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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry
 An eastern financial expert reports, under the present war time economic stress "the rich are getting poorer." So are the poor, as usual, the poor report.
 The metropolitan press unearths a cigarette "black market" in the metropolis, with cigarettes selling at 62c per pack. Where there is no smoke, there must be a "black market."
 It now comes to light, Gen. "Vinegar" Joe Stilwell, a four-star army hero, was ousted from high command in the Far East, to save face for Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, and H. H. Hopkins, the deputy president, had a finger and his nose in the mess. The general, like Mr. Hopkins, is more of a politician than a military man. Incidentally, no voter can recall a single time he voted for Harry, though he has abided in the White House for nearly 12 years and is now pulling hard for another four-year hitch. The President explained it was "all a matter of personality" and Gen. Stilwell had performed nobly, save for getting along with Chiang Kai Shek. Americans should fervently hope the Chinaman does not get mad enough at Gen. (B. & G.) Patton to have him sent home from the Nazi front.

In many states, this election, prohibition in its milder form is an issue, and becoming one in others. Take the question at home. Even the perpetually thirsty are beginning to suspect the controlling powers are more interested in profits than temperance, as the law intended. And, to and behold! a shortage of standard liquors for Yule cheer is feared. But there will be plenty of imported rum, no doubt. Things like this stagger John (Jack) Barleycorn when the votes are counted.

This week-end the faithful will not see the Black Tornado, and from two to 15 dogs cavort on the gridiron.
 An epidemic of FDR buttons, the first of the campaign, appeared yes. They were worn in large number by small boys, too young to vote for anything but a Junior high yell leader or queen of the carnival.
 Water experts report the current rains have been of no value, except to prove that the roof, or the left foot shoe leaks.
 An eminent and outstanding guffon for punishment is the incumbent vice president. He stood up on the platform with the beneficiary of the stab in the back he took at the New Deal shennanigan at Chicago last July and pictured Sidney Hillman, CIO-PAC boss, as an abused individual. That's "clearing everything with Sidney" in a big-hearted way.

YE PIONEER SLICKER
 "The Heppner Gazette tells a good joke on E. M. Shutt, editor of the Antelope Herald, and also a sprinter of no mean ability. About the first of last week an apparently half-witted, drunken-sotted fellow came riding into Antelope and said he could outrun any foot racer in the country. Then the boys were sure from his actions and walk that they had a sucker, and at once made a match between he and Shutt, the pride of the village, for a distance of 100 yards for \$40 a side. On Wednesday afternoon at the time set for the race both runners made their appearance. When the stranger came out stripped down, the admirers of Shutt weakened in their enthusiasm, for they discovered that the stranger was not the sucker they had thought, but apparently a well-developed hard-trained professional. This theory soon proved to be correct, for at the word "go" he took the lead and held it to the finish, beating Shutt by about ten feet."—50 Yr. ago col. Pendleton East Oregonian.)

One Vote May Decide It

Only once before in the memory of this department, has a single vote rated as vitally important, as will be true on Tuesday next.
 That "once" was when Woodrow Wilson was elected President by the electoral votes of California, and by a margin less than the total vote of Jackson county.

MOST experts agree this election will be a close one. So it might well be that the electoral votes of Oregon will this time decide who is to reside in the White House for the next four years, and who isn't. In which case the total vote in this county might well swing this state into the Republican—or the Democratic!—column, and it might even be by one vote and that one vote YOURS Mr. or Mrs. Voter!

SO it is not too early now to make your plans, and to check up Tuesday next on the calendar as the day, come hell or high water, that you will, rain, sun or snow, go to your polling place and mark your ballot.

Exercising your franchise is important at all times, but it may well decide the fate of the country—even the world—this time.
 So a word to the wise is sufficient. And if you are not wise go to the polls anyway and vote.

And It May Be Yours

"Why vote? Dewey and Bricker will carry the county anyway."
 Believe it or not that remark was made by a Republican and a prominent one.
 He should not only be kicked out of the party but the country and exiled on the Island of Yap for the rest of his days—but won't be!
 That spirit carried to its logical conclusion would mean the end of democracy in this country—and perhaps not so far in the future. And the man who made it would then get just what he had voted—or refused to vote—for. And it would serve him right!

DEWEY and Bricker probably WILL carry the county, though there is nothing at all certain about it.
 But carrying Jackson County will do the Republican candidates no good unless the state is carried also. And the state will not be carried unless the counties outside of Portland pile up a majority for the Republicans that will overcome the Democratic majority that is certain in Multnomah.
 So as each single vote is of unprecedented importance in this election, particularly outside of Portland this is especially true of Republican votes.
 Once more whatever you do next Tuesday, DON'T fail to vote!

