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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A hill resident reports he split 617 sticks of cookstove wood from one cut of a giant fir he felled in his own back yard. This is a better record than established by the democratic party of Jackson county, or the state, in the years they split themselves.

Historians will have to figure out which was most complete flop. The fainting and fall of France in 1940, or the skedaddling of the Hun therefrom, in 1944.

Chairman Sidney Hillman, who kidnapped the boots and britches of New Deal party, at the Chicago Hennagan-shenanigan, and is chairman of the CIO Political Action committee, predicts Maine and Vermont will be carried by the Fourth Term candidate. Predictions like this are enough to cause Alabama to go republican. They also probably cause the "Indispensable Man" to wish he had Jim Farley back as a campaign mouthpiece. To the majority of voters the CIO is like unto a red rag to a bull, or a skunk in the kitchen to an Older Girl.

"CLOSE" IS RIGHT
(Woodlawn (Cal.) Democrat)

"A reader writes to the Milwaukee Journal complaining that a neighbor, completely nude, walked out on his front porch, picked up the morning paper, and walked nonchalantly back into the house. The complaining witness signed the letter, 'Close Observer.'"

Dwellers of the residential areas complain dogs bark all night at the moon, (if no moon, no matter), and when weary of their own baying, roosters start crowing at the coming of the dawn.

"TRUMAN: NO SECRET WIFE IS ON PAYROLL."
(Hillside Nebraska Journal).—Glad to hear it.

The Nazi brats of Germany are so thoroughly salmioned with Nazism Der Fatherland will have to be watched for 50 years to prevent any more world conquering attempts by the self-confessed master race. The security conference now in session is advised. The Russians have a fine cure for Teutonic bullheadedness and egotism. They make them rebuild the cities they have helped destroy, and at all times move faster than the WPA in the boondoggling era.

News photographs of German generals captured in France reveal a few to be human. At least if they are deeply disgusted at such an accusation, it does not show on their faces.

Hunters will be allowed shotgun shells in the fall for the elimination of birds that eat up the farmer's crops before the bugs get around to it. Nimrods are warned not to shoot indiscriminately at "No Hunting" signs and not mistake a hired man stooping over in the barnyard for a Chinese pheasant.

RIGHTEOUS WRATH IN '94"
A letter written by an Eastern stranger to a gentleman of this city contains a curt condemnation of The Dalles and all its surroundings. The writer says he intended to locate here and expected to circulate whole lots of money, but now has changed his mind and wouldn't let go of a cent in Wasco county, no sir, not if he got two back. The reason he gives for this sudden reversal of feelings is that he was charged 25 cents for a very poor 10-cent shave. He then concluded that we were thieves and robbers. So he took his dishes and doll babies, quit paddling in our rain barrel and sliding down our cellar door, vowed he would never again swing on our gate, and went away mad.—(450 Yr. Ago col. in The Dalles Chronicle).

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Week of Decision!

We predicted this would be a decisive week of the war,—whether the war in Europe is to be a matter of days or of months,—possibly years.

Over half the week is gone. That prediction certainly has been sustained. One big crashing event has followed another.

NOW Paris has fallen, so has the second city of France, Marseille.

The allies have made a third landing in the south, and in the north are rushing unchecked toward the German border.

Following the example of Italy and Turkey, Romania has broken off relations with Germany, and like the former agreed to fight with the allies against the now common enemy.

Bulgaria is tottering. French patriots have recovered half of the country. The Russians are still advancing and will soon control over 60 percent of German oil supply.

Even within Germany according to grapevine, the rats are starting to desert the sinking Nazi ship.

If half a week of war were ever crowded with more startling and decisive events, we can't recall it.

As this is written the war in Europe certainly looks like DAYS,—perhaps hours.

YET we would advise none of the gamboilers who took the long end of that Wall Street wager to pay over their hard-earned cash just yet. It is over a week until Labor Day,—and much can still happen.

Germany is fatally wounded, but rigor mortis has not yet set in. And until it does, the dying Nazi snake still has life in its coils and poison in its fangs.

Therefore the present is no time to lie back and relax, but to increase the punch and the pressure, which judging by reports from all over Europe, is exactly what General Eisenhower is doing.

And here is hoping it WILL be DAYS! For the sooner this war is over in Europe the sooner it will end in the Far East and the sooner our boys,—and girls,—can come home, and "we the people" in this country and throughout the world can return to ways of sanity and peace again!

The Only Winner

Speaking of predictions, far be it from this department to claim any prophetic powers.

And for two main reasons. No. 1: nothing is more irritating to newspaper readers than twanging of the "I told you so" editorial string.

And No. 2: the skipper of this department knows darned well he possesses none!

But in the business of speculating about the future, this newspaper, as do other newspapers, now and then hits the nail on the head, and when this happens, to mention the fact is no capital offense.

