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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Some withering editorial comment has been caused by the British premier boosting the Fourth Term candidate, during the course of a recent speech. Everything would be even, if Mr. Joe Stalin of Russia came out with the word he would like to match mustaches with Gov. Dewey.

The first deer hunters have returned home, and with the bacon.

Secretary Ickes has endorsed the ex-boy mayor of K. Falls for his stand on power dams. He should also be complimented for the bulldog tenacity of his wrist-look held on the presidential coat-tail.

"In ye olden times, there was less petting in buggies—because there were fewer buggies." (American Analyst) — Sounds logical.

The nation was threatened with a coffee shortage, there being, from all reports, more coffee than normally. There is plenty of coffee, but it is located too far away from the coffee pot. Things pan out that way. For many months there was a colossal shortage of pipe-cleaners. Smokers were advised to win the war by using broom straws, and housewives feared an epidemic of bald-headed brooms. Now the pendulum swings the other way. There are too many pipe-cleaners, and a cigarette shortage is cooking.

QUIT BRAGGING, KID!

(Salem Statesman)

When he was able to talk again, juvenile authorities took over and made the charge juvenile delinquency. The boy, whose name was withheld by the booking officer, said he was formerly an elevator.

There is now considerable informal worrying by landlubbers about the whereabouts of the Japanese fleet. In the course of an argument between two arm-chair admirals in the city park yesterday, it was stated authoritatively, "It's out on a limb some place in the Pacific."

"Since I have discontinued taking vitamins and resumed eating food, I feel much better." —(Oskland (Cal.) Tribune)

And, the improvement in the world situation gives more time for eating.

The shotgun shell lack this fall eliminates practise shooting. The nitro takes no potshot at a "No Hunting" sign, to see if he can hit the barn.

Something rotten is now getting out of Denmark. The Gestapo is leaving for Germany, as the "melancholy Dane" is also mad.

C. Wing, the Apple King, has started shipping his crop. They look good enough for a 10-yr.-old boy to give to his teacher.

The winning of the American league pennant by the St. Louis Browns caused great excitement in Oscar Odell (Ole) Alenderfer, a veteran refugee from there.

HAIL, THE CONQUEROR!

"My squad was stationed to watch a road and we slept under some giant arches of cement holding three stories of railroad tracks of an abandoned coal mine. Some of the people actually had tears in their eyes when we told them we were going to sleep there instead of their homes. They shook their heads and looked at us as though we were too—but an order is an order. They hauled us so much straw to sleep on we could hardly find our equipment when we pulled out before daylight the next morning." (Letter in Red Bluff (Cal.) News.)

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

The Last Call

Well, there was one feature of President Roosevelt's first "political speech" which even the Republicans should endorse.

That was the plea for everyone to register and vote. At the moment the first action is the more important, for there is only a week more here in Oregon in which one can register.

And only those who have registered can vote. So get busy if you are a newcomer to these parts or did not register and vote at the last general election.

For the registration polls close this coming Saturday night.

Speaking of Voting

How many votes will be cast in the coming presidential election. That is almost as interesting a speculation as when the war will end.

FOUR years ago the total vote was nearly 50,000,000—over 27,000,000 for Roosevelt and over 22,000,000 for Willkie.

This year according to the census bureau there will be nearly ten million new voters—that is more men and women eligible to vote.

Assuming the same proportion vote this year as in 1930, the total vote then should be approximately 60,000,000.

WILL it?

Our guess is it won't. In the first place there are around 10,000,000 voters in the armed services, and while a large proportion will be given the chance to vote, all reports from the front indicate there is a tremendous apathy regarding the vote, as far as our combat troops are concerned.

Perhaps when one is working a 24-hour shift in the business of killing or getting killed, and anywhere from 5 to 10 thousand miles away from home, marking a ballot does not appear, as important as in peace times, or as important as it is.

THEN, of course, there is the poll tax which is still disenfranchising thousands of voters in the South—mostly Republicans—and last, but far from least, old General Apathy, who is always on the job at election time no matter how severely and regularly he is panned from the press and the pulpit.

So our guess would be a total popular vote this year of not over 55,000,000 and it might even not exceed the total of four years ago.

