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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Special writers recently returned from Italy report Premier Mussolini is "acting the fool." The general opinion hereabouts seems to be, he isn't acting.

By way of change, in a northern California town, a boy driving an auto, narrowly averted running over a man riding a bicycle.

The mails from the east and south have been so irregular, the Sunday, February 8 issue of the Denver Post didn't get in until today.

Due to the war, the government will quit putting nickel in nickels. This may lead to no slots in slot-machines.

A citizen was caught smoking a cigar, chewing tobacco, with a wad of snuff under his upper lip, all at the same time, yes. He thought the cigarette tax in this state was a fine thing.

AND/OR HUDDLE (Press Dispatch)
"One applicant for reinstatement of license said he operated a dairy farm and also was interested in a logging operation in addition to his tavern. Chairman Lloyd J. Wentworth advised him to "scatter yourself a little less and concentrate a little more."

A wolf is reported prowling through the timber back of Trail. From all accounts he is big enough to be spelled wolf.

Mike Hanley, a proud papa of Lake Crk. towed Tues. He states his body is showing remarkable strength, and able to lick any boy in Medford his weight and months.

Another problem confronting the heavy thinkers, with an eye to the future, is, "how to curb the militaristic spirit and war fever of Germany and Japan?" when peace comes. This should cause no extended brow wrinkling. By making Japan, a province of China, and placing Germany in charge of the Jewish people, all future world conquering plans will be effectively nipped in the incipency.

"Window peepers and dog poisoners seem to be rather thick in our city again; a liberal dose of lead would make a splendid cure for both of the ailments."—(Pratt, Kas., Union). Mixed with rock salt.

WOMAN'S CHARMING AGE
"A woman's most delightful age is 7. At 7 she sits on a man's knee without hesitation, affected or genuine, and without putting the knee to sleep. She enjoys listening to him, encourages him to talk, and believes any story he tells. Her curiosity over what became of his hair is sometimes embarrassing, but her sympathy with him in his loss is unquestionably sincere. While unduly interested, perhaps, in the state of his exchequer and never too proud to accept pecuniary aid, she is no gold digger whose gratitude is measured by the amount of the contribution. For as little as two copper cents she will bear-hug his spectacles all out of shape, and he feels sure she means it. At seven she is more or less front-toothless, to be sure. But then she doesn't yet chalk her nose or paint her nails, and she hasn't begun to use tobacco."—(New York Times).

Editorial Correspondence

Portland, Jan. 28.—Came up here with a round-trip ticket expecting to return to Medford ere this. But had to return the unused portion (about the size of a weighing machine ticket) to Rosey for a refund, and am leaving in a few minutes for the old homestead in Rockford, Ill.—"Ill" is right for it is illness this time. Not serious, but one of the few leaves left on the Victorian branch of the family tree is wanted. (The older one gets the nicer it is to be.—WANTED) So there is really no need to pull out the tremolo stop as yet, although neither the time of year nor the occasion is anything to become hilarious about.

Yes, tomorrow at this time we should be somewhere in the vicinity of Ogden, Utah, for this is not a fast train—there won't be one until the end of the week and we can't wait that long.

A really beautiful Spring day today, after two days of darkness and steady rain. And we have come to a very important decision regarding Portland,—solved a mystery which has bothered us for close to thirty years. The mystery has been: "WHY there are so few Portlanders of the bouncing, exuberant, LIFE-LOVING type, in such sharp contrast with San Franciscans." Nice people here of course,—as there are everywhere. But the Portlanders with zip and go and verve is, and has always been so RARE. And the answer is the WEATHER!

Well that's off the editorial mind,—something that has been bothersome ever since our first extended stop here in 1911. And Professor Channing who wrote a very interesting history of the United States would back up this verdict if he were here,—for he understood what an important factor the climate is in the development of human character, and of course national character as well. But unfortunately Professor C. is dead.

However we are convinced that is the answer. And that is why there is so much more zest and spirit and "joie de vivre" south of the Umpqua Divide,—the people essentially are not different, the climate (thank God!) IS!