AT any rate we are going to call attention to the fact that when the present war started, exactly five years ago this Saturday week it was predicted in this column that in the end the only country in Europe to profit from the war would be Soviet Russia.

We did not base this prediction so much upon the military might of Russia as upon the fact that a war as destructive as this one was sure to be, could not fail to prepare a seed-bed for revolution, and Russia would be the only country in Europe that could profit by revolution.

WE grant the unexpected military might of Russia proved to be a far greater factor in the result than we ever anticipated, but we believe no one would deny that if the books were balanced at the present time, the only net credit as far as Europe is concerned would be in the Russian ledger.

Great Britain it is true, was not shattered as anticipated and staged a come-back that will go down in history as one of the seven wonders of the world; but when the war ends nevertheless, Britain will be weaker than when it started, Russia infinitely stronger.

This fact is not as evident now, as it will be, a few years after the treaty of peace is signed, and the final score, socially and economically can be more readily discerned.

Will Michael be a Victor?

The situation in Romania at this writing is too confused for one even to speculate on the exact situation or the final outcome.

Whether youthful King Michael and his new military premier will follow the course of King Victor of Italy and Marshall Badoglio, and Romania will become a new battlefield between Germany and the allies; or whether Germany had pressed everywhere, will try to get her army out of the country while the getting is good, and abandon Romania along with the Balkans, remains to be seen.

The latter course however would seem the more likely, for there is one extremely important difference between the Romanian and Italian situations,—the Romanian armies are still reasonably intact and have the Russians to help them; whereas the Italian armies were scattered and demoralized, and at the time of the break the allied force in Italy could not compare in striking power and with Stalin's legions, now literally knocking at the gates of Romania's economic heart, the Poesti oil fields.

So it looks very much as though King Michael would not follow the course of King Victor, but one of his own, and thanks to Germany's weakness and Russia's strength be returned to the Romanian throne in a comparatively short time.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Aug. 24—More important people than C. E. Wilson, the vice chairman, have been after the war production board chairman, Donald E. Nelson, to get him to China or even farther, all the way back to Sears Roebuck, whence he came. The president's strong right arm (though somewhat limp and sore now himself), James F. Byrnes, long has been aligned against him.



Paul Mallon

Also Harry Hopkins' man, Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, long has hoped and planned the worst for Mr. Nelson.

The latest inside cause for renewed anger was a report on army production made by two of Nelson's assistants, seeming to show Somervell all wrong in his figures on army shortages. This report Mr. Nelson is supposed to have sent to the chief of staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, with an invitation to look it over. It claims Somervell was able to arrive at his shortages only by transferring title of equipment and supplies from his own department to army transportation, or the bureau of ordnance or some army subdivision.

More mention of such a report sends official tempers flying and the sub-officials whisper, "it has been suppressed."

AT first Mr. Nelson understood he would be in China for only two or three weeks at the most. But since then, he has read in the papers that he is to be there 60 to 90 days—the so-called crucial period for Nelson's piecemeal return to peacetime production or the Wilson-Somervell idea of waiting for mass reconversion.

But when the president said the Nelson mission to China is "most pressing," the congressmen remembered Vice-President Wallace was the last to undertake a pressing mission in that direction, only to lose his job, even with Mr. Roosevelt's support.

The president also said there would be no change in WPA policy (he mentioned nothing about chairmen), but the earlier White House announcement had specifically designated Mr. Nelson's enemy on this issue, Mr. Wilson, to be acting chairman, in which seat he will have many opportunities to act with and without Mr. Roosevelt's notice.

Therefore, Mr. Roosevelt has not been able to dispel entirely the common supposition among the business elements within WPA that the army got rid of Mr. Nelson for the coming 60 to 90 days at least, and possibly for longer.

CIVILIANS tend to sympathize with the Nelson case, but there is an untold side to the army stand also. For instance, it can now be related Gen. Eisenhower, two or three weeks ago, suddenly ordered 80,000 trucks to be shipped immediately. Apparently he decided to move his army forward into Germany on trucks entirely, disregarding railroad repair. Now 80,000 is a sensational number of trucks (and the army has been claiming a shortage in this line), but they were found stored around the country.

The army and navy feel they must produce twice as much as they think they will need, in order to have enough. In battle you cannot afford to be caught short.

Atop this, Pacific coast senators say 8000 war workers have been leaving California each month since the end of the European war became evident.

The army and navy fear that when the European war ends, the workers will not sustain their interest for Japan. The military will start drumming congress for an industrial draft act again, unless they get the production they want.

There should be some reasonable common ground for starting much civilian production immediately, as Mr. Nelson wants, without interfering with the army and navy, to which his adversaries object, but no one seems to have found it.

