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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

V for Victory, and W for

Weather, War, Worry, and

Worms in the Walnuts.

June, the month of roses and

romance arrives tomorrow, and

all signs indicate there are

plenty of both.

Dewey Hill, the indefatigable

hired man of Prospect, has been

to the dentist. He got even when

he administered his excruciating

handshake in parting.

Sunshine is needed by farmers

as bad as they formerly needed

rain.

The senior class of Old Med-

ford will step into the world

Thurs. eve saturated if not sal-

ivated with advice.

Sheriff Brown reported the

first of the week, he was keep-

ing ahead of the sheriff, when

asked the state of the nation by

John Ragsdale.

Phil Kershaw's auto horn

went berserk on him Thurs

on Front st. and created quite a

furore before quieted.

J. Tannehill Walker, 4, has

returned from Frisco, and is

shining up to the Dick Phair

girl again.

A speed idiot was missed by

an Espee mogul Tues. at the

crossing by a thinner margin

than a piece of ham is cut these

days.

Art Powell, the C.P. scribe

and co. comm. looked over

Hollywood the past week, and

saw where Mary Pickford (re-

member her) resides. He missed

a circus at home.

The police report there is con-

siderable burning of the mid-

night gasoline on rural roads.

A number of the fair sex

joined the Ladies' Army here

the past week, and would like

to yank Hitler loose from his

moustache, a hair at a time.

Edwin Kubl of the Applegate

towned Thurs. He is going to

move farther down the road.

Lawn and range grass is com-

ing along fine, but is outstripped

by the weeds. The valley is as

green as ever.

"Story of a Bible Class and

Boy Who Grew to Be a Hero"

by Henry McLemore, printed on

the editorial page of the Ore-

gonian Saturday is a master-

piece. It is sublime in its sim-

plicity, and leaves a "catch" in

the throat, and a thrill in the

heart. It's something to read and

keep and read again.

A number of the Older Girls

have started pointing their for-

erfinger at the fuel man, in a cam-

paign to keep the wolf from the

woodshed door next winter.

WINS COMMISSION

SOUTHERN OREGON COL-

LEGE, Ashland, May 30 (Sp.)—

James E. Curtis, son of Mr. and

Mrs. W. L. Curtis of Ashland,

received his second lieutenant's

Editorial Correspondence

Washington, D. C., May 27—Strolled over to Jackson Park which is between this hotel and the White House. There we ran into B. Baruch—tall, pale, sad and handsome—feeding peanuts to the squirrels!

How have the mighty fallen! Mr. Baruch really ran this government in World War No. 1 and made a right good job of it. We should imagine he is one of about a thousand prominent citizens in the national capital who are quite certain the war situation would be far more promising, if THEY were running it!

You can't even stroll on the White House walk along Pennsylvania avenue now,—there are soldiers pacing up and down with fixed bayonets, and policemen at the corners to assist in case of need. It is a sensible precaution, no doubt, but we fear F.D.R. may lose some of the summer tourist votes. (Which raises the question as to how strongly he will care for votes from this time onward?)

Ran into Senator Holman in the Senate restaurant, just as we were warming up to attack a soft-shell crab on toast. The junior senator certainly is getting bigger all the time, he towered above the table like the "Man from Mars". (That goes back to the Tremont theatre in the year 1901!) Yes, Rufus is a big man. He asked about all his old friends in Medford including that other high powered colossus, General Jackson,—who, by the way, should be a real honest-to-goodness general by this time, judging by the recommendations the Adjutant General here has received concerning his combative go-getter prowess.

Rufus had nothing particularly new to offer, but may burst out one of these days with a manifesto that will put him on the list of immortals, from a political standpoint, i.e., those who would rather serve their country than be re-elected. Say what you will about Rufus,—a more completely honest and devoted public servant, never drew the breath of life,—or a government pay check!

A few doors from our hotel is the Russian embassy,—only a few years ago one of the "show" residences of Washington, the summer palace of a certain well-known multi-millionaire.

We pass it many times a day and always marvel at the spectacle,—these humble Russian folk devoted to the dictatorship of the proletariat, living in such plutocratic splendor!—with a Cadillac limousine and liveried chauffeur, waiting at the iron grille best wine cellar and unquestionably the finest caviar in the state of Maryland.

There is within (they say) a gold staircase, a jewel-studded ball room and various and sundry conservatories.

Probably with Stalin it all comes under the heading of "when in Rome do as the Romans do!", but the few dignitaries coming in and out, appear to rather like the dog, rather than feel it inappropriate. (Which, incidentally, indicates a very serious flaw in communist ideology as a permanent and workable social creed.)

