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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Since the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the bombings of Manila, there is practically no bragging by Pacific Coast residents, of the weather caused by the Japanese Current.

The campaign to prevent wasting paper should include letter-writers to the Portland press, scolding the editors for not waging a stiffer fight against the private power trust, seeking to get the upper-hand over Bonneville dam. That was old stuff, when the politicians were chasing "the money-changers out of the temple," and everybody was going to get three electric lights in his woodshed.

One of the freak happenings of this year, was the dislocation of her hip by a dancer doing the hula-hula—no doubt a refined presentation. The general opinion holds this should happen oftener.

A shortage of male hats looms, due to the strife. Even those who have worn none for years, may find themselves bareheaded.

CANDID JOURNALISM (S.F. Examiner)
"Hollywood.—Milton Berle, the radio and screen comedian, and Joyce Mathews, New York showgirl, were on their wedding trip today. They were married at a quiet ceremony yesterday, attended only by a few loose friends and relatives."

All reports indicate the voice of the Portland air raid sirens is weak, and not capable of being heard in the entire precinct, let alone in the wilderness, bringing forth protests from the press and people. They made less noise than a mud taxpayer, or a full-throated soprano, before a large and appreciative audience. An air raid siren, it is argued, should be able to scare the population worse than the bombs of the invaders, to be effective.

"A scarcity of horsehoes is expected to curtail the activities of dude ranches in '42. As there may be too, a scarcity of dudes, it should come out fairly even."
—(Los Angeles Times). Things balance up.

There will soon be sufficient irrigation snow piled up in the hills to cause a shortage of early February farm fretting, about how heavy the June rains will be.

Tomorrow is the day to rip the last leaf off the 1941 calendar, if it hasn't been done already.

Hermey Offenbacher of the Applegate butchered hogs Monday, also Ray Offenbacher and Willis Scott.

"We were wondering the other day where our newspaper got its rules for punctuation so we ask our printer to enlighten us. His answer was, 'I set type as long as I can hold my breath, and then I put in a comma; when I yawn I insert a semicolon; and when I want a smoke I make a paragraph.'"
—(Drumright, Okla., Banner). How to punctuate.

URGENT ALERTNESS
New York—(UP)—Mills every employe "sabotage-conscious." Special Agent R. H. Simons of the FBI recently told a meeting of the Risk Research Institute. "No better program could be instituted in any of the manufacturing or construction enterprises" he declared.

Is Singapore Doomed?

PAUL Mallon doesn't pull his punches. He believes Mr. Winston Churchill's recent warning against optimism was based upon the likelihood that everything west of Hawaii, except Australia, will be lost,—the Philippines, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

On the other hand the first of this month the skipper of this department was in Washington, D. C. The subject of Japan and the Far East was frequently discussed with army and navy officers,—a former member of the army general staff talked for two hours on the subject.

ON one point everyone was agreed. As long as Britain held Singapore she couldn't be beaten (at least in the Far East) with Singapore lost, however, she could not win.

WE grant his sources of information are far better than ours.

Therefore we grant the conclusion regarding the vital importance of Singapore MAY be wrong.

NEVERTHELESS, this department's belief is Singapore will NOT fall,—or at least, not without an all-out effort on the part of this country and Britain to prevent it. And by "all out" we mean, a combined air and fleet defense just as soon as the necessary preparations have been made.

WE don't doubt Prime Minister Churchill has given up Guam, Wake, Midway and the Philippines. And such a concession would certainly justify, when addressing the people of THIS country, a certain absence of optimism.

Such wholesale generosity to the foe, would, in our judgment, conform neither to the known facts, nor to the demonstrated gallantry and pugnacity of the British character.

The Churchill Policy

IN rebuttal to the opposition there is this to be said. If Mr. Churchill were convinced the chances of holding Singapore and the Dutch East Indies to be extremely slim, a warning against optimism and preparation for bad tidings would be characteristic of his established policy.

WHAT has been the result? Placing absolute confidence in the intelligence and fortitude of his people, they have had, and still have, the utmost confidence in him.

SO, we have today the marked contrast between British and German morale. Fed on the truth, without sugar coating, the British people having demonstrated their ability to take it like men, in fair weather or in foul, are raring to go, as the dark skies grow brighter, are in perfect fighting form.

