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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

All the amateur St. Nick's came out of the ordeal, without incident or accident, though their own progeny, quickly detected their true identity, but were foxed enough not to register complete bamboozlement. Several reports the cotton-batted whiskers caused them to perspire like a hay-hand, and wish they were.

The term "New Deal" has lost its appeal, and high moguls, including the President, want a more modern name, Washington, D. C. reports. It's all right to swap monikers, but not horses, in the middle of a stream. The idea is to have a new deck, with the same old dealers. The forgotten "Forgotten Man" is now classified 4-F.

THE RETORT COURTESY!
(Astoria Astorian-Budget)

"Mr. Winchester's communication was at first rejected for publication and was only printed at his insistence. The reason that it was originally rejected was that we were ashamed for him. Now that he has read his own expressed sentiments in cold print, we hope that he will have the grace to be ashamed for himself."

In prosperity, Granges and other organizations hold "Hard Times" dances, and in depression "Prosperity Balls." With all the talk about a lack of grub throughout the nation it's about time somebody staged a No-Deer-or-Beans shindig and then served both for the midnight supper.

The frets of the people flourish. Along with the current worries and the war comes the prediction the fishing next spring will be poor and the golf course turf needs fixing.

Names of distinguished citizens now adorn the list of probable and possible opponents of Sen. Rufus Holman in the May primary. Even at this early date a sufficient number of high type names have been mentioned to assure the nomination of the wrong man.

T'WAS EVER THUS!

(Oregon Voter)

"The more prudent among the property-owners in the little PUD can assume the responsibility of being the court of final resort to decide whether the tax liability is theirs to risk. They may not have enough votes, for prudence makes a poor campaign showing against anything that is fantastic enough to appeal to the age-old human desire to get something for nothing and wind up with nothing for something."

This is the last week of the year. Quite a few will devote it to finding a New Year's resolution they can keep and a 1944 calendar.

The first draft of a plan for the establishment of an international court to try A. Hitler and other war criminals has been completed. The court will have 35 judges, and 62 different things can happen to the defendants it found guilty. The Russian system, as exhibited at Kharkov, is not so complicated. They have one judge and one hangman. This does away with a lot of legal tomfoolery.

"Please tell rewriters to watch in boiling down our stuff. In 40 words in a shotgun story they hurt the boy worse than the shotgun did, moved him from Hyrum to Logan, misspelled his name, and brought into the case the Logan police, who never had heard of it." (Notice in Salt Lake Tribune)—Why editors have tantrums.

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A Great Loss To the State

Four days have passed since the sudden and unexpected death of President Donald Erb of the University of Oregon, but the sense of incredulity and shock is as poignant as it was the day the news came.

And this condition will undoubtedly continue for a long time—it takes more than four days to become adjusted to such a loss to the state, as this tragedy involved.

And by "state" we don't mean the State University alone, which he served so well—although in that particular field the blow will be devastating—but throughout the state as a whole, where Dr. Erb was so well and favorably known.

FOR unlike many university heads, Donald Erb did not seclude himself in his ivory tower and breathe only the rarified air of a higher culture. Since the entrance of this country into the war, what amounted to an educational revolution has necessitated his keeping close to Eugene. But during the years before the war, President Erb travelled considerably throughout the state, gave talks here and there, and familiarized himself with many state problems.

AND there was this invaluable quality which President Erb possessed—among MANY others. He liked people, and people liked him. He was sincerely interested in individuals and their problems, and the individuals were as a result, interested in him.

As far as we can recall he only visited here in Southern Oregon once for any length of time. But those who met him then have never forgotten him.

They wanted to see him again, they became interested in the University as they never had been before. And when the tragic news came over the wire last Thursday, they felt not only that the University had lost a great leader, but that they had lost a personal friend.

That is a rare quality—particularly among college presidents. And it emphasizes a factor which makes President Erbs' sudden death, so peculiarly tragic—so difficult in any sense to become RECONCILED to.

For splendid as his record at Eugene has been, where in a few brief years he had literally brought order out of chaos, "made a new university in a new world" overnight as it were, what he had done there was nothing compared to what he gave promise of doing for the university and state in the future.

And again we do not refer solely to his administrative work at the university, nor even his services in the general field of higher education, important as those are. But to the part we believe he was destined to play because of the rare personal qualities he possessed in stimulating the intelligent development and elevating and invigorating the LEADERSHIP of this state.

