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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The state saloons will close, the day Germany folds, in Oregon cities where other retail stores shut up to celebrate. This is a precautionary measure lest hilarious citizens kick over the civic traces. If there is going to be a curb on Demon Rum, one on Demon Gasoline, also is in order. The two fluids won't mix any better in the postwar period, than they did in the prewar days.

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Horse flies, bumble bees, fancy-winged butterflies, and rattlesnakes are now quite plentiful with none of last named as yet, reported in the city limits.

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Germans in south France on the Fourth Front have started yelling "Kamerad", like their Dads did in 1918, but with more feeling, and louder. And the meekest of the lot are the Nazi youths, trained from babyhood to be fierce and warlike, and filled full of the fool notion they are "super-men". They were mean propositions raging through weaker nations, and executing aged non-combatants. They now whimper better than they whoop.

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RUFFLED DIGNITY ITEM
(Avalon Resort News)
"Avalon—It was erroneously stated in last week's issue that Harold E. Texter, master of ceremonies at the Avalon Marine Ballroom this summer, was also caretaker of this resort's rest rooms. Mr. Texter informs us that he is definitely not caretaker of the rest rooms."

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The President and his running mate confer today on campaign strategy. They will not adjourn to an armored tank, and inspect the strike front, with great secrecy. Neither will the seizure of the democratic party, boots and britches, by the CIO political win be encircled, or Sidney Hillman, its leader, be court-martialed.

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The department of agriculture reports the weed eradication program this year is "a pronounced success". This will be news to the weeds that have flourished on every hand, and every place but on bald heads.

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BEST INSULT OF THE WEEK: British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said. "Does any one think that Hitler is something that has been forced upon the German people from without? I say that Hitler is symptomatic of the dominant German mentality."

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The cigar shortage continues, and will grow worse, despite no lack of oak leaves for Havanna filler.

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It looks like this neck of the woods would return to a peace basis faster than expected. Already the preliminary frets over the fish in Rogue River have started.

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GAY 1890 EDITOR
"If there is a city in the whole broad land with as villainous a lot of sidewalks as we have we would like to know where it is. The walks themselves are all right but down each and every one run three or four rows of nails, that have their heads sticking out of the wood from half an inch to two inches. This state of affairs should not be allowed to exist, for not only are these projecting nails a nuisance, but they are actually dangerous. Now let the property owners follow the example of this article and hit the nail on the head."—(50 Yrs. Ago Col. The Dalles Chronicle).

LENIENCY ASKED
Salt Lake City, Aug. 18—(U.P.) Fourteen-year-old Edith Jessop today urged a Salt Lake City police court judge to be lenient with three boys who yelled at Edith's mower team, frightened the horses and caused a runaway that resulted in serious injury to the girl.

Conditional Surrender

Washington, Aug. 17.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt returned to the White House today after a 5-week, 15,000-mile trip to the Pacific war areas more firmly determined than ever of the necessity of demanding from both Germany and Japan complete and unconditional surrender."

The above dispatch came over the ticker early yesterday morning.

A few hours later it was changed slightly by the elimination of "unconditional surrender" and the substitution of the following:

"... more firmly determined than ever before that Germany and Japan must not be allowed to quit the war until the allies have completely occupied their homelands."

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THERE is an interesting demonstration of the fact, often commented upon in this department, that unconditional surrender is a misnomer, for there "aint no sich animule".

And the President himself clearly emphasized this truth, by first declaring he returned home more convinced of the necessity of unconditional surrender than ever, and then proceeding to name conditions under which the surrender of the Axis WOULD be accepted.

Just how can there be conditions of a surrender that is UNconditional? Obviously the answer is there can't be.

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THERE can be, of course,—as in this case,—a surrender in which the conditions are imposed arbitrarily by the victors, and the vanquished have nothing at all to say about them.

But that doesn't mean there are no conditions, it only means the conditions are unilateral, as the diplomats like to say, and severe.

Then why not say so?

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THAT we submit is one of the major mysteries of this war.

Instead of bandying about this misleading and meaningless term, "unconditional" surrender year after year, why did not Messrs. Roosevelt and Churchill at the outset name the conditions, i.e.:—declare that anytime either Germany or Japan would lay down their arms and allow the allies to occupy their capitols and countries the fighting would stop?

The fighting would not have stopped of course.

But it would at least have given the anti-war elements in both countries SOMETHING to rally about, instead of nothing at all!

It might never have impaired enemy morale but at least it would not have strengthened it as the refusal to formally offer any conditions at ALL, has done.

How Dumb Is the Axis?

President Roosevelt's explanation of the above is this:

"If we fail to drive right on until we have completely captured the whole of Germany, the next German generation will be told that their nation actually had won the war. The same goes for Japan."

In other words if Germany and Japan should capitulate tomorrow and allow the allies to take over their countries lock, stock and barrel, establishing allied military dictatorships as long as might be desired, 20 years from now the German and Japanese people would be told they had actually won the war.

