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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Candidates are now urging voters "to take their pick."

If some candidates would do likewise, accompanied by a shovel, more work would be done.

A Detroit man claims he can take an auto apart in 30 seconds.

A locomotive at a crossing could do no better.

The political Vichy regime of France, headed by Old Marshal Petain, always a hater of democracy, has moved to closer collaboration with the Nazis, and places Pierre Laval, as black a pirate as ever scuttled a nation in power as chief of state.

Many recall the bitter and venomous descriptions of France, applied by Germany in the First war.

The insults rolled Americans. In the light of events, the Huns of the Kaiser's day were right, as far as Vichy France is concerned.

Free France presents a braver picture.

"Wanted—Girl or woman for general housework for small family in the country. Phone 605."—(Exchange Want ad.)—The printer knows.

Mole hills have started appearing on lawns and look like mounds to the Older Girls.

Now comes the argument "everybody is to blame" for the shape the nation found itself in, as of, and before, Pearl Harbor.

Everybody is not rushing to court-martial himself.

YIP-E-E-E (Siskiyou News)

"Morris Prather, well known rancher and cattle inspector in these parts, wears a hat that really stops 'em. A ten-gallon affair, it sweeps skyward in front, then droops shoulder length in back, giving the effect of a '49 sunbonnet."

Press dispatches report the wedding at Pasadena, of a couple, both 70, after a 49-year courtship. It cannot be said the groom did not put up a struggle.

A federal order fixes the minimum temperatures for oil heated habitations in Oregon and Washington at 65 degrees. Violators will be charged with getting warm and aiding Hitler.

"The days of 20-dollar pieces and prosperity, recalled with regret by the old-timers, are liable to return after Umatilla county's crop is harvested. Money's equivalent is growing vigorously on a thousand hills."—(Pendleton East Oregonian.)—This was in the spring of 1892 B.W.Q. (Before wheat quotas.)

SO SAY, WE ALL

"I want to sing that today we control our own destiny, tomorrow the destiny of the whole world. I want to sing against Germany, against Italy, against Japan. If they can sing against us and our Allies, why can't we sing against them?"

"I want to construct a greater America co-prosperity sphere. I want to correct the mistakes of the Versailles treaty insofar as they allowed all this to happen. I want to win Lebensraum for the democratic way of life."

"I'm fed up with singing plaintive songs—I want to sing battle songs. Don't tell me there'll be bluebirds over the white cliffs of Dover. To hell with bluebirds and a deathly silence over Berchtesgaden."

"I'm bored with keeping a stiff upper lip—I want to develop a stiff uppercut. I'm tired of being made to feel sad. I want the experience—the purging, marshaling, driving experience—of being made to feel mad. Fighting mad!—(Printers Ink.)

A Pyrrhic Victory

The overwhelming victory of Senator C. Wayland (Curly) Brooks in the Illinois Primary is hailed as a crushing defeat for President Roosevelt.

In a sense it is. For Warren Wright, Brooks' opponent, made the Roosevelt pro-war program, his main issue, and was smothered in a landslide of over 5 to 1.

But even more the result is a defeat for the Republican party.

For it clearly demonstrates, that as far as the great state of Abraham Lincoln is concerned, an overwhelming majority of the Republicans in that state, uphold the discredited policy of U. S. isolationism, and the injection of political partisanship into the present war.

Carve this piece of bologna, as you will, that is the only answer that makes sense!

FOR while since Pearl Harbor "Curly" Brooks has been doing what all other isolationists, including the Chicago Tribune have been doing,—hitting it up for sanguinary slaughter and carnage, particularly as far as the Japs are concerned,—he is still as isolationist and anti-British at heart as he ever was, and certainly there can be few literates in the great Illinois electorate, who went to the polls yesterday, not entirely aware of the fact.

