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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

The legislature convenes early in January, and there are signs it will be a lengthy session. Hopes, however, are high the august body will be through by August.

The post-war freight trucks will be heavier, higher, longer, and faster. They will be able to lick their weight in locomotives at all crossings.

The snow the Older Girls wanted so much for Christmas, now adorns the high hills in small and exclusive patches and is where it belongs.

There will be four eclipses of the sun and moon in 1945. The one on July 9 is the most colossal. It will start at 7:08 a. m. (EWT). The most amazing thing about an eclipse is the mathematical accuracy of the astronomers in figuring out the exact split second the event will occur.

Many burbs of the commonwealth dispensed with Yule street decorations so there are none to stay up longer than a circus poster. Editors also refrained from printing their old favorite: "Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus," from the New York Sun of long ago.

The tide of battle has turned on the Nazi gambit front. Berlin reported this offensive was planned by Herr Hitler, and its beginning to look like it. The United Nations by next week will be getting word of "masterly retreats" back to the "sacred soil of the Reich."

KIDS ARE SO FRANK (Painesville (O.) News) "The class meeting planned for in the home of Mrs. W. A. Warren will not be held. Mrs. Warren has a chance to visit her daughter in New Hampshire, and the boys and girls are glad to see her go."

The situation in Athens, with a Greek civil war brewing, is reported a source of worry to official Washington. The situation in Detroit at home, also seems to be in need of some official fretting.

Wolves have started to howl nights back of Trail. They are cousins of the wolves who formerly rode on running boards of new autos, patrolled the kitchen doors and got after University of Oregon football coaches this time of year.

BIG TOWN SNUB (Pendleton East Oregonian) "Although between 600 and 700 eastern Oregon people visited Portland last week, going at one time, the Portland papers accorded but 'one stick of type' each to a notice of their presence in the city." Hospitable people down there.—(50 yrs. ago col.)

There has been some criticism of General MacArthur for his somewhat boastful communiqué reporting the victory over the Japanese on Leyte. It said: "The completeness of the destruction has seldom been paralleled in history." The General might as well toot his own horn. There is no monopoly on personal crowing.

"A senate committee inquiry found last week that the cigarette shortage is due to a shortage in cigarettes."—(Exchange.)—There is no getting around this kind of logic. It gives hope the problem of post-war unemployment can be solved with jobs.

Florida next year will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its admission to statehood.

Enough is Enough

This Montgomery-Ward foolishness should stop. The Roosevelt administration claims one thing, Montgomery-Ward another.

Whereupon the army is called out, a half dozen stores taken over and business then goes on as usual!

WHAT is the big idea?

The first performance in Chicago was rather amusing, particularly when the venerable chairman of the M.W. board refused to leave his offices and was carried out, sternly but impotently protesting, by a couple of soldiers.

But there is nothing so amusing about this repeat performance; and in the judgment of this department it makes both sides look rather ridiculous.

EVER since this country was founded it has been the established custom when two parties can't agree upon what the law is for the courts to decide it.

Why isn't the traditional practice followed out in this case?

Turn the controversy over to the proper court. If the government is right let the court sustain it; if the company is right, let the company be sustained.

And then let both parties acquiesce in the court decision, whatever it may be. But don't continue this "opera bouffe" business any longer.

What About the Negro?

Another war correspondent has returned from the South Pacific with the report that Japan is working night and day to, if possible, make this war a race war—a fight to the death between the colored races and the white. One of the principal arguments used by Japan in India, China and the Malayas is said to be the time-honored one of discrimination in the United States against colored people, not only the blacks, but the yellows and browns.

IS the United States a real democracy or only a WHITE democracy where all residents of color are treated as inferior and denied equality, but particularly the black race?

If two articles under the heading of "The Negro Problem Reaches a Crisis" in the December "Mercury" state the situation correctly, then there is no doubt of the answer: The United States IS a white democracy, not a racial one.

For the first article by Archibald Rutledge, well known southern planter and writer, undoubtedly expresses the accepted view of the American South; while the second one by George S. Schuyler, Negro editor of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Courier, must be representative of the colored sentiment, at least in the north.

And they agree! The colored writer declares there IS discrimination against the Negro socially and economically in this country, and the white man,—with great literary charm and convincing candor incidentally,—proceeds to justify it.

IN FACT this Rutledge article is the best argument sustaining the accepted attitude of the South toward the colored race the present writer has ever seen, for it is so temperate, so sympathetic, so free from animus, and if one accepts the truth of the quotation from Abraham Lincoln which heads it, so logical.

For, according to the author, President Lincoln, said this:

"I would say, moreover, that there is a physical difference between these races which will forever prevent the negro and the white man living on a basis of social and political equality."

