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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Pezzy

Gov. Bricker of Ohio, the next vice president of the land, stopped briefly here Fri. eve, and was greeted by what New Dealers called "a handful", and the state police estimated at 3,000 people. He touched briefly but fervently on the issues of the day, including the June "Hannegan-shennanigans" at Chicago, when "everything was cleared with Sidney." He predicted the people at the polls would put a stop to any further such nonsense.

Three weeks of school has convinced any number of kids, who thought their teacher was an angel, she is something else, they report.

Due to the rains, new grass is coming up on hill and dale. Weeds and the much-cussed dandelions, are also showing signs of new vim and vigor.

J. Tannehill Walker's brother Bob, has five new teeth, and is learning to walk, but with a heavy list to starboard. His Paw is in the navy.

Lionel Woodpecker reported to the sheriff, he had been shot at by mistake for a C. Pheasant. Mrs. Woodpecker phoned the authorities she did the shooting, and the only mistake was she missed him.

The weekly mayhem at the Army Thurs. eve caused the customers' blood to boil in the main bout. A whole-souled attempt to remove the head and mask of the Gray Mask failed.

Rural residents have taken steps to have sauerkraut, and brown October cider. The former is used by Older Girls to put authority in the Thanksgiving mincemeat.

Sen. Guy Cordon has declined the challenge of the former mayor of Klamath Falls to a debate. The consensus of opinion holds 12 years is long enough for the challenger to hang onto the residential coat-tails without changing hands.

The upland bird season opened Sat. Many nimrods hied for the uplands for a breathing spell, and returned breathing.

Cowmen are busy bringing in their steers from the hills. They take the reports from Washington, D. C., of a beef shortage with a 50-pound hunk of rock salt, of which there is also reported to be a shortage.

Joe Early's boy Joe is home on a furlough. He has been in England a long time, forgets occasionally and calls the mail carrier, a courier, and gasoline, "petrol".

Citizens of Berlin, Ore., won their fight against changing the name of their town to Disto, a Greek village destroyed by the Nazis. The Berlin in Germany, from whence flows most of the current woes of the world, with the Allies approaching victoriously will soon be the most complete and total pile of ruins, in all history, with less population and houses, than the Oregon wide place in the road.

Freak election bets have started to show up. No partisan has agreed to wear his wife's fall hat to work, if his favorite is walloped at the polls.

The B. Tornado has been taking it easy all week, and engaged in no football labors over the week-end. Starting with next Friday, they will meet the "powerful Pelicans", the "powerful Lava Bears", the "powerful Grizzlies", and the "powerful Vikings" of Salem. They have been polishing up the "p's" and "q's" of their T-formation.

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

Does Talk Change Votes?

This is an era of polls, surveys and researches. We wish Mr. Crossley, or some similar polling expert, would tackle the question of political speeches, articles,—yes and editorials. How many votes do they change during a campaign?

FOUR weeks from day after tomorrow, the American people will go to the polls to choose a new President.

During this period there will be more political speeches, articles and editorials poured upon the defenseless electorate than at any previous period of the campaign.

How many votes will they change?

In our judgment very few. Two or three months ago, as we see it, there were thousands of independent voters who had not become particularly interested and therefore had not yet made up their minds.

There are very few of them today. On the other hand, in as close an election as this one promises to be, those few might,—we said MIGHT,—determine the final result.

And that is the sole justification for the table-thumpers and bye-line writers and editorial pontificators, keeping up their rhetorical barrage until the last dog has been hung,—until the momentous day of November 7th has dawned.

THEIR combined efforts may not change the result in the slightest; on the other hand, one never can tell.

So until there is some exact information in this field,—which an authoritative poll might, (or might not) give,—the noise and the fury will go on and on, until the last shot of the campaign has been fired, and peace reigns again!

People Want Facts

On the matter of influencing votes and how to get them, this much is certain:

The American people no longer go to the table-thumpers, the rhetorical pamphleteers, or the newspapers, for their political OPINIONS. They go to them for INFORMATION upon which to base their own opinions. That is all.