Took a long walk to celebrate the Spring sunshine, down the river along Front Street where the Gay Ninety buildings are being torn down, Mansard roofs, moss-grown cornices and all—more than ever like a movie setting in Hollywood depicting the Alaska gold rush days,—for when Front Street was the MAIN Street here, most of the boys and girls were rushing up there. On one tottering portico there was a wonderful stand of grass or timothy hay,—too far to tell exactly,—and the important factor of the weather again came to mind. Here is the origin of the moss-back term.

Crossed the bridge to East Portland,—still hoofing it,—and down along the railroad tracks to the Burnside bridge and so back to the hotel,—railroad tracks still have a strong fascination for the present writer,—one of the most stirring adventures occurred along the I. C. tracks, in Rockford, many, many years ago, from which we returned a sadder and less pugilistically disposed young man,—but that is another story!

Still going strong, meandered up Park Avenue past the stately Arlington club, and the familiar statues of Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt, as a Rough Rider,—we donated a dollar for the latter when Dr. Coe was alive, and we were both rip-roaring Bull Moosers—but we doubt if there is any record of the donors. At least none on the statue, and why should there be? There must have been several hundred of them,—perhaps thousands. Only it seems a trifle sad,—the record of such things should be somewhere. Probably are. Sic gloria transit mundi, etc., etc.

CERTAINLY, this SHOULD be one of the most attractive sections of Portland, with the great towering trees, and parking spaces, grass plots and nice benches where one may sit down!

But in spite of the weather few signs of life about except flocks of pigeons up along the telephone wires but none of them coming down,—apparently realizing the few figures there have neither peanuts nor dry bread crumbs.

An elderly gentleman (much prefer that to old man) at the next bench, is suffering from a chill or the palsy, shakes like the Colorado Aspen but detecting a contemporary in your correspondent, says it is nice to sit there facing the sun. Which it is. He also says the railroad men have not come out yet, and presumably noting the lack of comprehension on the old ranger's physiognomy, elucidated by adding most of the older boys frequenting this portion of Park Avenue are railroad pensioners,—later several of them, straggled in, one called "captain" of a fresh rather than salt water variety we would imagine,—at least he proceeded to sing—a very true voice, too, "My Wild Irish Rose", which we don't believe has ever been accepted as "Kosher" on the High Seas—but perhaps,—we don't know. (Didn't see J. Ormandy among them!)

Dropped over to see C. Voorhies at the Portland Art Museum—but he was "gone for the day",—so we strolled back to the hotel and called it ONE,—as far as pedestrianism is concerned.

Yes, there are styles in movie stars just as there are in Easter bonnets and sports suits. Also don't forget this, it takes TWO to make a movie success as well as some other things,—those BEHIND the footlights and those in FRONT of them. Which is an introduction to this startling admission:

This particular movie critic walked out on Garbo and M. Douglas this afternoon in "Two Faced Woman",—couldn't stand any more.

Not because they didn't do their stuff, not because the play was so bad,—though it wasn't so good either,—but because it was all as "dated" and dull and depressing, as a grade school revival of Uncle Tom's Cabin—just couldn't put LIFE in the thing. Yet in honesty we must grant Garbo did her job very well. In short the fault was not on the other side of the footlights, but this one.

Trust the Administration building on the desert is coming along ok. and General Jackson has put his running shoes away for a spell,—or sent them to G.B. to have the spikes sharpened. We knew we shall miss the General,—probably sleep all the way to Chicago!—R.W.R.

Auto Tax Stickers Must Be Displayed After Noon Jan. 31

The last chance to purchase motor vehicle tax stamps on time will go when the postoffice closes at noon Saturday. Postmaster Frank DeSouza counseled car owners today. The new federal law imposing the tax goes into effect Monday.

main at \$2.09 through February and then it will diminish each month to the end of the fiscal year. The price will be \$1.67 in March, \$1.25 in April, \$4 cents in May and 42 cents in June. Beginning July 1 it will be necessary to purchase a \$3 stamp for the full fiscal year.

Germans Promise A.E.F. "Welcome"

Berlin, (From German Broadcasts), Jan. 29.—(AP)—A Berlin broadcast said today that any American soldiers who reached northern Ireland "raring for action" against the reich could be assured that a "hearty welcome" awaited them on the continent. The broadcast said the arrival of the troops in northern Ireland was not unexpected because American technicians had been there preparing bases since before the United States entered the war.

