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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The present day bootlegger is described as a higher type, than the model of the 1920s. Even if he is nice, there is no tendency to call him a bootlegger.

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The villain in pursuing Nellie Finland down the Karelian Isthmus, with surrender to Russia predicted by July 1. Another villain, consisting of seven divisions of Nazis, await the end of her flight. She also is at war with Britain, and the food supply is low. There is plenty of nothing left but hard luck, and her chances to exist as a nation are slim. Her epitaph is already written. The closing paragraph of a Washington dispatch reads: "Finland, only nation still paying World I debts to this country, still owes about \$9,000,000."

A Montana cowboy rides a horse 17 miles to church every Sunday, a news item oddity reveals. There must be a good-looking soprano in the choir.

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Mr. Willkie and the Negro

Mr. Wendell Willkie is giving the Republican party some excellent advice.

Take this negro question, for example.

That would seem to be a "natural" for the party of Lincoln and the Emancipation proclamation.

The Republican party freed the negroes and guaranteed them equal rights, political and otherwise.

Why should not the party that waged and won the Civil War take the leadership now in the effort to give the negroes today, those rights that the party's founders fought and died for?

THERE would seem to be every argument in favor of it, not only from the standpoint of what is right and fitting, but what is politically expedient.

There are around ten million negro votes in this country. Why shouldn't the G.O.P. fight for justice for the colored man, and, incidentally, get those votes—or most of them, in the coming presidential election?

WELL maybe the party will. They will have their big chance in Chicago ten days hence.

But we venture to say it will be no push-over, for the pro-negro bloc. Why? Well this is "why".

IF the Republican party should be true to itself and go all-out in favor of justice and fair play, politically and otherwise for the colored man, the support the Republican minority now receives in the congress from the Southern Democrats—and against Roosevelt—would be conspicuous by its absence.

There is a fairly sizeable group of "White Supremacy" Democrats from the South, who are playing ball with the Republicans now, and the G.O.P. powers—that-be appreciate that support and don't want to lose it.

SO there will undoubtedly be a strong effort to retain this support by not forcing the negro issue and at the same time not lose the support of the negroes in the north who unlike their brothers to the south, still enjoy the privilege of the franchise.

It will be the old time-honored "army game" of trying to have one's cake and also eat it,—which has never succeeded and never will but certain types of the genus homo politico never seem to get wise to the fact.

However they may be beaten in Chicago. We hope for the sake of the Republican party and the country they are.

We would not advise any members of "The False Friends Club", however, to wage more than a week's wages, on such a result.

Southern Democrats Split

A brief item in Tuesday's paper stated that the Democratic primary fight in Texas would be taken to that state's supreme court.

Well there is a pretty kettle of fish!

Those who think the only big war is going on in Europe, don't know what is going on within the Democratic party in the lone-star state,—and some other states in the South,—and has been going on for several months past.

A BITTERLY anti-Roosevelt group recently secured control of the Democratic organization in Texas, through a Kilkenny party convention.

This group having a majority refused to place over 20 pro-Roosevelt electors on the July primary ballot.

These electors are trying to reverse this decision through legal action.

BUT that isn't all,—not a half of it, in fact.

These same anti-Roosevelt electors have ruled that unless the Democratic convention, meeting in Chicago next month, restores the two-thirds democratic rule in that convention, and also takes formal action condemning the recent U. S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the right of negroes to vote in Democratic primaries,—

The nominees of that convention will not be recognized by the Texas electors and will not receive the electoral votes of that state!

WHAT does this mean? It not only means political blackmail, it means,—

In brief, there is a plot afoot in the South, led by anti-administration Texas Democrats (ex-Vice President Garner may or may not be aware of it!), to keep Franklin Delano Roosevelt from the White House even if he should be re-elected by popular vote.

CAN'T be done? But it CAN BE legally and technically.

For according to the U. S. Constitution Presidents are elected not by the people, but by electors chosen by the people. And these electors can vote for whom-ever they wish,—although they have with one exception always voted for the nominees receiving the majority vote in the various states.

Texas, however, may be exception No. 2!

At any rate this much is certain,—the opposition to President Roosevelt in several important states in the South is today as strong or stronger than the opposition to him, in the Republican party in the North. And that is SOMETHING, as the saying goes. And it may have astounding political results before the year is over!

FIVE STORY HOSPITAL IS PLANNED IN SALEM

Salem, June 13.—Plans for the construction of a \$300,000 five-story hospital were announced here Wednesday by the directors of the Deaconess hospital.

The new structure, to be erected as soon as materials are available, will be located near the present hospital building. Walter E. Kelly, Portland architect, prepared the plans.

James Cooke and Rose Celeste once walked a tight rope from San Francisco's Cliff House to Seal Rocks.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, June 13.—The headlines announced the G. O. P. faces a battle to oust Spangler as national chairman, but it will not be the kind of warfare we are having in France.