WEATHER

Northern California—Clear today, tonight and Friday, except fog on the coast south of San Francisco this morning and entire coast Friday morning. Slightly warmer in interior today.

NYLONS FIRST

Hollywood, Aug. 24.—(U.P.)—Frances M. McCaughy today sued a Hollywood cafe for \$10,000, charging she tripped over a rope near the cashier's desk and—in order of importance—ruined her nylon hose and sustained personal injury.

A branch of Laval university was established at Montreal in 1876.

CHAIRMAN FINDS DEWEY TREND IN PULSE FEELING

GOP's Brownell Says Reports from Across Country Indicate Victory.

Washington, Aug. 24.—(U.P.)—Herbert Brownell, Jr., republican National chairman, said today polls of public opinion and reports from the republican leaders across the country show a marked trend toward election of the Dewey-Bricker ticket in November.

In Washington to coordinate republican senatorial and congressional campaign plans with activities of the National committee headquarters in New York, Brownell told a press conference that "when Gov. Dewey and Gov. Bricker begin their speaking campaign, the trend toward the republican party will be accelerated."

Gallup Questioned
Brownell contended a Gallup poll showing 286 electoral votes for President Roosevelt and 245 for Dewey was based on figures taken over a period of time and fails to reflect the trend which would be evident if a nationwide simultaneous check were possible. Up-to-the-minute figures would show a slight edge for the GOP ticket, he said.

Brownell said the outcome of primaries since the National convention in Chicago are indicative of the republican trend.

"The results of the democratic primary in Missouri with the candidates supported by Sen. Truman repudiated by democratic voters and the selection of a strong senatorial candidate by the republican party show well for a republican victory in Missouri in November," Brownell said.

New Publicity Director
He announced the appointment of Godfrey Hammond, president of Popular Science Publishing Co. of New York, as publicity director for the Dewey Bricker campaign.

Brownell lunched with a group of republican senators and received a report from the republican senatorial campaign committee on every state where there is a senatorial contest this fall.

21 INFANTRYMEN MOW JAPS DOWN IN FAST ACTION

With the American Division, Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 24.—(U.P.)—For fast and furious patrol activity, take the action of the 21 infantrymen under 1st Lt. Raymond H. Ross, of Salem, Ore., who wiped out a force of approximately 40 Japs in 15 minutes.

By actual count, 26 Japs were killed and a dozen more badly wounded. One U. S. infantryman was wounded slightly.

Six of the Japanese were killed by Sgt. Bernard Kowitz, of St. Paul, Minn.

The action occurred deep inside enemy lines, where Ross, with a reconnaissance squad of only six men, spotted a native village in the jungle.

Japs At Ease
"Japs were sitting around, lounging and eating," Ross said. He sent a runner back for a 15-man reinforcement detail, armed mostly with Browning automatic rifles. When they arrived, Ross tossed a hand-grenade and ordered the men to fire.

Twenty Japs were killed instantly and from a number of huts screams arose as the patrol poured a hail of fire into the small dwellings, keeping their shots a foot above ground.

Six more Japs, approaching a native garden 400 yards away, also were killed by a picked trio of snipers.

The patrol withdrew after a large body of Nips opened up with machine gun fire from a ridge.

CALVIN P. THOMPSON FUNERAL IS FRIDAY

Services for Calvin P. Thompson, Central Point, who passed away in a local hospital Wednesday at the age of 72, will be held in the Conger-Morris chapel at 10:30 a. m. Friday with the Rev. D. E. Millard officiating. Interment will be in the family plot in Central Point cemetery.

NO. 5 DIVORCES NO. 2

Blonde Bonnie Edwards, 28, number five on Tommy Manville's list of ex-wives, today held a divorce from Algenon K. Barbee, millionaire bottling executive, on grounds he preferred champagne to his own soft drink product.

Yenisei river in Asia is 2800 miles long.

Jap Sniper Bullet Fells Fighting Marine



(Acme Telephoto)
Marines hit the dirt as Japanese snipers, still holding out in isolated sections of Salpan, open up on this small mopping-up force. The Marine in foreground doubles up and pitches forward as sniper bullet hits him. Marine Corps photo.

Russ Armies Launch New Offensive



(Acme Telephoto)
Two Soviet Armies, launching a new offensive to knock Rumania out of war and deprive Germany of her last major source of oil, races across Bessarabia and Moldavian plains within 10 miles or less of the Gassai Gap, gateway to Bucharest and Ploesti. Puncturing out gains of up to 43 miles in first three days of offensive, the Second and Third Ukrainian Armies captured last, Rumania's second largest city, and 350 other localities.

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.

Associated Employers Endorse Dewey

To the editor:
Attached you will find a resolution which was referred to the membership of the Associated Employers of Oregon by referendum and has been approved by 95% of our membership in Oregon.