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.

WALLA-WALLA WOMAN WANTS TO ALLOW
What do you mean "no use for bathtubs anyway?" (she demands). Here I've been longing for a tub.



Dr. Brady

Ma'am, if I had a crowbar and an acetylene torch I'd gladly dig out a tub or two and send it or them to you. To the best of my knowledge nobody has used a tub around here since about 1934, except maybe young Bill who sometimes uses one for submarine maneuvers. As a health adviser I have no objection to an occasional wet wash, if that is necessary to remove dirt or grime. I do object to any suggestions that wallowing in a tub has anything to do with health. A shower bath takes up less space than a bathtub and is all the bathing equipment any well regulated household requires. Bath tubs should be reserved exclusively for hospitals, sanitariums where some inmates are unable to get into or out of the bath unaided.

A shower bath, no matter how simple or primitive, is easily more "sanitary" than any bathtub.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

I am 28, 67 inches tall, and have been 15 to 20 pounds overweight since my son was born last June. Before that my average weight was 145 to 148 pounds. How should I go about reducing without endangering my health or good looks (such as I have)? (Mrs. G. R.)

Answer—Also give me details for arthritis. The treatment simply worked wonders in my case—I am again back on the job and my doctor is now using it in several similar cases and getting excellent results in some of them. (M. B. H.)

Answer—Thank you. On request I am glad to send copy of the pamphlet on "Arthritis", if you inclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

I am taking advantage of this opportunity to congratulate you for your fearlessness in speaking out against reactionary M. D.s (Health Service)

Answer—I have no idea what you mean, but I hope you refer to my efforts to expose quackery. (Copyright 1942, John P. Dille Co.)

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Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C. Easterners Low On Camp Bids RFC Will Retain Fairview Site Navy To Build Smaller Vessels

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Two of the best known furnace appliance companies in the northwest combined their facilities and submitted a rock-bottom bid to provide 600 heating plants for the big military cantonment to be built at Medford, Ore. For two days and nights in the national capital company men filled hundreds of sheets of yellow paper with a mass of figures, sharpened their pencils and reduced their proposal to a point where there was just a fair profit. With all these congressional committees kicking at army and navy for reckless extravagance and contractors making up to 200 percent (200 correct; not 20), the heating experts intended avoiding any charge of profiteering and at the same time keep their industry moving with war orders.

When the bids were opened a whooping large industry in the east put in a bid so low that the northwesterners could not touch it without losing their plants and shirts. It is said the easterners will lay down at the cantonment heaters for a price below what the westerners would have to pay for their raw material. And that is what has happened to two so-called small industries seeking to fill a contract on home grounds. What will happen to the plumbing is a guess. Firms in Washington and Oregon want the job as it runs into a substantial sum—plumbing for a cantonment of 30,000 men—but there is the prospect of some eastern house underbidding.

A handicap to the northwest is the long freight haul from the east for supplies, with high freight rates. Westerners can only obtain material or metal

from eastern factories by rail, there being no more intercoastal shipping. Before the material can be obtained it is necessary to secure a priority rating, which means lost time in the confusion at Washington, before an order can be placed with the factory. Somehow, the eastern concerns seem to have these details all ironed out.

COMPLAINT is made by real estate dealers that absence of detailed information on war risk insurance is injuring their business. One agent in the northwest has written to RFC for \$5000 such insurance on his home for the purpose of learning what it is all about. He says he lost the sale of a \$150,000 property because at the last moment the expectant purchaser inquired about war risk insurance and when informed that few companies are writing such policies and that Lloyd's of London now refuses to touch it, the deal fell through.

All that is known of war risk insurance is that one hundred million dollars has been set aside to pay for damage caused by bombs to any building, crops or orchard and that the insurance does not cover works of art. Later some rate may be worked out, but until this is done if a Japanese flier drops an egg on any place the RFC will pay without any red tape. American ships are covered from a different fund.

JESSE H. JONES, boss of RFC, has decided that the site acquired and partly prepared for the old LaFollette peach orchard near Fairview will not be relinquished. He implies that the site will be used for something later on, but at this time has no definite idea what it will be. It is within the range of probability that a fabricating plant may be located there—not the big industry now sent east of the mountains, but a smaller plant.

