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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Your corr. who has been out of commission for five days

with neuritis of the knee, and herewith returns to the hustings,

whatever they are. The neuritis is the lowest, no account ailment

a person can be associated with, and its victims start hating

Hill, and other pet aversions. It, however, has one

unchallenged distinction: There are more effective cures for it

than the common cold. While out of circulation we found

out what all the Japs and why they are such. At the age of

four years, after a rough infancy, a Jap boy starts running

things, an article states. He starts dominating the women-

folks of his household with impunity and gets away with it

because of tradition. "He can bite and insult his mother with

her only defense bribery or cajolery."

A white robin is flitting around the East Side. All the

evidence indicates he is naturally white and not scared that

way by a rough appearing cat.

Reports from European news centers claim 5,000 German

army officers and soldiers were implicated in the plot to kill

"Der Fuehrer." It looks with that many anxious to rub him

out, one of the lot would have been lucky enough to gain his

laudable and noteworthy objective.

The contest to determine who will run the country, is boiling

down to a three-way affair, between "The Indispensable Man,"

Gov. Dewey and the CIO political activity committee.

1890 STYLE

(The Dallas Chronicle)

"The long-tailed frock coats just now coming into fashion

are as ugly as original sin and without excuse. There is no

possible excuse for them unless, indeed, the tails be utilized

by some people to wear the badges of the secret societies

to which they belong on. We run across a rattle-brained fellow

once in a while that hasn't room on his collar for his decorations."

Sample of the persistency of a weed. One, about four feet

long, has attained maturity by growing on a decorative knob

on the Palm Building on North Fir. It is out of reach of every-

thing but the fire department.

Defense workers on strike in Philadelphia and elsewhere

throughout the nation, may think they have it tough. It

really was in the old days, this item from 50 years ago column

of the Pendleton East Oregonian attests: "Today his men

appeared in this city and said that they and the aforesaid farmer

had agreed to quit. The farmer thought the men not inclined

to work sufficiently long hours. The men objected to working

all night. The wages paid were \$1.50 per day to all hands."

Countries that need tending to at the peace table, are Argen-

tine, Sweden, Spain and Turkey, in the order named. Argen-

tine was the prize ingrate of the lot. The rest were merely

international cut-ups, tainted with Nazi lunacy.

WHAT GOES ON HERE?

(Norfolk (Va.) Ledger)

MAN AND WIFE — To work in dairy; wife to strip

behind milking machine, help clean; good house, garden.

Salary \$42 per week. Lake-side Dairy Farms.

The weather is fine, causing the first violet of last spring

to now do so.

The thirsty were astounded to learn last week that the whis-

key shortage that cramped their hilarity and was needed to

make munitions, now only amounts to a monopoly of 700,

000,000 gals.

Wayne Morse is Right

We are asked what we intend to do about Wayne Morse endorsing the C.I.O. Political Action committee, as he did in a recent speech in Eugene.

The answer to that is we are going to endorse the endorsement.

For what the Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate said was this:

"I do not share the views of those in both the Republican and Democratic parties, who appear to be so alarmed over the growing participation of American labor in politics. I welcome it. In fact I think we would have a healthier democracy if various groups of our citizenry such as farmers, business men, professional men, women's organizations, teachers and other social and economic groups would take a more active part in politics. For too long a time politics have been left to the direction of politicians and political machines in both of the major parties with the result that average citizens and the economic groups to which they belong have relinquished to too great a degree their right to control and determine political policies."

EXACTLY.

In fact there Wayne Morse puts his finger on the most serious weaknesses of our democracy, political apathy and indifference; the tendency of the average citizen to take no interest in politics, until election day, and then nearly half of them, in most instances, failing even to vote!

The answer to the C.I.O. Political Action Committee is not less participation in politics but more; not criticism of its action but emulation, and commendation.

THIS does not mean to endorse what specific political action the C.I.O. may advise necessarily. In any particular case the group may be wrong, or it may be right,—depending largely upon the political beliefs of the one rendering the judgment.

But it DOES mean to endorse such active interest and participation in politics, and to urge all other groups that make up our body politic, to stop their silly bickering and go and do likewise.