If the history of the street car is ever written undoubtedly the fact will be recorded that it reached the highest stage of development in the national capital.

It seems rather a pity, by the way, that this should be true at a time when everything indicates the total eclipse of this time honored form of transportation. On the other hand perhaps there are compensations in extinguishing the candle when the party is at its height.

However that may be, here is street transportation de luxe and par excellence,—stream-lined steel cars, with soft chrome and leather seats, ball bearing wheels, rubber cushioned springs,—the cars don't clatter along the street but literally glide, smooth as a swan on a lake and about 100 times as fast.

If we were staying here we would certainly invest in a weekly street car pass,—they cost only \$1.50 and you can ride anywhere, any time, all over the place and out of the District of Columbia and into Maryland for that matter. The only fly in the ointment on a business standpoint would seem to be the Washington taxi cabs, which are very numerous and cheap.

This is undoubtedly the month to visit Washington,—in April the blossoms are not quite out and June is apt to be hot,—and when its hot here is hellish. Except for two days of rain the weather man has done exceedingly well on this trip,—warm and sunny with a cool breeze most of the time, and not more than 67% humidity!

As was true on our former visit this winter, while congress is in session, the sessions are hardly worth bothering about,—a marked contrast to the situation before the 7th of December when war was a DEBATABLE issue rather than historical fact. Yesterday the senate celebrated its own Memorial day, various and sundry members (including Senator McNary) eulogizing the members who died during the year,—Senators Harrison and McAdams being the two mentioned while we were in the press gallery. Two very fine men they were, and deserved all the nice things said about them. We liked all the talks except Senator Pepper's,—he has to overdo everything, whether it be patriotism, war partisanship or just a tribute.

Senator McNary is as young looking, responsive and busy as usual. He was naturally gratified by his overwhelming victory in the Oregon primaries. None of the Oregonians around here know anything about "Charley's" opponent, other than he has been a persistent if unsuccessful candidate for public office in the past. It is probably wise never to take anything for granted POLITICALLY, but it looks to the present writer as if our senior senator's place in the Senate for another six years, were as secure, as anything in this uncertain world CAN be.

The war news continues encouraging as far as newspaper reports here are concerned, but in the press gallery one learns the army general staff is scared pink about Russia.

Well that is nothing unusual. We have not forgotten that a few months after Hitler attacked Russia, none other than the same general staff believed Germany would score a knockout in five or six weeks. We were here at the time and the "bear" attitude of the army experts was no secret. If they were 100% wrong less than a year ago, why can't they be at least 50% wrong now? Russia moreover has a way of mixing up the EXPERTS!—R.W.R.

of tires they buy for resale. Leave of absence benefits have been established by many cities. Evanston is among a few cities that provide for supplemental pay, up to three months after induction, for employees in service.

All employees of Houston, Tex., Chicago and some other cities are required to be photographed and fingerprinted. To facilitate blackout control, several cities, including Atlanta, Ga., and Jackson, Miss., enacted ordinances requiring owners of business establishments to place electric switches outside doors, so air raid wardens may extinguish lights.

CHURCHILL'S SON HURT
CAIRO, Egypt, May 30.—(Sp.)—Captain Randolph Churchill, son of the British Prime Minister, has suffered bruises in an automobile accident on the Alexandria-Cairo road, and has been hospitalized at Alexandria.

Secondhand tire dealers in Little Rock, Ark., are required to file monthly reports with the police department showing serial numbers and manufacturer

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.

CALCIUM METABOLISM AND ARTHRITIS

Acute infectious arthritis, otherwise called "rheumatic fever" and "inflammatory rheumatism"

is probably always a streptococcus infection. Complicating or following it the patient, most frequently a child or youth, may suffer an attack of heart disease, inflammation of the lining of the heart (endocarditis) which may or may not involve the heart valves and leave the valves roughened or distorted by scars. If it does, there is valvular leakage.

It is only with acute infectious arthritis (joint inflammation) that the heart is likely to be damaged. In chronic arthritis, joint trouble developing insidiously or gradually over a course of months or years, there is no such tendency of the heart to become affected or weakened in any way, or no more than in any other impairment of health.

