantime, free from any effective allied sea or air attack?

True, Moscow claims extensive victories—on the Russian western front, but can anyone imagine the Muscovite bear actually knocking out the Nazis before another year has passed? Doesn't appear likely to say the least.

And if these reports from the Soviet capitol ARE correct, Stalin will not make a move against Japan until Germany has met complete defeat.

YES, we don't like the look of it.

Moreover if the above reports from Washington are correct they are in direct contradiction to the first official statement of Ambassador Litvinoff who declared in Washington yesterday, that Russia, the United States and England are now all "in the same boat."

They are NOT in the same boat, until they all pledge the same determination, to do everything in their power to bring about the defeat of Japan, as well as Germany.

To fight only Germany NOW is not enough!

## A Relief From War Strain

A refreshing diversion from the excitement of the past few days is provided in the Christmas program arranged by the Medford Musical society at the High school auditorium tomorrow evening. We can think of no better means of giving strained nerves a brief let-down from the worries of war and the confusion of black-outs and defense efforts than this pleasant evening of Christmas music, arranged and presented by the chorus of the Southern Oregon College of Education.

TO many people here this program will afford their first opportunity of seeing and hearing this talented musical group. In making possible this public appearance of the chorus, the local musical society is further extending a long standing project of encouraging musical education in the public schools. Those who enter the teaching profession after taking full advantage of comprehensive musical instruction in state normal schools are better fitted to foster the appreciation of good music in the youngsters in public schools.

THE Christmas program tomorrow evening will show the results of a great deal of time and effort on the part of these young college people—and they deserve and need the encouragement and inspiration that a generous attendance will provide.

No admission will be charged for this musical treat. So, if you enjoy good music or feel the need of an antidote for over-wrought nerves, attend the Christmas musical at the High school Monday evening.—H. G.

## Oregonian's Editorial Page Gives Edge Over Competitor

(Reprinted from "Time" magazine)

An A.B.C. (Audit Bureau of Circulations) report made news last fortnight in the Pacific northwest. The 91-year-old Portland Oregonian (a.m.) passed in daily circulation its rival the Journal (p.m.)—151,591 to 147,159.

During the early '30s the hard-fighting Journal held a nip and tuck lead over the Oregonian. In 1937, when chunky, agile-minded Edwin Palmer ("Ep") Hoyt took over, the Oregonian began a circulation march that in two years carried it to an 18,000 lead over the Journal. Then in 1939 the Journal bought the money-making News-Telegram for \$525,000 and apparently clinched its lead with a solid 16,000 advantage.

How 41-year-old Publisher Hoyt managed in the last two years to overcome this lead is a story of smart publishing. He boosted his out-of-town circulation by bettering the Oregonian's coverage in small northwest communities, putting out an early night edition to compete with the Journal's afternoon final etc.

But the Oregonian also gets circulation by a means rarely ef-

## 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.

## A READER DEFENDS THE TITLE "DOC"

Three cheers for "Ol' Doc Brady!" That letter from your revered colleague who chided you for referring to yourself as "Ol' Doc Brady" was the silliest bit of correspondence I've seen in your column, (writes Jane doe, we'll call her), Our family doctor is called "Doc" by everybody because they love and trust him.



"Doc" does not indicate contempt or loss of dignity, Jane continues. It does indicate that the doctor is considered a friend. I certainly wouldn't call any old doctor "Doc". Anyhow it seems to me that a real doctor would be so busy helping people that he wouldn't have time to waste on such a stupid thing as dignity. I certainly wouldn't want him looking me over. I'd be afraid his dignity would interfere with his diagnosis.

Of course "Doctor" is all right for those wealthy women whose main trouble is boredom. In attending them the doctor probably needs dignity for his conscience to hide behind, observes Jane, but for the doctor who really knows his stuff dignity is superfluous. The world will beat a path to his door as soon as his ability gets noised around. Count yourself a success when your patients call you "Doc". (Doris.....)

From here on Ol' Doc Brady speaking. Can't rely on mere quotation marks to set off quoted paragraphs... the printers have an 'idiosyncrasy' against them.

Anent the closing comment of Jane's letter, if I had waited for my patients to call me "Doc" I never would have become a success. Let me see, now, there may be something wrong about that sentence. Ah, yes, of course. Come to think of it, I never was a success. So maybe Jane is more than half right about it, altho I still believe my revered colleague was right when he said that by referring to myself as "Ol' Doc Brady" I may prompt some readers to address their physicians as "Doc", and that is unbefitting, in practice.

No one ever called me "Doc" in practice and got away with it. No one can call me "Doc" now unless he smiles when he says it. Try it and see.

I never address a physician as "Doc" and I never address a den-

tist by any other title than Doctor. Except one retired dentist I know and I call him "Doc" only because that is what all of his family call him. I hate to do it nevertheless.

After all it is the spirit and not just the form of the title or address that matters. From Jane Doe's letter I imagine it would be all right to be family physician and be called "Doc" by her.

