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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Many citizens, due to the fire rationing, threaten to resume walking, but as yet no Hiking Clubs have been formed to march to the top of Roxy Ann on Sundays.

G. Averill, the old mariner from the B. Falls district towed Tues. and Wed.

Limbs of the law of this neck of the woods attended a police school most of the weeks. There was not a single case of tardiness, and nobody was behind with their spelling.

The local sparrows of which there are a superfluity banqueted all week as kids of both genders put out bread crumbs for the feathered creatures. A few remembered to put out hamburger and suet for robins, who don't eat bread.

E. Ulrich, the Prospect mt.-wm. had 14 inches of snow at his place Mon. and hurried home to find more greeting him.

The Russians continue to tear after the Nazis, like Mike DeVore after his Grandpaw Con for a nickel.

The new cigarette tax became effective Thurs. Many were so irked they started smoking a pipe, but not chewing tobacco.

F. Homes of Ashland was up Wed. on business in connection with saving the soil.

Colds are the order of the day, among both city and country denizens.

Herr Hitler is now fighting with his Prussian generals, over the conduct of the war, and some commentators think it is just a question which side gets the other up against a brick wall first.

F. Strang, who was thrown into raptures by the OSC. victory over Duke has calmed down, until there are times during the day, when he goes all of 5 mins. without mentioning it.

Autoists around here are not paying much attention to the governmental advice to go slow and save gas, etc., etc.

The sun shown brightly Friday, after C. Wig Ashpole's corn forecast rain, and probable snow.

F. Luy, the Antelope cowhand showed up Thurs. wearing a pr. of steamed boots that cost enough to feed 16 Belgians that many weeks. They are parlor boots and never worn in the barn.

The Older Girls are getting ready to start spring housecleaning after Feb. 2 if the Ground Hog don't see his shadow.

Not many rumors prevailed last week, but what did were big league stuff. The bigger they are the quicker they last.

SURPLUS
Oklahoma City—(UP)—Oklahoma closed the year of 1941 with an \$8,000,000 surplus in the treasury, and according to best estimates will have about \$4,000,000 in the bank when the current bi-annual closes July 1, 1942. A constitutional amendment adopted by the voters in March of 1941 outlaws public state debt.

There are 16 varieties of edible fish and shellfish in the United States.

Cantonment Postscript

For lack of space, it was impossible a few days ago to make as detailed and complete comment upon the cantonment victory, as desired.

Our observations concerning the part played by the Chamber of Commerce were particularly abbreviated, and we fear some got the impression that that organization and its officers, in this department's judgment, did no effective work except in the direction of preparing the community, for the cantonment,—if and when it DID come.

SUCH a conclusion if drawn, would not only have been untrue, but the exact reverse of the truth. The securing of the cantonment, in fact, is as clear cut and unqualified an achievement of the Chamber of Commerce and its tireless and efficient leadership (we mean YOU, General Jackson!) as could be imagined.

The point we wished to make before was that the selection of Medford by the War department, was NOT the result of political pressure,—of politics in any form,—Medford only got the post, because the officers in the army construction department finally decided, this was the best place, from the standpoint of the national interest, to build a cantonment at this particular time.

NOW in spite of the wise guys and the know-it-all cynics, that IS the literal and absolute truth,—we don't claim cantonments HAVEN'T been built upon a political basis,—we DO claim, the Medford cantonment, was NOT. (And from every standpoint we are glad it wasn't.)

On the other hand we are equally certain that had the Chamber of Commerce (take another bow, Mr. Jackson!) NOT done what it did do the cantonment would never have been secured.

Why? Because in an exceptionally persistent and efficient way, not only were the salient FACTS,—ALL the facts,—regarding the advantages of the local site kept constantly before the construction division of the war department, but they were kept up-to-date. An official cantonment query was never received that wasn't promptly and completely answered. And through the Chamber (this is the last one, General!) such a cooperative, helpful and generous spirit was maintained with the powers that be, that the war department never had a chance to forget Medford or the real advantages that Medford possessed.

And it was upon the basis of THAT knowledge,—sometimes delivered through political channels, of course,—that the final victory was won,—and ONLY that!

The JACKSON County Chamber of Commerce (no it's ANOTHER "Jackson", this time, General) did it!

The Rising Sun

The war situation in the Far East, particularly in the Singapore zone, looks increasingly serious,—in fact critical.

But there is a silver-lining to that cloud,—and a very bright one,—though it is on the other side, of another ocean.

