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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Tomorrow is Ground Hog day.

If the varmint comes out of his hole and sees his shadow,

there will be six weeks more of weather, and, if he don't

there will be six weeks more of the same.

Herr Hitler of Germany popped off Fri. and promised dire things for the democracies and Britain.

In 1918, the Kaiser announced he would make "England eat granite." Three months later Germany folded, and the war lord fled to Holland.

A number of local daredevil autoists the past week have been flirting with the cowcatchers of Espee locomotives at crossings.

As yet neither the wrecker nor the coroner have been summoned.

The Rudy Sleight boy at OSC is president of the Sophs, and had his picture in the campus paper.

The Sophs will raise whippers for two weeks instead of one, as originally planned.

The picture shows him smooth-faced.

A Dark Hollow almond tree burst forth into full blossom last week, and will repeat later.

The Older Girls have started pondering spring bonnets, and fearing they will get rained on, Easter Sunday, April 5.

A number of prospectors have picked up their picks and pancake flour, and hit for the hills.

Candidates are scarce and diffident to date, but the shortage is causing no trepidation, as the better scribblers say. There might be a deluge of them later.

Examinations were held in the schools last week. To juveniles this is like filling out an income tax blank. The Dubb Watson boy is now in sr. hi.

C. Clay of the corner, has been in throes of spring store cleaning, and getting his interior painted.

Willis Scott of the Sterling district towed Wed. and reports the new grass is coming up fine, and there will be plenty for the bullocks and heifers.

A reader reports she likes to read about Peoria Bill Gates' pipe. It can still be withheld without a gas mask on.

Sen. Holman (R., Ore.) arose in the Senate Thursday, and announced he smelt a political mouse in the moving of an aluminum plant from near the metropolis to Spokane. The senator is very outspoken, and never will be.

Fred (No. 7) Stennett, who retired Jan. 1, after 56 years of printing, reports the past month, with nothing to do but nothing, seemed that long.

The hs. bb. quint defeated the sister city to the south Fri. eve 34-18, while the sister city to the north, surprised itself and everybody else by walloping Roseburg 41 to 29.

The Art Hess boy Billy is ten years old today, and feels as young as he ever did.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—All Portland produce prices steady, unchanged.

The Mail Tribune wants you.

Editorial Correspondence

En Route to Chicago Aboard Portland Rose, Jan. 29.—My old pal General "Hotfoot" Jackson wouldn't stand this Left Portland at 9:30 last night, and reached Baker this morning, after choosing hard all night. Why buy a railroad ticket when you can beat it on the hoof!

The Portland Rose may be both beautiful and fragrant, but no one would accuse it of being "FAST"—or moving in fast company.

Dean Dearborn and Mrs. Dearborn of O.S.C. are on the "Rose" enroute to New York where Mrs. Dearborn has been called by the death of her brother.

A very gracious and handsome couple, both belonging to that rare type to which the famous "Cleo" belonged,—they grow older but refuse to LOOK the part. In fact they rather resemble a couple of photogenic juveniles, who have been made up by some Hollywood genius, with chalk and crayon to look like oldsters only for the third act.

The beautiful weather continues,—brilliant sun, not a cloud in the sky, just a sprinkle of snow over the landscape to give it a wintry look. Dr. K. should be here with his blunderbus, oodles of wild ducks around the creeks and ponds, not even a sliver of ice in sight. January in Idaho at least, is going out like Sonja Henie, in a burst of star dust!

Many soldier boys on the train,—look like high-school lads, rather self conscious and uncomfortable in their heavy regimentals.

Two across the aisle can't be over 20, one is painfully sucking up a rip in his khaki pants (his extra pair) the other smoking a big fat cigar. Sizing them up, we would pick the former in a fight. These boys are going to our destination (Rockford, Ill), the site of Camp Grant, after having enjoyed a visit with their "folks."

An extremely attractive young lady boards the train at Boise, her new suitcase plastered with college labels among which "Idaho" is prominent, and her fatherly escort asking the Pullman conductor to see that she makes her connection with the C.P.R. at Chicago for Toronto. The conductor would be delighted and will see her to her Parmelee bus. For two or three hours she sits alone demurely reading "Pic" and kindred HEAVY literature while the soldier boys eye her with obvious approval. Finally two of them come across and the bolder (with the cigar) asks if they may sit in the same section.

Not batting an eye Miss Collegiate says they may, but contrary to the Hollywood pattern they seem to be far more nervous than she,—can't talk and perspire like a couple of Turkish bath patients, wiping their beady foreheads repeatedly and grinning in self conscious and awkward fashion. Finally the domestic one who had patched his pants gives it up, takes his former seat and sheds his coat,—looking relieved to be out of it.

