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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The manpower chief urges people to go to bed early New Year's eve and get a refreshing sleep for the war effort. Unless more heed is paid than to requests not to travel made by the government, more folks will stay up all night than at any previous time since the founding of the Republic.

A 13-old boy shows up as a defense worker receiving \$1.32 per hour. One of the social welfare problems of the post-war period will be to wean him back to earth and what he is worth.

"Bratislava, formerly Pressburg, is the phony seat of the phony government of the phony state of Slovakia." (Oakland (Cal.) Tribune).—Incidentally, they are about to be disconnected by the Allies.

Horses are using East Side lawns for pastures. None of the home-owners to date, are mad enough to solve the alleged meat shortage with a 30-30 rifle. They, however, threaten to point the district attorney at the equine trespassers.

"BUTCHERS THUMB NOSE AT PUBLIC." (Hillside Coquette News).—Worse than putting them on the scales.

Several victims of "mild" cases of flu have violent doubts about its mildness. They report it was something like a "mild bombing" of a German airport on the way home from Berlin.

WAY UP NORTH: (Press Dispatch)

"Portland (P)—A Portland woman who wanted some Brazil nuts asked a grocer for 'five pounds of nigger-tos.' Then, she told police, a negro woman customer beat her on the head with an umbrella."

The prediction of Gen. Eisenhower the war as far as Germany is concerned, will end the coming year, due to his position and military experience, is received with confident respect. He is no rocking-chair general. Most of the high military prognosticators are, unhampered by the slightest military knowledge. The ilk will now devote their forecasting to the Pacific theater. Any day now the pessimistic guess Japan will fight well into the next century can be expected.

"According to the old saying, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away,' but with the present price of the fruit it's about as cheap to have the doctor." (King City (Mo.) Chronicle).—It just seems that way.

GLOBAL GADDING!

"This is the first war in history when we've had to use red thumb-tacks to denote where the president of the United States was last seen."

"It's a traveling war. The problem of supply for the rulers and entourages is getting almost as difficult as the problem of supply for the fighting forces."

"Our side has got those old time Hitler-Mussolini conferences at Brenner Pass looking like mere gin-rummy quickies in the flat next door."

"Soldiers on guard duty are under instructions to walk their posts in a military manner, challenge everybody and call for more than three Roosevelt tries to enter the lines in one night." (N. Y. Sun.)

Conover "cover girls" are being trained to act as announcers and demonstrators for post-war television, according to Radio News.

Sherman vs. MacArthur

When most people think of General Sherman they think of "war is hell" and "the march through Georgia" and let it go at that.

We happen to have a different idea for we were brought up on General Sherman so to speak, one of our grandfathers having been an ardent hero-worshiper of the famous Union General.

There was a large framed picture of the General above the fireplace and "Grandpappy" liked to relate the wonderful exploits and remarks of the "greatest man in the country," although it was his brother, not he himself, who marched with the General through Georgia.

At the time of these conversations, believe it or not, General Sherman was not only still living, but recently had been advanced as a candidate for the Presidency—at least the Republicans had tried in every way to get him for their candidate—but the staunch old Indian fighter had refused.

This was the first, and only mistake the General ever made, in Grandfather's opinion, and it irked him terribly, for next to horse-stealing the cardinal sin, in his lexicon of morality, was to be a member of the DEMOCRATIC party!

And it came out during this public discussion of Sherman for President that the hero of the Battle of Atlanta had always been a staunch Democrat and a great friend of President Buchanan up to the outbreak of the Civil War!

Grandpappy never believed this, but a perusal of a recent biography of General Sherman shows the main facts to be true.

HOWEVER, the point we wish to make at the present time, refers to a certain incident related in this biography, rather than to those conversations of over 50 years ago. And this incident convinces this department that Grandfather was dead right—General Sherman was not only a great General but a great MAN, and it is to be hoped some of the American generals in this war will show the good judgment, good sense and strong character he did.

WE refer particularly to General MacArthur who has been put forward for the Republican nomination next year by the Chicago Tribune and is being given a steady publicity build-up by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan and other reliable wheel-horses of the Old Guard Republican machine.

As has been previously stated in this column such action we regard as a great disservice to General MacArthur who is doing an excellent job in the South Pacific, and where, until victory is won, he should remain. Moreover, we can't believe the general himself, would consider accepting such a proposition or entering politics of any sort as long as the war is on, just because a group of politicians wish to capitalize politically on his popularity and military prowess.