In fact, if the latest press dispatches can be taken at their face value, then the German situation in Europe is even more critical than the allied situation in the Orient.

And this point should never be forgotten: the corner stone of the Axis arch is Germany, not Japan,—when Germany starts to crumble, Nippon can't long stand,—World War No. 2 is over!

THERE is, however, a rather formidable "if" in this conclusion. IF the latest press dispatches, can be taken at their face value.

For many weeks now there has been something suspicious,—even phoney,—not only in the exuberant Russian claims, but the frequent German admissions,—very damaging ones.

Although there has been no doubt of the Russian advance, the recapture of an extensive and important territory, that Hitler spent hundreds of thousands of his best storm troopers, and many valuable months, to gain.

It has been notable that Russia at no time claimed vast numbers of German prisoners, and yet repeatedly claimed the enemy routed, which didn't add up very convincingly.

Therefore Berlin's alibi that the winter had forced an abandonment of the blitzkrieg offensive, and gradual retirement to a prepared—and STEAM HEATED!—"Siegfried line", did make some sense.

In short there was some reason to believe, the Russian claims exaggerated and that the German eastern front would soon be stabilized, for the winter, according to Hitler's preconceived plan.

BUT during the past week or ten days evidence has accumulated that this is no voluntary retirement on the part of the German forces but the result of a smashing Russian offensive, that to date, the German High Command, with all its alleged mastery of modern military tactics, has not been able to slow down, much less stop.

And now comes Dr. Dietrich, Hitler's own press representative, who (Saturday), broadcasts the following:

"Germany's military operations (on the eastern front) have entered an extremely serious and indeed critical phase."

This is the same Dr. Dietrich who, only four months ago, September 9th, 1941, declared:

"Here (Bryansk-Vyazma) the last fully able Russian army-

ies of the entire Soviet front, without any leadership, are facing annihilation. . . . The Soviet Union is militarily finished!"

WELL NOW,—

Unless this present Dietrich statement, is as far from the truth as the first,—a slick ruse to give Russia a false sense of security, as the first was a futile effort to break Russian morale.

The next few days or weeks, may bring about such an overwhelming Red Army triumph that Hitler may fall—or kill himself—and miraculously there WILL BE the END of the war!

WE are advising no one to order fireworks and champagne, for the Armistice celebration just yet.

But we ARE advising those who are terribly depressed by the situation in the Far East, to turn their respective backs upon that area for a while, and turn their eyes upon what is going on between Russia and Germany.

There is the RISING sun, as compared with the sun that is SETTING. We grant it MAY be a false dawn, but all the military experts we have heard DON'T think so.

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.

SEVEN KEYS ARE ENOUGH

Sometimes I wonder whether the seven keys are enough whether we should not have included an eighth key in "The 7 Keys to Vite" (60-page booklet for copy send 25 cents and stamped envelope bearing your address). The eighth key might have been Good Posture—and if any printer changes that to pasture I'll say I'll with it and seek amnesia on the bowling green. However, in preparing the guide book we assumed that another key, Daily Exercise, would take care of the posture; especially in conjunction with Belly Breathing and Somersaults.

Wait, now, it isn't really so crazy as it may seem at first blush, if you're a thoroughly dignified old stiff. You never can tell how much antics will affect you until you try them, you know. I'm sure you would take a more tolerant view of the subject if you could glance through a few score of reports received from people who, formerly branded my teachings about somersaulting, for example, as silly or dangerous.

For that matter perhaps one key, designated, for instance, Rejuvenation Diet, might cover not only the essentials of vitamin and mineral supply but also the essential of an adequate intake of iodine. But knowing people as I do, it seemed well to present them with the seven keys, namely:

1. Save Your Teeth.
2. Temperance.
3. Rejuvenation Diet.
4. Iodine Ration.
5. Some Movements of the Last Brady Symphony.
6. Nudity—that is sun bathing air bathing.
7. Belly Breathing.

If you miss somersaults from the recipe don't let it disturb you. Each rendition of the movements of the Symphony is introduced half a dozen rolls. The rolls (which are not Websterian somersaults) are or should be easy enough for any one who is not actually decrepit. Understand, in doing a Brady somersault you just curl up and place hands and crown of head on floor or ground, keep curled up tight, give a little push with your feet, and, upyadsky, over you roll like a hoop and come right up on your feet smiling.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Stupid to Suffer from Piles
On receiving your pamphlet "It is Stupid to Suffer from Piles" I inquired at the County Medical Society for a doctor who gives such injection treatment, and they recommended Dr. . . . His treatments have been most successful, and I am now completely relieved, after having suffered for 12 years. (J. D. A.)