Apparently, friends of Mr. Spangler have decided that, in recognition of his SPL harmony organization work at Mackinac and elsewhere, he should defy the custom of retiring at the end of his term. Ordinarily, the newly elected presidential candidate at every convention selects the national chairman as his campaign manager. It has been assumed that Mr. Dewey will be the nominee, and will choose either Herbert Brownell, his manager in the New York state campaign, or Chairman Ed Jeackel, of the New York state committee.

SPANGLER is supposed to have strong support, but the choice eventually probably will rest with Mr. Dewey, or whoever is the nominee. The national committee who will do the electing, report political leaders in the various states, many of whom are not personally inclined toward Dewey, are reportedly going along uncommitted as you might say, in view of the popular showing which has risen for him. The matter seems to be more in the nature of a chess game than a battle and no one is carrying any knives.

Spangler and his public relations counsel, James P. Selvaage, already have started the post-convention campaign work. Last time, when Willkie was nominated, it was six weeks before a national headquarters began functioning. Now posters, slogans and speaking material are ready for use the day the convention closes.

The same care has been shown in working out details for the Chicago meeting June 26. While confusing predictions have been made in the gossip columns, the distribution of convention leadership is fairly well settled.

CHAIRMAN of the platform committee will be Senator Robert Taft, the new Borah of the Republican party, a studious, straight-thinking, clear-minded moderate. Already he has begun work on the platform draft, gathering opinions from the various leaders.

The man who will write the international plank is Senator Vandenberg of Michigan. He is supposed to be working along the line of the Mackinac conference, which brought the various conflicting forces into a harmony declaration.

Probably incorporated also will be the theory of the Smith-Connelly resolution. Both these are along the lines in which popular opinion is jelling after the strenuous debate, namely, a democratic formula for post-war collaboration nations.

Thus all sides are to be well represented at the top of the gathering—Taft, the Bricker man, and Vandenberg, the former isolationist, with Dewey selecting the chairman.

At least, this represents a composite viewpoint of the most influential Republican leaders here, and the only thing likely to upset it would be an unexpected Bricker check under the Dewey bandwagon. Bricker's people here are continuously boosting their claims of delegate strength. Their latest figure is 250, but this still is only one-fourth of the convention.

Rivalry in politics is never anything less than a "battle" yet the final reports from the Harrisburg governors' conference indicate the personal disagreement between the Ohio and New York governors did not reach the breaking point. Neither went away carrying hair from the other's head.

Harmony is, therefore, far more likely in the Republican convention than in the Democratic meeting, where southern delegates, at least, are reputed to be preparing to roll into the convention hall in armored cars and tanks, fully gunned, and with a full stock of ammunition.

NAVY GETS HOSPITALS

Corona, Cal., June 13.—(U.P.)—Former army hospitals at Banning and Beaumont in Riverside county and Spadra in Los Angeles county were transferred to the navy today and work was underway to commission them.

California's Mount Whitney is the highest mountain in continental United States.

SOOTHING DIAPER RASH

SOOTHING MEDICATED POWDER

Also helps to prevent diaper rash. Soothes, cools, and protects tender skin.

FUTURE FARMERS ACTIVITIES TOLD AT GRANGE MEET

Grants Pass, June 13.—Youth took part in the Grange meeting program at the high school auditorium Wednesday when Reed Vollstedt, Albany, president of the Oregon Future Farmers of America, reported on the activities of his organization, and Leonard Perlich, Salem, gave an address that won him first place in the Oregon FFA speech contest and placed him third in the national contest.

Perlich presented the challenge of farm chemistry which he predicted will turn farm products into every day necessities. Farmers will meet the needs of industry with their farm crops and not just food needs alone, the young man foretold. Chemistry is the science of the industrial farmer, he said, and named two outstanding new crops, grape seed for oil and a dandelion root for latex similar to rubber.

Vollstedt, FFA president, said the state FFA now has 1,600 members with \$318,785 invested in their work.

"It is time we young fellows of the FFA give serious consideration to world war problems," he said. "We are the ones who bear the brunt of war and hard work. We believe in our creed and promise to remain true to the best traditions of our country."

Earl Cooley, Salem, state director of vocational agriculture, appeared briefly on the program which closed with a flag demonstration under the direction of the juvenile department. Marjorie Tate of Union Hill presented the colors.

THE GRANGE

Roxy Ann Grange will meet in regular short session. All members are asked to bring their sales slips to this meeting.

H. E. C. chairman, Verda Quackenbush, reminds all members that there will be a covered dish dinner Sunday, June 18 honoring Father's day. Grangers and friends are invited.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered showers tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with scattered showers. Slightly warmer eastern portion Friday.

Local Data

Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 84; lowest, 47.

Total monthly precipitation, .45 inch. Records for the month, .03 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 14.70 inches. Deficiency for the season, 1.32 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 42%; 4:30 a. m. today, 89%.