But the General's silence on the proposal, as the campaign gains in force does cause, among his real friends we believe, a certain uneasiness and apprehension.

At any rate this is what General William Tecumseh Sherman did under similar circumstances, when a decade after the Civil War he was one of the most popular men in the country, a group of Republicans headed by James G. Blaine tried to draft him as the Republican nominee.

Blaine sent him this message:

"You can no more refuse this nomination than you could have refused to obey a military order when you were a lieutenant."

Sherman came right back as follows:

"I shall resist such action to the utmost even if it gives offense to the convention which construes itself to express the will of the people. I would commit myself a fool, a madman and an ass to take any other action."

Nevertheless when the Republican convention met, the presidential material available to the party proved to be so disappointing, the Republican delegates could not be restrained, and with the firm conviction the General would not have the nerve to refuse such an honor if the nomination were really offered him, the following message was sent:

"General Sherman, your name is the only one we can agree upon; you will have to put aside your personal prejudices and accept the presidency."

Whereupon, it is related the old campaigner, without even taking his cigar from his mouth, or changing his calm but determined expression dictated the following reply:

"I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected!"

That was THAT!

Not because General Sherman lacked in any way a sense of patriotism or public responsibility, but because he was convinced he was not fitted by temperament or training for such a position; that the only reason it was offered him was the desire of a political party to cash in on a prestige and popularity that was his, not theirs and that had been gained because of a success NOT in public life but on the field of battle. Therefore only disaster for the party and for himself would result if he were weak enough and vain enough to believe the flattery offered and swallow the political bait.

WELL history, with the U. S. Grant administration in mind, has certainly upheld the wisdom of that decision!

It is to be hoped General Sherman's example will be followed by General MacArthur, General Marshall—or any other U. S. Generals—who, enjoying a deserved popularity because of their military achievements, are now being advanced as presidential candidates for one reason and one reason only—because with a war on their popularity gained in a military field entirely can be cashed into votes!

Your Health and Its Care

BY Dr. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

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EXERCISE CURES HERNIA

Talking about the spontaneous cure of hernia the other day, for spontaneous cure occurs in a

good many cases in infancy and early childhood provided the hernia is properly supported, and occasionally in youth or adult life, we specified the four ways in which hernia can be cured, namely, spontaneous cure, cure by suitable support or truss, cure by plastic or reconstructive surgery and cure by injection treatment.

Then, come to think of it, there is still another way to cure hernia, namely, by systematic exercise, that is, by the regular, methodical performance of exercises expressly designed to improve the general muscle tone and particularly the tone of muscles in the area where the bulging occurs.

A correspondent told us here recently of apparent cure of hernia in several members of his family by wearing truss for from a few months to a year. Numerous readers wrote to inquire what kind of truss. The correspondent did not mention any particular kind of truss. That is important. The important thing is that the truss be selected by your own physician and worn as the physician directs and under the physician's regular inspection. This is important whether you take exercise treatment, surgical treatment, injection treatment or no treatment at all.

Everything said so far about cure of hernia applies to reducible hernia only. That is, the bulging or protrusion must disappear entirely when the patient lies on back with hips on knees flexed, and if necessary, the hernia gently manipulated with fingers. In some instances hernia is not so reducible, and, if it is not, then there is practically no

chance of cure by any other means than by operation. It is a serious mistake to apply any kind of truss or support to irreducible hernia, without the advice of your own physician.

Nowhere in any standard surgical work that I know of is there any specific recognition of or recommendation of special exercises in preparation for operation or for speeding convalescence and rehabilitation after abdominal or pelvic operations. This, I believe, is an unfortunate shortcoming in American surgery and gynecology. It merits further discussion, here, not in private.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Garlie

Please give your opinion in regard to the use of garlic or the principle extracted from it for high blood pressure. I have had throbbing in the region of heart and can feel it often in my head, too. (B. W.)

Answer—The garlic idea is just some charlatan's invention. Garlic has no effect on blood pressure. The symptoms you mention do not signify high blood pressure. It would be folly to attempt to diagnose or treat your own trouble, whatever it may be. I assure you, "high blood pressure" never in itself what ails the patient; the blood pressure may be higher than normal in various diseases or circumstances. My advice is that you leave blood pressure entirely to your physician's consideration. The less you think you know about it the better off you will be.