NAVY department having been voted new money for 1700 more vessels of the smaller types, is preparing to distribute orders in private yards as rapidly as possible. Like the maritime commission, the navy contemplates no new yards, but practically all the yards in the northwest which have been

working on navy contracts will receive additional orders. In some instances the navy is not waiting for yards to make application but has sent word that they must take such and such a number of craft, "and get busy." Navy, too, is preparing to look up iron plants with orders for propulsion machinery and the companies building generators. All navy orders now, under the new arrangement, funnel through the office of production boss Donald Nelson.

PROFITS of 21.6 percent made by Todd Seattle Dry Dock, Inc., have come to the attention of the house committee on naval affairs in a report which protests excessive profits on navy contracts. The profits of the Seattle shipyard, however, are modest compared with a number of other concerns mentioned in the report. The committee maintains that 7 percent profit is a fair return and anything above that is excessive. This is the second congressional report criticizing the navy for making free-handed contracts; the other report, a stem-winder, was by the Truman senate committee investigating costs of war production.



By FRANK JENKINS

U. S. troops arrive in the British Isles, and are greeted by the glad cry: "The Yanks are here!"

Churchill, defending his conduct of Britain's war effort, tells parliament:

U. S. troops arriving in Britain are only the vanguard of more to come.

U. S. fighters will help defend Britain against assault.

U. S. bombers will help Britain bomb Germany.

DONT utter the thoughts that are in your mind. Don't think of MacArthur and his men who are fighting with out hope of reinforcement to delay the Jap attack on Singapore, the East Indies and Australia.

REMEMBER that sending American troops to the British Isles has been agreed upon in Washington and that Washington knows the whole world-wide war picture and YOU DO NOT.

Wars have to be run by those at the top who know what is going on.

LET'S do a little guessing. These U. S. troops have been sent to IRELAND. Ireland is a ticklish problem. Rather than permit British troops in Ireland the Irish are willing to risk conquest by Hitler.

Adding it all up, you will probably get this: The Irish may be willing to tolerate American troops on their soil (for their own protection) whereas they would not be willing to tolerate British troops.

CHURCHILL, still telling as much of the bad as of the good, faces a critical parliament and gets away with it.

He says: "We shall PRESENTLY REGAIN naval command of the Pacific and BEGIN to establish effective superiority in the air."

That is a plain statement that the Japs NOW have both naval and air superiority in the Pacific.

He adds: "Japanese naval superiority will last long enough to inflict many heavy and painful losses on the United Nations in the far Pacific, but if we persevere the oot will ultimately be on the other foot."

That is a flat statement that more MUST BE LOST in the Pacific before we can hope to begin to win back.

BUT he adds: "I feel a broadening swell of victory and liberation bearing us and all tortured peoples onward SAFELY to the final goal."

Because he has never hesitated to tell us the worst and because in broad outline his predictions of something better to come in the future have been borne out people everywhere have confidence in Churchill.

If parliament should REFUSE him a vote of confidence and in accordance with the English system he should thus be forced out and someone else put in his place, we would all consider it a calamity of the first water.

The 123 million sheep in Australia provides about one-fourth of the world output of wool.

News Behind The News

by Paul Mallon

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was created around the rubber and rubber products division of WPB. The manufacturers claimed they only needed a little bit of rubber anyway to continue in business, but if cut off entirely, they would have to abandon one of their national features.

Britain, they said, had tried to eliminate such mysterious indescribable garments at the beginning of this war, under the delusion that they were not of vital consequence, but British womanhood soon spoke, and the untutored male officials immediately corrected their mistake.

Mr. Knowlson reweighed his decision in the light of employment and business (not excluding feminine interest) and saw the what-you-may-call-it would not use much rubber anyhow. The impression has subsequently spread in WPB that Mr. Knowlson is a wise man.

THE confusion on sugar was a little different. Practically all official voices, including Mrs. Roosevelt's, had agreed rationing would not be necessary the first six months of this year. Jesse Jones, the commerce secretary had bought the entire Cuban crop. But Russia and Britain made larger demands than expected upon Jones, and foolish citizens began hoarding.

