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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

That eminent tidbit of Spring, the strawberry shortcake, has arrived, and due to the war, is shorter of both strawberries and cake, than normal.

Mrs. R. advocates the formation of a woman's army to do farm work. This will put a stop to hired men pitching hay with their shirt-tails unfurled to whatever breeze that chances to blow.

Upstate reports say the people are complacent about getting in next winter's wood now, to avoid a possible shortage then. This complacency may be due to the yen of the people to work harder catching a fish, than chopping down a tree.

Mahatma Gandhi, the philosophical leader of India, seems also to be a philosophical nuisance, in maintaining his "passive resistance" stand against the British, in particular, and the United Nations in general. In their efforts to thwart the Nipponese diplomatically, are doing it militarily. Mahatma wears a sheet, and so, is ready for bed, any time it falls off.

The esteemed Oregonian has editorially grabbed the bull by the horns, and tackled the question, can a mule bray, when its tail is restrained. Suffice, be it to say, at this time, a mule with its tail restrained, has a kick coming.

LADY ON WARPATH

(Eugene News)

"One of my friends is as fiery a woman as it has ever been my lot to know. Ordinarily a sweet and tender person, wrath turns her into a virago, and she can spray acid denunciations with the rapidity of machine gun fire. Few there are brave enough to face her vitriolic outbursts and when they see one coming, they usually scuttle to safety. I suppose the only reason someone has not long since laced her coffee with cyanide is because her wrath is invariably a righteous one and they know they deserve what they get."—(Olive Barber Wrights)

A South Dakotan charged with the sale of 89 mortgaged chickens, has been ordered returned there for trial. Justice in this case was firm, adamant, unyielding, and what have you. South Dakotan refused to drop the charge, even though funds to cover the value of the mortgaged chickens was posted. In the light of hectic, but futile efforts to send H. Bridges, the Pacific Coast alien hellraiser, now delightfully dormant, back to Australia, the case is something for the books.

No short and snappy word defining the war has as yet been unearthed. It would not be nice to call it, the Great Scrap.

The Germans are mad at France for sympathy with the U. S., and Vichy is mad at the U. S. for sympathizing with the Free French. All concerned, however, are not mad enough to refuse American grub, if and when, available.

Until 1752 the New Year commenced with March, when England changed the beginning of the legal New Year to January 1.

The shorthand system of writing has been traced back to the year 63 B.C.

Are the "Yanks Coming"—Again?

The big news of today is the arrival of General Marshall, U. S. chief-of-staff in London. He has gone there, declares Washington, to consult with the British regarding problems of military strategy.

In similar fashion a few months after the United States declared war on Germany a quarter of a century ago, General Pershing arrived in London.

He also went there to talk over military strategy. And a few months later the "Yanks", with General Pershing at their head, moved into the front-line trenches in France!

THERE is every reason to believe, therefore, that history is repeating itself, and this departure marks the first move in an allied attack on Germany in the west.

It is certainly doubtful if any other proposal of a strategic nature, could be vital enough to justify the American Chief-of-Staff taking the perilous air trip to London, and being away from Washington at such a critical time as this.

ON the other hand it is rather surprising, that on such a mission he should be accompanied by Harry Hopkins, and even more so that his arrival, and the arrival of his party on the other side should be so promptly announced.

If an allied attack in force through France or Norway WERE contemplated in the near future, the surprise element would be so important, one would suppose there would be every effort made to keep the plan a military secret, instead of arranging at once for a world-wide broadcast.

So there IS a bare chance, this is a bluff, as far as any real effort to establish a western front in the near future is concerned.

IN our judgment, however, this chance is a very slim one.

Not because such an allied invasion will not be extremely hazardous,—it will be,—but because the allies simply can't AFFORD to give Hitler a free hand against Russia and the Near East, for ANOTHER six months.

And the one and only way to force a division of his forces, and materially weaken his eastern drive, is the establishment of a western front.