To turn the comedy into a farce the cigar smoker is discovered by the porter and told to throw the weed away or go to the smoking room, "They're ladies present!"

We doubt if the young man will feel any worse if and when he encounters his first bullet,—yet he has what it takes (in war) and ignores the request.

The porter who is a great admirer of Joe Louis, and should have taken up his hero's profession instead of one where amiability is an ASSET, repeats his command and adds, "an' I means it!"

"Keep your shirt on, buddy" snarls the adolescent minion of Mars, "can't I sit here and let it go OUT?"

And there he did sit. But the spell was broken, and he soon departed also. However the young lady was not alone for long,—two other soldiers are now taking a workout (Grandpapi isn't worrying—the Canadian Miss is quite capable of taking care of herself!)

At the end of the car four soldiers are playing rummy, and complaining because they joined up instead of getting jobs in essential war work at \$15 per day!

We inquire of one of the officers at luncheon and he says: "You must realize these privates have a tradition to maintain,—they wouldn't be real soldiers if they didn't grouse."

Might be well to remind the boys, that the Japs are fighting and dying for something like 80 cents a week, and any grouching over there,—or in Germany,—would undoubtedly mean the guard house if not worse. However that is certainly the doughboy tradition, and one of the things we are fighting for is "free speech!"

Of course our "severest critic" will seriously question the authenticity of this soldier-pretty girl episode, but with these "travelogues," as General Jackson will testify, ye editor NEVER ROMANCES,—so much as a single sentence. Events and places are recorded EXACTLY as they come along.

The second pair in khaki, by the way, have given up and beaten a strategic retreat, while the young lady,—and she really is very pretty,—has returned to her "Pic."

Just passed Shoshone Junction where the branch line goes to Sun Valley,—many smart looking men and women about—may be Hollywooders, maybe not.

Could you imagine the S. P. ever putting millions into a resort like that to build up traffic and the country? Their unfeeling business principle is to let someone else buy the cow while they milk it! Many railroads would do well to follow the U.P. in enterprise, public spirit and service.

Just before taking the train last night a newspaper man told us General DeWitt has upheld the S. P. contention that taking off that one-horse train and depriving Southern Oregon of all through train service to California comes under the heading of military necessity,—or words to that effect.

Of course, as before stated, if that is the general's official order, then the argument ends as far as this paper is concerned. In time of war no one should go beyond a commanding general's official statement.

Well, well,—here is an item. The Pullman conductor who is extremely attentive and courteous lives in Pocatello, Idaho, and his name is HITLER!—R.W.R.

GIRLIE SHOWS ON BROADWAY CLOSED

New York, Jan. 31.—(AP)—

In a move to forestall any lowering of morals because of the war, the city tonight ordered the padlocking of two 42nd street "girlie shows."

Licenses Commissioner Paul Moss said applications to renew licenses were denied the Eltinge and Republic theaters because the producers had not "lived up to the requirements of decency in accordance with the policy of Mayor La Guardia and the license department."

The mayor has repeatedly stated that war conditions will not be permitted to lower the standard of morals and of de-

WAGE INCREASES

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—(AP)—

O. E. Mechin, federal maritime commission engineer, announced today the signing of a new labor contract providing 10 percent wage increases for Portland and Vancouver, Wn., shipyard construction workers.

TRIVIAL AND TRITE

Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—(AP)—

Adolf Hitler's speech Friday went unmentioned in news columns of the Gettysburg Times. Editor Paul L. Roy explained in a front page "eat" that the speech was "inconsequential and trite."

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.

FIRST AID FOR FROSTBITE

Chilblain is frostbite. First degree frostbite (like first degree burn) if it is merely reddening, smarting or itching of the skin, mild inflammation. Second degree if blisters form.

The emergency treatment of chilblain, like that of frostbite of ear, cheek, fingers, is too often overdone. Only the gentlest rubbing or friction, if any, should be applied.

Stefansson, famous Arctic explorer, is surely qualified to advise how to treat frostbite. From his five years in the Arctic he learned that the best emergency treatment of frostbite of cheek, nose or other member is to hold the warm dry hand on the spot for a little while, very gently kneading it, but not rubbing it! If necessary warm the hand first by holding it in the armpit.

In any case manipulation of the frostbitten part should cease the instant blanching disappears and natural pink color returns.

Above all, do not apply ice, snow or cold water to a frostbitten or frozen member, and do not unnecessarily keep the patient in a cold or cool place if there is a warm place available. In this respect I am afraid some muddled medical men still harbor archaic notions. In my scrapbook are several odd communications from physicians who solemnly set forth their ideas about "drawing out frost," ideas so quaint that it is hard to believe a physician today could entertain them.