Wakerful Boy

I am 14 this month. Every night I wake up at least 4 times for no reason at all. I'll be sleeping when all of a sudden I wake up. Can you tell me why? (C. G.)

Answer—I can't, son. It may be some trivial disturbance, but certainly it is not normal, and I advise you to report it to your doctor and have the doctor find out whether there is anything wrong that may be readily remedied if taken to time. All letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

Girls Must Not Reduce

I am 12 years old. Is there any way I can get thin like other girls of my age? I weigh 100 pounds. (Nanette.)

Answer—For the sake of your health and good looks, Nanette, don't try to reduce and don't try to diet in any way, unless you have the regular attention of your family doctor. (Copyright, 1943, John F. Dille Co.)

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and Edward Dietrich of Clear Lake, Minn.; Frank of Plentywood, Mont., and Stephen of Canada.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger Funeral Parlor upon the arrival of two sons from the east.

WILLIAM H. HART

Graveside funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Brownson cemetery for William Hugh Hart, 72, who died Tuesday night at a Medford hospital.

The deceased, a bachelor, had lived in this vicinity for the past 40 years and for many years had been an invalid.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Mary Bradshaw of Brownson, who had cared for her brother in her home, and another sister, Mrs. Maggie Tucker, Central Point. Also surviving is a brother, Thomas J. Hart of Quincy, Calif.

Mr. Hart was born in Utica, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1871.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Perl Funeral Home.

JOSEPH S. ZASH

Joseph S. Zash, a resident of southern Oregon for past 50 years, passed away at the family home on Route 1 Wednesday. He was born in Kentucky, May 24, 1871.

An expert orchard worker, he had been with the Oregon Orchards for the past 13 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virdie Zash, three children, Mrs. L. C. Morgan, and Joseph Zash of Medford, and Mrs. L. A. Kinke, Malin, Ore., also seven grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Belle McDonald, Princeton, Calif., and a brother, Peter Zash, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Funeral services will be conducted from Perl Funeral Home Monday at 2 p. m., the Rev. Harry Hansen, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

PETER DIETRICH

Peter Dietrich, 71, passed away at his home, 939 North Central, Wednesday.

He was born near St. Cloud, Sherburne county, Minn., Feb. 17, 1872, where he resided for many years. On Dec. 28, 1905 he was united in marriage at Alexander, Minn., to Gertrude Schackel, who was present at his passing.

Mr. Dietrich was a member of the A. O. U. W. at Portland. He came to Medford with his family in March 1921.

Besides his wife, he leaves five children, Leona R. Wenzel, Ridgefield, Wash.; Miss Viola M. Dietrich, Olive View, Calif.; Corporal Robt. H. Dietrich, Columbus Air Base, Columbus, Ohio; Lt. Benjamin R. Dietrich, Air Corps, Brazil; Cpl. Merle E. Dietrich, Camp Butler, N. Carolina, and one grandson, Robt. Walter, Ridgefield, Wash. Also five brothers, John, Joseph

and Edward Dietrich of Clear Lake, Minn.; Frank of Plentywood, Mont., and Stephen of Canada.

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URGES FEDERAL AID TO STATES FOR EDUCATION

Florida Educator Says Grants Only Way to Avoid Government Control.

By Barbara Landstreet (United Press Correspondent)

Tallahassee, Fla. (U.P.)—Federal control of education can be avoided only by establishment of a system of direct federal aid with funds apportioned to states objectively and administered under their constitutions, Director E. L. Morphet, of the state department of education, said.

The director pointed out that federal support is imperative because small states, which statistics show supply substantial part of the citizenship found in larger, wealthier states, cannot provide adequate educational opportunities for their children.

"Therefore," he said, "the entire nation is handicapped by the extent to which the poorer states are unable to maintain satisfactory schools."

Morphet said that people have refused to establish the direct system on assumption that federal control might be avoided by denying the issue completely. However, he added, recent trends and developments prove the assumption to be "dangerously" wrong.

"Comparatively few people realize that for the past several years we have been moving rapidly toward federal control of schools because we do not have a comprehensive system of direct federal aid."