THE political influence of the above-mentioned campaign workers therefore depends almost entirely upon the confidence the voters have in them,—that is in what they believe to be the reliability of the information, the dependability of the source.

The speaker, the writer or the newspaper, in which the individual voter for some reason, has no confidence, might as well whistle against the wind as try to influence that voter. It just can't be done.

WHICH is only another way of saying that the strongly partisan, prejudiced, vituperative type of thing, whether via the spoken or the written word, seldom if ever makes votes,—it delights the extreme partisans on one side, enrages those on the other, and leaves the voters who are neither, merely amused or cold and unchanged.

On the other hand when the offering is fair, factual, temperate, giving information which to any unprejudiced person is convincing, then the effect is considerable, and may be decisive.

AS an example of the latter, there has been no offering in this campaign equal to an article in the October 7th issue of the SatEvePost, by Robert Moses, the distinguished Commissioner of Parks and Public Works of New York City entitled "Why I Oppose a 4th Term."

Not only is the literary style of the article of a very high order, but every argument against the re-election of President Roosevelt is sane, telling, completely established by the evidence.

WE regret our limited space prevents a complete reprint, for it is one of the few political documents of the campaign which suffers from elimination and condensation, but the following will give some idea of the character of the article and its rare persuasive quality:

In October of 1940, Life published an article called "The Case Against Roosevelt." I was the author, and at the end of my piece there appeared this paragraph:

Let us suppose now that the President wins and has his third term, can anyone confidently predict that with no further political ambitions he will give us a forthright, non-partisan government of all the talents, that he will pick the best man, that he will have an eye single to the problem of defense, that he will cease stirring up class hatred and factionalism and will stop giving lip service to conservatives while he allows radical brain trusters to formulate his actual policies? Or will he continue just as he is until... July, 1944, when a listless Democratic national convention, composed entirely of robots and stooges, will fan themselves in some overheated convention hall, waiting for the voice from the White House which will say in its suavest tones: "My friends, lift up your hearts. I have decided that the country's extremity requires me to run again."

That wasn't bad guessing in the light of what happened this fall. Our hearts need not bleed for those nostalgic yearnings of the President for Krum Elbow and the Hudson Valley as announced by letter and radio to the recent Democratic national convention. It is hard for us to picture Mr. Roosevelt as Cincinnati longing to get back to the plow.

Some say it is unfortunate that we must hold an election this fall. I believe, on the contrary, that the time is ideal to test our system of government in the forges and by the sledge hammers of war. The morale of a people who can keep their heads and conduct a political campaign at home on decent and honorable lines cannot be questioned by those to whom democracy is merely an aspiration. Let us therefore express ourselves clearly, emphatically, unequivocally, without bitterness, meanness or exaggeration. Above all, there is no excuse for violently denouncing a President who, whatever his faults and failings, has obviously worn himself out in our service.

Let us approach the subject, then, in a reasonable frame of mind. We can be serious, aware of the war, grateful for sacrifices by others, without being glum, tragic or hysterical. If we proceed in this spirit the time for the test of our political institutions is perfect.

Why F.D.R. Should Be Beaten

How is that for the preface to a political argument designed not to arouse passions and prejudices but in an atmosphere of reason and logic to change votes! And here are the author's conclusions in condensed form:

ONE: I am opposed to a 4th term for President Roosevelt because he has almost ruined the Federal judicial system... after 4 more years there would probably not be a single Federal judge in any court of the United States who does not owe his appointment to the New Deal, and most of them will have been chosen to expedite the economic revolution.

TWO: I am opposed to a 4th term for Mr. Roosevelt because he is destroying the very idea of a union of states, and—would destroy the United States and substitute a regional autocracy.

THREE: He has increased the conflict between the executive and Congress to a degree at which we are approaching chaos in legislation.

FOUR: He has promoted factionalism, stimulated minorities, appealed to class prejudice and divided our people. He has sought to keep power by every art of demagoguery.

FIVE: His is a government of impulse and improvising, a government which is constantly creating new bureaus and agencies instead of boldly reorganizing cabinet offices.

