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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

The Thanksgiving feasting is ended for the year. Small boys amazed by their gastrinomical feats. They had room for seven helpings of ice cream and cake and other sweets, but it hustled them to find room for one of potatoes. Even dieting ladies partook freely, and on many a male vest buttons flew.

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In New York state some inner workings of a political machine have been revealed. "Irate taxpayers" were manufactured to bring favorable actions in courts, by filing petitions. There lies the slickness. They were neither "irate" or "taxpayers."

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"They say the war is influencing the current styles of women's hats. War, indeed, is a terrible thing." —(Winfield, (Kan.) Courier). — So are the hats!

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The president of the U. S. CofC addressing the National Grange, stated if the American plan for rehabilitation of the world pans out "it will be necessary to embrace friend and foe alike." If embracing a Jap or Nazi use only one hand, and keep the other on your watch at all times.

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In the metropolis bobby sox shoplifters plague stores and shops, presenting a new angle to the juvenile delinquency problem. What appears to be needed is a bobby sox with the leading restraining characteristics of an "Oregon boot."

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It now comes to light the mysterious cigarette shortage prevails throughout the world, and on all battlefronts. People are beginning a smell a mouse, not to mention what purports to be tobacco. They recall the late be tobacco.

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The czar of the CIO with whom "everything is supposed to be cleared" indulged in a bit of post-election crowing at a Chicago meet. He claimed credit for the fourth term victory. The CIO played a lively but not vital part. The decisive factor was millions of republican men and women who voted for FDR every time they marked their ballots for a republican senator, representative, and governor.

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PIONEER ED. FROTHS
(Pendleton East Oregonian)

"The Weston Philistine was nervy in its first issue when it said: "It was our intention in the first issue of The Philistine, to give the normal school a send-off. We did not do so for the reason that this institution is filled up with gospel divines who failed to furnish us with the necessary statistics. We presume they were so awfully busy earning their good fat salaries and saving the lost (?) that it was absolutely impossible for them to welcome to the town a newspaper enterprize."—(50 Yrs. Ago col.)

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The Black Tornado squeaked and eked out a slender 6-0 win over the Gresham Gophers while La Grande took Roosevelt (Portland) yes, worse than Roosevelt took Dewey. But for a stout aerial defense the Gophers might have staged an upset. On the other hand time expired twice to save them from a couple of touchdowns. Off and on the field, no finer team than Gresham ever cavorted here. Any Willamette valley criticism of their selection as District 3 representatives were unjustified and should be retracted. As for the Black Tornado, they performed nobly, but were not up to their usual snuff. The line better start charging with their mid-season vim or sad news will come out of Portland a week from tomorrow.

Why Kid Ourselves?

Town meetings of the air are usually good,—but last night's effort was terrible.

Assuming Mr. Denny, the moderator, chooses the questions, then he was to blame.

For the question was whether or not democracies are essential to make a world League for Peace successful.

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ONE might as well ask if whiskers are essential to make a good baseball team.

The "House of David" has a good baseball team, and every member wears whiskers, but obviously there is little if any connection between the two!

So the United States has a democratic government, and a good one, while Soviet Russia hasn't; but that is no reason why the two countries could not work successfully together to keep the peace.

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IN FACT last night's discussion resolved itself more or less, into a discussion of Soviet Russia,—whether or not it IS a democracy.

It is really amazing that any person chosen to discuss a subject of this nature before a national town meeting audience, should know as little concerning it as one of the leaders of the affirmative, Governor Sewell of Maine.

Or as far as that goes, the meaning of the term democracy. For democracy has a very definite meaning and only one meaning, to wit:

THE RULE OF THE PEOPLE.

The country where the people actually rule is a democracy, the country where the people do not rule is not a democracy and no amount of causistry or international proctocol can make it one.

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BUT Governor Sewell tried to make it one regardless. The recent adoption of a Soviet Constitution, that does have some democratic principles; and the fact that Russian factories are run on so-called democratic lines, were put forth,—rather hesitatingly,—as facts supporting his contention.

