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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Fals, the President's dog is back in the White House, fully recovered from a chewing administered in Virginia by an unnamed fellow-Scottie, whose identity is concealed. This may come under the head of war time secrecy, but the public is entitled to know the name of the winner.

Italy is now a thoroughly subdued nation "purged of all belligerency". It was different ten years ago. Then every time the LofN mentioned peace, more troops were sent to Ethiopia.

To date only 345 new bills have been introduced at Salem. They ought to be able to do better than that. The light output will enable a citizen to break all the old laws before he starts in on the new ones.

CRUEL & UNUSUAL (Washington (D.C.) Post)
"The new House will have nine distaff members. Only one of the old bloc will be missing — pretty Winifred Stanley of Buffalo. Her seat disappeared in the New York redistricting."

A pioneer towed yesterday smoking a pipe his grandfather fought Indians with, he boasted. Despite its age, the pipe could still whip the Indians, and most of the palefaces.

The Senate has voted to divorce the RFC from the commerce department, and H. Wallace can be its secretary therefore, with nothing to do with the spending and lending of many billions. It's a fat plum, but all he gets is the seed. This cramps his carefree manner of handling the taxpayers money, to make a better world. If a farmer's cow, horse, or sheep wanders away Mr. Wallace will be in no position to pay them for not finding their stock.

The more rugged signs of spring are showing. The first citizen has been caught dumping tin cans on a main-traveled highway.

The situation on all fronts for the Allied cause continue favorable, and London is hard put to think up scare propaganda to offset the Russian advance on Berlin, the heart and hind-legs of Nazism. The problem of the moment is how to punish Germany, without losing her as a star customer in the post-war period.

Little interest was shown locally in whether or not the Ground Hog saw his shadow this morning. Neither did the news that Gloria Swanson, former movie queen, had been married for the fifth time, cause any soul-stirring civic raptures.

OLD TIME ED. BOILS
"A few white-livered scrubs and lousy scabs may imagine it is smart to let their tongues wag too much about the private and personal affairs of the editor of the Echo Leader. We advise such to go slow . . . the editor is doing wonderful work for this grand country. He is attending to his own affairs and quite able to do so without the necessity of white-livered puppies trying to get into his soup dish. Their home affairs require their undivided attention. We may be quietly slumbering, but don't put on gloves to go for skunks. When we want it we will seek satisfaction in a manner that may jostle the livers of some wretches." — (Echo (Ore. Leader, 1894.)

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classified 1:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Better Than Nothing—But—

Well, half a loaf is better than none at all. So the "work or fight" measure passed by the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday is better than nothing.

It does put some teeth in the present law, not only giving local draft boards authority to order men in non-essential jobs into essential ones, but imposes a \$5000 fine and possible 5 years in prison for those selectees who refuse to obey or try to evade such orders.

Local draft boards had those powers before, theoretically, but seldom exercised them, and they were really advisory rather than mandatory.

ON the other hand this House measure bears no resemblance to the national service legislation requested by the war department and urged by President Roosevelt—nor does it answer the real war needs—at least as we see them.

And before the Senate gets through with it, what resemblance now exists may well disappear entirely.

We may be unduly pessimistic. But we have a strong conviction history will record the failure to pass a universal service act at the outbreak of the war needlessly extended its duration, casualties and cost.

Jefferson Versus Wallace

"Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of that great Jeffersonian Democrat, Henry Agard Wallace!"

That raises a very interesting speculation, particularly to the writer, who has recently been reading over a collection of Thomas Jefferson's letters.

If the "father of Democracy" were alive today, would he now support Henry Wallace for head of the Department of Commerce?

The answer is "no."

FOR while Thomas Jefferson was a genuine and a truly great, "Liberal," he was also an aristocrat, in the literal sense of the term. Jefferson regarded the appointment of men to public office merely for the payment of political debts, regardless of their fitness for the job as "political prostitution," and so declared.

CERTAINLY no one would question the fact that President Roosevelt did give Mr. Wallace the post of Secretary of Commerce to pay a political debt.