And presumably with that glorious victory in mind, the next generation would believe it and prepare to fight a Third world war.

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WELL if the German and Japanese people have as short memories as that and can be deluded by completely insane propaganda as easily as that, then what can be done with them anyway?

If after a decade or more under allied military control, with the losses already sustained, the Second World war that brought on that condition can be presented to them and accepted by them as a great triumph of German and Japanese arms, then won't the remnants, left after a more complete conquest, believe the same thing?

What can be done with people as dumb as that?

Will killing them off and destroying their towns and cities do any good?

Mebbe so but we doubt it.

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HOWEVER the question is all pretty much academic, for we grant that is what is going to be done anyway, and well,—history may show the wisdom and necessity of such a course.

Only when one views the cost of "NOT allowing the enemy to quit" when it might want to,—well it does mount up brethren and sistern,—it does mount up!

War Versus Politics

The strategy of the Democratic party in this campaign was pretty clearly revealed by Senator Connolly yesterday when he accused Governor Dewey of impairing the war effort by questioning the wisdom of the Big Four post-war security set-up.

"Let us not inject partisan politics into such a serious matter at such a serious time as this," observed the senior senator from Texas.

As few things done or said by the Roosevelt administration from now until election day will not have some bearing upon the war, directly or indirectly, few criticisms can therefore be made by the Republican presidential candidate or any member of his party, which can't be twisted into being unpatriotic, and an effort to impair the war effort.

Governor Dewey's criticism of any four-power security pact with the four victorious powers dominating its decrees if not actually dictating them was entirely proper and pertinent.

Secretary Hull's rejoinder was dignified and to the point; Senator Connelly's was not.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 18 — The military experts are writing off four German armies in France, but they are paying an undeserved compliment to three. The biggest and best, if not the only real enemy army on the western front is north of the Seine and Somme rivers, guarding the lowlands gateway into Germany and determined to cling to the robot launching platforms (upon which Hitler has built a false and desperate last-ditch faith among his people at home, causing them to expect this wanton destruction will weaken the allies' will to do battle, whereas it only speeds and strengthens it).

Paul Mallon

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AS for the other "armies," none actually deserves the name. The Nazi 7th army has been considerably used up fighting its way out of the Falaise entrapment. We may never feel disappointed that we did not completely crush and capture it. But the Germans have been similarly trapped, possibly 10 or 12 times in this war, as deeply as at Falaise. Only once, at Stalingrad, did they fail to escape with the bulk of their forces from the vigilant and swift Russians.

They got considerable portions of their forces out this time, by bitterly holding their strong center on the Caen front so long. In three weeks there, the British and Canadians were not able to advance more than a few miles. Our delay there gave time to the Germans to prepare in the rear against the brilliant flank circuiting of our armored divisions.

The Nazis put the bulk of their remaining force between Falaise and Argentan, on both sides of the mouth of the bag. We could not get enough power far around to Argentan to close it from the south, and the Nazi positions on the north side of the bag were full battle line defenses which could not be penetrated readily.

The Germans slipped their men out of the bag at night, moving them across fields, using the roads for light vehicles, leaving behind on the outer line of the bag fairly strong rear guard pockets with good artillery centers, expecting these to be gobbled up as our line was able to advance.

On the southern side of the bag, there was not a strong battle line the first few days, but on a thin front presented by our armored force. Thus, the Nazis escaped a complete kill, but their army was so weakened its future fighting power is questionable. (As a matter of complete truth, this Nazi 7th army was technically two, being made up of the major elements of the two armies.)

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NOTHING like an army and not much of a fighting force remains in southwest France, the grouping of a few divisions there has been drained for reinforcements the past ten days.

The 4th and so-called southern army, facing our new invasion of the Riviera aimed up the Rhone valley contains no more than eight to ten divisions scattered along the river. Then the Germans have some troops at Vichy, and others in central France before Paris.

This distribution of their forces does not suggest that they intend to retire to the Maginot line or the Siegfried, but rather plan to hold the north bank of the Seine-Marne or Seine-Oise-Aisne and perhaps later the Somme-Oise-Aisne, their major remaining army being within those river lines already.

The Maginot would not be of much use to them, as its rear is presented to us, and the Siegfried is within Germany, too close to home for them. Excellent defensive positions are available to the Nazis throughout eastern France in the hills and mountains, there being only a few gateways into Germany, the southern one around Belfort near the Swiss border, the Lorraine gate in the center and in the north the Ardenne, through which the Germans moved west to conquer France.

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IF the Nazis run back to these hills and the defense of these gateways, they could conceivably hold strong positions with their weakened forces and try to fight us off until winter. But our intentions are to use up their remaining fighting forces so thoroughly as to end their power of resistance and conclude the war on French lowland soil.