But the Russian constitution politically speaking is window-dressing and nothing else. The democratic lines of factory management come down to this:

The government runs the factory, and with an iron hand. But the workers do elect a sort of soviet committee, which under strict government supervision runs the local affairs of the establishment,—making recommendations regarding working conditions, wages, hours, and what have you. But ONLY recommendations. No independent self governing labor unions are allowed in Russia, not even local ones. Mr. Stalin is the "boss."

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ALL these facts are well known to anyone who has looked into the Russian situation even superficially.

It is surprising, therefore, that a man qualified to be governor of a great state, and to represent a cause on a national hook-up should not even have researched accurately, regarding a few of the primary features of the topic.

Or as far as that goes, prepared any case whatever to support his side of the question which could have stood up before the "Quiz Kids" for 30 seconds.

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IT ONLY goes to show, no doubt, how war warps all judgments,—from the highest to the lowest.

Because Russia is our ally and an invaluable one, unquestionably more responsible for the defeat of Germany to date than any other one nation, and because this war is also a revolutionary uprising of democratic peoples against Fascism, both within and without; we the people, doting on extremes, jump to the conclusion that our great ally not only represents the promised land of the future, but is made in our own image,—an amazing slightly altered democracy of the East, and Joe Stalin is nothing short of a combination of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson!

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WELL, so it goes!

As the discussion brought out last night, Russia is a DICTATORSHIP. The people of Russia, at least 95% of them, have no more to say about what should be done, or not done in that country today, than the nomads of the Saraha Desert.

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BUT that does not mean they are oppressed. Nor does it mean Russia is badly governed, from the standpoint of the present welfare and progress of the Russian masses.

Stalin is not only figureatively but literally an oriental despot. But he is a BENEVOLENT one. And he is undoubtedly doing,—and from the outset has endeavored to do,—what he sincerely believes to be best for the Russian people,—all the people,—but especially the workers,—the manual workers—the proletariat.

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AND it may very well be that eventually,—say by the year 5000 A. D.—Russia will, like the United States, be a real and great democracy.

But it ISN'T today!

It isn't a democracy at all.

And it only leads us to eventual disillusionment and perhaps disaster, to pretend it is.

Moreover, just as the Russian government is not like the American government the Russian people are not like us, nor the Russian problems similar to our problems.

But that does not mean we can't fight WITH Russia against Germany; nor work with Russia, when the Axis has been overthrown, for a world league devoted to outlawing war and keeping the peace!

No reason at all!

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 24—These stories you hear again now of a quick end to the war seem to be about to create another wave of optimism. They are rooted more in hopes than in facts.

Paul Mallon

Actually strong resistance has been met by our initial drives at the German line. The military men consider it theoretically possible that everything will break right for us once and our current drives may go rolling on faster as the hopeful say, but they do not expect it. Tougher ground certainly lies ahead of Gen. Patton and perhaps all along the front.

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WHAT the sound judges here want to see before changing their mind about it taking all winter is some evidence of Nazi defensive weakness. If you see that you will know the end is near.

The Philippines campaign certainly will not be over soon in any event. Gen. MacArthur's job ahead means months. Not only the hurricane weather is favoring the Japs, but also the terrain beyond Leyte, upon the main island of Luzon.

The Jap drive in China luckily is limited. All advices here prove rather conclusively that the Jap strategy is directed only toward cutting central China off from Burma—if it can be done. But even if this mission is accomplished, they will then have long lines of communications running back to the coast and exposed to the Chinese on both sides, the north and the south.

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SUCH extensions are really invitations for the special type of fighting the Chinese do best. Chiang is not sufficiently equipped for battle, indeed could not protect five or six of our valuable airfields which now have been lost to the enemy.

That the Jap armies may attempt to go on to Chungking is hardly likely. Their game is to make themselves strong along the coast for the days ahead when we have a chance to get at them. An end of the war in China anytime soon is hardly to be expected, but possibly the opposite—a new guerrilla type campaign by the Chinese.

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CERTAINLY, no inner preparations are being made here within the government for any early conclusion anywhere. Senate appropriations committee acting chairman McKellar had been trying to get up some estimates of how war costs could be cut at the end in Germany. He gave it up, saying nothing could be figured now, except going straight ahead. So also with the food program for German winter supplying of Germany after victory. Nothing is being done on it now.