Yes, if ever a young man—for in public life these days to be anywhere in the 40's is to be a youth—was cruelly cut down in midlife, when he had everything to live for, when his career of greatest usefulness and greatest brilliance all lay before him, that man was the "youngest president the University of Oregon ever had"—who in the prime of life and robust health was taken down with pneumonia ONE day, was dead 48 hours later!

WHY? Why?
Ah, there is the eternal and heart-breaking query of suffering humanity through the ages.

Answer that satisfactorily and the riddle of life is solved.

We envy those who CAN answer it. (Or THINK they can).

We only know these tragic things DO happen, and to get through life without complete shipwreck one must be prepared somehow to meet them when they come.

WHY President Erb, a great outdoors man, and always apparently in fine physical condition, should not have been saved from pneumonia by prompt hospitalization and the use of sulfa drugs, when so many thousands of others HAVE been—

WHY he should be the one to go, when miracles of recovery are being performed every day, for those who unlike him have COMPLETED their jobs, are really not NEEDED by their communities, their families or themselves any longer.

WHY all these things should go on—why aside from the anguish and heart-breaks caused, there should be such a wanton WASTE of superior human material when the need for such material in this mad—and sad—world will be needed as never before—

We say, why all this should BE—should be allowed by the intelligence that presumably controls, is beyond the comprehension of this department. There are those who find the answer in a fine system of omniscience and omnipotence—"God's in His Heaven, all's well in the world."

Well, whatever the answer may be, there the FACT is. Let those who can answer the eternal query satisfactorily do so. We can't.

The death of President Erb, when his real work had barely started represents, as we see it, unreparable and tragic LOSS. It can be endured of course, it CAN'T be understood!

Your Health and Its Care

BY DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.
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SPONTANEOUS HEALING OF RUPTURE

A rupture, breach or hernia is not a tear or wound or puncture in the common sense, but just a bulge or protrusion at some point in the wall of a body cavity, where the normal muscle and facial layers of the cavity wall give enough under pressure from within to permit bulging.

In most instances hernia is inguinal, that is, in the groin. The bulging occurs through or close to the natural opening, called inguinal canal, through which the testical has descended, just before birth, from its normal situation behind abdominal cavity near primitive kidney) into the scrotal sac. In women the bulge occurs just below the groin on the thigh through the natural opening that gives passage to the great femoral artery, vein, nerve and lymphatic channels.

Hernia may occur in various other situations, and post-operative hernia occurs wherever the abdominal wall happens to be weakened by faulty repair of the surgical wound.

In all cases, of course, the bulging is covered by skin and the blanket of fatty tissue that lies under the skin, and by more or less fascia or tough fibrous supporting tissue layers, depending on the type of hernia.

Just as post-operative hernia may occur in any case weeks or months after abdominal operation, so traumatic or accidental hernia may occur in any one as a consequence of injury or some sudden violent strain. But in the great majority of cases hernia, whether it first appears in infancy, childhood, youth or adult life, is congenital, that is to say, the individual is born with it or with the type of construction that permits it to occur.

Hernia may be cured in any of four ways.

Choice of Second Front Leader Forced By Stalin; Why Marshall Discarded Is Unrevealed Story

By Lyle C. Wilson

United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin was authoritatively credited here today with forcing at the Tehran conference a decision on a leader for the allied expeditionary force in a "second front" invasion of Europe.

The Russian premier also promised that when the western front becomes tough and bloody, the allies can be sure that the red army will keep a large part of the German army busy in a slugging match on the eastern front.

President Roosevelt announced in his Christmas eve message to the armed services that the western front leader would be Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Marshall Assured

The story of the selection of a second front leader begins at last August's Quebec conference when Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, was informed that he would be given that command in due course.

By Sept. 6 the story had leaked and appeared here. On the following day Mr. Roosevelt was asked at his news conference whether Marshall was to have the invasion command. He replied that he had not the foggiest notion about that report.

By Sept. 20, Washington was teeming with disturbing charges that powerful forces were trying to oust Marshall. It concealed was the implication that Marshall's firm manner had aroused the British to press for his removal from the post of chief of staff where he has much to say about allocation of American men and material.

Conflict Seen

These implications were underlined Sept. 20 by an editorial in the well informed Army and Navy Journal. It said: "Thinking only of winning the war in the shortest time and of saving every American life possible, General Marshall, of course, has come into conflict with powerful forces which would like to eliminate him from the Washington picture and place in his stead an officer more amenable to their will."

The Journal said it did not believe Mr. Roosevelt would move him.

A logical explanation is that Marshall, who had been demanding a land invasion of western Europe for months, so annoyed the British by his insistence that their top people finally said: "All right, if Marshall knows how to do it, let him come over and lead the show."