While the Germans, never told the truth, fed on Nazi propaganda and sugar coated lies, have suffered one shattered illusion after the other, until now, while they still hold nearly all of Europe, only the fear of a more cruel and frightful doom, keeps them fighting at all; the national temper, according to all impartial neutral reports, is one of increasing discouragement and despair.

IN short the Churchill policy is not only the democratic and the honorable policy, it is the enduring and the SMART policy.

They Don't Beat the Dutch!

PURELY as a matter of comic relief,— Would it not be wise, if Secretary Knox has any second-hand battleships, destroyers or submarines, not engaged in pursuing his fleeing Jap armada, that he,— Turn them over to the Dutch commodore, who judging by all reports, not only has found the enemy but,— Has a record of sinking an average of one Nippon gun boat a day!

Almost 200,000,000 pounds of fresh vegetables will be fed enlisted men of the navy in 1942. Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard is the navy's oldest, having been acquired April 20, 1799.

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.

VITAMIN A FOR BLACKOUT

In his book on "Vitamins and Other Dietary Essentials" (Helmemann, London) Akroyd says he has "sometimes given Newfoundland fishermen, victims of night blindness, a single table spoonful of cod-liver oil, with the gratifying result that they were able to see on the subsequent night." Then the English authority adds that there are few other remedies in medicine so rapid and reliable — referring, of course, to natural vitamin A for night-blindness (sometimes called hemeralopia, sometimes nyctalopia). Perhaps the diet of Newfoundland fishermen is pretty restricted in the winter months, especially in fresh greens and yellow vegetables and fruits which are the main sources of pro-vitamin A (carotene) the precursor of natural vitamin A, that is, the substance in foods which is converted into natural vitamin A by metabolism.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Q.—A formula discovered and patented by an old army surgeon, contained something violently and speedily lethal to colon bacilli, as well as something with a miraculous healing effect.—Mrs. D. M. T.
A.—The old army game—I mean the old army surgeon may have imagined the formula had such effects, but don't take it seriously. Colon bacilli normally inhabit the intestine and probably aid digestion. Colon bacilli and other harmless or beneficial bacteria constitute about 50 per cent by weight of the feces.

Q.—I am a girl 16 and have been told if I continually cross my knees when sitting I will be injured internally.—Miss M. O.
A.—No, but it tends to impair good posture and obstruct circulation in legs. Better cross only the ankles. (Copyright 1941, John P. Dille Co.)

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

national capital and could give us adequate service if moved to Seattle or San Francisco or Boston. Indian affairs bureau deals with Indians of the west and southwest and has no particular excuse for being located in Washington, D. C. The national park service, with Rainier, Crater lake, Olympic, Yellowstone, Glacier, Yosemite, Grand canyon, Carlsbad and other parks, belongs in the west along with the Indian bureau, forest service and reclamation service.

Logical place for ICC is the railroad center of the world—Chicago. SEC should be shipped to Wall Street. Federal power commission is another agency that belong geographically to the far west—any town on the coast. Federal trade commission can do its work anywhere and not necessarily in the national capital. Farm security administration could go to Iowa, Kansas or Nebraska, and neither wage-hour administration nor old-age pensions needs be in Washington, D. C.

PACIFIC wool growers (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada) are writing that they want no ceiling on the 1942 clip unless consideration is given cost of production over the 1941 clip. They estimate these increases: Shearings 20 per cent higher, wages 20 to 25 per cent higher, all camp supplies 15 to 20 per cent higher, and further increases in sight; feed higher and wool bags much higher. Wool bags are made of burlap and OPM has arranged to take all the burlap in the country for military purposes—camouflage—except a little for actual necessities, and wool bags are presumed to be in the latter category. Sheepmen object to having prices on the 1909-1914 parity, explaining that parity price then was only 20.7 per cent higher than the lowest price for any six years in the past 50, whereas parity price for wheat was 65.5 per cent higher.

FISH and wildlife service, to be sent to Chicago, where the old Congress hotel will be taken over, should go to Seattle instead. The Alaska country principal field for big game and the salmon runs, the seal fishery off Pribiloff island, make Seattle ideal as an operating base for this service. There are 375 in this service to be shifted. (Ebert K. Barlow, assistant secretary of the interior, protested employment of predatory animal hunters; suggested that the marines be sent out to shoot the coyotes.)