For months Stalin has pleaded for such action, and this arrival of General Marshall, in London, with the known fact that there are between two and three million allied troops idle in England and Ireland (probably ten divisions of Yanks) is strong evidence that the Kremlin's prayers are to be answered at last.

HERE'S hoping at any rate. For the one chance, the military expert of this department sees for beating Hitler within any reasonable time at least, is to beat him to the punch.

An all-out attack on Germany from the west would be just that. Risky? Yes. But ever since the start of World War No. 2 Hitler has been taking risks. It is time the allies took some!

Hit the Heart of Japan

As a postscript to the above, there is reason to believe that if, and when, the Anglo-American forces DO strike Germany in the west, Stalin will, at least turn over the Vladivostok area to allied air fields and planes. He might even feel disposed to attack Japan in Mongolia, with Hitler hard-pressed on TWO fronts.

At any rate, as this department has frequently pointed out, the Siberian coast only a few hundred miles from Tokio, represents Japan's Achilles heel.

Station a fleet of U. S. bombers there, and Japan would be attacked at her heart and her WEAKEST point, instead of at her far flung extremities, and (with her air and sea superiority), her strongest ones!

How About Vacations

President Roosevelt has oked golf for the duration. Formerly he oked baseball,—in both instances both the professional and amateur varieties.

This is good sense. In England, only 20 miles from German guns, professional and amateur sports have continued, and in a modified form will continue, as long as the war lasts. It promotes national health and morale.

THE Roosevelt administration has also approved the U. S. Forest Service dictum that travel to the national parks this summer and the free recreational areas of the national forests, be encouraged,—that all work and no play, not only makes Jack a dull boy in peace, but in war. While tire and gas restrictions are necessary, by careful management, there should be sufficient of both, for short vacations, not too far from home.

HERE in Oregon the parks and forests, the Columbia and Coast highways are to be open as usual, with the minimum of military restrictions, unless some unexpected emergency should arise. Precautions against forest fires and preparations for combatting them will be more stringent than usual, but even so the law-abiding and considerate vacationist will not be seriously inconvenienced, when travelling through parks or woods, seeking rest and recreation.

This is probably a good time, therefore, for those who CAN take vacations this summer to make plans for them.

Long motor trips will be out, of course, but being in the very heart of the greatest outdoor land in the west, ideal spots for camping out, a week or two, can be found, by the fortunate people of southern Oregon only a few hours motor trip from home.

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.

MAKE BELIEVE MASKS

Once an error becomes established with the public it becomes extremely difficult to correct. Instances are the convention of a practice of saying "the fracture was reduced by Dr. So-and-so" whether it is "set" immediately after the accident or not. Reducing—that is, bringing the fragments of broken bone into as nearly perfect position as possible—requires days in many cases. Another instance is the misapplication of the term "aphasia". For many years that term was applied to loss of memory. Most people now know aphasia is the proper word for it. "Aphasia" means loss of speech or the power of articulation. Another common error is the confusion of the term antiseptic and aseptic.

Antiseptic means the use of chemicals which prevent or lessen the multiplication of germs. Antiseptics do not destroy disease germs as a rule—except certain germicides (germ killers) which would be too destructive to body tissues to use medicinally or surgically. Aseptic means without germs, germ-free, sterile. The antiseptic era in surgery began when Lord Lister, English surgeon, introduced the use of a constant spray of solution of carbolic acid in the air of the operating-room, as well as the use of such antiseptic solutions for instruments, dressings and the wound and the surgeon's and his assistants' hands in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The practice of keeping the atmosphere sprayed with carbolic acid proved so dangerous to every one in the operating room that it was soon abandoned. But the use of carbolic acid, corrosive sublimate and other poisonous chemicals in solutions for skin, wound implements and dressings became routine and was the practice in "antiseptic" surgery for many years. On this practice was based the idea that a good dash of some such "strong" antiseptic is adequate treatment for wounds in general—this notion has been entertained by too many physicians who should know better. Rarely does a layman comprehend the distinction between antiseptic and aseptic.