False Impression Corrected

"To the editor:
 "Would you be fair enough to correct the impression created by your newspaper that the Burke Bill is a prohibition measure and if passed no individual citizen will be free to treat a guest to a drink of liquor or fortified wine as a matter of hospitality, but for same might be sent to jail. This you must realize, is brazen and unscrupulous misrepresentation by the liquor and fortified wine interests and we would much appreciate a correction in your columns."
 "ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUE OF OREGON,
 "B. W. Wicks, representative Southern Oregon."

IN the first place the opinions of this paper are expressed in this column only, not in the news or advertising columns.
 And there has been no such impression created in this column, as a reading of our files will show.
 The impression has been created however in our advertising columns, and the bill-board advertising throughout the state, so we are glad to correct it—as we are any misrepresentation on any side in this campaign.

THE proposed measure does contain the phrase "offer for sale, sell or give" but the term "give" in that sense certainly does not comprehend the refreshment offering of a host, or hostess, to a guest. It is merely used so those engaged in the business of wine selling could not evade the law by making gifts to customers, and receiving their payments in devious ways that could not be traced. In other words to prevent law evasion.
 That is all.

NOR do we believe the passage of this bill would mean, in any real sense, taking a "step back to prohibition days."
 As stated in our recommendations last Sunday, we reached our negative decision on this measure by a photo-finish.
 There is much to be said in favor of placing all intoxicating liquors in excess of 14% alcohol, except for sacramental purposes, under the control of the state liquor commission.
 But as we see it, more can be said against.

THE Liquor Commission probably has legal right now under the present law to take over the sale of fortified wines if it so desires. But it would have no power of course to prohibit such sales elsewhere.
 On the other hand, even under this measure all wines with 14% alcoholic content and less would still be sold generally at wine stores and in sufficient quantities would be quite intoxicating enough, thank you!

SO all in all it was our conclusion that Oregon having one of the best Liquor systems in the country, the people of Oregon would be wise to let well enough alone, and not encourage any minority, dry or wet, to tamper with it.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 2—Just adding what they say on to what they have said: Ink was hardly dry on Assistant President Byrnes' naturally partisan headlines, "Dewey Election Would Prolong War," before Mr. Churchill said non-partisanly that would probably be summer before the end in Europe and take two years more in the Pacific.

No authority here would lay a non-political guess after what has happened to all this year's most optimistic prophecies. Few military men believe the presidential election has anything at all to do with it. The length of the war will be determined by military factors, no domestic politics. For instance:

GEN. MACARTHUR'S easy occupation of the east-central Philippines and Adm. Kinkaid's decisive destruction of the Jap fleets have roused some highly enthusiastic expectations which go far beyond the facts of the matter. The land ahead lies like this:

The Japs have 4,000,000 in their armies, mostly in China. The figure of 225,000 estimating their forces on Leyte (which has been published widely), really applies to all forces throughout the Philippines, mostly on Luzon and Mindanao. They had only a division or parts of a division on Leyte.
 True enough, they tried no bloody suicidal death stands there, but this may not necessarily be a symptom of fully deteriorated morale. Here they had a chance to get away to other nearby islands, whereas in their earlier death stands on the small Pacific dots they had no place to go except to their ancestors.
 But to conquer the Philippines and reoccupy Manila we will have to defeat yet the bulk of the Jap force of a quarter of a million men which can still be reinforced.

CONQUEST OF LUZON (Manila)
 "Itself involves such a tough prospect that MacArthur might yet decide to bypass it. However, the next jumps to Formosa and the China coast are beyond the range of our land-based fighter planes and would require naval air coverage, and therefore would not be easy or swift operations either."
 We have the carrier aircraft with which to do it, but when we do, we will still not have defeated Japan. In short, MacArthur wisely picked the softest spot in the Philippines and from here on the going will become increasingly difficult.

The sea before us is practically clear except for land-based Jap planes. Main pending sea question is how the Japs could have been so stupid as to send 70 of their biggest ships into two narrow straits where we could damage all but two (with naval aircraft using only one landing field on Leyte then open).
 Does it indicate desperation? The answer considered most likely here is that the two straits attack was a battle plan worked out earlier in the war by the Jap admirals and they just pulled it out of the desk when we went into Leyte, not thinking of our new naval carrier plane and ship strength which has so recently grown to overwhelming proportions.
 Also this does not mean the whole Jap fleet has been destroyed, and probably not half of it.

THE nearly open sea lane to Japan, however, probably will have to wait until we get land air bases from which to give full air coverage to landing operations. Most discouraging news in this respect was the recall of General Stilwell from China and the elevation of Chiang Kai Shek to greater military authority.
 Stilwell is as great a general as China could ever get to direct her war effort. Therefore, grave doubt is justified as to whether the change is an improvement.

