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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Japan underwent a B-29 bombing, an earthquake, and a political crisis Saturday.

The nation today observes the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, a martyred president, and sincere apostle of the "common man".

"I hold, if the Almighty had ever made a set of men that should do all of the eating, and none of the work, he would have made them with mouths only, and with no hands; and, if he had made another class, that he intended should do all the work, and none of the eating, he would have made them without mouths, and with all hands."

Eastern Oregonians are getting soft. At a recent dance, with bagpipes as the main source of music, the occasion only lasted all night.

Hon. Walt Pierce, former governor and congressman, charges Gov. Snell is evasive on the Japanese and Nisei issues, in a recent speech at Gresham.

1894 WISECRACKING (The Dalles Chronicle) "Congressman Champ Clark says he is never going to send his boy to school until he has taught him all he himself knows."

Italy is still objecting to the allied armistice terms, but are diplomatically polite about it.

Crows are more plentiful than last year, in the rural regions, biologists report.

California will have plenty of beef and other meat in March but will be unable to get it due to "bottleneck".

GYPSEY KNOW-HOW (Woodlawn, Cal., Democrat) "Of course she could afford a fur coat. Just because she had rags underneath she was not necessarily out of funds."

An exchange rejoices over the prospects the fair sex will become tobacco chewers if the cigarette shortage continues, and will be unable to do any talking while chewing.

Closing time for Sunday too late to classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

Fight the Monopoly

In a few weeks at the county courthouse a hearing will be held before a representative of the State Public Service Commission, regarding the request of the Rogue Valley Transit company for a permit to operate passenger buses between Ashland, Medford and intermediate points.

The Mail Tribune hopes this permit will be granted, for one reason and one reason only, namely: Because we are convinced the granting of the request will give Medford and Jackson County better transportation.

And Heaven knows we need it—better bus transportation, better railroad transportation of every sort. And the only way to get it is to get competition.

THE S. P. has a railroad monopoly, the Greyhound a bus monopoly, and the Greyhound is controlled by the railroads including the S. P., which gives another railroad monopoly—the deplorable condition of transportation here is due almost entirely to these facts.

THIS proposed operation is a comparatively small one in itself, of course—merely a drop in the coast transportation bucket in fact. But it involves an important principle that is making a start in taking the millstone of transportation monopoly off the long suffering neck of the state, and going forward toward better transportation facilities.

All those in favor of doing ALL THAT CAN BE DONE in this direction, not only during the fruit season but throughout the year, should attend this meeting and lend their moral support at least, to the granting of the local transportation company's request.

Invasion American Style

Invasion, American style, is measured in tonnage. And that tonnage must reach enemy shores in ships. The serious shortage of skilled workers in American shipyards, and men to man these ships, must be overcome before the job of winning the war is finally accomplished.

THE problem of logistics—the task of waging long range warfare on several fronts—is almost beyond conception. In the invasion of Europe, for example, 2,500,000 men were put ashore in the first 109 days. Vehicles at the rate of four a minute roared down the steel roadways from shipyards—over 17 million ship tons of material were landed during this brilliant chapter in our history.

WHAT about the invasion of the Japanese mainland after blows from Saipan-based B-29s have softened up the Japs and crippled their war industries? What would be the requirement if we hit Hirohito's homeland with only an initial force of a quarter-million men?

Rear Admiral W. B. Young, chief of the navy's bureau of supplies has these answers. Such an operation would call for 5,000 separate beachings by assorted landing craft, carrying more than a million and a half tons of equipment. This would include two million tons of weapons, 325,000 tons of combat vehicles, more than a half-million tons of general purpose vehicles, 50,000 tons of signal equipment, 12,000 tons of rations to feed the invading army.

And, to maintain this force for just 30 days would require the arrival and unloading of 30 to 35 liberty ships and 15 tankers carrying a quarter-million tons of additional equipment and supplies.

THAT is why, during 1944, 1,677 merchant ships were built in American shipyards. That is why 23,000 ships were repaired or converted during this single year, and almost 40,000 ships added to the navy.

Tonnage must be conveyed and protected in landing, too. That, too, is why the navy constructed 420 warships last year, thousands of auxiliary patrol and mine craft, and 37,724 landing craft—all built during 1944.

IT was Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we observe today, who told the people of Springfield that "all the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the earth in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years."

Abe might have been wrong had America been unable to build and man the ships which are keeping the war from our shores—and pushing the battlefronts steadily closer to the foes' homelands. Without the resources and "know how" to do this job the progress of the war thus far might be something very unpleasant to contemplate.—H.G.

Lake Creek

Lake Creek, Feb. 12.—Over 50 people attended the progressive party given by Lake Creek Recreation club, Feb. 3. We especially thank Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell who planned and directed the interesting games.

stration on quick salads.

Cpl. and Mrs. Clifton Day arrived home last week from Brownwood, Texas, where Cpl. Day has been stationed. A new floor has been laid in the Community Hall, so the building is now quite comfortable.

ATTORNEYS HAVE INSIDE TRACK AS SOLONS IN OREGON

Farmers Next Best Bet in Elections — Democrats Have One Chance in Five

By John W. Dunlap UP Staff Correspondent Salem, Ore., Feb. 12.—(UP)—Note to future politicians—if you're an attorney, you stand the best chance of being elected to the Oregon legislature.