Expression of the views of our readers, both medical and lay, on the use of the title "Doc" would help us to decide whether to go along with it or cut it out.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**  
Save Your Teeth  
I think your No. 1 Little Lesson in the Ways of Health—the booklet "Save Your Teeth," would be much better to give to patients than any amount of verbal instruction and advice, which generally is not absorbed or soon forgotten anyway. (D. D. S.)

Answer—That's something for every practitioner of dentistry to think about. By the way, laymen pay twenty-five cents and a stamped envelope bearing the correct address for the booklet, but I am glad to send a copy with my compliments to any dentist who asks for it and incloses a stamped envelope bearing his address.

**Warts**  
Have a number of warts on my knee and would appreciate any remedy you may suggest. Had them burned out by a doctor but they came back within a few months. (C. T.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, inclose ten cents, for booklet "Cosmetic Blemishes", which includes advice for treatment of warts and other common blemishes.

**Give Baby a Break**  
Would you advise an expectant mother to continue taking adjustments to keep her vertebrae in line? (K. O. H.)

Answer—Send ten cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Preparing for Maternity". Expectant mother should engage her physician at earliest possible time, and then follow the physician's advice about everything.

**Stupidity**  
You are right, as usual. It is stupid to suffer from piles—I realize that now, that mine are cured after many years of misery. I am grateful for your wisdom and common sense. (A. E. G.)

Answer—Glad to send any reader, on request, the pamphlet "It Is Stupid to Suffer from Piles"—inclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

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ers.) The story is that Editor Calvert in 1938 was about to be fired because he was too expensive. The idea was dropped when he won the Pulitzer prize for best editorial of the year.

Ben Hur Lampman, 55, is the Oregonian's beer-barrel poet and "genius," whom Editor Parrish calls "the country's greatest editorial writer on nature and whimsy." His editorials are much reprinted, from coast to coast. He wears flowing black ties (one made from one of his wife's old black silk stockings) and is a tireless fisherman. A favorite fishing companion is his Japanese dentist, brother of a Tokyo mayor, a jujitsu artist and fabulous drinker, who while fishing with Ben Hur emptied a pint of whiskey at one gulp, tossed the bottle into the air and shattered it with his target pistol. Readers quickly recognize Editor Lampman's nature whimsies, but they are sometimes fooled by his serious pieces. Book Critic Harry Hansen called a Lampman editorial on the war the best short story of the year. He handled the Oregonian's whole campaign against the Roosevelt court-packing plan. Herbert Hoover tried to hire him to write speeches in the 1932 campaign, but Magnificent Sentimentalist Lampman preferred to work at a job where he could write about bees, apples, trees, dogs, an average fellow called "Joe Pungle."

**20 JAP PLANES LOST**  
Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The war department reported today that more than 20 Japanese planes were destroyed in last Sunday's Japanese air attack in Hawaii.

**9 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT**  
GIVE A BOOK TO THE COOK  
Buy Christmas Seals

Ronald Glenn Calvert, 68, oldest of the three, has been on the Oregonian since 1908, was assistant and managing editor until he became editorial writer in 1931. Bushy-browed, kindly, he hunts and pecks his tax and fiscal editorials at furious speed on a portable typewriter while chewing an unlit cigar. (All editorialists, like Oregonian reporters, buy their own typewrit-

## Kelly's Comment

From Washington  
Arms to Allies  
From West Ports  
Government Wants  
Own Paper Plant  
McNary For Ban  
On Non-War Funds

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Here is how the northwest is scheduled to play a part in defense by supplying munitions to Russia and China, some to Singapore, Australia and New Zealand. For the time being there will be no official announcement, but the program will be revealed piecemeal.

Ports of Columbia river and Puget sound will be used as shipping points; Portland for Siberia, Puget sound for the Far East. Notwithstanding White House statement recently, these American merchant ships will be armed to the teeth. There will be anti-aircraft guns on the bridge, a gun on the stern and a crew of 10 to 12 navy trained gunners on every ship, on watch the clock around. Personally, the ship owners would rather their ships were unarmed, but congress has seen fit to send them to sea with armament.

These freighters will go in convoys. They will be accompanied by a water and air patrol, warships and fighting seaplanes, the latter operating from converted merchant vessels transformed into airplane carriers. Ships from Vladivostok will be navigating through the fog, ice and snow which will prevail there for the next six months and it will be a risky task wholly aside from the Japanese menace. It will be bad flying weather for the seaplane scouts.

FROM the time the freighters headed for India (Burma) or Singapore or Australia leave port they will be under the watchful eye of American warships. This patrol has been escorting the freighters for months already. In addition to cruisers and destroyers there will be U. S. make-shift carriers for seaplanes. These guards for the merchant ships have been picking up their charges beyond Honolulu.

For both Siberia and Burma the freighters will carry light tanks weighing 13 tons. Thousands of tanks have already been delivered to China via the Burma road, now patrolled by American army fliers drawing the uniform of the Chinese army. (Ground crews ditto). Approximately 24,000 tanks will go to China, merchant ships carrying about 200 medium tanks on each trip.

