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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry
The situation on the Western Front continues grim.

"NO IFS, ANDS OR BUTTS"
—Sign reported in a cigar store.

The esteemed Salem Statesman administers a mild editorial rebuke to this dept. for in-ferring turkeys eat grasshoppers, as they have been doing since the Noah's Ark era.

Stockholm now reports Herr Hitler is in a high state of befuddlement. He is "completely at sea, mentally".

The Dick Phair boy Dick rejoices in an Indian suit. When dolled up in tribal regalia, he is known as Chief-In-Need-Of-A-Spanking.

AS OF THIS DATE
(The Dalles Chronicle)
"One noble son of the forest languishes in the city jail this morning, all on account of introducing too many civilized libations into his uncivilized stomach.

The Ancient Order of Sparrows flocked to the depot yes, where they feasted on rice thrown at a bride. A spokesman thanked the unknown benefactor, and said it was a pleasant change from movie popcorn.

Ed. Kubli, the Applegate cowman towed yes, on Christmas shopping bent. He said he had been bent before, and it was the worst bending, since the fall round-up.

The next legislature, as usual, will be confronted with a milk problem, as well as the traditional Rogue River fish bill. There is alleged to be something the matter with the milk. It has not yet been charged the cow does not put enough water in her product, leaving others to find a faucet, and correct this oversight.

"Getting the baby to sleep is hardest when she is about 18 years old."—(Magazine Digest)—Voice of experience.

Closing time for Classified Ads: 7:30 p. m. — Too Late to Classify: 11:30 p. m.

Twisting the Lions Tail?

Is Anglophobia growing in this country? The regular session of the Town Meeting-of-the-Air last night would indicate it. The discussion was on the subject of "Hands on or Hands off" for the United States in foreign affairs.

THERE are perfectly valid arguments to sustain this position but more valid ones, as we see it, to sustain the other side. In fact dislike and suspicion of Great Britain appeared to be the chief support of the "Hands Off" group.

BRITAIN has her faults, of course, and there is no doubt Winston Churchill's strongest determination is NOT "to preside at the dissolution of the British Empire."

Can't Be "Hands Off!"

As a matter of fact the foreign policy that is being followed by the United States at the present time, as we view it, could not be accurately described as either "hands on" or "hands off."

THE first job is to defeat Germany and free Europe from the Fascist tyranny. Then with liberty under the law again restored, give the people of the various countries the right to choose whatever form of government they wish.

THE chief trouble in Greece has been the failure to establish law and order. No plebiscite obviously could be held in the midst of an armed revolt. Prime Minister Churchill has repeatedly stated that he believes the peoples of Greece should ultimately decide what form of government they wish.

AND we see no reason why our state department should not support the British policy. Not in the direction of telling the people of Greece what form of government they must have; but in the direction of insisting upon the establishment of peace,—of law and order,—so they can determine what government they,—a majority of them,—really DO want!

Safer Holidays

As the month of December is a peak period for traffic accidents in Oregon, and during the past five years there has been an average of 16 pedestrians killed in traffic mishaps each December, the Christmas season is a most appropriate time for the current Safety Campaign in this state and throughout the nation.

AND this is the time of the year, too, when the addition of avoidable grief and tragedy seems doubly cruel. The true Christmas spirit of kindness, courtesy and consideration for the rights of others is especially needed on city streets and rural roads during the Yuletide.

THE fact that home front deaths from accidents continue to exceed the casualties on the battlefield is clearly a challenge to Americans at home to curb cruel and costly—and often wholly unnecessary—accidents.

Oregon's safety-conscious secretary of state, Robert Farrell, is joining with National Safety Council officials in appealing to all who drive and walk to be a little more careful this Christmas season.

News Behind The News
By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 22 — The Germans did not get the power for this break through our lines from the Russian front.



of France. The constant increase of Nazi strength since September can be attributed to that latter circumstance—and it constantly grows greater.

CAREFULLY, Von Runstedt and his generals (and Hitler was in on it according to my information) chose the time and place skillfully.

THE break-through itself was nothing new and could have been anticipated. The Nazis constantly used such tactics in Russia when they could not otherwise stop an advance.

EUROPEAN political events have endangered the chances of getting the Dumbarton Oaks agreement through the senate—when and if final agreement is reached with Russia.

Indeed, it is conceivable that such a situation may arise in Europe where not only the senate, but the administration might not be especially enthusiastic about permanently guaranteeing it.