INSTEAD of being criticized for such a statement as the one above, the Republican candidate for the Senate, should be enthusiastically commended for it.

For he is exactly 100% right. And the more "we the people" follow his suggestion, and all it implies, the better off we will be and the better government, national and local, we will have.

Q. E. D.

As a corollary to the above, we might point to one of the major evils of American politics,—the corrupt and degrading boss system that controls so many of our larger cities.

How has it come about? Why, in an enlightened and self-respecting country such as ours, is such a disgraceful system allowed to continue, day after day and year after year?

The answer in a nutshell, is what Wayne Morse protests against,—widespread political inaction and indifference.

As a result in the larger cities we have extreme political activity and awareness on the part of a few self-interested and unprincipled groups; none at all, or practically none, on the part of the rank and file. As a result local crime, corruption, filth.

THE people of Chicago, Philadelphia, Kansas City or what have you could overthrow their rotten governments, any election day they wished if they took the sort of active interest in local politics that Dean Morse advises.

For a vast majority in any American city want good government and honest government; but the plain truth is they don't take the trouble to determine, what such government is, and then go to the polls en masse and vote for it.

They would if they were as politically conscious and active,—or half as active,—as the bosses themselves and the key-members of their well-oiled and skillfully conducted political machines.

BUT you can't beat something with nothing. You can't beat machine politics, tireless activity, admirable organization, with no organization at all, general indifference, and when the representatives of decent government are counted out, a meek acquiescence.

SO let the Democrats,—or the Republicans,—stop wasting their breath and epigrams on such excellent advice as Wayne Morse, in speeches like the above, is giving them.

The more widely such remarks are broadcast, and understood, the more people will insist upon voting for him.

Red Herrings, Etc.

At the recent Democratic convention in Chicago, one of the grape-vine charges filed against Henry Wallace was his extreme radicalism.

To support the charge two facts were brought forth:

(1) Wallace's recent endorsement of Stalin and the Russian form of government.

(2) Hillman's endorsement of Wallace, and the report of Hillman's union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, that "its ultimate objective is through the tactics of the class struggle to take possession of American industry."

The first charge is true.

The second may or may not be,—we are inclined to doubt it. But there is no reasonable doubt that the radical background supported by these charges was

what defeated the Democratic Vice President,—a majority of the delegates favored Truman's "boss background" to Wallace's "Red" one,—and that was

that! This from a party that maintains conservatism is a synonym for reaction!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Quebec, Canada, Aug. 7.—The rise of socialism in Canada—heralded so much in our magazines and press—seems to be a somewhat theoretical affair. It may have looked real enough in the reports of the June C. C. F. (Co-operative Commonwealth Federation) landslide in Saskatchewan, and on paper, it was, but there is a catch in the matter.

While the program of the socialists calls for the government to take over the banks, insurance companies, railways and certain heavy industries in the province, the constitution requires that all acts of the provincial parliament must be approved by the national parliament. As the national body is in other hands, no legislation will be attempted.

Yet the C.C.F., riding on the unexpected crest of that wave, won increased power in Ontario, and is now challenging in Alberta where a full slate of candidates has been presented for Monday's election. In Quebec they put a few men into the race but only with a desire to gain a provisional balance of power.

IT is the new thing here. In most other ways, Canada's problems are ours—strikes, debts, wage scales, prices, etc. It seems to me she has handled her war situation better than we have. The economic statistics on her price level are deceptive. The costs of food, rent and clothing seem to be about half Washington's.

The best restaurant in Quebec, for instance, has a top price of \$1.15 for a five-course dinner. Full course meals are available in average restaurants for 30 cents. Yet luxuries are higher than ours. Cigarettes, for example, are 35c for a package of 18. A man can live here in Quebec for half what it costs in Washington. The wage scale is correspondingly lower.

One eminent observer presented the contrast of our situation and Canada's fully when he told me:

"Canada is not trying to feed the world."

Yet socialism, pure socialism, is the rising political opposition. The wage scale, like our own, now is the highest in all history. There is practically no unemployment. Why then would an opposition movement to overthrow capitalism become so popular at the height of the war when the people have more money from capitalism in their pay envelopes than ever?