Returning, the freighters will go to Batavia, if that port is still open, and pick up cargoes of rubber, tin and chrome for the United States. The Federated Malay States want some of that lend-lease money and last week increased the export duty on tin to six per cent ad valorem and upped the duty on rubber to 7.5 per cent. Because of war with Japan it is possible the ships will circumnavigate the globe and make port on the Atlantic coast.

OFFICE of production management is seeking to provide all of the paper the government requires (tons of it used for publicity by every agency in the national capital) and endeavored to negotiate with a big paper plant at Bellingham, Wash. OPM proposed to have the government take over the industry and retain all the output for federal purposes; regarded this as better than inviting bids from mills. Bellingham mill could not get together with OPM. The latter, however, is still scouting around for a plant which will meet its purposes.

REPUBLICAN leader, Senator McNary, had a heart-to-heart talk with the little band of "loyal opposition" a few days ago, and he talked turkey. The senator, who voted for the lend-lease bills, told his fellow republicans assembled in the caucus room that the best stroke they can make is to try to protect taxpayers from unnecessary appropriations, the non-defense sort. In the first World war, said McNary, it cost the United States 24 billion dollars; that was the cost of the complete job of sending two million soldiers to Europe and having two million more in training. Today, national defense and helping Hitler's enemies has cost the United States 67 billion dollars.

If, said McNary, billions are to be spent furnishing war materials and food for all nations opposing Hitler, something must be done to prevent the American people from being impoverished. A start, he said, can be made by eliminating every appropriation that does not bear on national defense. The time, he added, to begin retrenchment is now and he pictured the outcry

that will go up when the people have to make out their income tax statements.

## News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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fiscation or elimination. Probably \$150,000,000,000 is to be spent by the government if the war lasts long enough, and all this will go into business. Certainly this economic expansion will partly offset the increased taxes. Although profits are not likely to increase much, they cannot decline as much as the sagging stock market has been suggesting.

Dozens of stocks were selling at prices this week to bring 20 per cent annual return to stockholders in dividends. All business earnings, after taxes, this year are supposed to be 25 per cent over last. Distributed dividends will average 10 per cent higher.

Naturally the large investors, unperturbed by the sinking of a few ships or an air raid alarm, are hanging on to what they have.

THE only threats to our ultimate financial stability are those which have been widely advertised—deflation, the big federal war debts, the vague possibilities of state socialism. If inflation comes, cash is the worst thing to hold. The economists say common stocks are as good as anything. If we win this war, as we will, the new world economic possibilities opened by victory will certainly provide unprecedented wealth to service an unprecedented debt. As for state socialism: this government, it is true, has made a few feints in that direction in a few past specific instances (public utilities) but it has renounced the idea as a general policy. We are fighting for democratic liberty and against national socialism of Germany and Italy. Socialism might well be expected if we lose this war. NOT if we win.

All these dreadful economic spectres of the past and present will be laid like ghosts if we just achieve one thing—victory. That is all we have to worry about.

DON'T laugh too hard at these east coast air raid precautions now. Hitler has now acquired some production in long range bombers, modeled after our flying fortresses and capable of a suicide bombing flight from France. No one knows how many he has, possibly not more than 50. These could fly the Atlantic, drop their bombs, and

their crew could either bail out or head for some frozen beach in the Canadian wilds to refuel from fifth columnists and attempt to escape home. Their flying radius is something like 5,000 miles with a bomb load.

Furthermore (although no one is supposed to know it) the nazis have been hiding one aircraft carrier at home and had another one still building 60 days back. These two could be sacrificed in a foray against our coast.

This much Hitler is known to have. No one knows whether he has anything else. While it seems unreasonable to suppose he could do any important military damage or cause any fear among our people, this is no time to take anything for granted. Remember Pearl Harbor in that respect, too. Fear nothing. Prepare for everything.

**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 14, 1931  
(It was Monday)  
Valuations of corporations in Jackson county fixed at \$36,174,408.

Charles Hoover eyed by friends as commissioner candidate in spring.

Increasing cloudiness with probable rain or snow. High 42, low 22 degrees.

President Hoover's request for funds to relieve joblessness opposed by democratic leaders.

Start excavating for new courthouse at Main and Oakdale.

Earl Christmas shopping here shows Santa Claus will be busy.

Water at lowest mark in years in Applegate wells.

Robbers carry off entire stock of Moore store at Trail.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY**  
December 14, 1921  
(It was Wednesday)

British parliament is opened mid great pomp and pageantry, to receive terms of Irish settlement.

Gil Stuart and brother Miles return from Scott Valley where they built seven bridges.

Annual Fruitgrowers league meeting to be held Saturday.

Allies deny Germany's plea for delay in payment of war reparations and see a subterfuge.

Fair and cold. High 50, low 22.5 degrees.

Klamath Falls high school girls vote to quit use of rouge and wearing network stockings.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

TODAY — FOR 3 BIG DAYS!

## The Big Laugh Show of 1941 With Bob at His Funniest.....!

Bob's in the Army now... and the only thing he can shoot off is his mouth. It's an all-out laugh riot when Uncle Sam gets Bob's number... and Bob tries to get Dorothy Lamour's!



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