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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
May & December weather were united here last week, and got along fine.

The B. Tornado played the Coos Bay, nee Marshfield, quint last night.

Among those attending the Elks Yule party Thurs. eve were a coterie of Applegate women. The Browns of Eagle Pt. were also there, en masse.

Next Thurs. is the shortest day of the year. It gets dark early in spite of all the daylight saving.

A number of goose hunters threaten to talk turkey with bureaucrats on the shotgun shell situation.

Christmas mail has started to activate the postoffice workers no end.

Ice froze on mud puddles every morning last week, but all the janitors forgot to wet down the sidewalks with a garden hose.

Hog killing has started in the rural regions, and the women-folks have started sewing muslin bags for country sausage, very little of which will come to town, it is claimed. Owing to the pork rationing, country sausage is no longer manufactured within the city limits.

The public wrath hereabouts centers in the British, Tokyo, and Mr. Petrillo, the czar of the musicians.

Feoria Bill Gates, and other local billiardists were stunned by the news Willie Hoppe was beaten for the world championship the past week, though all expected it.

The situation in Europe is confusing to all Americans, with a mess here, and a mess there, on the diplomatic front. One can stay at home, and be just as confused. Nobody knows what is going on in Poland, or in Pennsylvania for that matter. And, in the last campaign, voters were scared by the inexperience in foreign affairs of Gov. Dewey.

The Older Girls are in the midst of their all-year hoping for snow for Christmas.

The legislature meets in about three weeks, and as yet, there has been no talk about a revised or new Rogue River fish bill.

This paper has had its exterior refurbished with paint. A number of merchants plan to paint their blocks in the spring.

John Dillingham Sparrow, who has a long criminal record, was among the inebriates at the frozen cull pear pile near C. Pt. He came home in a sorry state, and was given a beating by his wife. There should be more of this reported to Chief of Police Cornelius J. Woodpecker.

More fancy horses are being imported into the valley, who can trace their ancestors back to Arabia, Old Mexico, Tennessee, Kentucky and Little Butte Creek. If this keeps up oats will be a problem like gasoline.

The small fry are all busy writing letters to S. Claus. They are earnest, but undecipherable efforts. The Dick Phair boy asked for a fire engine, and a local handwriting expert figured it out as "governmental."

J. Tannehill Walker, 5, will have his Paw in the navy home, come ye Yuletide.

VILLAGERS SOLVE TAX
Lyndonville, Vt.—(U.P.)—The residents of Lyndonville haven't had to pay a village tax for the past five years. And it's all thanks to the profits of their municipal power and light plant. Last year the plant showed the largest net profit since it was built in 1896.

Give All the Facts!

According to WMC and WPB the great need at the present stage of the war is to arouse the nation to a "sense of urgency".

So newspapers are requested to wake up the electorate with clarion calls to arms—to arms!—especially in war industries, where production is lagging.

"The war isn't over by any means, the need for everyone at the front and behind it to do everything in their power to crush the enemy and thus shorten the conflict, is more imperative now than ever before. There is no justification either for optimism or complacency, and the press can do more than any other agency to dispel both."

All true!
And ever since Pearl Harbor this paper has worked along that line, stressing the point that this is a war to the DEATH,—to utter destruction—and that neither Germany nor Japan are going to quit fighting, until they HAVE to quit, until they are physically unable to resist further.

BUT it has been hard sledding to get the idea over. And the OWI as far as that organization is responsible for the official war reports, must take the major blame.

For as this department has remarked repeatedly: we can't have our cake and eat it too.

We can't give the people one great and easy victory after another, week after week and month after month, without a sour or discouraging note ANYWHERE; and then expect the American people to be aroused to a "sense of urgency" and the necessity of increasing the war effort materially both at home and abroad.

READ over the 1944 files of this newspaper,—or any other,—and no literate person could reach any conclusion other than this: the enemy is outclassed on all fronts, enemy troops particularly in the Pacific are being destroyed at an average ratio of 20 to our one, and it is more or less a Grand Parade all over the Axis map, to a certain complete and triumphant victory.

WE don't maintain those war reports have been UNTRUE. The allies HAVE been winning all along the line for a year,—over a year,—and such facts should of course have been stated, as they were.

BUT, we do maintain, ALL the truth has NOT been told, and this again is especially marked in our war against Japan.

And without ALL the truth, not only the salient facts but the factual BACKGROUND, a correct picture of the war and its progress and status, can not be given.

And such a picture needless to say has NOT been given!

READ over the Jap losses on land, at sea and in the air for example, since our landing in Guadalcanal. Add them up if you will, and then pour in a few of our official claims regarding the condition of Japanese air, naval and land power and resistance.

We defy anyone to do that, and even suspect for a minute that Japan has now more airplanes than at any time in her history, more men under arms, and better equipped, and still controls an empire that in territorial extent and rich natural resources rivals, if it does not actually exceed the British Empire.

These facts are all true and undoubtedly in possession of the proper authorities, but are never mentioned,—no intimation of them ever given.

THEN how can anyone EXPECT the situation today to be anything but what it is as far as the rank and file of this country are concerned,—

Of course there is NO sense of urgency; no sense of peril, because the war reports suggest neither.