According to the director, the federal government in the future cannot ignore the educational needs of the nation or refrain from any effort to supply funds to meet the situation.

"But as long as funds for schools are made available indirectly through non-educational agencies, such as PWA, NYA and FWA, we must continue to expect increasing federal control of the school program."

He suggested that the correct system of federal aid for schools should meet the following requirements:

1—Funds should be apportioned to states on basis of an objective formula written into law and not subject to interpretation or modification by any federal agency.

2—Funds should be made available to states to be used in improving educational systems in accordance with provisions of law.

3—Each state should be held fully responsible for proper expenditure of funds, with the government having the right to audit state accounts.

4—States should be required to meet certain objective administrative standards incorporated in the law.

"If all the millions of dollars spent on educational functions by non-educational agencies of the federal government could have been made available through a satisfactory system of federal aid, our states' systems of education would have been far stronger; objectionable controls would have been avoided; and the people would be in far better position to resist successfully further tendencies toward undesirable controls by federal agencies," Morphet said.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle, 125; calves, 35. Strong. Few steers unsold. Canner-cutter cows, \$7.00 to \$10.00; good beef cows, \$12.00 to \$15.00; choice vealers, \$14.00 to \$16.00; good heifers, \$10.00 to \$12.00. Hogs, 800. Active, strong. Good choice 190-250 lbs., mostly \$14.50 to \$15.00; 150-175 lbs., \$13.00 to \$13.75; good sows, \$9.00 to \$9.50; feeder pigs, \$10.50.

Sheep, 100. Active, strong. Good choice 75-lb. fall shorn, \$12.75; medium grade, \$11.00; good-choice woolled lambs saleable above \$13.00; good ewes saleable \$4.50 or above.

South San Francisco, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—(USDA)—Cattle, none. Nominal. For week, receipts 300, very light. Medium to good steers, 10 to 12 cents. Bulk good to choice 250-300-lb. carcasses and gilt, \$14.75; 180-200-lb., \$14.25; medium to good sows, \$10.00 to \$10.75.

Sheep, 200. Undertone fully steady

on deck Utah lambs offered. Cull to good ewes quoted \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—(WFA)—Livestock: Hogs, 10,000. Slow. Holdovers around 8000. Steady to 25c higher. Good and choice 150-350 lbs., \$11.75 to \$13.75; 350-550-lb. sows, \$12.50 to \$12.50.

Cattle, 3500. Calves, 700. Mostly steady. Choice weighty steers topped at \$16.85; best yearlings, \$16.25; bulk fat steers, \$13.50 to \$16.00; good heifer top \$15.25.

Sheep, 10,000. Fat lambs active early. Fully steady. About one dozen loads good to choice fed woolled western lambs scaling around 103 lbs. down, \$15.10 to packers and shippers.

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

December 30, 1933
(It Was Saturday)

Sheriff closes up one roadhouse and others on list in liquor clean-up.

Pope puts peace plan failure on world leaders.

Cloudy with probable snow in hills. High 53, low 40 degrees.

Oklahoma bandits shot and caught.

Rain and gales hit California, eastern cold wave ends.

Pear quota to France boosted; import tax near.

CWA projects cheer up valley morale, and more cash circulates.

Twenty years ago today

December 30, 1923
(It Was Sunday)

Sen. Hiram Johnson to open campaign for president in Cleveland, Ohio.

Rain or snow predicted. High 43, low 31 degrees.

All stores of city to close New Year's Day.

Blizzard and cold snap hit upstate areas.

Fatty Arbuckle of the movies is divorced by wife.

Salem is flooded for applications for soldier's bonus.

Chinese bandits hold Americans for ransom.

NEW YEAR SERVICE AT EAGLE POINT FRIDAY

Eagle Point, Dec. 30.—A special New Year's service will be held Friday at the Highway Tabernacle here, beginning at 8:30 p. m. There will be community singing, vocal and instrumental selections and recitations. Bible games will be played and refreshments served.

The meeting will close with a devotional service.

The public is cordially invited.

COSTLY ERROR

Chicago, Dec. 30.—(U.P.)—On Christmas eve Harlan H. Evenden, a worker for the Superheater Co., received a check which, through a clerical error, paid him \$997 for \$2.31 owed him. Company officials discovered another mistake today and when they took the cancelled check to Evenden's address and found him unknown there.

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