It is no secret here that the British steadily resisted our western European invasion arguments over a period of months

First, spontaneous cure. This happens in a good many cases in the first months or years of infancy, in only an occasional case in youth or adult life.

Second, cure by proper support, by wearing a truss selected by the physician, not by a salesman, inventor, mechanic or self-styled specialist. This is important, if not essential, for spontaneous cure.

Third, by plastic or reconstructive surgery.

Fourth, by office ambulant injection treatment.

Hum-m-m. Now why did I omit mention of exercise? Well, we'll discuss exercise another day.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chronic Running Ear

You once gave a recipe for drops for chronic running ear. My son used it and obtained a cure having had running ear for several years. Now a neighbor wants it. (Mrs. G. L.)

Answer—For chronic running ear (1) cease plugging ear with cotton, but instead leave it always open for free ventilation; (2) drop in ear two or three drops of a solution of tea grains boric acid in one fluidounce pure grain alcohol night and morning for many months. Use blunt medicine dropper and always warm solution by letting vial stand in warm water for while before putting in ear. If drugist cannot sell you the solution without prescription, maybe your family doctor will authorize it for you. I can't.

Dropped Stomach

Specialist said I have dropped stomach, and prescribed a corset. I have worn it for nearly a year now. Must I wear it forever? (Mrs. W. H. C.)

Answer—Neither the "specialist" nor the constant wearing of corset sounds kosher, if "dropped stomach" is all that ails you, young woman. Millions of healthy people have "dropped stomach"—but they never know it unless they fall into the hands of some fake "specialist."

Adult Tetany

Mother, 72, suffers frequently from cramps in legs at night. (Mrs. M. G.)

Answer—It can do no harm, may bring relief, if she takes 15 grains calcium (gluconate and di-calcium phosphate) and 750 units vitamin D in water or capsules twice daily after food for a week or so in each month. (Copyright 1943, John F. Dille Co.)

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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

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but \$1,500,000,000 would have been saved anyway through the excess profits tax.

He estimated 72 per cent of renegotiations savings would go into the treasury in taxes—which this congressional bill is now upping from 80 to 95 per cent so the tax recapture on profits henceforth would be even greater.

With a 95 per cent excess profits tax, the government fixing the price of every standard article and making the contracts itself, it must be evident that if "war profiteers are getting away with billions," many contracting officials in the administration have not done their duty, regardless of contract renegotiation. A lot must be responsible for making bad or even crooked contracts.

THAT contracts should be renegotiated, everyone agrees even if only to save a dime, or to catch bad contracts. The problem is to save the people as much war cost as possible, but to do it efficiently and justly. The administration has been letting minor or presumably some incompetent officials do it arbitrarily, without right of protest or appeal for the contractor.

Even New Deal Wheelhouse Senator Guffey has risen to protest government action in the case of the E. G. Budd Manufacturing company of Philadelphia, in which he said a war department official had threatened to "break" the company if it did not accept the government renegotiation proposition. This is probably unconstitutional, Hitleresque, and certainly not desired by anyone.

The proposed congressional remedy basically is to allow the contractor to sue the government for the difference in the court of claims, if he believes he has been treated unjustly by some army marionette and can prove it. This certainly could not let "war profiteers get away with millions" unless the court of claims is either stupid or corrupt.

ANOTHER proposal is to give renegotiation to a competent official like War Mobilizer Byrnes, which also might provide efficient management.

Evidently the matter has been exaggerated, and has become a political football, thus obscuring the fact that there is a real job yet to be done in the public interest.

Italy Front



Here's how the slowly moving Italian front stands these days. Doughboys and Tommies are still approximately 80 miles from Rome.

ACTIVITY NOTED IN UNDERGROUND

London, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—A sharp upswing in underground resistance in France, possibly prompted by allied second front preparations, was indicated today in a Vichy radio announcement that 2,083 "agitators" were arrested in France last week.

Of this number 150 were accused of "banditism" and 10 were jailed as "communists," the broadcast said.

Dispatches from Zurich reported, meanwhile, that martial law had been declared and 100 residents arrested in the French town of Annemasse following the assassination of three German occupation officers and seven soldiers.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

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HIRAM A. HOOTON, PIONEER, PASSES

Hiram Andrew Hooton, 89, known to all his friends as "Andy," passed away at the home of his nephew, Ernest Lyman, Gold Hill, Sunday. He had lived on the same farm for 74 years.