President Roosevelt himself said so. Nor would any fair-minded or impartial person deny that neither in training, temperament nor talents is the former Republican and Secretary of Agriculture qualified to administer the affairs of such a department.

ON October 28th, 1813, former President Jefferson wrote to his close friend and former Federalist colleague, ex-President John Adams of Boston, as follows:

"The natural aristocracy I consider as the most precious gift of nature for the instruction, the trusts and the government of society. And indeed it would have been inconsistent in Creation to have formed man for the social state and not to have provided virtue and wisdom enough to manage the concerns of society. May we not even say that that form of government is the best which provides the most effectually for a pure selection of this natural 'aristoi' into the offices of government."

And by "aristoi" Mr. Jefferson meant, not aristocracy in the generally accepted sense of today, as an upper class in the way of superior position, wealth, culture or what have you, but in the direction of superior fitness and ability, and only that,—in short, the literal definition of aristocracy as "the rule of the BEST."

YES, that was one of Thomas Jefferson's deepest political convictions. Not only that the cornerstone of a free democracy should be the "rule of the best," but that the composite judgment of the people, in the mass, could be depended upon to elect—or select—the best.

AND it was on this rock that Jefferson split with his former political associates—Washington, Hamilton and Adams. For they all were skeptical of the inherent wisdom of the masses; the capacity of the rank and file, in America or anywhere else, to act wisely and choose intelligently in their free plebescites.

Adams, for example, according to the same letter, wanted to put "a pseudo-aristoi" into a separate chamber, where they could be a protection to wealth against the "agrarian and plundering enterprises of the majority."

Jefferson termed this mischievous and declared: "I think the best remedy is that provided by our Constitution, to leave to the citizens the free election and separation of the aristoi from the pseudo-aristoi,—of the wheat from the chaff. In general the people will elect the really good and wise."

QUITE a hot debate could be carried on, whether or not Jefferson was correct in this contention from the standpoint of EFFICIENT government in this country; but correct or not, that was the corner-stone faith of the political party he formed, and is the essential and avowed doctrine of the Democratic party today.

And it is undoubtedly the doctrine and belief of Henry Wallace for that matter.

BUT—and here is the point—the corollary of this is where the people do not elect men for public office, but the men are appointed by an executive, the same rule must hold—the best—the men best fitted for the job at hand must be named—that is, if one is a true Jeffersonian Democrat.

Were Thomas Jefferson here today he would, we believe, be among the first to perceive that in the appointment of Mr. Wallace President Roosevelt did NOT follow that precept of his Democratic faith!

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH Member of Congress From Oregon

WALLACE APPOINTMENT: The discussion here on the Hill of the Wallace appointment centers on two or three principal points. The question as to whether or not Mr. Wallace has the background of experience and the ability necessary to handle not only the cabinet post as secretary of commerce, but the war lending agencies including RFC as well, is a reasonable one. The defending answer is that the president thinks Wallace can do the job and made the appointment.

But did the president make this appointment because he thought Mr. Wallace was the best man for the job, or because Mr. Wallace was a political problem? In other words, those of us who think the Wallace appointment was a mistake believe that the consideration uppermost in the president's mind when he named Henry Wallace was to pay off the former vice-president for loyal service to the party and to compensate him in part for the very real deal he received at the nominating convention last summer.

INAUGURATION CEREMONY: The inauguration ceremony was brief, but quite impressive. A week ago I reported to you that the president seemed to be in excellent health. I still believe that to be a fact, but was a little shocked at his appearance on inauguration day. He seemed to be very tired and showed signs of being irritable, but I suppose the strain of the various functions and duties of the week had taken its toll. I noted one thing in the cere-

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Go His tory from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 20 and 34 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY February 2, 1935 (It was Saturday) Swishing skirts and puffed sleeves for spring give women most feminine look in years.

France and Britain reach agreement on European peace.

Upstate members of legislature plan curb on strike disorders in Portland.

Fair, high 68, low 32 degrees

Old age pension funds from slot machines favored in many states.

Electric lights being placed in Oregon Caves.

Ground Hog comes out of hole and sees own shadow.

Early boost in local rents seen by Loan company head for this city.