Scientific Neglect
Twenty months old child simply will not empty bladder when on toilet seat. Once or twice child did and when I praised it child looked frightened but laughed at same time. This was only after holding it a long time. Older child was trained at age of 15 months. Our doctor is a loss. (E. D.)

Answer—Many normal infants do not acquire control of bladder before end of second year. Pay no attention, or anyway do not make such a fuss about it, and presently the child will be all right.

Near-Sighted
I am fifteen years of age and have worn glasses for the past five years. For nearsightedness, is there any cure for nearsightedness or some way to strengthen the eyes so I will not have to wear glasses? (J. B.)

Answer—You should wear your glasses as the eye doctor advises. Spend as much time as you can in the open air, and avoid all near or close use of the eyes as much as possible. Looking at distant scenery or objects is best exercise. Trying to go without glasses now is likely to increase the nearsightedness later.

Acid Ash, Alkaline Ash
Please give lists of foods that leave acid ash and foods that leave alkaline ash. (J. P.)

Answer—Send twenty-five cents and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Feeding Digest," which gives such lists. I would not recommend choosing foods on that basis.

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better than the United States at that game.

THE sensational Jap raid on Ceylon has been over-interpreted sometimes as preliminary to invasion of India. Its limited objective was somewhat like that of Pearl Harbor.

When the Japs took Java, the British and Dutch sent their ships to Ceylon, a military secret the Japs were not long discovering. We sent ours on to Australia, as they also well knew.

The 75 Jap planes went into Colombo from two or three aircraft carriers which had sneaked up southward of Ceylon. They were seeking the British and Dutch naval fighting ships from Java.

Also the British apparently were building some ship facilities there on the inner shore of Ceylon, more than 100 miles away from their established but more exposed naval base at Trincomalee.

In one respect the attack was different from Pearl Harbor. The British picked up news of the Japs coming by scouting or detectors and were ready for them.

LOCATE BODY OF AVIATOR CRITES
Roseburg, Ore., April 8.—(AP)—The body of Eugene Crites, 26, of Roseburg, one of five fliers lost in a training flight from Minter field, Bakerfield, Calif., March 18, was found two miles east of Lebec, Calif., Monday, according to an official announcement received by friends here last night. The five fliers disappeared while on a training mission at night over the Tehachan mountains. The death of Crites occurred three days before he was scheduled for graduation from flight training with a commission as second lieutenant in the army air corps.

The announcement stated that Crites apparently was instantly killed in the crash. The body was not burned. Clocking time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Little Industry To Get Chance

Blame Placed in Airplane Slowup

Mining Industry May Get Loans

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 8.—A few days ago one of the dollar-a-year men of WPB Boss Donald Nelson announced that small business should close up shop and not waste the economic strength of the nation; the war effort should be in the hands of big business. Originally, Nelson had some such idea but he has changed with his discovery that production must be increased. The United States senate has now attempted to solve the problem by setting up a corporation (within WPB) devoted exclusively to small business and authorizing \$100,000,000. If it works many little industries in the northwest will be saved from extinction.

Unlike RFC, which expects loans to be repaid and Jesse Jones, who asks for good security, the terms for small business will be more liberal. It is conceded by the senators that many loans will never find their way back to the treasury. Considering the waste and excessive profits now going on in the war effort, the small losses to be incurred will be negligible, and hasn't Nelson said to produce and forget the cost?

The new corporation will act as a prime contractor and let sub-contracts to little industry and these small shops will be given the same attention as the big corporations; the corporation can buy land, expand plants, provide equipment.

THIS new set-up will be a benefit to hundreds of garages in the northwest and save them from going out of business because of the tire shortage. A survey discloses that there are many garages with welding units, lathes, shapers and grinding machines, all tools that are needed and can be used. Many of the major lumber operators have their own railroad equipment and their mechanics are qualified and equipped to turn out innumerable articles requiring steel and other metals and they can make gondolas and freight cars now badly needed.