The only answer apparently is that there is indefinable, vague dissatisfaction and unrest among the people. We have the same symptoms at home, but in our case they are more clearly defined and have taken the opposite trend toward increased popularity for the republican party.

Here it has worked its way into numerous local issues and prejudices not worth mentioning, and found its outlet in the C.C.F. Incidentally, communism does not exist here except as a sort of half underground movement among a very few people and there is no communist party.

SOCIALISM just does not fit in as a remedy to a successful capitalist system. The idea that the worker will get more if the profits are eliminated is to me simple fallacy. The volume of production of business—any business—depends as much upon the ingenuity and energy of the management—stimulated by eagerness for profits—as upon the skill of the worker.

I think, under socialism, a nation will do less business than under capitalism. Only if capitalism fails, if it is wrecked on financial rocks, will socialism come. Thus, Canada, in my opinion, is just as far away from actual socialism today as it ever was. The C.C.F. has merely become the left wing in a position somewhat like our communists. I would say socialism is at least as far away here as we are from communism.

Seeing this, Prime Minister Mackenzie King probably will call a general election in the fall, and if he does, the act in itself will be a rather sure indication that he expects to win.

THE GRANGE

Jacksonville Grange

Everett Faber of Central Point will show motion pictures at the Jacksonville Grange meeting tomorrow night and all members are urged to be present. Regular meeting will take up at 8 p.m. and the pictures at 9:30 p.m.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

4-H PRIZE LIST GIVEN FOR FAIR AT VALLEYVIEW

Some 150 persons attended the 4-H club fair in Valleyview Thursday, sponsored by the Valleyview and Bellevue clubs. Earle Jossey, county 4-H club leader, was in charge of the event and awarded prizes, donated by Medford and Ashland business men, to contest winners. Results of contests:

Beef fitting (local)—Don Nichols, Bellevue, first; Allene Owens, Valleyview, second; Wayne Lemely, Valleyview, third.

Beef showmanship (local)—Don Nichols, Bellevue, first; Allene Owens, Valleyview, second; Bernard Engle, Bellevue, third.

Beef showmanship (visiting)—Clara Mae Bigham, Antelope, second; Walter Hahail, Antelope, third.

Dairy showmanship (local)—Allene Owens, Valleyview, first; Don Nichols, Bellevue, second; Wayne Lemely, Valleyview, third.

Dairy showmanship (visiting)—Barbara Culbertson, Antelope, first; Clara Mae Bigham, Antelope, second; Bernice Bigham, Antelope, third.

Dairy showmanship (junior)—Henry Padgham, Roxy Ann, first; Nancy Pierce, Antelope, second; Sammy Bell, Bellevue, third.

Sheep showmanship (local)—Don Nichols, Bellevue, first; Jerry Pitts, Bellevue, second; Bernard Engle, Bellevue, third.

Sheep showmanship (visiting)—Mary Estramado, Gold Hill, first; George Christenson, Gold Hill, second; Anne Christenson, Gold Hill, third.

Sheep showmanship (junior)—Wayne Lemely, Valleyview, first; Richard Willcox, Bellevue, second; Ted Willoughby, Bellevue, third.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Aug. 7.—(UP)—Livestock:

Cattle, 2850; calves, 400. Early sale steady but many common to medium grade unsold. Lower good fed steers, \$16.00; grass fat steers up to \$15.50; common to low medium, \$9.50 to \$12.00; load good feed heifers, \$14.00; other heifers, \$11.50 down; canner and cutter cows, \$4.50 to \$5.75; good beef heifer above \$10.00; good bulls around \$9.50; good to choice vealers, \$13.50 to \$14.50.

Hogs, 2400. Market active, steady, mostly at killing level. Good to choice, 180-240 lbs., \$15.75; 241-270 lbs., \$14.00; good sows, \$10.00 to \$11.00; feeder pigs, \$12.00 to \$12.25.