Dr. Edwin Durno is named member of Pacific Coast All-Time, All Stars basketball team.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY February 2, 1925 (It was Tuesday)

Sun comes out bright, and ground hog sees its shadow.

State senate passes bill to give wheat farmers \$1,500,000 relief fund.

Scandal looms in state National Guards.

Floyd Collins, pinioned by rock in Kentucky cave still alive as heroic steps to rescue continue.

Rain, High 61, low 47 degrees. Home of H. H. Harvey, mail carrier ransacked by burglars.

Rain fall in valley since last September totals 17.58 inches close to record.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY February 2, 1911 (It was Thursday)

Floods halt trains from south County court orders span across Rogue River at Gold Hill.

Ground Hog sees his shadow.

Isis Theater installs new radium curtain.

mony that I have not seen otherwise reported. When Vice-President Wallace administered the oath to Sen. Truman, he did not mention Truman's name. In fact, Mr. Truman's name was not mentioned during the entire formal ceremony. I suppose this was an oversight, although it may have been in strict accordance with proper form. When the chief justice administered the oath to the president, he said, "Do you, Franklin Delano Roosevelt . . ." Mr. Wallace merely said, "Do you," and left the radio audience and the assembled multitude to take for granted that he was administering the oath to Sen. Truman.

Following the formal inauguration ceremonies, we went into the White House and were served a buffet lunch.

RATIONING: A much tighter rationing program is planned for 1945. I have just received a letter from Chester Bowles, administrator of the office of price administration. The following paragraph from this letter is a summary of the situation: "It was necessary to make the rationing program tighter because civilian food supplies were reaching low levels and were threatening to drop below the safe level at which our distribution machine could operate. The butter supply for 1945 is expected to be smaller than that for 1944; the meat supply will be 10 to 15 per cent less in this coming quarter than it was in the same three months of 1944. On December 1st of this year, supplies of commercially canned vegetables available for civilians were approximately 56 per cent of the quantity available for civilians at the same time last year. It is now expected that there will be in 1945 9 per cent less sugar than in 1944 available for civilians for use in the home and by bakeries, bottlers, candymakers, etc."

You may recall that last fall the story of the food situation was much more optimistic. There was no hint at that time that the shortages outlined in the above paragraph were imminent. Our Food Study Committee, of which I am secretary, did not agree with the optimistic reports released last September and October. This committee is planning shortly to make an analysis of the current figures. From preliminary information we have, we are inclined to discount the shortage statement, at least to the extent stated above. There is no denying the fact, however, that food supplies will be somewhat less for 1945 than they were for 1944.

FARM LABOR: The Congressional committee which has been

questioning Selective Service officials regarding the directive sent out by General Hershey on January 3rd, this week reported its findings in the form of a resolution. In brief, the committee found that the directive is interpreted by most of the local boards and state directors as an outright order to take farm workers who are physically qualified regardless of the Tydings Amendment in the Selective Service law. (This Amendment was mentioned in the letter last week.) The resolution then directs the Director of Selective Service "to comply with the intent and spirit as well as with the letter of the Tydings Amendment," and directs him also to immediately issue a clarifying directive to all State Selective Service officials and local boards.

The resolution contains two other demands:

(1) That the War Manpower Commission immediately investigate the availability of manpower among the 3,300,783 civilian federal employees and to make a thorough investigation with relation to labor hoarding in industry with particular reference to the cost-plus war industries.

(2) That the House Committee on Agriculture immediately determine the effect of State

Director Advice No. 288 released January 3rd upon agricultural production and on the war effort.

Expecting the rice to be of prime importance during the periods after re-conquest of countries of the Orient, the army has contracted for the entire output of the plant.

New Texas Plant To Convert Rice Houston, Tex.—(U.P.)—Under construction in Houston is a \$750,000 rice conversion plant to turn out millions of tons of a new type of rice for the liberated peoples of the Orient. After its completion, expected early in 1945, the plant will produce between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000 pounds during the first year. The output will increase greatly in future months. The new rice is produced by the Haugenluch method, or a sealing in of the vitamins, which, in ordinary rice, are lost through cooking.

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