It will be necessary, therefore, for everyone to strain a little harder at the tasks in hand and not risk disappointment in easy optimism.

One effect of the Democratic victory will be suppression of congressional investigations. The fact that the people voted Democratic despite all the regulations and red tape has removed the popular impetus for congressional policing of the government bureaus.

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THIS is an unfortunate thing, as policing sponsors efficient administration. A bureau subject to congressional inquiry is hardly likely to run away with itself.

Along with the Dies committee will go the Smith investigation of the War Labor Board. The senate has a judiciary subcommittee looking into that subject, but nothing can be expected of it. The Mead war investigating committee will continue under administration auspices.

But also dying is the house radio hearings. With Chairman Fly out, the committee will decide to close.

If the Republicans had won they would have sponsored investigations into surplus power, enlarged the Smith committee and maintained the congressional policing system.

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 condensation.

Lang Replies to Helen Olsen

To the editor: In order to correct any unfavorable impression created in the public mind by Helen Olsen's letter of recent date, may I state the following facts?

There was no personnel meeting on election eve nor any evening of the week prior to the election.

The only official word from our organization was a note on the bulletin board telling us to vote on company time if we were unable to vote before or after work. In short, the attitude was, "Vote as you wish, but vote."

The company pays me to perform certain assigned duties. To my knowledge they do not employ any political apple polishers. However, they do have a national reputation for being able to handle their own affairs.

I do not question Helen Olsen's sincerity. Perhaps she did not see the 1934 in the paragraph she took exception to. Perhaps she was writing when she should have been reading.

Wm. F. Lang, Eagle Point.

LEND-LEASE PLAN SHOULD END WITH WAR, CLAIMS FDR

Washington, Nov. 24—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt told congress today that lend-lease and reverse lend-lease "should end with the war," but that the United Nations "partnership" must continue and grow stronger to assure an enduring peace.

The president said in his 17th report on lend-lease operations that the allied system of combined supply must be replaced after the war by "a permanent and stronger United Nations" capable of quelling aggression, building economic foundations for prosperity and furthering civilized progress.

The report, devoted solely to reverse lend-lease provided to the United States by the British commonwealth of nations said Britain and her dominions had furnished $3,348,127,000 in services and supplies to this country in the two years ended June 30.

Mr. Roosevelt's report was made public a few hours after the British government issued a white paper reporting that the United Kingdom had provided American forces with $2,437,062,000 in reverse lend-lease. The president noted that an additional $911,065,000 had been provided by Australia, New Zealand and India.

U. S. lend-lease shipments and transfers to the British Empire during the same period totalled more than $10,500,000,000 while another $18,500,000,000 was channeled to other United Nations, according to lend-lease records.

While quashing reports that the administration hoped to extend lend-lease operations beyond the fall of Germany and Japan, the president's message left the door open for a program of post-war American loans and trade credits to help foreign countries restore their war-strained economies.

British and American officials reportedly are discussing a plan to provide Britain with $5,000,000,000 in American credits to regain her economic balance and re-enter world trade and there has been talk of a $2,000,000,000 credit deal between this country and France.

NOV. 28 DEADLINE ON PW MESSAGES

November 28 has been set as a deadline for receiving of messages at the Red Cross office to be transmitted to prisoners of war in the Philippine Islands it was announced today. Sending of the messages is being confined to this month alone and must be in Washington, D. C., by the last of the month, Red Cross officials state.

Relatives or friends of persons, either servicemen, servicewomen or civilians, known to be in the Philippines, or thought to be there as prisoners of war, may send the messages. Relatives of persons in that area and from whom no communications have been received since the fall of the Philippines may submit communications and an effort will be made to locate the persons, it is said. The messages must be submitted through the Red Cross.

