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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Tomorrow is the anniversary

of St. Patrick, who early in the

400th century drove the snakes

out of Ireland. A couple of years

ago difficulty was experienced

in getting Ireland to drive out

the Jap and Nazi ambassadors.

Extra gasoline is again to be

allocated to Victory gardeners.

This will bring out the mothy

rumor some foxy patriot, has

planted three rows of roasting

ears, hard by his favorite fishing

hole.

When he awakened yesterday,

Sgt. Milt told police, his

wallet containing money and his

father's auto had disappeared.

—(Pittsburgh Press)—He prob-

ably got hold of his wife's hand-

bag by mistake.

No more alphabetically ag-

encies are planned by the New

Deal. It was a great alphabet

while it lasted.

The first mole hill showed up

yesterday on a residential lawn.

In no time at all, a sufficient

number of curious people as-

sembled, to make a mountain

out of it, with a swing shift, for

good measure.

A special election has been set

for June 22 by the legislature.

It was a cute trick for the long-

est legislative session in state

history, to pick out one of the

two longest days of the year, for

the mandate.

American bombers over Ber-

lin, destroyed the General Head-

quarters of the Nazis, the brain

center of the war, and, where

the next one was in process of

hatching. Instead, of being one

of the last objectives of the al-

lies, it should have been the

first. Heretofore, it had been hit

by nothing, but propaganda leaf-

lets of the British.

The first day's play in the

state tournament saw the Black

Tornado triumph in their

first game. The 'small but pow-

erful,' the 'darkhorse,' and 'giant

killers,' all fell by the wayside.

After this week, the community

fretting will be confined to the

annual arrival of Jack Frost, and

his ruination of the pear crop.

SHENANIGANS AT SALEM

(Salem Statesman)

Trading votes in the legis-

lature in these closing days is

as visible in some of the re-

cent balloting as though it

was announced on the floor.

There is no other way to ex-

plain some of the votes which

members have cast. They may

be able to explain things away

to the satisfaction of their

constituents, few of whom

track down just how a member

votes anyway. But how they

can live with their own consci-

ences after some of the deals

they have made is known only

to themselves. Even God would

have a hard time figuring that

out.

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WAINSCOTT'S PHARMACY

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, March 16 — Mr.

Roosevelt's rebuff by congress

on the draft-for-work bill is

growing complete and over-

whelming.

Only one New Deal sena-

tor — just one — supported

him (Maybank of South Caro-

lina) on the crucial test vote,

unless you count leader Bark-

ley, whose job requires him to lead in whatever

direction pointed.

SUCH ardent Rooseveltian

supporters as Guffey and

Pepper ran to the mild voluntary

manpower substitute, which

everyone agrees is not much of a

manpower plan. Around the

senate, it has been said Guffey,

Pepper, et al, preferred the C.

I. O. to the president when the

showdown came, although this

observation contains some polit-

ical oversimplification.

Even the House eased down

in the vote Wednesday to an ex-

tent making quite apparent the

futility of the president's stand

for a compulsory draft of work-

ers. It is quite clear now that in

any event Mr. Roosevelt must

take approximately the weak

Senate plan or nothing.

To attribute his defeat to the

C. I. O. however, is ridiculous.

I believe the primary cause was

this:

THE army admittedly made a

mistake when it expected the

end of the war last year and

began retrenching on production.

In dismay it went to the op-

posite extreme and since then has

been working on the officially

announced basis that the war

will never be over, and is con-

stantly expanding its demands

(recently steel, aluminum, zinc,

etc.).

But the average congressman

is convinced the war in Europe

should be over between April

15 and June 20. Manpower Mc-

Nutt dutifully testified for the

boss (the president has done all

he could do to win this fight for

the army and himself), that there

would be no retrenchment on

V-E day, but everyone expects

it must come the day after, in a

great many lines at least.

Furthermore, the president,

army, McNutt and others failed

to make a case of a national

crisis on labor warranting such

a drastic departure from Demo-

cratic processes. There are sup-

posed to be some 67,000,000

people working now. No official

ever claimed the shortage was

more than 170,000 to 200,000

workers.

And there were many answers

offered to those figures. The

shortages were in sub-standard

industries, in certain localities,

in special industries.

PROBABLY a greater deter-

rent to war production was

the union and money conditions.

Unions fixed quotas in many

war plants, limiting production.

Workers who could make big

money, all they could spend,

working four or five days a

week, just would not work

longer.

The Mead committee got this

evidence out of its Detroit in-

vestigation, if any evidence of

such an obvious general condi-

tion was needed. Yet we are

supplying the world.

I think a fair, objective ver-

dict on the months of debate

and conflicting evidence would

hold that the manpower short-

age was limited and that the

condition did not come any-

where near justifying a draft.

Not even the prestige and un-

paralleled power of the presi-

dent could overcome these facts

and they could not be entirely

obliterated by the official great

administration publicity cam-

paign. Indeed, the only effective

argument for the bill was that

the president wanted it because

he thought it would be popular

with the soldiers, but that did

not go in the senate, and is now

falling in the house.

CAMP WHITE MEN PLAN

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

Camp White — Men of the

prisoner-of-war training section

at Camp White have planned a

St. Patrick's Day dance which

will be given tomorrow evening

at the officers' club on Pacific

avenue between "C" and "F"

streets. The dance will be from

8 p. m. until midnight and young

women of the valley are invited

to attend.

It is stated that free transpor-

tation will be provided on the

Camp White bus both for the

trip to camp and for the return

to town.

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CAPT. COYLE IN FAST AIR JAUNT

Last Sunday Capt. Charles L.

Coyle, former Medford physi-

cian and surgeon, was in France.

Wednesday night he arrived in

Medford, having flown halfway

around the world in about three

days.

First half of the journey was

with an army transport plane

loaded with severely wounded

soldiers destined for an east

coast hospital. After seeing the

patients safely in the hospital

the captain boarded an army

plane for Omaha and from there

made the remainder of the trip

by commercial airline.

Capt. Coyle will spend two

weeks with his wife and two

children at the family home, 708

Park avenue. He has been in

the army since September of

1942 and overseas since Febru-

ary of 1944. Capt. Coyle states

that the only former Medford

medical man he has seen recent-

ly, as Lt. Col. Hjalmer Gentle.

STOCK AT LARGE IN RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Eight complaints were re-

ceived by the sheriff's depart-

ment yesterday regarding stock

running at large in rural areas.

Three head of stock are now

held awaiting the arrival of

owners to pay claims and dam-

ages. Deputy Sheriff William

Grenbender said today that un-

less the practice is discontinued,

stock owners would be hailed

into court under a state law.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., March 16 — (UP)

Livestock—Cattle, 35 calves, 35

supplies mostly dairy-type cows and calves.

Beef cattle, 150 head, 150 calves.

Top fed steers \$12.50. Best heifers \$16.

Cutter-common heifers \$9 to \$11.50. Can-

ner-cutter cows \$6.75 to \$9.50. Medium

cows up to \$11. Medium vealers \$12.50.

Good-choice grades salable \$14.50 to

\$15.50.

Hogs, 25 Active, steady. Few trucks

around 215 lbs. \$15.75. Good sows