If an individual subject to any form of chronic arthritis has heart trouble it is probably not related to the joint trouble at all. The causes of the several forms of chronic arthritis designated as "atrophic arthritis" (atrophic means wasting), "rheumatoid arthritis" (rheumatoid means nothing at all, or like rheumatism, if you know what rheumatism means), "arthritis deformans" (deformans means deforming), "osteo-arthritis" (osteo means bone, that is the bones as well as joints are affected), and "Still's disease" (a form of chronic joint disease in children), are still not specifically known. With the exception of "Still's disease" chronic arthritis occurs as a rule only in mature adults.

One form of arthritis not included in the foregoing is "gouty arthritis". To my mind "gout" belongs in the category with "nervous breakdown" and "hydrophobia"—that is, it is dramatic, highly interesting to read about in ancient medical tomes, convenient to conceal, the diagnostic incompetence of the physician, but still not genuine.

So we plugged along with an ocean fleet and an army of 150,000 men, believing in the security of oceans, the safety of treaties (remember the Kellogg Pact renouncing war) and "the Universal brotherhood of man."

We were unprepared to defend ourselves. We let ourselves become passive, soft, foolish and weak. We let others believe they could beat us. So they tried.

You may only keep the peace by keeping the greatest army and navy in the world, our experience tells us. Trust not in treaties. Keep your powder dry and keep more of it than anyone else has. Keep this nation ever afterward supreme on land, sea and in the air, safeguard your Christian virtues and ideals with armor not with words.

NOW if you want to use your world position to spread principles of humanity (which may or may not be accepted) if you want new and better leagues of nations (which may or may not work) if you want everyone to have a quart of milk a day around the world at our expense, all right.

Those ideas are noble, beautiful, inspiring. No doubt the world will some day come to them, when fully enlightened man has ceased to be envious of his neighbor or covet his neighbor's goods, when all his nations are pleased with their lot in the world and want no more of anything. Then this will be a peaceful happy world.

Unfortunately there is no evidence that any man or any large group of men anywhere in the world have reached that benign state yet. Until they do, you cannot depend on benignancy in any form to keep the peace—unless, perchance, it may have a bigger gun, a bigger airplane, a stronger tank behind it.

Remember first that no one quarrels with Joe Louis. Keep a strong right arm. Trade with all—be friendly and just to all—but first be just to yourself.

There are still 30,000 Amer-

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Code of Ethics

In your pamphlet on Prostatic Obstruction, Bladder Trouble you mention the relief in some cases from injections of ampules of hormone. Would it be unethical to say how many ampules and what dose daily? (E. C. H.)

Answer—That should be left to judgment of the physician. Code of Ethics governing conduct of this column is simple: Do good if you can but do no harm. On request, accompanied with stamped envelope bearing your address, I am glad to mail the reader copy of the pamphlet on prostatic obstruction, hypertrophy or enlargement of prostate, bladder trouble in men past fifty.

Soluble Potassium Chloride
Daughter has taken soluble potassium chloride as described in your pamphlet on allergy, and amazingly has found complete relief from chronic sinusitis. She is not completely free of trouble, but for the first time in years she can breathe thru her nose. Just what dose should she continue to take? (Mrs. M. H.)

Answer—I wouldn't know, Ma'am. It can do no harm if she takes ten grains from time to time, not regularly, but just as she feels the need of it—much as she was using adrenalin in the nose. Any reader may have copy of the pamphlet "Relief for Allergy" on request—enclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

Tapeworm

If the tapeworm parasite is embedded in meat, why do doctors recommend rare steak or rare beef for invalids? Cooking thoroughly destroys any such parasites in meat, does it not? (Mrs. G. M.)

Answer—Yes. There is no good reason why any one should take rare meat. It is at least as digestible and nourishing properly cooked, and safer so far as infection with tapeworm is concerned.

Boasting the Ice Cream
We have been making ice cream with wheat germ (about 8% of raw wheat germ). State college told us this not only enriches the ice cream in vitamin B complex but makes it more nutritious. We are now considering adding also some vitamin D. (A. M. C.)

Answer—Addition of the wheat germ is all right, the product is satisfactory to eat. It is hardly advisable to add vitamin D, and in any case you should have the opinion of the state health and food authorities. (Copyright 1942, John P. Dille Co.)

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ican soldiers buried on foreign fields (England, France, Belgium) from the last World War that was to end all war. They remember that we were unprepared then, just as we were unprepared this time.

Better spend your money for guns that you may keep your butter.

FORTUNE Magazine conducted a poll (June Issue) on post-war considerations, asking many questions, but not one about whether people thought security should be sought in this new way—through benign strength.

