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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Picking, packing and peddling of pears is proceeding pertly and prodigiously.

The Wig Ashpole boy Chuck has gone to Idaho to show the juvenile cowboys there how to ride a horse, and see his cousins.

G. (Peepity Peep) Averill, the late B. Falls seadog, is still wearing a gauntlet and unwieldy cane.

The Sam Colton girl Jacques, has a birthday, September 18, the day school opens, and will celebrate same a day ahead of time. Like her elders she is a bit uncertain about the number of her years.

Valley Republicans, in mid-week were blue about the results of a nation-wide straw vote, but the news next day perked them up.

The vine maple leaves all over town have started to redden, due to the crimping morns of the past week.

A week from tomorrow is Labor Day, and Washington urges one and all not to travel. In the past, such a warning has caused record breaking gadding.

The former boy-mayor of K. Falls, was here Fri. shaking hands and fixing political fences. He is running for the senate.

The woods are full of huckleberry pickers, who report several fine catches of fish.

A shivaree was foisted the first of the week, due to the escape of the intended victim.

Royal and Bill of the Eagle Pt. Browns, towed in mid-week.

Several autoists narrowly missed occupying the 6th st. crossing with an Espee engine last week. All, however, averted a dead heat.

J. Tannehill Walker, 5, is due back from Frisco, where he has been a month on biz. and pliz.

A group of John Marn counter jumpers gave a farewell party for a couple of compatriots last week. One is going to get married, and the other is going to Ashland.

The fried chicken and roasting ear season is now at its height in the rural areas, where they both are eaten with the bare hands.

The OPA squashed the state grog board plan to give the thirsty a chance to buy an extra fifth of cooking whiskey, if they bought two bottles of imported gin, brandy or rum. The customer would not be forced to drink the rum. In the dry area, they gave the old fashioned bootlegger six months in jail, for making better stuff.

The 1940 "Invincible gray-green legions" of Herr Hitler were rooted out of Paris Fri. and there has been no such display of civic joy since Ashland got the normal school.

Valley watermelons are now ripe enough to steal, and some are big enough to fill a candy bucket. A few of the Older Girls are making preserves out of the rinds.

Lyle (Old Coder) Fisher, 83, showed up last week in cuffs and pants and a new straw hat. He plans to keep the rheumatism away next winter with a horse chestnut, instead of the old reliable marble-sized potato.

AIR CADETS KILLED

Sacramento, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Mather Field Aviation Cadets Donald J. Langlais, 23, and Ellis C. Lassiter, 27, died today when their B-25 bomber crashed near Dixon, Solano county, during a routine training flight.

Both Right, and — Wrong

William Hard has an interesting article in the September "Readers Digest" entitled: "Are we on the wrong road to peace?"

The well known political commentator and writer answers the question in the affirmative as follows:

"I contend that the primary aim of the United States should be a World Union of ALL NATIONS in session at all times for consideration of world problems, economic, financial, political, military. I am convinced that such union organized to take and express world views in world emergencies and energized by daily duties of world service can be the strongest bulwark against war that can be built. * * * I would not be thought to suppose that power, as power, can be abolished. Doubtless powerful nations will, and must, follow special courses and make special agreements for special purposes. This use of power of the great powers, however, I am contending should occupy a secondary place in our minds. The whole history of the world for the last 130 years teaches us that, when the power of the great powers is made the primary thing and when it is exalted into being the one central pillar of peace, it crashes in blood."

The author cites the sad and bloody end of the union of Great Powers known as the Holy Alliance formed after Napoleon was overthrown. It was formed to keep world peace, but ended in a series of bloody wars.

This is approximately the position of Governor Dewey and has much to commend it historically and morally.

President Roosevelt, however, takes the opposite view, that such an alliance of the four victorious powers, England, Russia, China and the United States must be formed, if "our grandchildren are to live in a world of prosperity and peace." He is supported by such eminent political and international experts as Walter Lippmann who would divide the post-war world into four spheres to be controlled and administered by just such a Quadruple Alliance.

Well the debate is on, and unless all signs fail it will become a very important political issue, and be discussed and cussed pro and con for many years to come.

IN the opinion of this department both sides are right in one sense and wrong in another.

We agree with President Roosevelt to this extent that as a practical matter the four great powers that will have defeated the Axis, must stick together to keep the peace and restore order, during the troublesome post-war period.

And the great advantage of such an arrangement would be the organization is already formed, there would need to be no radical changes politically speaking in the present status quo. The nations that have worked together to win the war would merely stay together and go on to solve the pressing problems of peace.

BUT on the other hand we believe Mr. Hard is entirely right when he points out the ultimate fate of any such Big Power Alliance, as a permanent arrangement,—as anything more than a temporary expedient, solely to solve the problems of the critical reconstruction period.