Reclamation service has all its activities in the 11 western states, handling such projects as Yakima, Grand Coulee, Anderson ranch dam, Owyhee Shasta dam, Boulder etc. Most of the field force is in the west. Reclamation service could settle down at Spokane, Boise or Denver, where it has an office for engineers.

Federal maritime commission has no reason for being in the

Cattle 100; calves 35; market active, steady with Monday's best time; few medium-good steers \$11.75 @ 12.50; common-medium heifers \$7.50 @ 10.00; cullers, heifers down to \$5.50; best fed heifers Monday \$11.25; canner and cutter cows mostly \$5.00 @ 6.25; fat dairy cows \$5.75 @ 7.25; medium-grade beef cows \$8.00-10.00; good-choice vealers \$12.50 @ 13.50; select to \$14.00. Sheep 350; market medium nominal; few common-medium lambs \$9.00-10.00; good-choice trucked-in lambs salable around \$11.00; carloads quoted at \$11.50; fat wags \$8.50 @ 9.00. (Portland livestock market will be closed New Year's day.)

South San Francisco Dec. 30.—(UP) (Fed-State Mkt. News)—Hogs 800; mostly steady; bulk good 185-235 lb. barrows and gilts \$11.95 @ 12.05, letter extreme top; packages good 480 lb. sows \$9.50. Cattle 50; unevenly higher market; Monday around 50 up on steers; one load 1025 lb. good steers \$12.25; three cars medium 903 lb. \$11.00; good cow top \$9.25; bulk dairy cows \$7.50; medium sausage bulls \$8.25-7.75; calves salable none. Nominal; few good to choice vealers quoted \$13.00 @ 14.00. Hogs none; nominal; woolled lambs scarce, quoted \$11.50 @ 12.00; woolled ewes, medium to choice \$4.50 @ 5.50.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(UP)—Hogs \$7.00; mostly 10-20 lower; top 11.25; good 300-500 lb. sows largely 9.55-10.15; lighter weights 10.25-10.40. Cattle 7,500, calves 1,000; early top 14.35 on yearlings but 14.50 bid; most weighty steers 12.25-13.25; fed heifers scarce, firm; practical top for choice kinds and fed heifers 13.00; most fat cows 9.00-7.50; odd-head 9.00-50; cutters 7.65 down; canners 6.75 down; weighty sausage bulk offerings to 10.00; vealers 25-50 higher at 13.50-14.50; stock cattle mostly 12.00 down to 9.50 on stocker yearlings and light feeders. Sheep 7,000; fat lamb market not established, early bids for choice kinds around 12.25; fully 25 lower; asking steady or upward to 12.50 for best kinds.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—(UP)—Potatoes—White locals, 2.00 cental; Deschutes locals, 2.40-2.75 cental; Yamhill No. 1, 2.50-2.75 cental; Klamath, 2.60-2.75 cental. All other produce prices steady, unchanged.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—(UP)—Grain: Wheat: Open High Low Close May 1.01 1.02 1.01 1.02 Cash Grain: oats No. 2-18 lb. white \$37.00; barley No. 2-45 lb. b.w. \$37.00; Corn No. 2-ey, shipment, \$32.50; No. 1 flax \$2.05. Cash wheat (bid): soft white 97c; soft white excluding rex 98 1/2c; white club \$1.00; western red 98 1/2c. Hard red winter ordinary 98c; 10 per cent 99c; 11 per cent \$1.08; 12 per cent \$1.13. Hard white-belt ordinary \$1.10 1/2; 10 per cent \$1.13 1/2; 11 per cent \$1.19 1/2; 12 per cent \$1.22. Today's car receipts: wheat 11; barley 0; flour 3; corn 2; oats 4; hay 0; millfeed 7; flaxseed 0.