Sheep, 1850. Market active, steady. Good to choice spring lambs, \$12.00 to \$12.25; shorn kinds at \$10.50; common woolled lambs, \$8.00 to \$9.00; culled down to \$6.00; good yearlings, \$9.50; good ewes, \$9.50.

South San Francisco, Aug. 7.—(UP)—(USA)—Livestock:

Cattle, 700. Large grass run. One load fed steers offered. Opening slow, about steady. Medium steers salable, \$13.00 to \$13.50; medium to good heifers, \$11.00 to \$13.00; good young cows absent, quoted \$11.50 to \$12.00; aged medium range cows, \$10.00 to \$10.50; common, \$9.00 to \$9.50; canners and cutters firm, \$8.00 to \$9.00; odd grass bulls, \$10.00.

Calves, 50. Steady. Good to choice vealers scarce. Common light vealers, \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Hogs, 300. Around steady. Few packages and short load good 180-240-lb. hogs and pigs, \$15.75; few 250-275-lb., \$14.00 to \$14.25; good sows, 25c higher, mostly \$10.50.

Sheep, 400. Numerous decks good to choice north coast lambs offered. Underdone about steady. Shorn medium to good clover lambs, \$11.50 to \$12.50; culled to good ewes quoted \$1.00 to \$4.50.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—(UP)—(WPA)—Livestock:

Hogs, 14,000. Active, complete clearance. Good and choice 160-240 lbs., \$14.75; cutting weights over 240 lbs., \$14.00, ending; 300-550-lb. sows, mostly \$14.00.

Cattle, 15,000; calves, 1000. Common and medium grade steers, \$11.00 to \$15.00; top longfed steers, \$15.00; numerous lambs, \$17.00 to \$19.00; bulk heifers, \$13.50 to \$15.50; top, \$16.50; good beef cows top, \$13.50; mostly \$8.50 to \$11.50; cutters, \$8.00 down; canners, \$5.75 to \$6.75.

Sheep, 2000. Moderately active. Good and choice native spring lambs, \$14.50 to \$14.75; few medium 60-lb. native springers, \$11.00; deck good yearlings held around \$11.50.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 7.—(UP)—Wheat:

Open High Low Close

Sept. \$1.53 1/2 \$1.53 1/2 \$1.53 1/2 \$1.53 1/2

Dec. 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2

May 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2 1.53 1/2

Portland Produce

Portland, Aug. 7.—(UP)—

Live poultry—Stags, 21 1/2c.

Apples—The Dallas faced, \$1.50 a 170.

Apples—Northwest Transparents, 10c lb; local Gravenstein, jumble pack, \$2.50 to \$3.00; California packed, \$2.50 box.

Peaches—Tuscan, cling, \$1.75 box.

Beans—Oregon green, 10c lb; yellow, 10c lb; Yount, 12c lb.

Cabbage—No. 1 green round, \$9.50 crate.

Corn—Northwest, \$2.75 sack.

Celery—Oregon, \$4.00 crate.

Lettuce—Local 3s No. 1, \$1.75 a 3.00 crate.

Potatoes—Yakima, \$3.00 cental.

Peas—Coast, \$3.50.

Tomatoes—California—Fresno type, \$2.85; local hothouse, XP, 20c lb.

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S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Aug. 7.—(UP)—

Dairy market:

Butter—93 score, 43c; 92 score, 42 1/2c; 90 score, 42 1/4c; 90 score, 41 3/4c.

Cheese—Wholesale prices, loaf 27.9c, triplets 27.2c.

Eggs—Large grade A, 46c; 47c; medium grade A, 39 1/4c; 40 1/4c; small grade A, 24 1/2c; 25 1/4c; large grade B, 33c 3/4c.

Wall Street

New York, Aug. 7.—(UP)—

Rising speculative demand for cheap motor shares imparted strength to the entire stock list today and completely dominated the session.

Gains in the low-priced automotive shares ranged to more than a point in Graham-Paige and Hupp, but all stocks in the group shared the advance. Activity and strength in the speculative motors extended a bull movement that got under way early last week when retirement of the Fisher brothers from General Motors touched off a flood of unconfirmed rumors concerning their future plans.

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