We agree the public attitude of complacent self confidence and sunny optimism is unjustified and unfortunate; but until the powers-that-be make a radical change in the policy of giving out war information, we see slight chance of reform.

Anonymous But True

A certain resident of this city recently left to spend the Christmas holidays with her son in San Francisco. Having visited him before, and been obliged to take the 100 mile bus trip over the mountains with unfortunate results she consulted her physician about doing it again.

The physician said she probably would survive another such ordeal but it would be much better if she would eliminate all bus and motor travel and as far as possible stick to the train.

SO Mrs. X,—although she had no money to throw away,—took the night train to Portland, then the day train from Portland to San Francisco, arriving in the Bay City in such fine fettle that as far as the trip from Medford to San Francisco is concerned, she will never travel any other way.

ONE of the headaches in the newspaper business is the aversion to publicity on the part of so many reputable citizens. They are willing to praise and support the policies of a newspaper sub rosa, but they refuse to say anything in a public way, or give any public testimony.

WHICH is too bad for the cause,—any cause. So we can't name the person here involved but the facts of the case are exactly as stated. And they should certainly go far to dispel the time honored claim of the S.P., that the people of Medford, instead of complaining about the San Francisco train service,—or lack of it,—should get down on their knees-caps every night, and give devout thanks to Passenger Agent McGinnis for giving the "MARVELLOUS" service he does, and has!

SENATE APPROVES NOMINATIONS OF HELLER & HURLEY

Confirmation a Surprise—State Department Choices Up This Week.

Washington, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—The senate, after two days of acrimonious debate, tonight confirmed the nominations of former Gov. Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut and Lt. Col. Edward Heller of California to be members of the Surplus War Properties Board.

The vote on both was almost entirely a party division. For Hurley it was 41 to 28; for Heller, 43 to 26.

The vote came at the end of a six-hour day of debate. As members of the board, Hurley and Heller— together, presumably, with Sen. Guy M. Gillette, D., Ia., who is slated for the third membership on the board when his term expires January 3—will have charge of disposing of an estimated \$100,000,000 worth of surplus government property after the war.

Republicans challenged the qualifications of the two men to handle a job of such magnitude and charged that their nominations were based on political considerations rather than qualifications.

Confirmation of the two men came as a surprise, inasmuch as the word had been that their names would not be voted on until next week. Their consideration, together with action on President Roosevelt's nominations to six top-notch state department posts, already had delayed until next week adjournment of congress. The state department nominees now will be brought before the senate on Monday.

Sen. Warren R. Austin, R., Vt., led off the day's attack on Hurley and Heller by asserting that both men were "exposed" to the charge that they were nominated for "political reasons."

Heller is the husband of the democratic national committee-woman for California. Hurley is a former democratic governor of Connecticut.

Austin recalled, as "a very strange and suspicious coincidence," that both men were associated with the Narragansett Machine Co., Pawtucket, R. I., which was the subject of a congressional investigation regarding government-guaranteed loans to the firm. Hurley was a vice-president of the firm and Heller was the army finance officer who recommended the government loans.

Austin also charged that Heller's connections with the Henry J. Kaiser enterprises in California made him unfit to be a member of the Surplus Property Board. It was brought out that they are associated in the Permanente Cement Co., and one of its subsidiaries.

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., said he felt that both Heller and Hurley were inadequate to the magnitude of the surplus property disposal job.

Lead Trophy Taken At Gunpoint After Minor Auto Wreck

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Shades of the lead-slinging west! Here is a would-be lead slinger who stole the lead. A sort of pan-handler in reverse.

There was a minor accident at an outlying intersection last night, and what started out as routine reporter on the part of the accidentees turned into these unexpected developments as reported to police by David Casey.

Casey's car was smacked from behind. He jumped out, drew a pencil from his pocket preparatory to asking notes, and asked to see the driver's license of the other fellow. The other fellow whipped out a pistol, demanded the pencil at gunpoint and drove away with the trophy in lead.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our many friends for their sympathy and beautiful flowers during our bereavement. Mr. P. D. Smith, Mrs. P. E. Smith.

Business Brains
Babson Discusses Our Public Schools

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 15—Brains—not wealth or military power—are the basis of national progress, including physical and spiritual as well as mental.

Unemployment and Federal Debt
THIS country's postwar employment problem is really up to our educators. If there is much unemployment after the war, it will be because our nation's school committees have not properly backed their school superintendents and teachers.

Who Are Your School Committee?
THE human brain is the most delicate, most complicated, most wonderful machine in existence. The future of every community depends fundamentally not upon its banks, buildings, streets, utilities, factories, or stores. These are but tools.

Chinese Perk Up, Take Rail Town, Gain Confidence
Chungking, Dec. 16—(U.P.)—Chinese troops attacking in Kwangsi province have reached the outskirts of Japanese-held Hochih, important railway town 100 miles west of the former American air base at Luichow, a high command communique disclosed today.

Births
PANKRATZ — To Mr. and Mrs. Leo, Prospect, Dec. 16, boy, 8 1/2 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

Flight o' Time
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First lady says she never heard of rumor her daughter, Mrs. John Dall, to wed former newspaper man.
Vast PWA plan of New Deal both praised and opposed in congress.
Legion post to hold community Christmas tree.
Strike threatens to tie-up Los Angeles street car system.

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