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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Allies have announced plans to strip Japan of the vast territories she has seized in 50 years of conquest and aggression. It will be the most colossal strip-tease act in all history.

In towns and cities pig-bacon bones have taken the place of turkey and chicken gizzards as preferred and choice items of food. In rural regions farmers who admit they are downtrodden, but deny they are prosperous, feast on both these days.

Alf M. Landon of Kansas, the GOP presidential hope in 1936, whose candidacy increased the sunflower acreage of the land three-fold or thereabouts, is reported in cahoots with former President Hoover, in a plot to "stop Willkie" and nominate instead a "Jeffersonian democrat" to garner the anti-Roosevelt votes both republican and democratic, in a coalition ticket. If the scheme works, which is doubtful, it is devoutly hoped the "Jeffersonian democrat" is a better talker than either of the main conspirators. Mr. Landon has simply proven himself the world's worst radio speaker. Mr. Hoover is slightly better but with no more appeal than seven feet of pre-war stovepipe.

WHO'S GOT THE ANSWER? (London Times)
"The word 'shall' is not used in basic English, only 'will.' Will this not make the Ten Commandments a little too optimistic?" —(From a letter.)

The Russian plan to cure Germany as a future menace to peace and civilization by forcing the military leaders and the rank and file to rebuild conquered lands and pack back stolen loot, has already brought objections from British soldiers. It would rob the poor Teutonic deers of their initiative and make them a "slave nation." It was the original Hun idea to enslave the rest of the world, and with barbaric bulldozedness staged mass executions for all who objected.

An election to test Fourth term sentiment in Seminole county, Georgia, is coming up. Due to Georgia's inherited political tendencies, already known results will throw little light. Just as clear a picture could be obtained by calling for a vote of the postmasters of the nation.

A woman's organization of the Middle West is working on a design for a new style American flag, to supplement, but not displace "Old Glory." Fears it will look like one of their hats are probably groundless.

RIGHTED VOTE BLOC (Christian Science Monitor)
"I refer to his master, his miserly, his wholly inadequate dismissal of the great service rendered the nation by the Victory gardeners. It is reported in the papers that his message on food took a month to prepare and was 10,000 words long. Of these 10,000, as I have taken the pains to count a mere 53 words are devoted to Victory gardeners."

J. Tannehill Walker, nearly five, is over what allied him and rendering his own version of Jack & Jill. While totting a coffee pot to the Older Girl next door he fell down and skinned his nose and tore his clothes and the coffee-pot no longer holds water.

Wood piles are being pilfered, the police hear. The culprits are probably dogs in need of fire to cook the chickens they are accused of stealing.

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Good Music For Medford

A nation that can still look to its cultural future, while plunged into a grim and ghastly war, is a nation with the strength to meet its darkest hour with courage and hope.

It is heartening, therefore, that musical groups of America continue to thrive and to expand despite the stress and strain of war.

It is encouraging, too, to see the people of THIS community laying plans for their own musical future in the current membership campaign of the Civic Music Association.

SPIRITUAL needs are indeed great in times like these, and good music provides the comforting emotional experience so sorely needed at this trying moment. It's rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul. We need it, also, to relieve the tension of wartime. In the words of Longfellow:

"And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away."

And, as "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," we hope that it's harmony will truly become the "universal language" in days to come and its influence will be felt throughout the world. May it help to heal the grievous wounds of this bitter struggle and further a lasting brotherhood of mankind when the final gun has been silenced.

THE Civic Music Association is performing a real service to this community in this move to bring really good music to our city. The response to this brief campaign for new members has thus far been most encouraging. Already three outstanding concerts are assured, and other artists will be available IF the size of the membership permits the added expenditure.

Certainly, the musical treats already arranged are well worth the moderate cost of these Civic Music Association memberships. Special emphasis has been placed upon student memberships because of the urgent need for good music among members of the younger generation.

AS a final reminder, the membership campaign will close SATURDAY NIGHT. The Civic Music Association's office in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce building will be open this evening and Saturday night for the convenience of those who wish to make a good investment in pleasure for themselves and in the cultural advancement of their own community.—H.G.

Editorial Correspondence

San Francisco, Dec. 1: Let it be stated at the outset, so there will be no misunderstanding: This is NOT a pleasure trip! It is a trip necessitated by certain conditions of a personal nature over which "ye editor" had—and has—no control. It will be as brief as those conditions allow—which may not be exactly fleeting however.