The largest portion but still a minority of the people (34.3 per cent), told Fortune they favored trying "to form a new league or association with all the different nations of the world," in preference to the five alternatives which Fortune submitted. However, a larger number than that (44.2 per cent), wanted either to stay at home hereafter, concentrate on hemispheric defense or refrain from "actual ties with any other country."

The people roughly seem equally divided on the subject of to be or not to be an international peace leader by the commonly discussed means, with the 9.6 percent of "don't know" holding the balance of power to decide.

Obviously any political peace plan is going to have hard sledding acquiring the necessary national unity for its success.

Sgt. Robert A. Lewis
Of Jacksonville Is
Now Staff Sergeant

Paine Field, Everett, Wash., May 30 (Sp.)—Sergeant Robert A. Lewis, stationed here has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is the son of Mrs. Gerald Buck, Jacksonville, Oregon, and enlisted in the service September 16, 1939, at Medford, and was promoted to private first class in February, 1940, to Corporal in May, 1941, and to Sergeant in October, 1941.

After his enlistment, he attended the Curtis Wright Technical Institute.

He graduated from Medford High school in 1938. On July 27, 1941, he was married to Miss Dorothy LeHue of Everett, Wash. He reported for duty at Paine Field on June 1, 1941, and is at present an aircraft inspector at Paine sub-depot.

He has one brother, Private first class Edwin D. Lewis, who is in the Field Artillery.

Kelly's Comment

From Washington, D. C.

Army Seeking
Younger Boys

Smaller Ships
In New Program

Farm Machinery
To Be Provided

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., May 30—

Army officials are trying to circumvent the selective service law by enlisting boys 18 and 19 years old, as these cannot be reached under the conscription act because of their youth.

The registration of the 18-19 class, already ordered, is ostensibly to give the government an idea of the manpower of the nation as with the registration of these boys everyone between 18 and 64 will be registered. There are other plans for the youngsters, however.

War department originally asked for conscription of 19-year-olds. Congress objected and insisted on 21, compromising on 18. It is something for parents of boys in the northwest to ponder. Army favors these boys because of their youth they can be trained with ease; lacking experience, they have few fears, are reckless and ready to take a chance.

ALREADY the army is making its appeal to them. It is carrying large display advertisements in papers throughout the country calling to "men of 18 and 19." It is explained that after they are 20 they cannot pick the branch of service they desire, but if they enlist before they are 20 they get a "break." The "break" is a choice of joining the air force, armored force, cavalry, coast artillery, engineers, field artillery, infantry or signal corps. The advertisement is illustrated with action scenes of each branch of the service.

"You have the enthusiasm, the daring and love of adventure that is necessary in the making of fine soldiers," says the quarter-page advertising. Men of the 18-19 age, continues the appeal, are vitally needed now in America's fighting army, for "you've got what it takes."

By the printed word the war department is beating the minimum of the draft age by two years.

THIS drive of the army to recruit youth under draft age is a part of the plan to reach into high schools for material for pilots, bombardiers and navigators. Next autumn high school boys will be offered a course in flying instructions. There will be no actual flying, but the course will teach the fundamentals as far as book learning can go. The boys will be instructed in the thousands of working parts of interceptors and bombers; will gather some idea on weather observations.

These courses have been prepared and certain cities have provided special funds to carry on this additional instruction. The high school training is intended to reduce the time required for making fliers when the teachings are put into practical effect. Many of the ace fliers of the RAF are scarcely 20 years old, the age when candidates for the American air force are just beginning to learn.

STILL another ship building program is under consideration. The next batch of cargo carriers will be smaller than those now on the ways in the northwest. They will not require as much steel, can be built faster; and what is needed now is more ships and still more ships.

The sinking of American merchant vessels, cargo carriers and tankers, is costing the war risk insurance organization \$20,000,000 more a month than what it takes in from premiums and congress has been requested to appropriate \$210,000,000 to continue the insurance. Insurance covers vessel, cargo, lives of sailors. If private companies attempted to furnish the war risk insurance they would go busted in no time, with one and two vessels being sent to Davy Jones' locker every 24 hours. Under the new program for smaller freighters both Washington and Oregon yards will be given scores of orders.

TO take care of the necessities of civilian life, such as farm machinery, after August 1 one or two concerns will be authorized to produce while other plants are to be converted to war work. War production board has not decided which plants will do the manufacturing, or whether these plants will issue a victory model, or continue present models of the plants converted. This same program is in the works for the common kitchen stove, a matter of concern to the several stove making

industries in the northwest.

SUGGESTION has been made by a member of the federal communications commission that telephone companies increase their rates; the increased rates