In fact "Curly" has always been the Tribune's pet and white-haired boy from the outset,—taking an eloquent and aggressive stand against the Roosevelt administration, and voting against every preparedness and war measure presented,—lend-lease, enlarging the army, the draft, securing bases in the Atlantic, dispatching troops to Iceland and Ireland and what have you.

CERTAINLY had there been any disposition within the ranks of the Republican party in Illinois to deplore such isolationism, or condemn the effort to make political capital out of the strong passion of the American people for peace, Brooks would have been kicked out of public life, instead of being made the G.O.P. nominee with a vote standing, at the present writing, at nearly 500,000 to his opponent's 90,000!

YES, it is a great victory for "Curly" and the Chicago Tribune.

But unless the great state of Illinois is not only the "sucker" but the "SLACKER" state, it spells certain doom for Illinois Republicanism in November.

Sprague Versus Snell

Fortunately there will be no such issue in the Republican Primary in this state next month.

The main contest will be between our present Governor, Charles Sprague, and his Secretary of State, Earl Snell.

We entirely agree with Governor Sprague's first formal statement at Salem last night, as he fired the opening gun of his campaign.

Said he:

"Secretary of State Earl Snell, my opponent, is a very thorough gentleman. We have no personal animosities. Times are such, however, I have honestly felt it my duty to remain in the office if the voters so wished, because of the emergency organizations I have undertaken to set up and because of my many contacts with the army, the navy and federal officials."

The Governor is right.

Earl Snell IS a thorough gentleman, and a very popular man. There is certainly no issue between them as far as a vigorous prosecution of the war or devotion to the welfare of Oregon are concerned.

IF there ever has been any validity, however, to the well known dictum of Abraham Lincoln:

"I have not permitted myself, gentlemen, to conclude that I am the best man in the country; but I am reminded in this connection of an old Dutch farmer, who remarked to a companion once, that it was not best to swap horses when crossing a stream."

We say, if that familiar saying ever HAD any validity—and of course it has had,—then certainly it has very special application in the state of Oregon at this time.

Modest and somewhat retiring we are quite sure Governor Sprague does not regard himself as "the best in the country" (or state) but,—

In an emergency such as exists at present, we believe the wisdom of NOT swapping horses, will appeal to all Republicans, at the coming Primary,—and all the people of the state, regardless of party in November, as far as that is concerned.

"War of Survival?"

If, as reported from Washington, President Roosevelt has selected "War of Survival" as his choice for first prize in his war slogan contest, then we trust he will keep the decision to himself, and forget about it.

In fact this jejune stunt from the outset, has appealed to this department as undignified and in decidedly poor taste.

The present world-wide conflict is in all probability the greatest tragedy of ALL HUMAN HISTORY,—certainly nothing to regard in the light of just another sporting event, or a Palm Beach beauty contest.

Let history name this grim epic of human suffering,—as history WILL,—not the lads and lassies at the President's press conference, bright as they are.

MOREOVER "War of Survival" in this department's view is far from a happy choice. SURVIVAL!—we can survive, and still lose the war,—survive as a nation, with Germany in control of all Europe, and Japan, master in the Pacific.

But what sort of an existence would that kind of survival be? No, we don't know what the proper title IS, but we do know what it ISN'T,—

And a war of mere survival, is IN that list.

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 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.

I WISH I KNEW



Young man whose inquiry concerning use of a sedative-hypnotic (suggested in a popular book by a professor of psychology) we printed here the other day complained that he has been a "chronic" introvert.

... unable to mix with people... generally unsociable... all his life (26 years)

and has not "achieved the degree of expressiveness" he would like to have, whatever that means.

Except the detail of age, the young man's description of his temperament would serve for the introvert who conducts this column, and therefore I am anxious to see whether anything is to be done about it.

After all, folks, it is no crime to be an introvert. You know, that worried me for many years. I couldn't shake off the unpleasant feeling or idea that somehow my introversion made me a kind of outcast or outsider, not one of the party, a crank or something. It gave me an inferiority complex. There, damn it, I've slopped over into the rapid psychological lingo. But we'll go no further.