He was born in Indiana on August 20, 1854. At the age of 12, with his mother, a Civil War widow, and his brother and two sisters, he went to New York City where they took a boat for Portland. For the next two years they made their home in Brownsville, Oregon. Two years later, with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douden, they moved to Sams Valley. A year later, 1869, they moved to what is now known as the "Douden place" and here he resided for the rest of his life. He was a farmer and a placer miner, having mined for many years around Gold Hill. In the early 80's he helped survey the railroad from Grants Pass to the other side of the Siskiyou mountains. In 1912 he joined the IOOF lodge in Gold Hill and was a member there at his death.

He leaves four nephews and three nieces; Ernest Lyman and Earl Pankey of Gold Hill; Joe and Theron Pankey of Anchorfork, Alaska; Mrs. Katie Shearer, Forks, Wn.; Mrs. Earl Ham, Medford, and Mrs. Ernest Hartman, The Dalles, Oregon.

IOOF services will be held at the graveside in Gold Hill cemetery Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. Arrangements are in care of the Conger Funeral Parlor.

THOMAS J. PULLEN EAGLE POINT, DIES

Thomas Jefferson Pullen of Eagle Point, passed away in a local hospital Saturday. He was born in Norway, Coos County, Oregon, November 26, 1890. On May 15, 1919, he was united in marriage to Mary Robertson and they made their home for several years in California. In 1925 they returned to Eagle Point and resided there since.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Mary A. Pullen, he leaves a daughter, Ruby; a brother, W. J. Pullen, Bandon; a sister, Mrs. Eva Zim-dians, Idaho; and two half-brothers and a half-sister: C. H. Pullen, California; B. F. Pullen, La-Grande, and Mrs. Dora Minton, Idaho.

He had been ill for many years, but took an active part in the Union work at the Reese Creek Sunday school. While a member of the Brethren Church in Ashland, he was unable to attend there because of his health. His loss will be felt by all in the community.

Services will be in the Conger Chapel Wednesday at 1:30 p. m., with the Rev. John Stelle officiating. Interment will be in Central Point cemetery.

Dismiss Charges Against W. T. Poff

Charges against W. T. Poff, 842 Blaine street, Ashland, arrested last May for "snagging fish," were dismissed in justice court last week. Brought to a jury trial last summer, the jury disagreed on the case. Rather than retry it, District Attorney George W. Neilson dismissed charges.

PUGILIST HELD

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—Police today held Jack Isaiah Joseph Chase, state middle-weight champion, for the "accidental" shooting of "Tiger" Aaron Wade, negro pugilist, in a restaurant shortly before midnight last night. Chase was held in lieu of \$1,000 bail for assault with intent to commit murder, possession of a deadly weapon and filing the serial numbers off his .32 caliber pistol.

NEW POST

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 27, 1933
(It was Wednesday)
Government deficit of billion dollars fails to worry President Roosevelt.

Unsettled with occasional rains. High 42, low 35 degrees.

Liquor ordinance is drawn by city council.

Robert K. Norris reports on shipment of pears by sea.

Autoists warned to get their 1934 license plates at once.

William J. Warner retires after 30 years in the postal service.

High school quint to play local All-Star team.

Many auto accidents in county over Christmas holiday.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE CROWN PRINCE HIROHITO OF JAPAN FAILS. Nation in an uproar. Shot fired while prince was riding in an auto.

Burglar saws his way out of city jail.

Rain predicted. High 42, low 35 degrees.

Former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall gives full details of New Mexico ranch deal.

Bill to bar Japanese immigrants before congress.

County Clerk Chauncey Flory will not seek re-election in primaries.

County taxes to be less next year.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

SEES WHITEWASH

To the editor,—How about General Patton? was a question in your paper of Dec. 5 that you tried to answer, and it seems to me that you got yourself all balled up. But as I understand you, you want to put on the whitewash now, while the "higher ups" are afraid whitewash wouldn't stick at the present.

I think Patton is an overbearing coward and not fit to hold any job that the people have to pay him for. If that soldier had struck Patton he would have been shot, but Patton can slap the soldier and get away with it. What I say makes no difference of course, but I say Patton is not fit to have command over anybody and should be put out of the army or reduced to rank of private.

E. P. BROOKS,

843 E. Main St.

JAP BRUTALITY TOLD

IN CHANGTEH FIGHTING

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—(U.P.)—The Chinese consulate general today released a Chinese ministry of foreign affairs statement asserting Japanese killed 2300 civilians and raped more than 5000 women at Changteh, Hunan province.

The statement said 180 women died as a result of rape, and that 400 men, 180 women and 320 children were captured by Japanese at Changteh.

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