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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The esteemed Oregonian editorially warns defense workers who are spending prodigious war time wages, with both hands, ably assisted by "the little woman," to start imitating the ant, instead of the grasshopper and be prepared for the economic stormy weather forecast for the coming of peace, as it will be called. They again may be singing that popular ballad of the late depression: "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" without even a champagne cork as a memento of their career as playboys.

Unrestrained public sneezes are now the order of the day. Some rattle the rafters and leave the listener uncertain whether to look for a tire blow-out or an air raid warden.

The Low Countries (Holland, Belgium and Denmark), dispatches state are making considerable trouble for the Lowest Country (Germany).

The N. Y. Yankees crushed the St. Louis Cardinals and H. Fredette, former St. Louisite in the first game of the World Series yes.

FARMER IN A HUFF!
(Mackburg (Kan.) Enterprise)
"To you and you. There is to be no fishing or hunting on any of my places. We can't build fences every Monday morning. This means you."

Herr Hitler promised his people "Stalingrad will be captured—a year ago he told them Russia "is crushed never to rise again." He glossed over the failures of his legions, and boasted of victory for the Nazis in the end. In 1918, six weeks before the Kaiser's hordes started to bawl "Kamerad" and hit for home, that war-lord declared "The British will eat granite." Adolf's promise ranks with the great ones of history—like "kept us out of war" and "free electric lights for the people."

A bill has been introduced in Congress giving the President power to keep men at work, where they would be the most useful in prosecution of the war. It will be interesting to note what happens when this measure collides with John L. Lewis, miners' union boss, who this week refused to permit the extension of the mine work week from 35 to 48 hours, to end a threatened fuel shortage.

PROGRESS!
(Buffalo (N. Y.) News)
"The American air force in Iceland has brought down its first German plane, and we hear of it four weeks later—whereas in the days of Lelf Ericsson it might have taken five."

The food supply prospects for next year are painted by gloomy economists as black as mid-night, the ace of spades and a colored gentleman's heel. Nobody will miss any meals but several will be a day or two late, it is predicted. There will be no more Grange dinners with three washbuds full of fried chicken and 14 different kinds of pie.

Judging by the letter writing column the next time an American Good Neighbor emissary, loaded with good will goes to Argentina, he should make a detour and spill some of it in this vicinity. If a movie beauty could make Rio De Janeiro feel neighborly by a plane visit the same thing could happen here.

The marksmanship in the Balkans continues poor. A pot shot at a Nazi puppet in Rumania went wild and so did the target.

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If You Haven't Registered, — Register!

Here is a last-minute reminder. Registrations for the November elections will close this Saturday, October 3rd!

If you have lived in this state for at least six months you may vote November 3rd IF you register at once at the county clerk's office in the Jackson County courthouse. If you have moved to another precinct you should also register; even if you have changed your address in the same precinct it is wise to register again—otherwise the records will not be correct and you will not receive the regular voter's pamphlet.

IT IS natural that there should be a greater appreciation of the privileges of citizenship when they are most in jeopardy. That is true today. It is to be earnestly hoped that one of the gravest responsibilities of GOOD citizenship—the right to vote—will be recognized. It is futile to fight on distant battlefields to safeguard this priceless heritage, then imperil it at home by our own indifference.

It is a sorry commentary upon the American way of government that a woefully small percentage of eligible voters cast their ballots in important elections. Continued lack of interest and action in this regard is decidedly a threat to the very life of a government "of the people, by the people, for the people."

SO LET US not accept too lightly the responsibility of proper registration at this time—the necessary requisite of voting next month.

The county clerk's office will remain open until 8 o'clock Saturday evening so that ALL who will be eligible to vote November 3rd may do so.—H. G.

Needed, — a Single Command

According to a dispatch from Washington, congressional leaders have demanded an immediate end of all semblance of jealousy or feuds between the U. S. army and navy.

We have a pious idea that most of the "folks back home" will regard this action as only more evidence of the tendency in the congress to waste time in trivial shadow-boxing "while Rome burns."

"Jealousy of any serious nature between our gallant forces on land and sea?—absurd!"

THE present writer after a recent trip to Southern California, however, and particularly San Diego, can't take this problem so lightly.

We don't refer to the perfectly natural and wholesome rivalry between the doughboys and the middies; but to a most curious and surprising feeling between the officers and especially the higher officers, of the sea and land arm.

In less than a 48 hours' stay in San Diego we ran into several examples of this spirit of rivalry, a rivalry so intense and really hostile, that we commented upon its dangers at the time. The idea seemed to be that the "other service" was trying to grab all the credit for the victories in the war, whereas the service represented by the SPEAKER, was responsible for the major portion.

We remarked at the time active combat service and ONE command over army and navy and air would go far toward correcting the situation.

That is still our belief, with particular emphasis upon the second.

Is Lobbying a Sin?

One of the best definitions of lobbying we have ever heard was delivered by Edward O'Neal of the A.F.B.F., in Washington yesterday.