Just what is an introvert anyway? Well, without relapsing into psychological blarney let us take Webster's definition—a person strongly inclined to introversion. And introversion, Webster explains, is "interest directed inward; a propensity for finding one's satisfaction in the inner life of thought and fancy."

I wish I knew how the young man and thousands of other young people of similar temperament could become as much an extrovert as he and they believe they would like to be.

Personally, having observed and studied introverts and extroverts under various circumstances I am content to remain an introvert, although I know many extroverts who are apparently happy and cheerful about their predicament, and withal fine company and loyal friends.

Suppose we were all extroverts. What a wretched affair a

party would be with everybody extraverting to beat the band and nobody to give a care for consequences or to remind the merry-makers that life isn't all pipe and bowls.

I say pipe and bowls, instead of "beer and skittles," because I mean pipe and bowls. Pipe instead of cigarette or cigar for the introvert, if he smokes at all. Bowls, bowling on the green, has been a great boon for me. It is advisable for every introvert, every one with an inferiority complex, to cultivate some game which he or she can play regularly and enjoy playing. Preferably a game involving competition with other players or teams of players and open air or at least active exercise. Friendly rivalry or tests of skill in games never fails to mitigate the inferiority feeling and to give one instead an equality feeling or a comforting sense of being one of the gang or party, not an outsider looking in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What's Cooking?

Which retains vitamins and mineral salts better, steam pressure cooking or cooking in ordinary vessels, with small amount of water? (H. W.)

Answer—Steam pressure cooking, because there is less oxidation that way. As for mineral salts, competent cook never discards cooking water which may contain considerable portions of mineral salts dissolved out of the meat or vegetables, but always use it in soup, gravy, etc., so that no such nutritive value is lost.

Sweating

Kindly print the solution for preventing sweating under arms. (B. H. F.)

Answer—One-half ounce aluminum chloride dissolved in three ounces of distilled or rain or snow water. Sponge on skin and allow to dry before dressing, once a day for two or three days, after that perhaps twice a week. Send stamped envelope bearing your address, for monograph on "Excessive or Unpleasant Sweating."

Stature

Is it possible to increase height by special stretching exercises or use of apparatus for stretching the spine? (R. A.)

Answer—No. Height or length may be stretched half an inch or so perhaps, but not permanently. (Copyright 1941, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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savings" is not in the hands of all the people. The white collar classes and people living on fixed incomes are not getting any of it.

There are supposed to be 40,000,000 workers in the country and only around 8,000,000 or so are in the dues-paying union labor wage scale group, whose income is naturally greater from the war effort. This is not an exact distinction between those who are making more now from the war effort, and those whose income has not been increased.

OBVIOUSLY the greatest increase in income is going to those directly working in war production lines, while an undefined large group of citizens outside have not had the same raises, and some of them have become unemployed temporarily by cessations in the consumers goods lines of industry, due to priorities.

But the compulsory savings group holds no exceptions can be made in overall anti-inflation policies. They would select a minimum as the only exemption—say \$1,200.

From whatever amount of money is made by anyone above that figure, they would deduct at the source a certain amount

to be invested in government bonds.

Some of them want to work the amount up on a graduated scale like income taxes, so a larger percentage would be deducted in the larger wage brackets.

In all this direct and indirect refrigeration, wages would be chilled only by their proximity to the freezing apparatus and not by direct action.

By freezing prices, the Henderson-Eccles group, as I get it, expects to remove justification of further wage increases, and therefore calculate that the wage aspect would be eliminated. They would supplement this expectation, however, with voluntary agreements among the trade unions.

Even some of the most skeptical financial leaders in congress are being drawn by these arguments, around toward endorsing a voluntary salary-withholding system now, and saying they expect it may have to be compulsory next year.

EMOTIONALISM, which is a natural outgrowth of war, seems to have seized our economic literature and is running off with it into flights of fanciful conjecture about the post-war world.