May we request that if you see fit to publish this that you quote the resolution in its entirety.

Thanking you for your co-operation,
ASSOCIATED EMPLOYERS OF OREGON, INC.
Portland, Aug. 23.

RESOLUTION

Believing that the time has come in national affairs that employer organizations should express publicly as an "organization" their viewpoints in the national scene, the directors, by this resolution, refer the membership of the Associated Employers of Oregon, Inc., a referendum vote on the following:

WHEREAS, The Republican platform, adopted by the national Republican convention recently held in Chicago, has clearly outlined a constructive policy of security for business and industry, for agriculture, for labor; that this platform deserves the study and careful consideration of the citizens of Oregon;

That business, industry, labor, and the farmer must choose at the polls in November of 1944 which way the ship of nation shall sail;

That a national publication, "News Week", in a recent issue, stated that the state of Oregon was a doubtful state as to which way the voters would swing for either ticket in the 1944 general election;

That the issue, as the directors see it, in the national presidential campaign of 1944, is either the continuation of the "law of directive" as advanced by the candidates of the Democratic party, or the return to the "law of constitutional government" as advanced by the candidates of the Republican party.

Now, therefore, be it resolved: That the Associated Employers of Oregon, Incorporated, recommend to the organization's membership the association's endorsement

ment of the candidacy of the Republican nominees, the Honorable Thomas E. Dewey of New York for the presidency of the United States of America, and the Honorable John W. Bricker of Ohio for the candidacy of vice-president of the United States of America.

Passed and adopted August 1, 1944.
THE MEMBERSHIP, Associated Employers of Oregon, Inc.

Livestock Ills Claimed Spread By Game Animals

Chicago, Aug. 24.—(U.P.)—A reservoir of dangerous livestock diseases is being maintained in national parks and game preserves by the interior department and at the same time the department of agriculture is trying to stamp out the same diseases in domestic animals, the American Veterinary Medical association was told today.

"Recent findings indicate that increasing numbers of wild species serve as reservoirs of infectious transmissible to domestic livestock and human beings," the association's committee on diseases of wild animals reported to the organization's annual convention.

Diseased buffalo from government preserves "are moved across the country without regard to sanitary laws governing the transportation of diseased animals and without regard to the spread of brucellosis (contagious abortion) in clean areas," the committee's report charged.

GAS TRUCK BLAZES

Santa Monica, Cal., Aug. 24.—(U.P.)—Traffic was blocked for several hours early today by a roaring fire that started when a large gasoline truck and trailer overturned and exploded on Roosevelt highway near here. Flaming gasoline was sprayed for several hundred yards, completely gutting a restaurant and damaging a filling station and other small buildings.

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 24, 1934
(It was Friday)

Homer Van Meter, bandit and pal of Dillinger, slain in ambush.

FDR. starts re-organization of NRA.

Fair. High 99, low 59 degrees.

Prospect and Copco plant threatened by forest fire.

Oregon farmers due to get coin for hogs they did not raise.

Gov. Meier to decide on independent candidacy within coming week.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
August 24, 1924
(It was Sunday)

Italian aviator on flight from Rome, missing three days, rescued in Atlantic.

Tom Murray, one of the Florence bank robbers, escapes from state prison.

J. Logan of Astoria reports he saw Ray DeAutremont, Siskiyou bandit suspect, on highway between this city and Ashland yesterday.

Fair and warmer. High 100, low 53 degrees.

Local deer hunter reported missing in Mt. Pitt district.

Near East Relief conference opened in Prospect today.

Fancy Bartlett's sell in Portland for \$3.25 per box.

Phoenix hunters, Louis Colver, Aubrey Furry, and W. S. Stancliffe kill the largest deer ever bagged in Dead Indian. It weighed 275 pounds.

Elmhirst Host At Barbecue Dinner At Country Home

About 80 persons were guests last night of J. A. Elmhirst who was host for a barbecue dinner and entertainment at his home on the Old Stage Road. Dinner was served from tables arranged on the lawn.

Jerry Jerome acted as master of ceremonies and entertainment was furnished by Eve Prentice and a group of accordion players. During the evening Mr. Elmhirst's young daughters, Janie and Elizabeth exhibited beef animals which they are raising. Guests were introduced as a feature of the program.

The elaborate barbecue menu had been prepared by Paul Bulkin and a staff of assistants and a corps of waitresses served under the direction of Mr. Bulkin.

Camp White Dance Schedule

Thursday
Regular informal dance of Service Club No. 2. Busses leaving Riverside USO at 8 p.m. for transportation.

Saturday
Cabaret dance at Service club No. 2.

BIRTHS

UNRUH—To Mr. and Mrs. Abe, Lake Creek, Aug. 23, 1944, girl, 6 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

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