A farmer is the next best bet. The two occupations jointly dominate the makeup of the 43rd session.

Few Democrats When it comes to political affiliation, a Democrat has one chance in five in both houses. There are only five bourbon senators and 10 representatives out of the 30 and 60-member houses.

Legislative experience proves valuable and only two senators—Dr. William Moser and Paul Patterson, are freshmen. There are 11 newcomers in the house out of 60.

No one tops W. H. Strayer of Baker with his 13 previous sessions in the senate. Sen. H. C. Wheeler of Dexter is next with 10 and Sen. W. E. Burke of Yamhill and Rep. Harvey Wells of Portland are tied with eight. Four seniors rate six earlier sessions—Sen. Dean Walker of Independence and Reps. H. H. Chidgren of Molalla, Henry Semon of Klamath Falls and Virgil Staples of Ontario.

Two Jackson Lawyers The reputation that comes to legislators for oratory is second nature to the lawyers. Running down the rollcall, the legal names include Sens. Carson, Hill-ton, Lampont, Mahoney, Paul Patterson, Rand, Strayer, Walsh and Winslow, and Reps. Bal-dere, Barry, Bengtson, Bennett, Francis, Hall, Harvey, Heisler, Hendricks, J. O. Johnson, Marsh, Steelhammer and Van Dyke.

While Speaker Eugene Marsh of McMinnville gives the lawyers top honors in the lower house, flax farmer Howard C. Belton of Canby is president of the senate. His fellow farmers are Burke, Engdahl, Jones, New-bry, Walker and Wheeler. In the house, the list includes Cal-laway, Chase, Chidngren, Con-dit, Hesse, Himmelwright, Jones, Kimberling, Lage, Lindberg Pe-terson and Semon.

Insurance Men Third Insurance men rate third in both houses, with Senators Pearson, Wallace and Zurcher and Representatives Duniway, Fris-bie, Landon, Lonergan, Snyder, Staples and Wells. The senate has eight other occupations and the house about 27 others. The newspaper business has only three, Sen. Merle Chessman and Reps. Giles French and M. J. Wilson. There's a night club operator in the house, Jack Baln. Dr. John C. Booth and Moser in the senate are the only physicians.

One house member has the distinction of representing by far the biggest group of citizens with the same occupation. She is Mrs. Anna Ellis, Garibaldi-housewife.

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 if the Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Happy Days Are Here Again To the editor: The millennium is in sight: At least I think it is right straight ahead, not around the corner.

Sixty million jobs will only be child's play with such a vision. Then with F.D.R.'s vision of finances the sky is no limit. The more the government owes the more the people will have coming. Then when we get paid the government gets 95 percent excess profits tax, thus the merry-go-round keeps us all rich.

Just as soon as Sidney Hill-man can get the reins of legisla-tion he and John Lewis can have wages doubled every sixty days just figure out what that will be in a hundred years or so?

The New Deal social security plan is making goo-goo eyes at the Townsend plan, just think what that might bring forth? The experiment of trying it on

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY February 12, 1935 (It was Tuesday) Pear canning control planned by coast canners and growers.

Ethiopia ready to fight Italy, envoy to Rome declares. Will re-fuse to pay indemnity. Preacher creates wild scene at trial of Bruno Hauptmann, for Lindbergh baby kidnaping.

Heavy duty put upon British liquor shipments to this country. Rain, High 49, low 32 degrees. Snow in hills.

Legislature ponders on pas-sage of law to curb strikes in state. Doris Duke, "richest girl in the world" to marry Henry R. Cromwell.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY February 12, 1911 (It was Sunday) Ashland and Klamath Falls both plan "City Beautiful" drives.

Rumor President Taft has the gout. Good roads bill to pass legis-lature coming week.

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ferent," said one and was off in another fight of chortles. And I watched differently, I did, after I'd watched a while. A fat Negro baby in the arms of its mother was facing the wind and the rain, blinking rapidly and gasping for breath.

But the women wearing short coats provided the most entertain-ment. Fat legs, skinny legs, legs shapely and unshapely raced past. The woman who topped them all, however, was an elderly matron who had wrapped her underpinnings from her ankles to, er, her thighs, in newspapers. For once, the "power of the press" was being used to shelter, rather than expose. A bitter pill for any newspaper.

Sgt. Earl Harnish Of 41st Division Home On Furlough

S. Sgt. Earl V. Harnish of the 41st Infantry Division arrived in the valley last week to spend a 21-day furlough with relatives. The sergeant returned to this country the latter part of December after 32 months in the Southwest Pacific and entered Barnes General hospital in Van-couver for surgery. After explora-tion of his furlough he is to re-port to Santa Barbara, Calif., for reassignment.

Sgt. Harnish is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harnish of Eagle Point. Yesterday a family din-ner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harnish, Griffin Creek Road, to celebrate the re-turn of the soldier and his father's birthday anniversary. Present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harnish, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Ballard, Elmer and Sam Harnish, Miss Helen Harnish, Miss Ragsdale, Mrs. Charles McClellan, Miss Lucile Harnish and the sergeant, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Luy, family friends, spent the afternoon with the group.

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