THIS is a new element which has entered into the private discussions here. It will become important only as developments from Europe direct, and will simmer and die if those developments become more satisfactory.

which hardly could have proved acceptable to Russia in the end, but well served its war purposes, and those who suspect the people will be shocked to find now that or advertised war hopes have been taken abroad so lightly.

IN Indiana (now highly industrialized) and some other states which the republicans won, the republican campaign was more uncompromising than Dewey's effort.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
December 22, 1934
(Governor-elect Martin announces he will grant few pardons, and favors criminal syndicalism law.)

FOREIGN troops to occupy Saar region of Germany to maintain order at polls. Nazi defiance of L. of N. mild.

Business reports good Christmas trade. Rain. High 47, low 37 degrees. Oregon defeats Willamette 39 to 37. Staters defeated.

ELKS make plans for New Year's Eve dance.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
December 22, 1924
(Fire-for-all fight between firemen occurs during Reedsport blaze when hose is accidentally turned on volunteer firemen.)

TURKEYS sell on Portland market at 40 cents per pound.

FISH commission wrangle continues at hearing at Salem.

WINTER still rules upstate with freeze following thaw.

SAN FRANCISCO is flooded by heavy rain.

FAIR with continued cold. High 45, low 32 degrees.

SAVING Army Christmas tree to be held tonight.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY
December 22, 1910
(New bank, store and P & E depot to be built at Eagle Point.

CITY to vote on new charter January 10.

BOARD walk is put down on King's highway.

SHOPLIFTERS Steal 80 Million a Year
New York—(U.P.)—Shoplifters, 85 per cent of whom are women, make away with \$80,000,000 worth of goods a year.

According to the article in Life Story, an average sized store in a large city loses between \$75,000 and \$80,000 annually, and since the war, the shortage of trained help has made the shoplifting easier.

Anderson's Thrift Market
MEDFORDS POPULAR TWO FRONT STORE



SUNSHINE KRISPY CRACKERS 2-lb. Caddy 29c



DELICIOUS HI-HO CRACKERS Pound Box 19c



FANCY MIXED NUTS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



HALF TON FANCY MIXED CANDIES



We hope every boy and girl in Medford gets a stocking full of Happiness on Christmas morning! And to all of you from all of us—a JOYOUS YULETIDE and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

SWANSDOWN CAKE FLOUR Large Package 21c

FANCY MINCE MEAT Just the Right Amount of Each Ingredient 2 Lbs. 49c

LIBBY'S SOLID PACK PUMPKIN 2 2 1/2 Cans 35c



POULTRY and MEAT THAT'S A PLEASURE TO EAT A Fine Selection TURKEYS Colored Hens and Frying Rabbits. PURE COUNTRY SAUSAGE lb 35c

GLUSTER RAISINS FANCY SUNSWEET California Muskats Honey Sweet and Tender Pkg. 39c

Open 'Til Midnight Saturday Closed Sunday and Monday

CANDIES Peanut Brittle Hard Mix Boxed Chocolates Choc. Coated Peanuts Wrapped Milk/Caramels Satin Mix Burnt Peanuts Jelly Beans

SHRIMP There's More in the Can Fancy Louisiana Can 29c

COCKTAIL SAUCE No Points Bottle 29c

SUGAR C & H POWDERED Lb. 7c Pkg. 7c

FRUIT COCKTAIL No. 1 Cans 2 for 39c

COFFEE YOUR FAVORITE BRAND Lb. 29c Can 29c

BUNTE MI-CHOICE CHOCOLATES pound box \$1.50

RIPE OLIVES Large California Jar 29c

PUMPKIN PIE SPICE .... Pkg. 15c

VEGETABLES

FANCY FRUIT CAKE Lb. 50c

"DEEP SOUTH" SWEET POTATOES Bright and Smooth 5 lbs. 49c

VELVET or PRINCE ALBERT TOBACCO, lb. tin 69c

"GOLDEN" BANANA SQUASH 6 1/2c lb.

TAPERLITE HAND DIPPED CANDLES 10-inch 2 Drippless For 15c 15-inch 2 Odorless For 20c

TANGERINES "Thin Skinned" Glove Oranges 15c lb.



UTAH CELERY Brittle and Crisp 10c lb.

1 Shopping DAY 'TIL CHRISTMAS SHOP for GIFTS AT THE WEST SIDE Shopping Center The Rexall Store, Medford, Oregon West Main and Grape Phone 3330

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