Answer—Yet there are a lot of stupid people in the country. On request I am glad to send the pamphlet—enclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

Facials
Been told facials will bring lines to a woman's face early in her years. Have also heard that if you go to a competent operator facials will not bring lines. (Miss S. M. A.)

Answer—That pastime of madam has nothing to do with lines in the face.

Is It an Ordeal?
I am 37, have child nine years old, believe I am pregnant, scared to death, as I'm too old now to have a baby. (Mrs. M. E. C.)

Answer—Don't be silly, Ma'am. No reason why it should not be rather less of an "ordeal" than the first born.

Child Grinds Teeth
Six year old daughter constantly grinds her teeth when asleep. (B. H.)

Answer—Give her calcium and vitamin D. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for pamphlet "The Calcium Shortage" (Copyright, 1942, by John F. Dille Co.)

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carrying the battle flags of Nippon ever closer to the Great Singapore stronghold."

YOU have read and thrilled to the story of Leonidas and his Greeks who held the pass of Thermopylae against the Persian hordes.

On the island of Luzon and the Malay peninsula a similar operation is taking place.

MacArthur and his Americans and Filipinos and the British and colonials are making a last ditch fight against superior enemy forces to GAIN TIME for the organization of an adequate defense against the Japs in the South Seas.

That is what Leonidas did at Thermopylae.

THE Persian hordes of Darius trampled over Leonidas and his 1400 Greeks and captured and burned Athens, but in the time gained at Thermopylae the allied Greek fleets rallied and came together and destroyed the Persian fleet in a great battle at Salamis.

Here is the other:

"On the Malay peninsula the British are being forced back relentlessly by the weight of unrelenting enemy drives which are

Manila and Singapore before allied resistance can be organized in the South Seas the Japs have weakened themselves farther north.

Chungking reports that Chinese armies have penetrated the outer defenses of Canton and Nanchang and that the Japs are still retreating from Changsha. Jap air strength in China has been so weakened that the small Chinese air force has been able to take the offensive on several occasions.

Chungking also reports that Chinese troops in British Burma are moving up to "designated positions" and that more Chinese troops are ready to enter Burma. Burma is a threat on the flank and rear of the Jap drive toward Singapore.

THE bad news continues today, as yesterday, to come from the South Seas and the good news from Russia and Africa.

The Russians claim to have virtually broken the sieges of Leningrad and Sevastopol. Meanwhile, Premier Sikorski of the Polish government-in-exile in London, asserts that in the next three months the Germans will be hurled back to a line based on Smolensk, 210 miles west of Moscow, and adds: "The carelessness of Hitler has been so great I would not be surprised if he had failed to prepare ANY new defense lines in his rear."

THAT is one man's opinion, of course. But carelessness on the part of a commander can be FATAL.

At Smolensk, on his way to Moscow in 1812, Napoleon was strongly advised by his generals to pause and bring up supplies and organize his campaign systematically. But Napoleon, like Hitler, was IN A HURRY. He wanted to SMASH RUSSIA, and he couldn't WAIT.

So he pressed on recklessly. His failure to organize his supply lines in the rear was responsible for the starvation and demoralization of his Grande Armee—demoralization so complete that of the nearly half a million who entered Russia in June only 8800 answered the roll-call after the disastrous crossing of the Berezina in early November.

HITLER has recently had a falling out with his generals and fired most of them, assuming complete command himself. Rumors are filtering out that Hitler's generals advised caution, as did Napoleon's.

But Hitler, like Napoleon, was in too much of a hurry for caution.

He may now be paying the price for his haste.

THOSE two dozen or more landing fields selected by CAA in Washington and Oregon and which have been progressing more or less casually with labor of relief workers, are to be finished at the earliest possible moment. Each is part of the general strategic plan of the air force. In event of an aerial attack on any of the group centers from Everett to Pendleton, the theory is that army planes, if necessary, can scatter to the four winds, with one or two landing at these widely separated fields, making it impossible for them to be destroyed at headquarters, as was done at Hickam field, near Honolulu. Underground hangars are not even being considered. The only camouflaged defense center in the Pacific northwest is the ordi-

ordinate of the assistant secretary, the latter will not interfere because the colonel is a specialist and is supposed to know what's what.