Asked if he, and other members of the American Farm Bureau Federation had been lobbying in favor of higher parities in the anti-inflation bill Mr. O'Neal registered surprise and said:

"Lobbying? Gosh no! We've just been talking with our friends!"

"JUST been talking with our friends!" EXACTLY, and that is all lobbying is, has been, or ever will be.

In fact there is and always has been a great deal of confusion regarding this long-established practice in our democracy.

In certain quarters the term is almost always used as one of opprobrium.

As a matter of fact proper lobbying is not only perfectly legitimate but for the proper functioning of democratic government it might be termed ESSENTIAL.

For in no other way can or could our legislators be properly informed on ANY important issue, in the short space of time available.

Only when lobbyists abandon argument, persuasion and more important than all, the transmission of information, regarding the exact meaning of any political action, and the effect upon the body politic, and revert to such reprehensible forms of political pressure as bribery, blackmail, or kindred acts of a criminal nature, does lobbying deserve the censure so generally bestowed upon it.

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IT IS quite obvious that Mr. Edward O'Neal was either entirely facetious in that remark, unbelievably naive or, from a too extensive and intensive experience as a lobbyist in Washington, believes that when lobbying is mentioned there is only ONE kind the speaker has in mind!

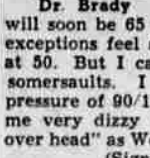
Personal Health Service

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.

WHAT! NO SOMERSAULTS?

Once more I want to thank you for having put me on the road to a happier old age (writes a medical colleague). Seven years ago when I first wrote you, I was anything but a good insurance risk. I continue taking vitamin B complex, the iodine ration, and practice belly breathing daily. I will soon be 65 and with a few exceptions feel as well as I did at 50. But I cannot turn your somersaults. I have a blood pressure of 90/160 and it makes me very dizzy to "turn heels over head" as Webster defines it. (Signed.....M.D.)



Dr. Brady

Hold it, Doctor. Let's see about somersaults.

Some people don't turn 'em because they're afraid to.

Some people don't turn 'em because they are just plain awkward and can't.

Some people don't turn 'em because they think it is too silly.

And probably some people don't turn 'em because they don't know how or why.

I turn 'em first thing every morning to get the stagnant blood out of the splanchnic pool and back into circulation again.

Regardless of age, sex or previous conditions of decrepitude your ability to somersault or the lack of it best answers the question "How old are you?"

Ten or fifteen years ago many complacent people laughed at the agitation for the use of whole wheat instead of refined white flour. They were wrong, of course, as everybody now acknowledges, but they still think they know what's what about medicine, hygiene and health.

The same people laugh at the idea of grown-ups rolling somersaults. In this, too, they are wrong, in my opinion, and thousands of old timers who roll 'em will gladly give their testimony in support of my teaching about this. What any old stiff may think or say about it doesn't concern us much.

For many years I have found that whenever I become—er—

about, I can't understand. Do they consider this of all times the opportunity to "get rich quickly; soldiers have so much money, here's my chance to grab off some extra cash for myself!" In peace times a town near an army post is the most reasonable place for merchandise. (Fewer soldiers of course.) Just why all this gluttonous, selfish, unfairness at a time like this when our country is at war; or do these certain individuals realize that? Not only in Medford, mind you, but any place that is guilty of the same offense against a community or a nation that in times like these should be united as one people for one worthy cause: Victory against just such oppressors in other countries! Just why some people should consider war time the time to get richer for their own personal benefit at the expense of the soldiers who are defending their interests for them is something that is difficult to understand. Could this type of person actually consider himself a good American? I'd say he belongs with his fellow breed, the Nazis or the sneaky Japs.

Too bad their names can't be printed. We'd clean them up in a hurry. Keep up the good work, Mr. Editor. More power to you! Let's make this sneed set a good example.

Mrs. Richard H. Sneed
911 W. 11th St.
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Swat That Rumor?

To the editor:

The war is here!—sitting on our doorsteps, leering in our windows, seeping into our homes! An obvious fact? To our eyes and ears perhaps, but it is not yet obvious to our minds and personal convictions—at least not to mine until very recently.

Rumor is that vague something that you hear about rearing its ugly head in Boston or Washington, D. C., or Podunk but never in Medford! Well, I've been hearing rumors, and passing some of them on, and neglecting to discourage my friends from doing the same.

Moreover, these Medford rumors are far from insipid little things. They contain the seeds of distrust, racial hatred, dissension, doubt, disunity, indecision, and loss of confidence in our army and government.

When you read the following list of stories that I have heard (the gory details deleted), recall some of your bridge or poker table conversations and see if you can add to them. Look at them with new eyes as I did

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Third, a more complete development of the national resources of the Pacific northwest could be attained through full ownership and operation of power there.

QUESTIONS are being raised as to why manufacturers of magnesium are proceeding so slowly in the Pacific northwest, where some excellent deposits of magnesite,