CHAMBER PLANS FORMULATION OF STATE PROGRAM

A committee of Chamber of Commerce representatives of Oregon will this month investigate the possibility of formulating a state wide program which would have as its purpose closer cooperation between the various sections of the state on matters pertaining to new industries, legislation and the betterment of the state in general. The committee was appointed by Frank Hull at the annual meeting of Oregon commercial secretaries held in Portland Monday and Tuesday and will meet here to make its report to Hull, president of the state group, and manager of the Jackson County chamber.

Named on the committee are David B. Simpson, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, chair; Malcom Eppley, president of the Klamath county chamber; Carl Hogg, president of the Salem group; Arthur J. Farmer, manager of the Portland chamber, and Clay Cochran, manager of the Salem chamber. Hull, who originated the idea of the state wide program, will work with the committee.

A variety of subjects and problems were handled at the meetings, Hull reported and added that those attending commented on the excellence of the speakers, forums and the programs in general. A panel discussion on the program included postwar aviation, new Chamber of Commerce services, discussions of the work of the national committee on economic development, labor problems in the state, preservation of highway beauty areas and others.

Palmer Hoyt, editor of the Oregonian, was main speaker at a dinner meeting Monday night given by the Portland chamber for the visitors from 25 chambers of the state. Mr. Hoyt outlined a program for the development of the state, declaring that Oregon has an "inferiority complex" as compared to other states of the far west.

In addition to Hull, Karl Janouch, president of the Jackson county chamber, and Mrs. Janouch, were in attendance at the dinner meeting.

NATIONS REACH AGREEMENT ON AIR TRANSPORT

Chicago, Nov. 24—(U.P.)—The United States and Britain today made public their individual proposals for settling the issues which have deadlocked the civil aviation conference and revealed they had agreed in principle on a definition for freedom of the air.

The British document said the following "modifications" had been made in the original stand taken in the basic portion of the British delegates.

1. Acceptance of the fifth freedom of the air—"the right to pick up and set down traffic to and from destinations not in the country of origin of the air craft." Britain previously had wanted this freedom subject to negotiations between countries but now would accept its conclusion in a new air convention.

2. Limitation of the functions of the international authority to those of advice and recommendation.

3. Inclusion of a provision to ensure that the efficient operator is able to expand his activities in proportion to the traffic which he attracts. This means acceptance of the escalator clause for basing increased services on pay load rather than insisting on a national traffic quota system.

The proposals, to be considered by a conference committee on which all 54 delegations will be represented, revealed American and Britain now were in virtually complete agreement on principles for regulating air transport.

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

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Nov. 24—(UP)—Livestock: Cattle, 100; calves, 10. Slow, steady. Load good short-fed steers unsold. Common-medium heifers $9@12. Canner-cutter cows $4.50@6. Medium beef cows $9@70.

Common bulls $7@8. Good-choice vealers salable $13@14.

Hogs, 850. Active, steady. Good-choice 180-240 lbs. $15; 250-275 lbs. $14@14.25; light lights mostly $13.75; few 175 lbs. $14.50. Good sows $13@13.25. Few decks and few lots feeder pigs unsold, demand narrow.

Sheep, 50. Active. Few wooled lambs $12.50; strictly good-choice quotable $13. Good ewes salable $3.50@4.

San Francisco, Nov. 24—(U.P.)—Cattle, 265. Nominal. For week: bulk grass steers $12.50@13.50, grass heifers $11.50@12; good cows bulked $11.25@11.50, many loads common to medium cows $9@10.50, bulk canners and cutters $6@8. Medium to good sausage bulls $10@10.75. Receipts for week 1,478. Good clearance. Calves, 25. For week receipts 225. Week's top $14.

Hogs, 175. Active, 15@25c higher; two loads good to choice 188-225-lb. barrows and gilts $15.50; sows 25 cents higher, a few sows $13.50@13.75. Receipts for week 1,560.

Sheep, 1,100. Nominal. For week: receipts 7,225. Fully steady on good and choice extreme top $14.90. Bulk $13.60@14.25.

Chicago, Nov. 24—(UP)—(WFA)—Livestock:

Hogs, 8,000. Active: steady to 15 cents higher; bulk good and choice 150-300 lbs. $13.50@14.35, sows $14.