When our two invasions develop in the coming days to the points where our full strength of armored columns can maneuver through France, the way Patton did in Normandy, German power in the west is apt to be finally crushed.

Six tons of tableware are washed each year by the average farm wife

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
August 18, 1934
(It was Saturday)

Names of four screen stars mentioned as members of Communist party.

Michael F. Sannon, grand exalted ruler of Elks, visits local lodge.

Sen. Huey P. Long assumes 'dictatorship' of Louisiana by legislative act.

Somewhat warmer. High 92, low 60 degrees.

Gen. Hugh S. Johnson is ordered to reorganize NRA and head it by president.

Southern Oregon sailors and soldiers reunion set for August 30.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
August 18, 1924
(It was Monday)

Steady rain in valley develops into downpour, and delays pear picking. Danger of forest fires, however, is lessened. Extensive rains throughout state ends long dry spell.

Henry Ford predicts republicans will win national election.

Austrian colonel charges that "forged telegram" started World War. It was Seres had killed 400 Austrians.

Unsettled with probable rain. High 64, low 54 degrees. Precip. .77 of inch.

Large grist of autoists fined in justice court speeding on Main street.

Democratic candidate for vice president comes out for government ownership.

TEEN-AGE BOYS CONFESS MURDER

Boston, Aug. 18—(U.P.)—Five teen-age Roxbury boys confessed today to the murder and robbery of Marine Sgt. John F. Prunty of the south end whose body was found beside a bridle path in Fenway Sunday.

Police Lt. John J. Walkins revealed the confessions after the boys had been questioned separately for hours. He said all would be arraigned in Roxbury district court on murder and robbery charges.

The boys, one of them 16 and the others 15, confessed that they tackled Prunty, a husky marine veteran of two wars, as he strolled along the bridle path, battered him unconscious, and then strangled him with his own belt.

They admitted that they robbed him of $128—money which he had received a few days earlier when he was honorably discharged from the marines because of his age—40. It was the free spending of the loot in Roxbury stores which directed suspection to the quintet.

ELECTRIC FLATIRONS AT PRE-WAR PRICES

Washington, Aug. 18—(U.P.)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles said today that the 20 manufacturers authorized to produce nearly 2,000,000 electric flatirons have agreed to market them at the March 1942 prices.

The producers had been expected to request up to a 25 per cent increase above prewar price.

The irons, which will be available later this year, will retail at $5.30 to $11.70, Bowles said.

Daily Weather Report

Forecasts
Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Warmer Saturday.
Oregon: Clear tonight and Saturday, but morning overcast near coast and in Willamette Valley. Warmer Saturday.

Local Data
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 84; lowest, 50.
Total monthly precipitation, .11 inches. Excess for the month, .06 inches.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 16.04 inches. Deficiency for the season, .67 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 23%; 4:30 today, 87%.
Tomorrow
Sunrise, 6:23 a. m. Sunset 8:06 p. m.

Past 24 hours	High	Low
Boise	71	57
Boston	87	
Chicago	75	59
Denver	88	59
Eureka	64	54
Havre	83	53
Los Angeles	80	58
Medford	85	58
New York	84	72
Omaha	79	57
Phoenix		78
Portland	68	53
Reno	90	42
Roseburg	70	58
Salt Lake	82	70
San Francisco	62	54
Seattle	66	54
Spokane	85	56
Washington, D. C.	84	75
Yakima	89	53

Grandpa Throws Away His Ear Trumpet

If you are temporarily deafened, bothered by ringing, buzzing head noises due to hardened or congulated wax (cerumen), try the Ourine Home Method test that so many say has enabled them to hear well again. You must hear better after making this simple test or you get your money back at once. Ask about Ourine Ear Drops today at Walmsott's Pharmacy.

WAR SPENDING IS DOWN TO $282,900,000 PER DAY

Washington, Aug. 18—(U.P.)—United States daily war expenditures in July averaged $282,900,000, the lowest daily average for any month this year, the War Production Board reported today.

The July war outlay amounted to $7,355,000,000, and brought total U. S. war expenditures since July 1, 1940, to $207,200,000,000. The July expenditures represented a drop of 7.6 per cent below June spending.

Before Pearl Harbor 17,000 long distance telephone calls originated in Washington daily. The number now exceeds 35,000 each day.

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MOTHER'S COCOA ... lb. pkg. 19c
BURRY'S PRETZ-STIX pkg. 15c
CRUNCHY KRIS-BIX ... pkg. 15c
WHOLE BEAN COFFEE 3-lb. pkg. 69c
COMB HONEY ..... each 39c
HILLS BROS COFFEE
COFFEE S&W HILLS lb. pkg. 25c
LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES
Boy-ar-dees Spaghetti dinner, pkg. 39c
LOW OVERHEAD — HIGH VOLUME
TARCH Cream Corn Starch 3 pkgs. 25c
"Deep South" Watermelon Lb. 3½c
CANNING PEACHES Crate $1.89
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