Looking over our traveling-log we find it has been over a year since we visited San Francisco, and six months since we have been out of the state of Oregon. That is a record of some sort for the gypsy-foot scribe whose initials will appear at the conclusion of this non-electrical transcription. And of course that is another thing that can be blamed—or credited—to the war.

As the train came down from Davis to the Oakland pier this morning—a few planes were flying in a beautiful aqua marine sky, and our soldier traveling companion from Camp White remarked: "Soon as you get out of Oregon it quits raining!" The remark irritated the M. T. representative but we could think of no dignified rejoinder—there WAS the rain we had left, and here was SUNNY Call!

SOLDIERS! Great Pete there were three bus loads of them leaving Medford, and at least one soldier who was left behind. He pleaded with the driver, said there were his orders and he had to go but the driver was adamant—the soldier could not get on. We would like to cite this to the court as Exhibit No. 1 against the S. P. but have to give the devil his due; the soldier got in on Bus No. 3, so none of the army was left behind. But they have been—plenty too, at Medford and Dunsuir, because the S. P. can't—or won't—take care of them.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Paske were on the bus—the former called to Los Angeles because of the death of his father, at the ripe old age of 81. Dr. Paske had just returned from a visit with his father, who had been ill, but seemed entirely recovered, when the sad news came. He too, wished to give the devil S. P. its due—he was able to get Pullman accommodations on the train south only a couple of hours before departure time—he pinned the bouquet on Bob Holmes for that service, however.

It was cold and wet at the quarantine station high up on the California line, where we had to wait half an hour or more for inspection of the luggage.

Some shivering fellow traveler asked why California would let 500 people cross the line on the S. P. trains without inspection, and insist on inspection of the same sort of travelers with the same sort of luggage, because they happened to ride on the Greyhound. No one could answer. We should say the Mediterranean fruit fly would much prefer to ride on the S. P.—they say it is a very vicious and discriminating insect.

One of the Medford party got a laugh with the query as to just how many fruit flies and passengers were being carried by the S. P. over the Siskiyou now anyway.

Well, there are still a dozen freight trains a day, why doesn't the great state of California inspect for the fruit flies and other insects on THEM!

A high official of the S. P., who recently condescended to visit the long-suffering community of Medford, pointed with pride to the fact that passengers going south—and north—now have the advantage of red-cap service at Dunsuir.

This was not true on our former trip. It is not true NOW. And the S. P. agent at Dunsuir is our authority for the statement that it has not been true for three or four months.

No, still raining, cold as a polar bear's nose, and not a red cap or even a bundle stiff in sight. The Pullman for San Francisco moreover was about the sixth track over, far down the yard, with various and sundry freight and passenger trains between.

We did not have such a hard time—ye editor still being reasonably able-bodied, the luggage light, and his traveling companion very muscular indeed.

But two or three of the older gals who were apparently going to California to LIVE DID. A porter on one of the trains volunteered to help and then loaded like a burro, his train started and he had to drop the bundles and run to avoid being left.

We found ourselves wishing the high-up official of the S. P., so satisfied with himself and his great patriotic organization, had been there to view the scene—preferably with about a truck load of his own impedimenta!

Whatever became of the older gals we don't know—nor of the

three bus-loads of soldiers, for that matter. They were not on the train this morning. Perhaps they decided to wait!

Having a warm, dry berth ready, however, without waiting for the Klamath train connection sometime in the early morning WAS an improvement over the last experience. And having to wait in line for breakfast for 45 minutes and being three hours late reaching the Ferry building, was nothing to complain about under the circumstances. (And we mean that—we really enjoyed the breakfast and being after the noon hour the ferry ride in the sunlight was just that much warmer and more delightful.)—R.W.R.

Your Health and Its Care

BY DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

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SOME DAY IS NEVER

Regarding high blood pressure I said here recently:

"We call it 'essential hypertension,' which is medical double talk meaning we hate to tell you we don't know what it means. I use the editorial plural, not to imply that I'm one on the best of physicians but merely that I know no more about this or other types of high blood pressure than your doctor or any doctor knows."

Catching me with my guard down like that, Mrs. B. W. writes:

Dr. Brady—
"When you get a little older and have high blood pressure and some of the bad spells people with high blood pressure have perhaps you will have a different story to tell, or at least have a little more sympathy..."