Cattle, 4,000; calves, 800. Largely cow run; top steers $18.50; bulk good and choice $15.50@17.85; common to medium $11.50@14.50; stockers $10.50@14; canner and cutter cows $5.50@6.75; most beef cows $8@12, with good up to $14.25; weighty sausage bulls to $11.75; practical top vealers $15.

Sheep, 2,000. Nothing done early on slaughter lambs, asking around $14.50 on most good and choice natives; fed western lambs held above $14.25; slaughter ewes, common to good natives and western, $4.75@6, few good and choice native $6.25.

Portland Produce

Portland, Nov. 24 (UP)—Wholesale market prices:

Squash—Local zucchini 75@90c; Danish, $1.25; Hubbard 2c lb.

Turnips—Local $1@1.15.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Nov. 24—(UP)—Wheat:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	$1.56⅛	$1.56⅛	$1.56⅛	$1.56⅛
May	1.61⅝	1.61⅝	1.61	1.61
July	1.50	1.50	1.49⅝	1.49½
Sept.	1.48¼	1.48¼	1.47¾	1.47⅞

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Nov. 24—(U.P.) Dairy market:

Butter—93 score 43c, 92 score 42½c, 90 score 42¼c, 89 score 41¾.

Cheese—Wholesale prices, loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2.

Eggs—Large, grade A 56½@57½c; large grade B 43½@44½c, medium grade A 51½@52½c, small grade A 37½@38½c.

Wall Street

New York, Nov. 24—(U.P.)—Stocks turned irregularly lower today when selling in aircraft shares unsettled the main list. Trading was quiet.

Robert E. Gross, president of Lockheed Aircraft, warned stockholders of the danger that dividends may be interrupted because cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts have cut to a new low the percentage of profits to gross sales.

Losses in the aircrafts at the day's low ranged to more than 2 points in Lockheed with Douglas also off around two points. Both stocks recovered moderately before the close, however.

Today's closing prices on selected stocks:

American Tel. & Tel.	164⅛
Anaconda	27⅜
Chrysler	89
Curtiss Wright	6⅝
General Electric	39¼
General Motors	61½
Montgomery Ward	52⅜
Penn. R. R.	30⅛
Phillips Petroleum	42¾
J. C. Penney	111
Radio	10
Southern Pacific	33½
Standard Oil Calif.	35⅝
Texas Gulf Sulphur	35⅜
Transamerica	9½
United Aircrafts	31½
U. S. Rubber	47¾
U. S. Steel	56⅜

The Dead Sea is the largest source of potash and bromine for the British Empire.

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 23, 1934
(It was Friday)

Russia to back France in event of European war. Panicky French vote big fund for munitions. America abandons hope of naval pact as Japan provides for huge expenditures for war.

Applegate hop crop sold to Pabst brewery.

Eugene Thorndike named head of Community Chest.

State liquor commission profit for October $107,969.

Unsettled with rain. High 55, low 41 degrees.

Council warns parents of danger to children playing in streets.

State-wide interest shown in Medford-Hood River game tomorrow for right to meet Portland champion.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
November 23, 1924
(It was Sunday)

Charlie Chaplin on way to Mexico to marry his leading lady, Lita Grey.

No Christmas day delivery of mail in rural areas.

Cloudy and somewhat warmer. High 40, low 30 degrees.

Cold and foggy weather causes many transients to ask for sleeping space in city jail.

Oregon defeats Oregon Aggies 7 to 3. Idaho and Gonzaga lead the conference.

Samuel Gompers re-elected head of A. F. of L.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
November 23, 1910
(It was Wednesday)

Mail Tribune moves to new quarters on Fir street.

Mexican revolutionists stage great battle.

Dr. Crippen, notorious wife slayer, hanged in London.

FIREMAN SAVES HIS CAR

Swampscott, Mass. — (U.P.)— Only after fireman Harold Jacobs had helped douse an automobile fire did he glance at the markers and realize that it was his car.

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Effective November 25th
Leaving Medford
(SOUTHBOUND)

12:55 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
6:05 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.
7:05 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
7:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	6:15 p.m.
6:50 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	

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