SIX: Because his administration is one of tired men for whom there is no further thrill but international control. Men do get stale in office; it is not a matter of age but of jaded ambitions. No one can give first rate service to a government as large as the United States for 16 years.

SEVEN: I have no confidence either in President Roosevelt's intentions or his ability to convert war to peace production to provide full employment and to guarantee a reasonably swift transition from prodigious government spending to reduced budgets and taxes. The New Deal's hostility to private enterprise and subservience to the more radical elements of labor will outlast both the election and the war.

FINALLY here is Mr. Moses' conclusion:

It is characteristic of Mr. Roosevelt's light-hearted adaptation of the ideas of other and deeper thinkers, that he should borrow from our great Yale teacher, William Graham Sumner, the symbol of the forgotten man and twist him into the precise opposite of the original. Sumner's forgotten man is not the underdog at the bottom of the economic pyramid pictured by Mr. Roosevelt as the sole great object of his solicitude, Sumner's forgotten man is the fellow who creates all real wealth by his patient industry, supports his family, pays taxes, casts his vote conscientiously and not for a subsidy, supports church and school, the only one for whom there is no provision in the New Deal scramble and the big divide.

This election will be settled not by quacks with pills political, frenzied henchmen and partisans who call names and make faces, but by men who meditate and smoke their mild cigars, by their wives who remain calm in a world that is a jangle and ajar, and by their sons in uniform who study the stars in strange latitudes, and keep their own counsel.

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.

Who Will Be Our Next President

To the editor: That is what we all would like to know? If I were a betting man I would bet on the "best politician," they always seem to get the most votes, right or wrong.

I would bet on a politician that can soothe us to sleep with his fireside chats; and (figuratively speaking) gather our wives and mothers into his arms and allay their fears, with promises that their sons and daughters would never have to bleed and die on foreign soil.

A man elected on promises of great reforms in government spending, and then develop into the greatest spendthrift of all time. A man that can tell the farmers the way to prosperity, is to kill their pigs, and cattle, plow under their cotton, and grain and make them do it.

A man with the foresight and wisdom to see, when two per cent of the voters, own or control more than half of the wealth, a proposition to rob and divide, would appeal to any mob. A man that could take a "noble experiment" and a business in outlawed disgrace, and develop it, into the biggest business on earth. Six billion dollars spent annually for liquor in war time, is no small record for a regime, pledged to curb "big business" and all enemies to labor.

A man that can persuade the laboring man, the way to be prosperous, is to quit work, and force others to do so, and make them believe it. If the boss doesn't like it, we will carry him out, and run the business ourselves.

A man with such genial personality and wisdom, that he can maintain cordial relations with the most corrupt vote getting machines of the day, and with such personalities as Pendergast, Kelley, Browder, Hillman, Bridges, and after accepting money and support, can kick out, "Lewis." A man that has the political sagacity to understand, that three million government employees, and their families, would most likely vote for the hand that feeds them, and that the three million "alcoholics" (now rapidly multiplying) should vote for the hand that gives them drink, (but not their families). Providing drink was the first consideration allowed to interfere with war production.

Last but not least. A man that can break all records of a Santa Claus, spendthrift, without spending one penny of his own money, and make us like it, although we foot the bills, is some vote getter. By all rules of the betting game, your money should be perfectly safe on

such a man, even though you read the Bible and know of "David and Goliath." But don't blame me, if the little honest stippling, should win. "We might do it with Dewey."

A ONE VOTE REPUBLICAN Medford, Oct. 13. (Name on file)

Tribune Aid Is Appreciated

To the editor: On behalf of the Medford Ministerial Association I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the Medford Mail Tribune for your most generous and courteous response to our almost daily demand for publicity in making possible the success of the recent clothing drive. Without your help it could never have gone over the top as it did. Thank you again—many times!! Karl W. Brockhaus Vice President Medford Ministerial Assn.

BRICKER, WARREN 'LEFT' PRISONERS

San Francisco, Oct. 14—(U.P.)—Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, GOP vice-presidential nominee, and Gov. Earl Warren of California unsuccessfully attempted to get together for a quiet conference all day today.