If that is true, then Mr. Rutledge's somewhat startling conclusion is a perfectly natural sequence. We quote:

"There has been so much foggy talk about democracy that we appear completely to have forgotten that this country is a republic; and if a democracy a very limited one. Nor would it hurt us to recall Bismarck's saying, 'Democracy is government by the kindergarten,' and those wise words of Edmund Burke, surely as great a friend of America, and surely as great a people's champion as ever lived: 'Pure Democracy would be a wicked and criminal thing.'"

"To one who has the true Negro's welfare deeply at heart, who has no axe to grind, who has long loved and respected him, it is exceedingly painful for me to see him misled by sly politicians and by either designing or ignorant agitators; by misguided altruists often in high places, who are always dangerous tamperers; by the incendiary press of his own race. I say it is pitiful to see this man who is a friend I love and admire, who has in him so many fine human qualities now being excitedly taught: To follow sorry phantoms to and fro, And let a Kingdom Go."

(There is little doubt as to the person referred to as a misguided altruist in high places, none other than Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt!)

But is the author right? Has he correctly quoted the great president who authored and signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and if so, was Abraham Lincoln right?

Or is the average colored man, given similar environment, education and opportunity, the equal of the white man and therefore in this democracy entitled to equal social and economic treatment?

THE answer of Author Rutledge is the Negro is not inferior; in many ways he is superior to the white man,—and some of these superiorities are named,—but he is DIFFERENT, not only different on the outside, but inside, and must in any workable modern predominantly white civilization, form a different and segregated caste.

Well, whether this Southern view is right or wrong; some day the question will have to be decided if the Constitution of this country is to be preserved. If the Southern view is right the Constitution should be changed; if it isn't right, the Constitution should remain as it is, and be enforced!

S. P. 1944 LOADS SET NEW RECORD

San Francisco, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—A year-end statement by Southern Pacific officials today showed that freight and passenger loads for 1944 exceeded all past records of the railroad's activities.

Net ton miles of freight carried this year was nearly three times the load carried in 1939. Passenger miles were nearly five times those of 1940, a fairly normal year.

Net income for the company, however, will be approximately 35 per cent behind 1942 due to higher wages, increased material costs and mounting tax payments, A. T. Mercier, president, said.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle, 75; calves, 10. Two loads arrived in not shown. Bulls and canner-common cows 50c lower for two days. Other grades and classes quoted steady. Light mixed 507-type steers and heifers \$7@8.50. Canner-cutter cows \$5@7. Shells downward to \$3. Cutter bulls \$7. Common-medium calves \$8@12. Good-choice vealers salable \$13.50@14.50.

Chicago, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—(WFA)—Livestock—Hogs, 9,000. Good choice 180 lbs. and up \$14.75; good and choice above. Cattle, 2,000; calves 700. Receipts largely cows. Steers \$12@15.50; best heifers \$12.25; weighty cutter cows to \$8.50, most canners and cutters \$7@8.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Wholesale produce market: Onions—Green \$1@1.10 dozen bunches; California 20@25c lb.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close May \$1.84 \$1.76 \$1.63 \$1.63 1/2 July 1.55 1.55 1.54 1.54 1/2 Sept. 1.54 1.54 1.53 1.53 1/2

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 29—(U.P.) Dairy market: Butter: 93 score 43c, 92 score 42 1/2c, 90 score 42 1/4c, 89 score 41 3/4c. Cheese: Wholesale prices. loafs 27.9, triplets 27.2. Eggs: Large grade A 53 1/2c, large grade B 42 1/2c, medium grade A 48 1/2c, small grade A 42 1/2c.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Stocks added fractions to more than 4 points to yesterday's gains in an active session today, lifting the general average to a new high since September 4, 1937. Today's closing prices on selected stocks: American Tel. & Tel. 163 1/4, Anaconda 28 7/8, Chrysler 95 1/2, Curtiss Wright 5 7/8, General Electric 39 1/4, General Motors 64 3/4, Montgomery Ward 51 1/2, Penn. R. R. 33 1/2, Phillips Petroleum 43 7/8, J. C. Penney 10 9/16, Radio 10 1/2, Southern Pacific 42 3/8, Standard Oil of Calif. 38, Texas Gulf Sulphur 31 1/8, Transamerica 11 3/8, United Aircrafts 29 3/4, U. S. Rubber 51 3/4, U. S. Steel 60 1/4.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Showers tonight. Clearing and colder Saturday. Oregon: Showers early tonight. Snow flurries east of Cascades. Colder and clearing Saturday. Local Data: Temperature a year ago today: Highest 46; lowest 24 degrees. Total monthly precipitation 45 inches. Deficiency for the month 2.19 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1944, 5.93 inches. Deficiency for the season 1.11 inches. Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 78%; 4:30 today 93%. Sunrise 8:39 a. m.; sunset 5:49 p. m. Boise 40 32 .05, Boston 22 10 —, Chicago 20 13 —, Denver 49 28 —, Eureka 47 41 1.01, Hays 27 5 —, Los Angeles 61 49 17, Medford 48 38 .07, New York 36 18 —, Omaha 28 26 Trace, Phoenix 64 42 —, Portland 45 35 23, Reno 43 10 .09, Roseburg 48 39 26, Salt Lake 41 30 .08, San Francisco 56 46 —, Seattle 50 39 12, Spokane 43 33 .08, Washington D. C. 36 21 —, Yakima 36 21 —.