IF this should be the case then the total delinquency will reach a new low for a presidential election with nearly 40,000,000 men and women eligible to vote, not voting.

For there will be nearly 90,000,000 citizens entitled to vote—as we recall it 88,500,000, was the U. S. census bureau estimate for this year.

Think of it, 40,000,000 men and women, not interested enough in the national welfare to exercise the sacred right of franchise purchased by their forefathers, at such a cost in blood and treasure! As far as they are concerned they allow the presidency of their country to go by default.

ARE you going to increase that total or decrease it Mr. and Mrs. Voter? The two important days to remember are this Saturday if you are not registered, and Tuesday, November 7th—just six weeks from tomorrow—if you are.

The M. T. Straw Ballot

Again on this subject of voting—About a week ago, following a long-established custom, the Mail Tribune started a presidential straw-ballot in its columns to get some idea of how the people of Jackson County will vote next month.

As far as accuracy is concerned newspaper straw-ballots are pretty well discredited, and properly so. There are too many factors entering into the matter, which are absent when the individual marks his secret ballot, for straw ballots to be anything more than straws in the wind—and small straws in a big wind, at that.

But they are an indication—and for that reason are of genuine news interest.

IN 1932 for example, the Mail Tribune straw ballots indicated Herbert Hoover would carry Jackson County. He didn't, Franklin Delano Roosevelt carried it.

In 1936 the voting indicated a Roosevelt victory. Correct that year, Landon was beaten.

In 1940 Willkie would carry the county according to the same test. Willkie did carry it by about 1400 majority, though he lost the state.

HOW about this year? Well that remains to be seen. But up to date, we regret to say the local Democrats are not participating at all, while we are getting Republican ballots from as far south as Anaheim, California, and as far north as Aberdeen, Washington. (Votes from outside of Jackson County will not be tabulated in the result however.)

Have the Democrats declared a sit-down strike against the M-T straw ballot this year, or are they just not interested in the election this year?

OUR straw-ballot polls will close at the end of this week. We would appreciate it very much if those who intend to vote for President Roosevelt November 7th would get busy and send in their ballots, so the result can be somewhere near a true index of the political situation in Jackson County as it exists.

DEATH COMES TO JOHN A. ORTH, 72, IN LONG ILLNESS

John S. Orth, life-long resident of Jackson County, passed away Sunday morning in Salem, Oregon, following a lengthy illness. Mr. Orth was born in Jacksonville, on Oct. 9, 1871, the son of the late John Orth and Eleanor Hill Orth, early pioneers of Jacksonville.

Mr. Orth was well known and had a host of friends in this vicinity. He was elected county clerk of Jackson County in 1902, serving two years. On July 1, 1906, he moved to Medford and entered the Medford National Bank as cashier. He continued with the bank for almost 30 years.

Mr. Orth was united in marriage to Miss Cordelia Ruth Ankeny at Eugene, Oregon, on April 21, 1903. Mrs. Orth passed away on October 5, 1934.

Mr. Orth was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and active in the Medford Elks Lodge of which he was a charter member.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. H. W. Robertson, of Medford and Mrs. Charles Barnes, of Talent; one brother Henry Orth, of Fort Klamath, and two sisters, Mrs. James Pelton of Medford and Mrs. Cotchett of Adelaide, Australia, and five grandchildren.

Rosary will be recited at the Perl Funeral Home this evening at 8 o'clock and funeral services will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic church Tuesday morning at 9:30. Father Henry Orth will officiate and interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery.

Palibearers, all personal friends of Mr. Orth will be T. E. Daniels, Frank DeSouza, L. B. Haskins, William Hammett, F. L. Tou Velle and Otto Frohmayr.



Olive Barber's

Observations

Phil and Rita Blitter are just over the hump from middle age. They have three sons and a daughter. Two of the sons are in service. One has been wounded, decorated. But for the wounds I fear they will receive on their return home, if they do return, there are no decorations; just scars which will never quite heal.