When these have been solved, when the war passions have had a chance to cool, when something approaching a normal rational and peaceful atmosphere has been restored THEN,—

Bring in Mr. Hard, Governor Dewey and others who believe as they do and set up not an exclusive Big Power alliance but some sort of inclusive WORLD organization, with all the powers large and small probably including the defeated ones, represented.

IN other words instead of adopting either the Roosevelt or the Hard plan take the good features of both and adopt a Third plan, which on one hand, will be capable of solving the reconstruction problems in a post-war atmosphere and on the other solve the problems of a world-wide organization to maintain world peace.

We grant the tremendous difficulties involved in both proposals, but are convinced a combination of the two would be greatly preferable, to the adoption of either one.

No One Knows, But — !

"No living man can tell when the war with Germany will end" said President Roosevelt to his press conference.

A few moments later Congressman Clifton A. Woodrum of Virginia arose on his hind legs to announce:

"The war with Germany will end in October!"

SO there you are boys and girls.

President Roosevelt probably knows more about the war situation,—what is actually happening abroad and what isn't,—than any other living man.

Yet he will not even GUESS as to when Germany will capitulate. Nor will General Eisenhower who did predict last New Year's day, Germany would be defeated sometime this year.

Now the General is not quite so certain.

AND with good reason.

For the end of the war in Europe now depends not upon the allies but upon Germany, i.e.:

How long Germany can TAKE it.

THAT's all. Germany is beaten and knows it.

But to be BEATEN in modern war is one thing.

To give up, as China has demonstrated for nearly a decade, is quite ANOTHER.

And no one can tell, not even Hitler himself, when that moment will come; when the strain will be more than flesh and blood,—and spirit,—can stand, and Germany, Hitler or no Hitler, will call it a day and QUIT!

It might be tomorrow. It might be,—don't laugh!—a year from tomorrow. That it will come SOMETIME is the only CERTAIN thing.

Yet that will not halt for a split second the fascinating game, of following the example of the pontifical Congressman from Virginia, and TRYING to pick the date.

MAJ. GEN. OSBORN GAVE SOCIALIST PARTY AIR TIME

Overseas Talk Promise in Letter Refutes Claim of Democrats.

New York, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. F. H. Osborn, director of the information and educational division of the army service forces, was identified today as the officer who promised the Socialist party radio time for an overseas broadcast equal to that of President Roosevelt's Bremeron speech.

Harry Fleischman, Socialist party secretary, said that Osborn made his promise in a letter to him dated Aug. 21, and referred him to Capt. Albert E. Gibson of army service forces here for assistance.

Fleischman said that Osborn's letter was in answer to Socialist party claims that Mr. Roosevelt's speech was political and therefore the Socialist party was entitled to rebuttal time. Osborn suggested that ".8, order to comply with your request under the terms of law title 5" the party should draw up a 38-minute script, the exact length of the president's which would be given free time, Fleischman said.

"This letter is in direct contradiction to the statement of Paul Porter (public relations chief of the Democratic party) that the army's classification (as political) of the president's speech at Bremeron was made by a lieutenant and therefore unofficial," Fleischman said.

JOBLESS PAY ACT DRAWS CRITICISM FROM BOTH SIDES

Washington, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Four democratic members of the House Ways and Means committee tonight assailed the committee's proposed Unemployment Compensation Bill, shortly after republican committee members had praised it as far preferable to the senate version of such legislation.

The four democrats — Reps. Herman P. Eberhart, Pa.; John D. Dingell, Mich.; Walter A. Lynch, N. Y., and Aime J. Forand, Pa.—charged that the committee had "emasculated" the measure so that it "does not provide anything at all."

But the republicans were equally critical of the bill as it passed the senate, and said that version "put the cart before the horse" in emphasizing unemployment compensation instead of speedy conversion to peacetime production.

They said in a statement that the bill as passed by the senate would "pave the way for the very evil we must avoid"—widespread unemployment. They favored the version finally approved this week by the Ways and Means committee, from which several senate provisions were deleted.

Eliminated by the House committee were provisions to provide unemployment compensation for an estimated 3,500,000 federal employees and to authorize appropriation of funds to pay for vocational training of war veterans and for travel expenses of veterans to new jobs after their discharge.

PRICES CURTAIL FARM PROSPERITY

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Farmers in the Pacific northwest have shared in the increased income of farmers throughout the United States, but their increased purchasing power is not expected to be sufficient to offset the rise in prices, it was revealed today in a survey made by the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

Euphrates river measures 1700 miles in length.