Sunrise 5:35 a. m.; sunset 8:48 p. m.

Past 24 hours: High 44, Low 44.

Boise.....44.....47

Boston.....40.....62

Chicago.....70.....62

Denver.....88.....49

Eureka.....57.....47

Hayward.....78.....55

Los Angeles.....65.....52

Medford.....68.....50

New York.....65.....59

Omaha.....78.....72

Phoenix.....58.....60

Portland.....70.....47

Reno.....67.....32

Roseburg.....70.....33

Salt Lake.....60.....31

San Francisco.....60.....31

Seattle.....65.....50

Spokane.....72.....31

Washington, D. C.....78.....64

Yakima.....76.....49

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Ashland Hospital To Close Friday For Manager Lack

Ashland, June 13.—Ashland Community hospital, operated on a temporary basis since last Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. Karl P. Nims relinquished management of the institution, will be closed after this weekend until satisfactory permanent management arrangements are made, it was announced yesterday by City Attorney William Briggs. Patients confined in the hospital now will be dismissed as quickly as possible, the last by Friday night Briggs stated, and the hospital will be closed immediately with no more patients to be accepted under any circumstances.

Ashland city council is attempting to secure a manager and resume operation of the hospital as soon as possible, Briggs said. During the period of closure, the interior of the building will be painted and other improvements made.

Forty To Graduate From Bible School In Saturday Rites

Jacksonville June 13.—More than forty boys and girls between the ages of five and 13 are making plans for the graduation exercises, Saturday night, June 17, when the vacation Bible school being held in the Presbyterian church will close. A picnic in the church yard Saturday noon will be given for all who have attended at least two days. According to Rev. L. H. Mitchell, more principal, this year the craftwork has been that prepared by the Junior Red Cross for children overseas.

Comprising the staff are the minister, Messrs. Hiram Bernston and Ray J. Harris, and Charlotte Niedermeyer and Phyllis Wendt. The school is undenominational. Parents and friends of the children are invited to the graduation program.

SCHOOL MERGER PLAN DEFEATED IN DOUGLAS

Roseburg, June 13.—(Special) A proposal to consolidate five school districts in southern Douglas county was defeated at a special election Monday, when one of the involved districts, Myrtle Creek voted rejection, 25 to 5, according to a report made to the county school superintendent.

Proponents of the plan desired a centrally located standard high school to serve all five districts, with each one retaining its present grade school.

PERMANENT NOW

London, June 13.—(U.P.)—William Ainsley, whose family has rented the "Sun Inn" at Bilsdale for more than 500 years had decided to make it permanent. He bought the place yesterday.

TO GRANTS PASS DUTY

Grants Pass, June 13.—T.S. Cpl. E. V. Teninty from Camp White will be stationed at the first aid station here. His wife and mother, Mrs. Bessie Dickson, will reside in Grants Pass while he is here.

HOSPITALS SOUGHT

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—Alaskan Delegate Anthony J. Dimond has introduced two bills in the house to provide two veterans hospitals in Alaska at a cost of \$1,000,000 each.

WEATHER

Northern California.—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Friday with showers in northern mountains. Little temperature change.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

June 13, 1934

(It was Friday)

Irrigation ditch break near Grants Pass halts Espee traffic.

Four-legged rooster in Berrydale district enjoys good health.

Max Baer defeats Primo Carnera for heavyweight title and is offered Hollywood career.

Continued fair. High 85, low 44 degrees.

Fruit men report blight menace under control in valley.

Central Point drill team wins first honors at Grange convention.

Boys warned not to shoot off firecrackers before Fourth of July.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

June 13, 1914

(It was Sunday)

Ten persons, including Illinois politician, arrested for \$3,000,000 mail train robbery near Chicago.

Fair. High 83, low 49 degrees.

Wholesale prices throughout nation show downward trend.

Bill Brennan, noted heavyweight fighter, killed by holdup men.

Large crowd attends Elks Flag Day services in city park yesterday.

Ashland boosters to hold rally for new hotel, tonight.

Revival meetings open at the armory.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Regarding the Flag

To the editor:

While driving from Medford to my home today, I was shocked to see in one yard, the American flag on a short pole, which let the flag touch the ground.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to show the flag, however I think an article on the proper way to display it would be good, as it is evident there are still people who do not know.

Helen D. Wisner

Box 23, Talent, Ore.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too Late to Classify, 12:30 p. m.

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PORTLAND AREA POPULATION UP

Washington, June 13.—(U.P.)—The population of the congested Portland, Ore.-Vancouver, Wash., area rose 31.3 per cent, an increase of 157,000 to 658,000 between April 1, 1940, and the middle of May 1944, the bureau of census reported today.

The census check included the counties of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington in Oregon and Clark in Washington state. Army and naval personnel living off military reservations were included. The bureau said the figure was preliminary and that final data would be announced later.

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