Scores of metal working shops scattered from one end to the other of the three states are capable of manufacturing something for an airplane, if only bolts and screws. The small foundries, stove works, plywood plants and some of the pulp mills can do war work. All of these industries have been ignored in the past, for procurement officers of army and navy preferred to do business with some 100 of the largest corporations in the United States.

TRUMAN senatorial committee investigating the war effort, after a study of the bomber and interceptor factories of the west coast, charged that delay in production of these badly needed airplanes is the fault or failure of responsible government to give sub-contracts to several hundred small shops which make the thousand-odd necessary parts entering into construction; the government procurement has been more anxious to expand the assembly plants and overlook the shops that make the gadgets. Senator Mon C. Wallgren of Washington signed this report.

For months a northwest little factory, employing 600 workers, begged for a loan of \$500,000 to expand. This factory has been offered \$1,000,000 of orders for a certain airplane part; other airplane corporations offered additional orders. Nothing happened, although no fighting plane can go into the air and drop a bomb without this item the little industry can produce. Another northwest concern, ready to turn out small boats for the navy or make machinery, could get nowhere when its president came to the national capital and offered his services. The maker of those heavy logging trucks which can go anywhere in the forests and emerge on the highway with tons of plywood logs, offered to build these trucks to carry guns. He was turned down and a big eastern corporation which never made a logging truck was given the contract.

The small business corporation, authorized by the senate, will stop this sort of attitude on the part of the government.

Oregon Cities See Increase In Assessed Values, Levies

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 8.—(Spl.)—Both assessed valuations and property tax levies have increased in the cities of Oregon for the first six months of 1942 it is revealed in a detailed study of tax rates in 195 Oregon cities for that period which has just been released by the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

The 1941 Oregon legislature changed the fiscal year for all units of government to a year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. This has made it necessary for cities to prepare budgets for the six-month period and these are the basis of the study made by the bureau.

City	Assessed Value	City Tax Levy (Mills)	Amount of City Tax	Per Capita City Tax
Portland	\$305,949,065	11.6	\$3,549,009	\$11.62
Astoria	5,528,249	13.9	76,844	7.40
Bend	3,629,360	6.0	21,779	2.17
Eugene	13,196,696	11.3	149,123	7.16
Klamath Falls	9,652,575	16.3	157,337	9.54
Medford	9,842,609	9.0	88,583	7.83
Salem	15,734,435	9.7	152,624	4.94

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INDUSTRY is being appealed to "to do more," but the unending line of business men who come to Washington return home empty handed and many are compelled to close their shops for want of material to produce for civilian use. All this the senate hopes to cure.

The mining industry, dormant in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, will be eligible for loans from the \$100,000,000. There is a shortage of copper, zinc, lead, tungsten, chrome and other metals now buried in the ground of the northwest. Red tape hitherto has made it impossible to obtain a government loan to open ore deposits or work it. For more than a year the old OPM refused to clear any of

these mining properties, the dollar-a-year men in charge not wishing to sanction a development that might come into competition with the large operators; at least that is one report current here.

Revival of mining interests in this county.

State police to round up auto-ists who have no 1932 license plates.

Veterans start March to Washington to plead for bonus.

Highway commission vetoes further emergency highway work for jobs.

Heavy snowfall past winter delays opening of Crater Lake park.

Tax collections so far better in county.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 8, 1922
(It was Sat. a day)
Light fall of snow in Portland, and California has a cold spell. Rain in the valley. High 65, low 32 degrees.

A. L. Parkhurst to have charge of Crater Lake lodge coming season.

Portland at bottom of Coast league race.

Fear revolt in Ireland coming week as tension grows.

Many injured in blizzard in Missouri.

Secretary of Interior Fall leaves on coast trip.

America announces war claims against Germany at \$415,000,000.

During the Civil war the naval academy was moved from Annapolis to Newport, R. I.

Private motor vehicle ownership in the United States has risen 20 per cent in the past decade while government ownership of motor vehicles has increased 146 per cent.

Fur seals are mammals adapted to an aquatic life.

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