Tonight they attended a reception at the San Francisco Press club. When they stepped into the elevator the power failed and the car stopped between the basement and the first floor. After 15 minutes of effort, the two governors—aided by numerous newspapermen—worked the elevator down far enough to crawl out into the basement and then walked up four flights of stairs to the Press club.

OLDEST LINE

Burlington, Vt.—(U.P.)—The Champlain Transportation Co. is the oldest steamship company in the country. It received its charter to operate passenger steamers on Lake Champlain from the Vermont legislature October 26, 1826.

TRAGIC MONTH

Keene, N. H.—(U.P.)—In one month, the Conway family lost son James, a paratrooper killed in action in France; his father Simon, killed in a railroad accident at Bellows Falls, Vt., and his grandfather James, who died of natural causes at Walpole.

LOGBOOKS SAVED

New Bedford, Mass.—(U.P.)—The Bourne Whaling Museum here contains more than 600 logbooks recording the history of New Bedford's whalers in the great days of the industry.

EVERY BIT HELPS

Holyoke, Mass.—(U.P.)—With a little help from the relatives, four-year-old Gerald Aubuchon saved 4,475 "white" pennies during the past two years to be invested in War Bonds.

DEWEY'S SPEECHES IRK WHITE HOUSE, PROTESTS ISSUED

Hershey and Berle File Statements—FR Blasted By Lady Solon

Washington, Oct. 14—(U.P.)—The 1944 presidential campaign appeared tonight to be living up to advance predictions that it would be the roughest, toughest since 1928 when both sides became at times disoriented in relation to the belt line.

The year campaigners for both major parties have made blockbuster attacks on their opponents' honesty, and the most frequently employed verbal weapon, translated into barroom English, has been: "You're a liar."

The White House issued a bill of particulars today designed to show that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the presidential candidate, has played fast and loose with the facts in quoting administration spokesmen to their own disadvantage.

At the same time, Assistant Secretary of State Adolf A. Berle, Jr., whom Dewey quoted a week ago tonight in charging the administration with communist intentions, asserted in a letter to President Roosevelt that the republican candidate had been "surprisingly dishonest."

Some hours later, Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said in another letter to the president that a remark he once made about plans for war veterans had been given a significance "completely out of accord with the facts."

Dewey had quoted the remark—in which Hershey said it would be cheaper to keep men in the armed forces than to set up an agency to find jobs for them—as the administration's plan for war veterans.

Hershey assured the president that the remark was given as his "personal opinion in a field over which I have no responsibility." Hershey's letter disclosed that he has been a republican all his voting life.

For his part, Dewey scheduled a broadcast from St. Louis Monday night on the subject of "the urgent need for honesty and competence in our national government."

Last night at Chicago, Rep. Clare Luze Boothe, R., Conn., tossed aside all euphemisms for the ugly word, and declared that President Roosevelt had "lied us into war."

MINISTERS THANK THOSE WHO AIDED IN CLOTHING DRIVE

An expression of appreciation by the local committee in charge of the collection of clothing for the needy of Europe was extended Saturday to everyone who aided in bringing the drive to a successful conclusion.

Over a thousand items were classified and packed Friday afternoon and evening by ministers and laymen of various city churches as the appeal, sponsored nationally by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration, came to a close. The work was carried on locally through the joint efforts of the Ministerial association and the Council of Church Women.

It was pointed out that though the drive is now over and no more clothing can be accepted at this time, persons who failed to get their materials in on time should continue to hold them until a latter date when, because of the extreme need in Europe, another call for clothing will undoubtedly be issued.

Clothing collected in Medford the past week is now on its way to a central collection center in Seattle from whence it will be forwarded to its final destination by October 22.

READER TO EDITOR

Springfield, Mass.—(U.P.)—Thoreau Cronyn, one-time managing editor of Collier's acquired a taste for newspaper work from reading the Springfield Republican to a blind man for 25 cents a week in his hometown of San Diego, Cal.

COUNTRY NEEDS PRAYERS

Boston—(U.P.)—"Do you pray for the senators?" a woman once asked the Rev. Dr. Everett Hale, famed Boston clergyman who served as a senate chaplain. "No, madam," was the urbane reply. "I look at the senators and pray for the country."