Olive Barber's Observations

Seasonal wildlife notes: Conservation and even restoration of the migratory ducks of North America is proving that it is possible for the public, especially the hunting public to "eat its cake and have it too," according to the latest report of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Wartime conditions, such as fewer hunters and a shortage of ammunition and transportation facilities have been helps toward this much wished for goal.

Some items in this report which should be of interest to every sportsman is that the threatened extinction of the blue winged teal is not so threatening as it was. Now I've never seen a blue winged teal in my life and this news increases the chances that some day I may. I've been very much interested in this small colorful duck ever since learning in my beginning years as observer for the Biologic Survey, now the Fish and Wildlife Service, that the little teal was being shot out of existence. He was so small, the odds against him so great.

Quite a few years ago the same adverse report went out about the wood duck yet this year, so greatly had wood duck population increased, each hunter was allowed to bag one. This species still is being carefully watched however lest the good work done by conservation be undone by over shooting.

Wild fowl have other enemies than hunters, not the least of these being botulism. Outbreaks of this occurred in several western localities, the worst being on the Bear River marshes in Utah and at Klamath Lake in Oregon. Salvage crews were put to work and many of the ailing ducks treated, cured and liberated so that losses were not high. Though this disease is still one of the major problems of many breeding grounds both in Canada and the United States.

Every sportsman should get and read this annual report on the state of our North American wildfowl. Wildfowl recognize no political lines, so Canada and the United States must consider the preservation of these as their mutual problem. I most earnestly urge that all those interested in wild life conservation write to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C., and ask for Wildlife leaflet 261.

Pyle, En Route to Pacific War Front Visits Movie Site

Hollywood, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Columnist Ernie Pyle, en route to the Pacific war fronts after a three months respite from the fighting, today took a look at "The Story of G. I. Joe," the movie being made from his book "Here is Your War."

"I couldn't tell much about it," he said. "It was all in pieces but it looked like they were trying to do it right." Pyle who came home from the fighting in France for a rest, said he hadn't had two hours to himself since he got back and actually wasn't rested at all.

Cows 34 Germans With Empty Gun

With American 7th Army. Western Front, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—First Lt. James Tower, Grand Island, N. Y., pointed his carbine down into a German machine-gun nest and forced 34 Germans to emerge with their hands up. All alone, he was marching his prisoners down the road toward a collecting point when a fellow officer joined him on the double.

"Don't look now, Jim," the other officer whispered, "but you haven't got any magazine in your carbine."

WEATHER Northern California—partly cloudy today with showers over north portion and snow flurries in mountains. Mostly clear Saturday. Cooler tonight. Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 3:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

CAMP WHITE MAN RECEIVES AWARD

Pvt. Joseph B. Kaser, Los Angeles, was awarded the Purple Heart at a retreat ceremony held last night at Camp White. Pvt. Kaser was given the medal for grenade wounds in the abdomen and right knee suffered while manning a machine gun in repulsing a Japanese attack at Empress Augusta Bay in the Solomon Islands, last March 9.

Col. John R. Young, post commander at the prisoner of war camp, made the presentation in the presence of all officers and enlisted men of the prisoner of war section. Pvt. Kaser is now stationed in that department at Camp White.

When off duty, Pvt. Kaser makes his home with his wife at 344 South Central Avenue, Medford.

Housewives Gyped On Ration Stamps, Claim Of Senator

Washington, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Accusing the administration of using rationing powers for political purposes, Rep. August H. Andersen, R., Minn., asserted today that millions of housewives had been "swindled" by the sudden cancellation of unused ration stamps.

He said in a statement that while he wanted the armed forces to have abundant food, he did not want to "see my government deliberately cheat patriotic Americans." And that, he added, is what happened when the Office of Price Administration announced the drastic new rationing changes earlier this week.

OPA officials concede that the initial reaction of the public had been "indignation, confusion, bewilderment and irritation," but expressed confidence that the people "won't stay sore long."

THE GRANGE

Griffin Creek Grange Annual New Year's party for grangers and guests will be held Saturday night, Dec. 30, at Griffin Creek grange hall. Ladies are asked to bring a few sandwiches. Cards, dancing and games have been planned.