Competent press authorities are charging Chiang is conducting a "moribund, undemocratic regime," bent on protecting his precarious hold over China (against the communists) rather than trying sincerely to drive out the Japs.
 China—Burma—India is our weakest front. Morale of our troops there is far from the best. The change could eventuate in a decision for us to fight more of our own war against Japan with less hope on China or Britain from India.
 But even if we conquer the Jap mainland we have not defeated the Jap armies or destroyed their war industries

which are largely in Manchuria. We desperately need air bases either on the China coast or in Russia (which is still neutral in that respect).
 These are the true considerations involved in the length of the war in the Pacific, stripped of the political gilt with which recent partisan campaign utterances have adorned them.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen name is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and conciseness.

The Poets Are for Guy
 To the Editor: For United States Senator Guy Cordon, Roseburg, Ore.:
 We have faith in this western Guy
 In him is the truth, not a lie,
 And Westerners know he will try
 To bring Good Luck, not a pass-by.
 W. W. Truax, Oct. 31, 1944.

SILVIA E. TERRELL TAKEN BY DEATH

Silvia Edith Terrell, widow of the late Ralph W. Terrell, passed away at her home, 425 S. Oakdale, Thursday morning.
 Mrs. Terrell was born at Elkton, Oregon, on September 23, 1881.
 She lived in Roseburg for many years, where she was united in marriage to Mr. Terrell on October 9, 1901. They moved to Medford in 1913.
 She is survived by one son, I. S. Terrell of Fresno, Calif., who arrived in Medford Wednesday, and one granddaughter, Patricia Ann Terrell.
 Funeral services will be held at the Ritter Funeral home, Roseburg, Ore., Saturday at 10:30 a. m., with the Rev. Edwards of the Methodist church officiating. Peril Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements here.

APPLAGATE STOCKMEN CIRCULATE PETITION

Applegate stockmen, headed by Edwin Kubil and Leon Offenbacher, have been circulating petitions the past week opposing the formation of a herd district, roughly extending from Applegate to Provolt. The petitions have been signed by 20 of the largest stockmen of the area. Establishment of the herd district appears on a special ballot for the Applegate precinct at the election next Tuesday. The petitioners claim the territory embraced in the proposed herd district includes land surrounded on all sides by open ranges and that it would work a hardship on cattlemen and that the ballot title is confusing.

Riviera

Riviera, Nov. 2—Ray Bolton came down from Vancouver, Wash., October 30 and completed a deal selling his property on the hill to Mr. and Mrs. Vickers. Veltie Biles and family moved last week to Sams Valley.
 Gold Hill Health unit will have its first meeting of this fall at the W. A. Boye home Monday, Nov. 6. Dessert luncheon at 1 p. m.
 Mrs. Lloyd Miller returned home from Portland October 30, having spent the past three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Miller and new grandson, Gary Dean Miller.
 Foothills Creek Sewing club will meet November 15 at the John Garrison home. Pot luck dinner at noon.

SNOW IN SIERRA

Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 2—(U.P.)—Four roads over Sierra passes were closed today by the first heavy snow of the season, the state division of highways reported.

HELP OREGON GROW

- Strengthen our state banks by voting for the Banking amendment.
- Protects depositors through federal deposit insurance.
- Opens way for stronger capital structure.
- Puts Oregon on same plane with 45 other states.
- Plan has endorsement of grange, bankers, state authorities, labor leaders and others.

Vote 300X YES!

PAID AD BANKING AMENDMENT COMMITTEE, A. B. BOOTH, CHAIRMAN—CORVALLIS, OREGON

U. S. MUST MAKE FRIENDS, CLAIMS ROTARY SPEAKER

Declaring that "the United States must 'win friends and influence people' if she is to win the political war that is raging space with the military war, Don Bolt, foreign affairs expert, speaking at the Medford high school, last night, in the first of a series of four lectures sponsored by the Medford Rotary club, said that as the world's greatest power we will have the responsibility for maintaining the peace.

Bolt, former newspaperman and radio commentator, spoke on "The Role of the North American Continent."
 "The United States has a great need of raw materials, which means that she also has a great need of friends," he explained. "There are more than 4,000 different things that are not produced at all, or in insufficient quantities, within the limits of continental United States, that are necessary in maintaining our American standard of living. We possess technological and scientific skills that surpass other countries and these must be our medium of exchange."
 "The United States, however, is not prepared for her role in power politics. She is not experienced in this international game. There will be many problems, for the people who were once willing to bear the 'white man's burden' have discovered that the white man has feet of clay. It will be necessary for us to inspire their trust by offering these people a better way of life. This does not mean milk and bathubs," Bolt added.