Applying ice, snow or cold water to frostbite is as absurd as the weird practice of "rolling on a barrel" a victim rescued from submersion. And it is as worthy as condemnation as the teaching, that rescuers should perpetrate the "jackknife" maneuver upon the victim before beginning artificial respiration.

To relieve the itching, smarting and aching of chilblain bathe the surface with a teaspoonful of alum in a half pint of warm water, then dry by pressing with soft towel and powder with simple talcum or borated talcum powder.

If blisters form do not break them until you must get about on your feet. Then carefully puncture each blister with a needle held first in a flame to

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

After following instructions in your pamphlet on "Head Noses and Ears" I find my trouble greatly improved, my hearing again almost normal, and the terrible pounding with every beat of my heart gone. It is a wonderful relief and I wish to thank you for your help. (Mrs. M. F. M.)

Thank you—Copy of the pamphlet mailed on request. If you inclose stamped envelope bearing your address, postcard requests cannot be answered.

Iodine Have been taking our drop of iodine but have been told iodine is sometimes made with wood alcohol. Is that true? Have also been taking vitamin B complex capsules but have just read that vitamin B is extracted from coal tar, and coal tar causes cancer. Have stopped both until we hear from you. (Mrs. A. M.)

Answer—I hope Ben doesn't tell you air embolism sometimes causes fatal collapse—you'd probably stop breathing till you heard from me. There is no foundation for the notions.

Where to Get Paba Please tell me where one can get this new vitamin called Paba, which prevents hair from turning gray and restores natural color to hair that has turned gray. (M. N.)

Answer—It is the anti-gray-hair factor in the natural vitamin B complex, and the best way to get it is in the form of the natural vitamin B complex. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, and ask for pamphlet "Care of the Hair."

Can you give me any advice or suggestions on the treatment of intolerable itching of the skin, especially after bathing? I use only the purest soap. (Mrs. M. W.)

Answer—Send stamped envelope bearing your address, ask for monograph on lotions, etc., given in "Save Your Skin"—booklet mailed if you send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address. (Copyright 1942, J. H. F. Dille Co.)

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we are not rich enough to pay the bills for everyone forever. We will not thus free the world, but only enslave our own people permanently with taxes and debt.

WHILE giving all the credit in the world to General MacArthur, do not forget it is the Filipino fighting man who is contributing much of the heart and brawn for his brain. Only a few American regiments have been in that battle line on Bataan. The major part of the forces are Filipinos.

DRINKING TESTS WITH KIN FATAL TO JERSEY GIRL

Newark, N. J., Jan. 31.—(AP)—Twelve-year-old Margaret Boylan died today a few hours after drinking 110 small glasses of water in a drinking contest with her brother and sister.

Dr. Harrison Martland, Essex county medical examiner, issued a tentative verdict of "death from internal drowning." He said the girl drank about five quarts of water.

Sergeant Thomas J. Birmingham of the Newark police casualty squad reported that Margaret, her brother, Philip, Jr., 13, and her sister, Kathleen, 14, had held a contest last night in the kitchen of their home to see who could drink the most water.

Philip drank 140 whiskey glasses and Kathleen, 120, they told Birmingham. Margaret drank 110 glasses in a short time. She died shortly after midnight.

Dr. Martland said Philip had a slight heart palpitation today but Kathleen showed no ill effects.

DESTROYER LAUNCHED Quincy, Mass., Jan. 31.—(AP)—On the way little more than eight months, or about half the peacetime period for a vessel of her type, the United States destroyer Barton was launched today at the Bethlehem Steel company's Fore River plant.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Sugar Rationing Cards Out Soon

Sugar Beet Boost Planned in West

Lack of Valves Hits Shipyards

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—

Government printing office, largest institution of its kind in the world and which operates 24 hours a day (serves complete turkey dinner on holidays for two bits) is preparing to tackle a real job. The presses will soon be turning out approximately 130,000,000 rationing cards for sugar. This job must be executed with dispatch and at the same time not interfere with printing the daily Congressional Record, postal cards, senate and house bills and the innumerable documents which give employment to about 4,000 men and women seven days a week.

Sugar rationing is intended to prevent housewives and others from hoarding, but any housewife will insist that in buying a few extra pounds for her family she is only using common sense. The government word for it, however, is hoarding.

Less than 90 days ago the sugar quota was made: so much beet sugar, so much from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Philippines quota was distributed to domestic producers. Everything was hunky-dory in October. In February the rationing cards are expected. The war is moving rapidly. Reason for rationing is that, while the United States can raise all the sugar it requires, this country is now preparing to supply all who are fighting Hitler, Italy and Japan, and that appears to take in the world.