Roxy Ann Grange

There will be a covered dish supper and watch party at Roxy Ann Grange hall Sunday. The 4-H club of the district will present a program and receive its awards. There will be games for all and 4-H and Grange families are cordially invited. Ladies are asked to bring covered dishes for the supper, which begins at 7 o'clock.

BAGLIEN TO SPEAK AT ZION CHURCH SUNDAY

John Baglien, Medford high school graduate, now a student at Western Seminary, Fremont, Neb., will deliver the sermon at the Zion English Lutheran church Sunday at the 11 a. m. service.

GLORIA DeHAVEN WEDS

Hollywood, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Film stars Gloria DeHaven and John Payne today began a week's honeymoon following their marriage yesterday in Beverly Vista Community church, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Hitler Bowed by Map Reading, Is Goebbels' Word

London, Dec. 29—(U.P.)—Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels pictured Adolf Hitler today as a "German miracle" whose will basically changed the entire German nation, and claimed "there is no other human being who possesses the way he does the art of waiting for the right moment."

Goebbels' characterization of Hitler was contained in an article in Das Reich and broadcast by the Nazi Transocean News Service.

Portraying the Fuehrer as a man standing "in the icy loneliness of genius," Goebbels admitted that a grey streak had appeared in Hitler's hair because of "uncounted days full of labor and nights spent sleeplessly and lonely."

"It would be silly to claim that five years of war left the Fuehrer without mark," Goebbels said. "He bears his head slightly bent, which is the consequence of everlasting map reading."

OBITUARY

OWEN F. REDDY Owen F. Reddy, 64, of 723 W. 13th, passed away Wednesday afternoon following several years of illness. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris Chapel.

ISSIE McCULLY

Miss Issie McCully, a pioneer of Jacksonville, passed away in Salem Thursday morning. Services will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel at 1 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. Lawrence Mitchelmore officiating. A complete obituary will be in Sunday's paper.

ALICE M. FOLEY

Mrs. Alice M. Foley passed away unexpectedly at her home in Gold Hill Thursday night. She had been a resident of southern Oregon for about 70 years. Arrangements are in care of Conger-Morris Chapel.

BIRTHS

CRAWFORD—To Capt. and Mrs. John, 815 East Main, Dec. 28, 1944, a girl, six pounds, at Community hospital.

TAYLOR—To Mr. and Mrs. Mark, 55 No. Peach, Dec. 28, 1944, a boy, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

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

December 29, 1934 (It Was Saturday) National WCTU to resume crusade against alcohol.

Plot to kidnap FDR and establish fascist dictatorship told house committee.

Pal of "Baby Face" Nelson, slain public enemy, held in Mt. Shasta jail.

Portion of Salem residential area flooded by heavy rain.

Japan's plea for naval equality is denied by America, following Tokyo denunciation of naval limitation treaty.

Sudden snows. High 47, low 38 degrees. Rain 4.14 inches.

Liquor store to close at 8 p. m. hereafter.

1935 automobiles arrive here and are on display.

Snow falling over mountains of southern Oregon.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

December 29, 1924 (It Was Monday) Pedestrians slip and autos skid as rain freezes as it falls.

National Guard muster to be held next Tuesday.

Rapid thaw upstate causes heavy damage, with ice jams in Willamette.

State Teachers Association recommends free school books.

Rain. High 44, low 38 degrees.

Miss Louise Williamson returns to Salem after spending Christmas here.

Cattle and hog prices jump on Portland market.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY

December 29, 1910 (It Was Thursday) Union Meat Company plans new warehouse here.

Work to start soon on new hospitals here. Masons start excavating for new building on Main street.

Timber tract between Ashland and Klamath Falls sold for \$3,500,000 to eastern syndicate.

GREEN—FIR SLABS 12 INCH OR 16 INCH LENGTHS \$575 300 CU. FT. LOAD DIAL 2123 TIMBER PRODUCTS COMPANY MEDFORD OREGON

CLOSED MONDAY for Inventory Shop Tomorrow for Both Sunday and Monday 1945 Let Us Strive to Make this the Victorious Year There are many good things we wish for—many good resolutions to make. But first in the heart of every American is the wish for Victory and Peace. Let us, then, make our first resolution on this first day of the New Year—to work, save, buy Bonds and do everything in our power to make this a Victorious 1945—to make this the happiest New Year we have ever known. New Year Greetings to All Our Southern Oregon Friends Anderson's Thrift Market MEDFORDS POPULAR TWO FRONT STORE And Anderson Thrift Market—Central Point

Brophy's JEWELERS WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 28 - JAN. 2 FOR INVENTORY