For the boys left what we like to think of as the representative American home—parents whose standards were high; parents who were clean living and respected by all who knew them. Just when Phil and Rita began to demand less of life, I do not know. Perhaps Phil, passing through those emotional measles of middle age started it when he had, for a time, a relapse into puppy love. The girl left and he recovered but it may have been wounded pride over his defection which caused Rita to take up with ways and companions so foreign to her former ones. I hate to see her sons return. For the young are idealistic. Were they not, we would not find them so willing to hurl themselves against enemies threatening those ideals.

The change in their home will make the lads sick at heart, that parents who once had dignity and commanded their respect as well as their love, have been transformed into guzzle-and-prance dive frequenters; parents who have returned to a mental adolescence thinking thereby to reclaim physical youth. And it is a short step between one "affair" and promiscuity. The parents may think their new life youthful and exciting but I can see the daughter and remaining son are so ashamed they hardly know whether to laugh, cry or retch. They know the sweet clean home their brothers left will be sweet and clean no longer when they return. Their brothers have what it takes to face gun fire and the pestilences accompanying warfare. But their parents have so such bravery at home; are increasingly willing to wallow in the fetid social swamps everyone must encounter, where once they marched steadfastly forward.

I'm beginning to know what it means to "win abroad but lose on the home front". It might be well for us to balance the sheets of our own lives. Have we let down bit by bit until we are becoming less worthy of the sacrifices youth is making for us? Perhaps we need to re-dedicate ourselves to the kind of living which will make our youngsters know we truly were worth fighting for.

More goods produced means more wealth. Money only represents so much goods that can be purchased. By stopping all old people from profitable work to produce wealth we have less wealth.

All those would-be Townsendites would have to be supported at public expense. That would make it harder for those who did work and produce. Moreover, the more money monopolized by the old people, the less the young people would have to spend. Again, if money would be more plentiful then prices would go up.

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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.

Complaints of New Truck Laws

To the editor: It seems that somebody is all mixed up on routing trucks through Medford. Evidently those that planned the new route, didn't give it much consideration, other than to satisfy a few personal ideas.

It is claimed that the main purpose of routing trucks down Front street was on account of noise. Well maybe so! But we (operators and drivers) can't see where the planners have gained a single thing.

All trucks and truck trailer equipment pull 25 to 50 per cent harder on a turn than straightening out.

Therefore if a truck has to make a right turn off Central onto Fourth, and then left off Fourth onto Front, he has to use all his power, and by that time he is right in front of the Grand hotel. Then he stops at 6th and again at Main and Front streets and again has to use all his power in front of Hotel Allen, where people are sleeping.

And if those that planned the route can figure that its any quieter they are really good.

It could all be cleared up by eliminating the red light at Central and Main, so that the trucks could keep moving through town, without using so much power, and not permit them to stop anywhere between Fourth and Eleventh streets, except of course for local deliveries.

I think drivers would cooperate as most of the south bound freight trucks go through in early morning and at night.

As for the logging and lumber trucks which operate mostly in daytime, they represent a large pay-roll in Medford and a big benefit to the city as a whole and I think they should not be handicapped. Those in business on Central should be able to stand a little industrial noise, when it represents good business.

When a truck has to turn it loses a percentage of rubber, and you know what that means.

While we are at it, we might as well mention that if those in responsible positions wish to do something helpful they should organize a campaign to take up all street intersection buttons and give them to the Japs plus some TNT and they would do a lot more good and save tires besides.

H. L. Nichols

609 West 1st

Townsend Plans Preposterous

To the Editor:

I have argued and written so much condemning the Townsend plan, but have such good friends among Townsendites that I herewith give a few of the many reasons why the plan is impractical and demoralizing.

Compelling pensioners to spend all the monthly payments before the end of each month, encourages reckless extravagance, wastefulness and shiftlessness.

Prohibiting any productive or remunerative work by the pensioners encourages laziness.

Giving pensions to men between 60 and 65 who are able to work destroys self-reliance.

The idea that circulating money in an extravagant manner could by any stretch of the imagination add to the prosperity of the nation is utterly preposterous.

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hoard, generally speaking. They invest to produce more goods, improve or develop property and so forth. Under the Townsend plan the money would not be circulated any more than now. Townsendites need not worry on that score.

It certainly is surprising that so many well-meaning people should follow a man who advocated 9 or 10 years ago that people should get a \$200 a month to spend to attain national prosperity and happiness. Utterly ridiculous!