In addition to sending sugar abroad, it is being converted into industrial alcohol for smokeless powder. To make alcohol, grain will be scarce, rye and bourbon production cut 60 percent; no rum, unless it is the Government House brand which Uncle Sam makes in Virgin Islands. Conservation of sugar has almost destroyed the soft drink business, dealers having been rationed the first of the month.

THERE are 7,000 acres in Washington good for sugar beet growing, according to the department of agriculture; many more thousands in eastern Oregon, in Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah and California. There is a refinery at Nyssa, another at Nampa. For this year and next, and probably in 1944 and 1945, settlers on reclamation projects where the soil is suitable will be permitted to grow all the sugar beets they can. Western senators and representatives are alert to the sugar situation, are insisting that all quotas are off and sugar beet farmers be given a free hand.

For climatic and other reasons the soil in Idaho, Washington and Oregon produce the best sugar beet in the country; very high sugar content. Promise is made that sugar price will not soar; will be stabilized. (Sugar bowls have been removed from the cafeteria in all government buildings; one spoon to the cup, and stir hard.)

EACH cargo carrier being launched in Columbia river district and on Puget sound requires 800 valves. Every destroyer requires 1,800 valves. These are of many kinds—large, small, for hot water, cold water, and steam. Navy department thought it had a sufficient number, now discovers that, with the expanded two-ocean navy, it will require thousands of tons of valves, a serious shortage.

The same situation applies to the federal maritime commission. Bremerton navy yard arranged with a northwest firm to supply 14,000 valves; promised to send samples; but decided it could not spare even these; promised blueprints did not send them, and finally informed the factory to work out the problem itself. The production manager is still scratching his head. The need of the valves is urgent.

ABOUT 650 to 700 workers, 80 percent women, will soon lose their jobs because of the wool shortage. They are employed in the largest mill and knitting factory in the Pacific northwest. A representative of the company (which has factories in England and Australia) could Cleopatra Drink a Pearl with Stomach Ulcer Pains?

An intriguing story of Cleopatra is the one where an admirer pecked the beauty of two of her pearls, whereupon she dropped one into a glass of wine and drank it. She would hardly have done this had she suffered after-eating pains. Those who are distressed with stomach or ulcer pains, indigestion, gas pains, heartburn, burning sensation, bloating and other conditions caused by excess acid should try a 25¢ box of Uga Tablets. They must help or money refunded. At Western Thrift and Drug Stores everywhere.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

February 1, 1922

Parrish Juniors of Salem defeat Medford Juniors 48 to 18; Senior high five defeats Roseburg 21-19.

Workmen complain about way work is parcelled out on new courthouse. County court will sift protests.

American fleet ordered to make ready for duty in Orient. Japan blames League of Nations for her invasion of China.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hess are parents of a baby boy, born today.

Continued cold with probable snow; high 34, low 20 degrees.

Army planes land in city en route to east.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

February 1, 1922

(It was Wednesday)

Disarmament treaty is accepted by Japan, America, England and Italy. Settlement of Shantung dispute is big achievement of meet.

Fair and cooler with a high of 37 and a low of 27 degrees.

Hens of valley start laying big eggs.

Campaign to buy a tree for fairgrounds opens tomorrow.

Washington and Idaho lead in northwest basketball conference.

Fruitgrowers hear talk at library on causes of low-priced fruits.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon for a soldiers' bonus through a cigarette tax.

VAMOOSE!

La Paz, Bolivia, Jan. 31.—(AP)

The Bolivian government notified the Japanese minister, Katsuhiko Irie today that he must leave the country by Monday under Bolivia's breach of relations with the axis.

The facilities of these universities will be rented by the navy for the duration of the war.

The announcement said that the new expanded naval aviation training program will be in operation "by May 1 or sooner, and applications for training already are being accepted."

The plan involves the induction of more than 2,500 aviation cadets a month.

Each candidate will undergo "an extremely rigorous toughening process deliberately aimed at making our sea hawks the strongest, most daring and most determined type of airmen in the world," the announcement said.

CIO STATE MEET FLINGS CHARGES

Bend, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Oregon

CIO convention delegates made it plain today they would remain militant in organizing campaigns.

A resolution charged the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation, Portland, with entering "into a backdoor closed shop agreement with the heads of the American Federation of Labor before even a keel plate was laid, and several thousand workers of this firm were not only denied their American rights during this critical emergency, but were forced to pay tribute to the AFL in the form of unreasonable initiation and permit fees."

Nan Wood Honeyman, recently appointed collector of customs at Portland, told the convention yesterday that no sugar shortage existed. Rationing she said, was necessary because the public has purchased excessively.

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