Even so the shortage is not great. The deficiency seems to be about 10 percent. Jones has a good price for it, 3.7 cents at a time when the market was 3.5 cents. Consumption last year was only 7,300,000 tons and that figure represented at least 500,000 tons of industrial stocking-up for use this year.

If individual hoarding could be stopped, there would be no need for rationing, but apparently there are too many people in the country who want to get more than their share.

ANGRIEST sotto voce congressional comment on the Pearl Harbor report concerns the still prevailing world-wide tendency of the army and navy to avoid consultation and cooperation.

Senator Brewster (Maine) tells of his experience in Trinidad where the army and navy insisted on building separate air fields 30 or 40 miles apart, unconnected by roads through the jungle, although the army is responsible for defending the naval base. The governor there expressed surprise to Brewster, saying it was the first time he knew that "the army and navy weren't on speaking terms."

In Puerto Rico, says Brewster, the army commander did not know the war was on until an hour-and-a-half after the naval commander. When the navy was flying Brewster out to Dutch Harbor in Alaska, an army commander was denied the right to go in the same plane. The navy did not want army officers riding in its planes.

Sentiment for the creation of overall coordination boards for certain areas in the island possessions is rising to the point where congress may force action.

MAISKY ILL London, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The Russian embassy disclosed today that Ivan M. Maisky, Soviet ambassador to Britain, is ill with malaria.

CLAIMS Chanute Field, Ill. (AP)—He's not a visitor on a mission, but First Sergeant Eugene Winston Churchill is at Chanute Field just the same. The sergeant, who claims to be a relative of British prime minister, says his grandparents came to America from England in 1860.

TAKES CREDIT Boston (AP)—Research by the National Association of Postmasters shows that the U. S. postal service started in 1639 when the Massachusetts legislature passed a law requiring all mail from overseas to be deposited at the house of Richard Fairbanks. He distributed it to the rest of the colony.

Continued cold with probable snow predicted; high 38, low 33 degrees.

Twenty Years Ago Today January 29, 1922 (It was Sunday) Willard battery service station is robbed of \$1,000 worth of auto accessories and fixtures.

Oregon political pot starts to boil. Movie theater in Washington, D. C., collapses and 108 killed, 132 injured.

Senator Borah sees a plot to quash European war debts. Sir Ernest Shackleton, famed English South Antarctic explorer, dies of heart attack in icy regions.

Eight Notre Dame football players confess they played in semi-pro game. State to spend \$300,000 on Trail-Prospect road coming summer.

Rain still forecast; high 35, low 22. Knights of Pythias Plan Turkey Dinner On Friday Evening

Tailsman Lodge No. 31 Knight of Pythias will give a guest turkey dinner in their hall on North Grape street Friday at 7 p. m. which will be attended by delegations from Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls and other surrounding towns and including some high dignitaries of the organization. A prominent out-of-town speaker has been secured for the occasion.

A program of music and novelties will follow the banquet with Past Chancellor R. G. Beach as master of ceremonies. Deputy C. C. Howard is chairman of the general committee assisted by Knights Harry Barneburg and George Russell.

The dinner will be prepared and served by the Pythian Sisters, which means a feast fit for a king. This is the first big event of the year under the leadership of Chancellor Commander Fred Knox.

FAMINE TAKING TOLL IN GREECE Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 29.—(AP) Famine conditions in Greece are so acute that 2,000 persons died in Athens alone in a single day and bread sells for \$15 a loaf, the Journal De Geneve reported today.

The paper quoted an anonymous letter dated Dec. 9, 1941, from a writer in Greece as the source of its information.

"People of the streets all are like skeletons and on every corner people are lying down," the letter said. "The winter is especially intense and there is no wood.

"Only the richest can afford available food, with bread selling at \$15 a loaf."

MONOGRAM WHISKY advertisement with image of bottle and text: NOW 5 YEARS OLD MONOGRAM WHISKY. This high quality, mellow Straight Bourbon Whisky is now aged for five years! A full strength product of expert distilling methods in use since 1886. Bottled in Bond under the supervision of the U.S. Govt. Selling at the same low prices. 100 PROOF. \$280 & \$145.