That takes me back to the halcyon days. Then I busied myself combating the notion that exposure to cold and dampness—such as every one experiences more or less in the ordinary course of life—causes chronic "rheumatism." My purpose was not merely to promote a debate on the question. I was pretty young and enthusiastic then and I hoped to get people who suffered one or another form of chronic joint disability to take new interest in seeking the cause of their trouble and perhaps obtaining some relief or even a cure. But, shucks, I doubt if I converted a dozen old-timers in a year. You have to catch 'em young if you expect to get anywhere with new-fangled ideas.

My mentor goes on:
"I have learned pretty well how to handle blood pressure. I am under no doctor's care and never have been. I don't

trust them to know what to do in case of a spell..."
Perhaps that's why the good woman is content to drift along believing her trouble is "high blood pressure"—she has never given a doctor the chance to find out what ails her. But she mentions that she always wants to know just how high her blood pressure is, for if she knows it is over (never mind the figure) she knows she must be careful about her eating, drinking, working etc.... evidently she patronizes some near-doctor rather than a real doctor, some merchant or charlatan she can trust. That is the sort of "doctor" that strings a customer along with the idea that the trouble is just high blood pressure.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Young
My mother (86) has rolled a dozen somersaults a day for the past 35 years. She says it helps to keep her young. (C. J. G.)

Answer—Probably sounds silly, if not insane, to a lot of brittle old stuffs. I roll my own every morning, and often roll some more beside my desk when I get stuck for the idea I'm trying to bring out. On request any reader may have an invitation to the Somersaultauqua—inclose stamped envelope bearing your address.

Sulfonamides and Responsibility
Some time ago you said persons taking sulfanilamide or sulfathiazole should not drive a car for several days. Please explain why not. (R. W.)
Answer—Because there is sometimes a period of confusion following the action of such drugs, so one taking such drugs should not drive a car, an engine, a plane, not sign important papers, nor assume any other responsibility for several days after the final dose—for 14 days, according to a recommendation of Committee on Disability, Association of American Railroads.

Physiological Reduction
I am about 25 pounds overweight. I'll be grateful for any advice or instruction you may offer for reducing without endangering health. (Mrs. J. B.)
Answer—Send 35c and stamped envelope bearing your address, for booklet "Rules for Reducing." (Copyright 1943, John P. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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Information concerning it, quite by accident.

Committeemen suspect the oil eventually may cost a fabulous amount, perhaps \$1 or \$1.50 per gallon. Cost involves a 500-mile pipeline, drilling in the frozen north, and some evidence indicates oil from California could have been transported to the Alaska battle areas by inland waterways much cheaper.

THE republican election victory in the normally democratic heart of Kentucky, the fourth congressional district, forecasts the final breakup of the Happy Chandler machine. He lives in an adjoining county, and the democratic candidate was his selectee. Whatever excuses, therefore, could be offered for the loss of the state in the earlier gubernatorial election on the ground the Chandler factions did not go along sufficiently were not true in the fourth district.

The election also was a conclusive response to some readers of this column who misinterpreted my analysis of the gubernatorial election as partisan republican propaganda.

THIS election result certainly verifies the conclusion then

expressed that the democrats had failed to win under the best possible auspices in a state normally democratic, and that the failure was due to the discouragement of the people with the New Deal and its regulations and domestic results, a condition which cast into grave doubts Mr. Roosevelt's re-election in 1944.

The margin of republican victory this time in the district was around 12,000 votes, compared with democratic victories by a margin of 15,000 in 1940, 10,000 in 1938, and 17,000 in 1936—representing a turnover of 27,000 votes in 90,000 cast.

The news of a 30 per cent larger meat rationing allowance for this month only, was offered to the country as if it were a Christmas present of the OPA to the people. Truth is, no other course was possible, or at least sensible, in view of stocks piled up in storage, due to price, labor and other government directed marketing conditions.

BEEF storage as far back as October 1 totaled 112,000,000 pounds, about twice as much as the five-year average, and it has been increasing constantly. Pork stocks amounted to 361,000,000 pounds the same day, about 51,000,000 above average. Same is true of frozen lamb, stocks amounting to 17,000,000 pounds, over three times the average. More than half of these stocks are held by the government corporations, the rest being in the hands of private dealers.

Closing time for Classified ads 5 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. His tory from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 3, 1933

(It was Sunday)

Siskiyou storm impedes air and motor travel.

Progress on Bonneville dam pleases army engineers.

Twenty places in county now selling liquor.

Cloudy and foggy. High 46, low 32 degrees.

Christmas turkey prices will be 12c per pound, shippers report.

Plans completed for widening of Riverside avenue.

Transient relief station to be located here soon.

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