Such extravagant, wasteful plans will never be endorsed by either state or national congress. I said and wrote so 9 or 10 years ago, and am still of the same opinion.

Sydney S. Barker

Medford, Oct. 2.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY

October 2, 1924

(It Was Tuesday)

Alibi of Bernard Hauptmann, German carpenter charged with murder and kidnaping of Col. Lindbergh baby, shattered by secret witnesses.

County budget committee holds first session with road repair and relief the main problem.

Dizzy Dean, ace of St. Louis pitchers to hurl first game of world series tomorrow against Detroit.

Unsettled with probable rain. High 84, low 53 degrees.

Mail Tribune cooking school to open October 10.

E. W. Wall named commander of local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Brig-Gen. William Mitchell tells President's aviation committee "planes held need to battle Japan, our most dangerous foe".

Attendance at Ashland Normal school shows 24 per cent increase.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY October 2, 1924 (It Was Thursday)

Baseball World is shocked by confession of New York Giant player he attempted to bribe Philadelphia shortstop to throw game.

Australia is incensed over League of Nation compromise to satisfy Japan's demands in Pacific. The League adopts world peace plan.

Probable rain. High 67, low 36 degrees.

Automobiles killing average of 37 per day in nation, statistics show.

Baptist church annual report shows a prosperous year with \$15,000 contributed.

Federal court session to open next Tuesday.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY October 2, 1910 (It Was Sunday)

Los Angeles 'Times' is dynamited, with 14 missing and 21 injured. Publisher blames labor union plot.

Espee depot to be dedicated October 10.

Thousand women attend opening of John C. Mann store last Friday afternoon. Mr. Mann is a live-wire and has applied for membership in Commercial Club, an item states.

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I Intend to Vote For—

Governor Dewey

President Roosevelt

Signed

Address

Last Rites Held For Mark Smith, Veteran of S. P.

Ashland, Oct. 2.—Last rites for Mark Wood Smith, long-time resident of Ashland who died in the Southern Pacific hospital in San Francisco Sept. 28, will be held here Tuesday afternoon at the Litwiller Funeral chapel at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. Earl Downing of the Church of Christ will conduct the service.

Smith had been employed by the Southern Pacific for 39 years and had lived in southern Oregon for 40 years. He was a native of Illinois, having been born April 4, 1882, in that state. Survivors are his wife, Hattie; and one daughter, Lorraine, a Portland teacher; two brothers, Jesse Smith of Ashland and Willis Smith of Seattle, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Maurel of Globe, Ariz.

Shady Cove

Shady Cove, Oct. 2.—The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. King will be happy to learn that their son, Warrant Officer Harry H. King, is back in the United States after 28 months in the South Pacific war zone. He saw action in the major marine campaigns of Tarawa and Saipan and was with the first landing force at Guadalcanal. He will visit his parents at Shady Cove before returning to duty.

Captain Turner returned to Camp Hood by airplane on September 25, after spending a 15-day furlough with his family here.

Roy Myers enjoyed a short furlough with his parents and friends here during the past week.

Mrs. Pearl Guthrie has returned to Shady Cove to take up permanent residence, and her father will follow shortly, having sold their home in San Francisco.

George Hook, who had a finger smashed in an accident recently, is still on the convalescent list, but hopes to return to work in the near future. Mr. Hook is new to Shady Cove but his cheery smile and good-neighbor policy have won him his place in the community.

Shady Cove is not awaiting the end of the war for a back-to-the-farm movement.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Terrance of San Carlos Calif., have purchased a small tract of the T. J. Johnson ranch on the Rogue River and will arrive around October 10 to start construction of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Everson also have selected a home-site and will start building their cabin in the near future.

Lt. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Oliver are the new owners of the Phebe Mallory place above Shady Cove. They plan to build a new home on the river when Lt. Oliver finishes his service in the navy, and in the meantime Mrs. Oliver will live in Medford in order that they may spend the lieutenant's furloughs at the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Smith have bought Dr. Coe's place on the Long Branch road where they plan to raise chickens and turkeys, as well as to transform "poverty flats into prosperity meadows."

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

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