Now comes a book by Carl Dreher, an apparently unattached economic writer, suggesting a method of post-war planning which will chill the spines of all readers. His book, released today, is titled "The Coming Showdown," and the plan he advocates would certainly provide a show, and no doubt its direction is down.

He would erect a system of



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committees to run each plant in each industry. On the committees labor would be provided a majority, the management a minority. Then various committees would do various things on up to an overall central planning commission for each industry, a top soviet, which would tell each plant how much it could produce, what it could be sold for and a lot of other things.

Dreher tries to call it "democratic collectivism," but it is trade-union fascism, a system of soviet management, which he assumes to be democratic because he would let "the public" own the plants, as if the public would want any ownership in plants so controlled.

It would serve labor right, if Mr. Dreher would make them own the plants, and let management work for them (with a union, of course).

THE coming federal food rationing does not remove unripe peaches from the diet of economists, these economic horror stories will never cease.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Free Road Maps Due For Eclipse

70 Common Items Under WPB Ban

Protests Bring Forest Funds

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Two oil companies with outlets through thousands of service stations in the northwest plan discontinuance of the highway maps they have been distributing.

This step is taken to conserve paper and with the knowledge that touring will rapidly diminish in that area, especially with gasoline rationing. The road maps advertise, of course, the particular gasoline. Later it is predicted, all gasoline will be pooled and this is a further reason for not advertising the gas. About the opening of deer hunting season sportsmen may look for a warning from the national capital not to waste ammunition and shells. The crackdown may come earlier.

The American way of life is rapidly changing since Pearl Harbor. Donald Nelson's war production board is doing its best to impress this fact on the people, that this nation is in a war and that sacrifices must be made. Within 60 days or less there will be 70 items now of everyday use under the ban and their manufacture will not be permitted until peace comes again. These items range from metal ash trays to weighing machines and they include all manner of electric devices from waffle irons to toasters.

Without exception each of the 70 articles is composed in part, if not entirely, of metal. Explanation is that metals are more essential for war work than for civilian purposes, and war comes first—just as the army was arguing (without effect) two years ago in mapping out a tentative war program. By June the radio manufacturers will be up to their necks in war work; there will be no more venetian blinds of metal but those of Port Orford cedar will be permitted; mixers, whippers and juicers which lessen the work of the housewife will no longer be made, and this also goes for the vacuum cleaner, vegetable bin, clothes trees, plant and flower supports, washing machines and pressing irons. At first blush, it would appear that the housewife will be compelled to make the greater sacrifices, for the contraptions forbidden are largely for domestic use.

To a large extent the building of dwellings will be frozen, the exceptions being the claptrap domiciles thrown together to provide shelter for industrial workers. The extent of this curtailment on the lumber business is not estimated.

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REALIZING what a forest fire means, people on the west coast poured in so many letters and telegrams that the senate appropriations committee approved a sum of money. The pleas came from Aberdeen, Spokane, Seattle, Hoquiam, Newport, Wash., Portland, Salem, Eugene, Ore., and several California communities. Owners of timber, sawmills, plywood plants united in stressing the urgency for forest fire protection in wires to Senator Holman, member of the committee. These were backed up by Senators Bone and Wallgren of Washington, Senator McNary of Oregon, and Senator Thomas of Idaho, and a long list of officials from the forest service and from the timber division of the interior department.

SENATOR WALLGREN has a confirmed belief that the great future of the northwest is in the light metal industry. He says that magnesium will be replacing aluminum by the end of the year and that it will be made so cheaply that the material will be used as a substitute for aluminum in planes. To aid in developing the immense deposits of magnesium in the northwest Senator Wallgren has offered a bill proposing \$500,000 for establishing an electro development laboratory. The magnesium situation is not satisfactory to a number of congressmen and a probe is being urged, especially of a plant in the southwest. Present indications are that no northwest congressman will be able to return home in the coming campaign. Duty will keep them in Washington.

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