Bolt's definition of a great nation is a nation that possesses raw materials, natural power, ability to feed its people, ability to defend itself, and last, and most important, strength of character. "This element of character was witnessed in the British people during the worst Luftwaffe raids, in the Russian people when they beat back the invaders of their homeland, in the people of the United States after Pearl Harbor. Lack of strength of character was the cause of the French defeat, for France had grown steadily rotten since Verdun."
 "To prevent future wars a nation must protect itself in peacetime as well as war. It must remain strong and capable of preventing future aggression."
 "And to achieve this," Bolt repeated in summary, "we must win friends and influence people."

Bolt was introduced by Dr. S. E. Phillips, president of the Medford Rotary club. Next speaker in the series of lectures will be Hubert Phillips, on "Russia's Position—East and West," Wednesday evening, November 8, in the Medford high school auditorium.

HORSES, COWS TURNED LOOSE BY PRANKSTERS

Hallowe'en pranksters turned loose ten horses belonging to the Sheriff's posse, from their stables at the fairgrounds, and also turned loose a number of family cows in the south Medford and Phoenix district. The horses were located yesterday on Kings highway by deputy sheriffs and returned. The cows were all found in nearby pastures.

PLAN AIR STUDY

Chicago, Nov. 2—(U.P.)—At least 342 colleges and universities plan to establish, continue or expand student courses in aviation after the war and will need large quantities of government-owned equipment, Ernest R. Breach, president of Bendix Aviation Corporation, said today.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

November 2, 1934 (It Was Friday)
 Turkey crop of land to be less than last year.
 New Deal launches home building campaign in nation, with low interest on loans.
 France ready to send troops into Saar, Germany is warned as European unrest gathers.
 Chance for New York woman congressional candidate to debate Mrs. Roosevelt is denied. She campaigns for Democratic rival.

Unsettled, rain predicted.

High 59, low 42 degrees.
 Community Chest drive parade tonight.

Annual game Saturday between Medford and Ashland high stirs wide interest.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

November 2, 1914 (It Was Sunday)
 Pneumonic plague in Los Angeles claims 22 persons.
 Condition of Mrs. Harding, wife of former president, is serious.

Klan ordered to keep out of Niles, O., following riots.
 Cloudy, High 74, low 45 degrees, rain a trace.

President Coolidge to deliver radio address to nation tomorrow night.
 Medford High defeats Marshfield, but the score is not yet known.

B. B. Beekman returns to Portland after spending a few days visiting in Jacksonville.

Election returns Tuesday

to be broadcast by the Mail Tribune.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

November 2, 1910 (It Was Wednesday)
 J. A. Perry leaves for Chicago where he will display valley pears and apples at Chicago land show.

Medford High football team, coached by Seeley Hall, loses first game in two years at hands of Ashland.

WEATHER

Northern California—Scattered clouds today, tonight and Friday, with rising temperature in valleys.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

JACKSON COUNTY GOING FOR DEWEY, COLEMAN'S VIEW

County Judge J. B. (Blin) Coleman, veteran valley prognosticator of elections predicted today a 75 per cent vote in Jackson county, if next Tuesday is a bright and sunny day, and a 65 per cent vote if it is rainy. He says fair weather will bring out both the city and country voters.
 He also figures that Gov. Dewey will carry Jackson county by a substantial majority, but declines to guess at numbers. He notes that only the strong partisans are doing any talking and the rank and file are not telling their presidential choice. He notes from the recent registration figures that there has been a drift to the republican candidate in many rural precincts, where for the past 12 years there have been democratic majorities.
 Chief interest in the election enters in the presidential race and United States senatorial contests. There are only two contests for county offices: County Commissioner Arthur E. Powell of Central Point, republican, is opposed by Ralph G. Jennings, Talent, democrat, and former sheriff. In the other, Fred Kelly, democrat, is opposing W. P. (Tuck) Tucker, republican, for justice of the peace for the Medford district.

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THOS. E. DEWEY



JOHN W. BRICKER

FOR 12 LONG YEARS we have witnessed the waste, the extravagance, the bureaucratic bungling of the New Deal.

Can an Administration which is so wasteful and inefficient of home be any better abroad?
 New Dealer Harry Hopkins, who has been at Candidate Roosevelt's right hand at every international conference, said: "We will tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect."
 New Dealer Henry Wallace advocates "A bottle of milk a day for every Hottentot"—to be paid for by the citizens of the U. S., of course.
 We know that many shortages here at home are intensified by New Deal wastefulness abroad.

Isn't it high time we elected someone to look out for the people of these United States?
GOVERNOR DEWEY stands for international agreements... openly arrived at.
 DEWEY stands for a "just and durable peace" protecting the rights of ALL nations.
 DEWEY stands for honesty in government.
 DEWEY will represent UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, fairly, squarely and aggressively.

IT'S TIME VOTE AMERICAN Elect... Thomas E. DEWEY AND John W. BRICKER
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