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A. T. & T. 127 1/2
Anacosta 38
A. T. & S. F. 37 1/2
Bendix Avia. 40 1/2
Beth Steel 63 1/2
Caterpillar Tract. 38 1/2
Chrysler 48 1/2
Curtiss-Wright 8 1/2
Douglas Airt. 66 1/2
DuPont 143
Gen. Elec. 26 1/2
Gen. Foods 38
Gen. Mot. 31 1/2
Int. Harvester 27 1/2
Johns-Man. 37 1/2
Kennebecott 37 1/2
Monty Ward 25 1/2
No. Amn. Av'n 12 1/2
North Amer. 37 1/2
Penny (J. C.) 78
Ponney R. C. 18 1/2
Phillips Pet. 43 1/2
Radio 23 1/2
So. Pac. 11 1/2
Std. B'nk. 1 1/2
St. Oil N. J. 18 1/2
St. Oil Cal. 42
Trans. Amer. 4

Wall St. Report
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Kennebecott 37 1/2
Monty Ward 25 1/2
No. Amn. Av'n 12 1/2
North Amer. 37 1/2
Penny (J. C.) 78
Ponney R. C. 18 1/2
Phillips Pet. 43 1/2
Radio 23 1/2
So. Pac. 11 1/2
Std. B'nk. 1 1/2
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LIVESTOCK
Portland
Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—(UP)—(USDA) Hogs 700; market steady to 10 high-er; good-choice 170-215 lb. \$12.00-13.00; medium grades \$11.75 down; 230-250 lb. \$11.25-10.00, light-weights \$10.75-11.50; packing sows \$9.50 @ 9.50; feeders \$11.00.

Union Carb. 74 1/2
Unit. Aircraft 36
United Airline 11 1/2
U. S. Steel 54

San Francisco Butter
San Francisco, Dec. 30.—(UP)—(USDA) —Butter, 92 score 37c; 91-35c; 90-35c; 89-35c.

Sacramento, Dec. 30.—(UP)—Churning cream butterfat: First grade 40 1/2c; second grade 38 1/2c.

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 30, 1931.
Chinese flee before advance of Japanese troops in Manchuria.

All who care may voice their views on budget at hearing tomorrow. Order will be maintained, sheriff says.

Hope for early work on Pacific Highway improvement to aid jobless.

Rain predicted with snow flurries. High 44, low 31 degrees.

Heavy rains soak Oregon coast. Portland boasts surplus of moisture.

High school defeats St. Mary's 48 to 10 in basketball tilt.

Big drifts of snow in Wimer Districts keep residents home.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 30, 1921.
State speed cops round up highway speeders, who tell sad tales in city police court to no avail.

Lane county court limits weight of trucks as they "are cutting up the roads".

France backs up from stand on disarmament, on "grounds we are regarded with suspicion by the rest of the world".

First sunny day in two weeks. High 48, low 36, trace of rain.

City auto camp to be closed until next tourist season opens. Local residents found living in it.

John Dennison's Buick destroyed by fire at Seven Oaks.

OFFICERS INCONVENIENCED
Camden, S. C.—(UP)—Add war discomforts; Lieutenant J. H. Allison of the Thirty-fourth Infantry captured two "enemy" trucks. They were carrying the bed rolls of thirty officers of the Twenty-ninth Infantry.

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It will take me a year to get even, I guess, the washing's not done, the house is a mess; The company's all gone, I've cooked 'till I'm weak, Talked, laughed and shouted, 'till my voice is a "squeak." But, say it was worth it, and soon I'll forget, About the work and the worry, the fuss and the fret; And will be just as happy, to greet with a cheer, All the folks, and old Santa, when it's Christmas—next year.

—Goldie V. Johnson.
Trail, Ore.
Heroes of The Pacific
The laurel-leaf will encircle forever the brow of the soldiers, who faced thru the fight. The fierce thrusts of an enemy alien who cared not a straw for the true and the right. But forever and ever their praises will echo thru-out the land where in Liberty dwells, And forever and ever their names are exalted; with heroes long vanished their number will swell.

Long were the hours and hot was the fighting, but none were so gallant as those men in blue. They fought the good fight, they held up the banner, the flag of the free and the brave and the true. The mighty waves of the boundless Pacific pounds the white sands of a faraway isle, But still unafraid, neath the flag of their country, the Heroes of America gallantly smile.

SENIOR ENGINEER
Washington, Dec. 30.—(UP)—Interior Secretary Ickes announced today the appointment of Charles E. Carey, formerly of the Bonneville administration, to be senior engineer in charge of arrangements for marketing power from the 450,000 kilowatt hydro development of the Central valley reclamation project in California.

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