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Mystery Death



(Acme Telephoto) Police are investigating death of George Bauerdorf (above), 20-year-old helmsman, whose nude body was found submerged in bathtub of her Hollywood apartment. Death is believed to be accidental, but probe was ordered.

BRITISH REVEAL BLOCKBUSTER IN USE FOR MONTHS

Washington, Oct. 14—(U.P.)—The British tonight revealed the existence of a new, streamlined 12,000-pound blockbuster bomb, "the Earthquake," which was described as "the most destructive air weapon ever used."

The new bomb, which for the first time combines tremendous penetrative power with devastating blast effect, has been in use for several months. It exploded from a delayed action fuse when it is within or under its target, and apparently was designed primarily to "get at" the Nazi concrete submarine pens which had resisted all previous bombing efforts.

It has been used as well against robot bomb launching platforms and storage dumps, dams, canals and sea walls, and at least one hit the big Nazi battleship Tirpitz, necessitating major repairs.

"The extraordinary penetrating power of the 'earthquake' was shown during attacks on the submarine pens at Brest," the British information services said. "These pens are among the strongest shelters ever built. At the time they were constructed no bomb in use then had any prospect of penetrating them."

"Four of the new bombs hit these shelters and drilled their way right through 12 feet of concrete to explode inside." The new bomb contains "the heaviest possible charge of a very powerful explosive" and achieves a terminal velocity considerably higher than that of any other bomb, it was revealed.

WIN 'CHEAPLY'

Topeka, Kan.—(U.P.)—Inexpensive victories were recorded here recently by two Democratic candidates nominated in the Kansas primary election. The sixth district congressional nominee, Dan M. McCarthy of Hays reported his only expense was the \$100 filing fee, while Mrs. Page Manley of Elk City said she had no expense in winning the nomination for state superintendent. The low expense accounts might be attributed to the fact neither candidate had primary opposition.

DOWNRIGHT FRANK

Boston—(U.P.)—Edward Simmons, the famous painter, was widely known for his loquacity. Once when a lady begged his pardon for interrupting him, he replied, "Madam, no one can speak at all without interrupting me."

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TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 15, 1934 (It was Monday) Raymond Poincare, former president of France, last of French War I leaders dies.

Klamath Falls delegation arrives for opening of plane service from this city.

Fair. High 75, low 44 degrees. Leland Clark wins annual P.A.T. golf tournament. Defeats Walter Leverette in finals.

Many get limit of Chinese pheasants on opening day of season. Wheat-corn adjustment money for Oregon to total three million dollars.

Bruno Hauptmann makes denial he kidnaped and murdered Lindbergh baby.

Princess Jacqueline, world's only talking dog, dies of pneumonia. Could say, "I will" and "elevator."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 15, 1924 (It was Wednesday) Dirigible ZR-3 crosses Atlantic from Germany in 81 hours, and lands at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Chinese pheasant season opens with army of hunters in field. President Coolidge in Washington speech declares "religion is more vital to nation, than making more laws".

Rain. High 76, low 51 degrees. Precipitation .08 of an inch.

Portland traffic officer frustrates attempted holdup of East Portland bank.

Safes in Medford Lumber Co. and Medford Planning Mill offices blown, and money stolen.

Medford high to play Klamath Falls next Saturday.

Three more divorce suits filed at Jacksonville with profanity the popular cause.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

October 15, 1910 (It was Saturday) Rumor says new postoffice building will be located on prominent corner, but corner is not named.

"The Failure of Success" in three reels at the Isis. Harry Blanchard will sing illustrated song, "The Mansion of Aching Hearts".

THE GRANGE

Phoenix Grange Home Economic club of Phoenix grange meets at the home of the chairman, Myrtle Hixon, October 18. Mrs. Grace is assistant hostess. Preceding the business meeting there will be a covered dish dinner at noon. Wives of men members are invited. The Hixon home is on the old highway between Phoenix and Talent about a mile and a half from Phoenix.

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