INFERENCE of the war department is that the Pacific northwest will be attacked some day or night and that the Pacific fleet can not prevent such a visit, and the war department does not want war industries destroyed by a few bombs; therefore locate the rolling mills where they will be reasonably safe. The same theory applies to Los Angeles. Caustically, it was suggested to Assistant Secretary Patterson that if the Pacific northwest is so exposed it might be a better idea to evacuate the country west of the Cascades and everyone head for the Rocky mountains.

RUMOR, as yet unconfirmed, is that the Japanese menace to the west coast may result in the war department moving some troops in California further inland and abandoning some, if not all, the big cantonments in that state. The rumor does not mention Fort Lewis, near Tacoma, the concentration point of land troops in the northwest. The view of the war department relative to the fabricating plants at Troutdale and Los Angeles might extend further and affect the contemplated cantonments in the Albany-Corvallis and Medford areas, the surveyed sites for these cantonments being so near the ocean.

President Roosevelt apparently favors moving defense industries to the interior, or at least having parts of plants mobile and distributed in a safe region. A study is being made, the president indicated, for transferring vital sections of industries, such as aircraft and engine factories, on short notice. An entire defense industry, explains the chief executive, would not be involved, but various sections, such as small concerns producing certain parts, could be moved and distributed in several communities. The assembly plant would not be disturbed. The government is now having airplanes assembled at Wichita, Kan., although some parts are being manufactured in the northwest.

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nance department's munitions dump at Hermiston, where hundreds of concrete igloos have been dolled up to look like the surrounding terrain.

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
January 11, 1932
(It was Monday)
Chinese bandits wipe out detachment of Japanese infantry near Hsin.

Market for eggs worst in years, butter weakens.

Fire Chief urges people to clean flues and burn old Christmas trees now.

Short change artist operating in valley is nabbed at Ashland.

World bank sees inability of Germany to pay war debts.

New snow fall piles up drifts in Siskiyou and Cascades. Snow and unsettled weather predicted for valley. High 52, low 32 degrees.

Crime situation in Hawaii to be probed following sensational murder and assault case.

Charles G. Dawes endorses Hoover as republican candidate for presidential nomination.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
January 11, 1912
(It was Wednesday)
Sixty-two miles of macadam road built in Jackson county last year.

Premier Briand defends France's stand on payment of German reparations.

Water assured coming year to landowners of the Medford irrigation district.

Political pot for May primary starts to boil in county.

Fair weather with a high of 35 and a low of 25 degrees.

Miss Bruce Putnam of Salem, former Medford miss, makes debut as musical composer.

January 20 is deadline for acquiring of 1922 license plates by autoists.

O. O. Alenderfer is elected president of the Craters club.

Mortgage on Christian church to be burned next Sunday, and church dedicated free of debt.

BARTER FOR LUNCH
Bergen, N. Y. (UP)—Since the Bergen high school's economics department inaugurated a system of exchanging a full meal for a few potatoes or other farm produce, 50 percent of the students remaining on campus at the noon recess have become regular "customers."

Bridgewater, N. S. (UP)—Nova Scotia's stepped-up farm production program got a boost from J. Aitken Greene, whose neighbors are still talking about his accomplishment of raising six well-formed heads of cabbage on one stalk.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.
Industry Shift May Hit Coast

Attack on Coast Is Expectation

Will Speed Up Landing Fields

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—It is no longer a privileged communication—the war department is thinking very seriously of shifting from the Pacific coast to somewhere in the interior some of the major war industries.

A lieutenant colonel who has the "say" is figuring on locating in Salt Lake City the proposed aluminum fabricating plant designed for Los Angeles and placing at Spokane the fabricating plant intended for Troutdale. It also is contemplated moving some of the Boeing aircraft operations from Puget sound to Kansas. All these shifts are proposed under the general alibi of national defense—and "would you want an industry located where the enemy can bomb it from the air?"

Having given contracts for more than one billion dollars to aircraft factories in Washington and California, all built practically on the water, the war department now regrets; says these plants would be easy targets for enemy fliers and some could be reached by shells fired from a submarine a few miles off shore.

War department favored the concentration of aircraft industry around Los Angeles; advanced funds for Seattle's Boeing to spread out in the Puget sound country.

Because, explains the war department, a mistake was made in placing so much of the war business on an exposed coast is no reason why new war industry should be located there. The aluminum rolling mills, they contend, therefore should be built in the hinterland, far enough inland to be almost out of reach of the bomber. Los Angeles is aware of the threat and has been in communication with northwest senators to put up a battle against the proposed shift.

Assistant Secretary of War Patterson has washed his hands of the affair; declares the lieutenant colonel is running the show and, while the officer is a sub-

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