ONLY THIRD JAP FORCE IN BURMA FIT FOR BATTLE

Southeast Asia Command, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—A headquarters spokesman estimated today that no more than 200,000 Japanese troops remain in all Burma and said Allied authorities believed less than one-third of these are fit and equipped for combat duty.

The southeast Asia command communiqué said that the "fresh and aggressive" British 36th division advancing southward along the Mogaung-Katha road in north Burma had occupied the village of Ingyingon and reached a point only a mile and a half from the former important enemy base of Pinbaw.

An earlier report said another British column in a 13-mile drive east from Tamu at the west Burma border and seized the village of Pynbon Sakan. The report said the British advance was so swift that the Japanese, still in headlong flight from the scene of their Manipur state disaster, were forced to leave undetonated the explosives they had prepared for blowing up the Chindwin river bridges five miles beyond.

GOV. DEWEY RAPS DEMAGOGUERY IN GI VOTE SMEARS

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey asserted tonight that New York's soldier vote law is working successfully despite efforts of the Democratic party and its "satellites" to "scuttle" the law through "blind partisan attacks."

The Republican presidential nominee issued the statement through his Albany offices. He said the Democratic campaign of "deception and demagoguery failed."

Dewey's statement was prompted by a report of William T. Simpson, chairman of the state war ballot commission, disclosing that 385,000 applications have been handled to date.

"This proof that the system adopted by New York state is working so well is the best possible answer to those who sought to sabotage its effectiveness by making blind partisan attacks upon it," Dewey said.

THE GRANGE

Gold Hill Grange More than 60 Gold Hill Grangers and their friends gathered August 13 at the home of Mrs. Nellie Smith on the Old Stage Road for the annual Grange picnic. Several friends from Medford attended. Plans were discussed for the initiation to be held on the following Grange night.

Gold Hill Grange met in regular session August 17 with visitors from Sams Valley and Live Oak. Sister Millie Walker, who now lives in the northern part of the state, and Brother and Sister Hilton who have been away for some years were present. Initiation was held for a large group of candidates from Sams Valley and Gold Hill.

Worthy Master Howes presented Brother and Sister Martin a lovely wool blanket as a gift from the Grange. Sister Orpha Martin was also given a handkerchief box from the Grange. The Martins are soon leaving for Idaho. Grange closed with refreshments being served.

Next meeting will be Sept. 7.

CAKE ASKS DEWEY TALK IN OREGON

Portland, Ore., Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Ralph H. Cake Oregon Republican national committeeman, is in New York attending a meeting of the executive committee of the party and attempting to induce the campaign plotters to send Gov. Dewey to Oregon during the campaign to make major speeches.

NEW PRUNE PRICE UPPED \$30 A TON

San Francisco, Aug. 26—(U.P.)—Prune growers probably will get \$30 per ton increase over last year's returns, the regional war food administration office of distribution announced today.

New price standards have been designed to cover the high production costs resulting from the decrease in the volume of production and to encourage the drying of sufficient quantities to meet all needs, Donald E. Wilcox of the fruit and vegetable division said.

However, prunes set aside for civilian use, Wilcox said, after military and lend-lease requirements are met, will be resold at approximately the same price as last year.

Communications

Huckleberries Disappointing To the Editor: To save others precious gas and a disappointing trip I wish to correct the statement in the issue of the 23rd that huckleberries are plentiful at the mountain.

We have just returned from there and the forest ranger at Union Creek told us on the way up that the crop was much below normal, and we found it the poorest crop we have ever seen. No berries in places and very scattering where there are any. The best pickers get from 3 to 5 quarts a day only. There is a good setting of second crop now about the size of number 6 shot. If nothing happens to hurt them there will be a pretty good second crop.

A. C. HUSON, Rt. 1, Medford, Aug. 25.

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 27, 1934

(It Was Monday)

AAA to put billion dollars of federal coin in pockets of farmer by end of year.

Unsettled. High 103, low 58 degrees.

Truck drivers urged to register under NRA code.

Forest fire near Prospect blamed on sun shining through a bottle on a fence post and acting as a magnifying glass.

Forty-mile per hour wind-storm sweeps over the valley and cuts pear crop 15 to 20 cars. Damage less than first expected.

Crater Lake stamps ready for sale September 15.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

August 27, 1914

(It Was Wednesday)

Bad loans hit state school fund.

Storm hails army flyers jump from Labrador. To fly to Pacific Coast soon.

Postal Inspector "Ace" held at "master mind" of million dollar mail theft.

Fair and continued warm. High 104, low 58 degrees.

Tariff and taxes declared main issue of campaign by democratic senatorial candidate.

CoC forum discusses school problem, and new high school plans.

Decision in Loeb-Leopold case to be given September 10.

Any expression of thanks is invariably accompanied by a handshake in Norway.

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