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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Japan is now going through the throes of surrender, and wants "decent treatment," something she never gave herself.
Cong. Ellsworth spoke here Friday and said the nation is being "propagandized" by reports and rumors concerning "a wave of unemployment!" This has happened to the nation, numerous times since 1933, aided and abetted by a well-greased "emergency," of which there has been none, for quite some time. Many politicians are predicting panic, they hope.

Several new gas silos are going up, hither and yon. The construction in all instances, so far, will not require the hacking down of a mighty oak.
The Walker boys, J. Tannehill and Robert, welcomed home their Paw, who is in navy, the past week.

The end of lend-lease shocked Britain, and knocked an oration out of former premier W. Churchill. Putting a stop to it, will cure England of going communistic and crazy, as planned, on Uncle Sam's gold and beans.

Abe Kumlung, the Applegate handy-man and prospector, has run a bee tree to earth, and will have something for his pancakes, come winter. Abraham now welds a cigarette lighter that works. The device is viewed with horror by David Crockett Courtney, the efficient hired man of Ed Kubli.

The Skyrman boys (Bill and Harry) while prowling around the tall timber, successfully yelled a mad mother bear, coming headlong at Bill. Before the lawyer of the group could file an objection, or a writ, Mrs. Bruin retired to her cub.

Local Democrats attended Democratic picnics at Roseburg and G. Pass the past few days, for renewal of the faith, and popping of the vest buttons, with last spring's predicted food shortage, and many hungry in Europe staring them in the face.

"I see by the Portland papers, citizens of that city, are using the mails to throw mud at members of my family," said J. Cochran Robin, in reply to several letters to the editor. "We are called pests. Mrs. Robin is mad about this insult too. She will swing into action, and write a letter herself to the Birdgeonian, not to mention a few telegrams to Sen. Guy Woodpecker. The way I see it, man is able to qualify as a pest himself, and should not call the blackbird black."

The face of the corner occupied by Al (Curly) Leighton, is being lifted, and when finished will be a credit to San Francisco and the Chamber of Commerce.

Farmers are still busy getting in the crops, they were not going to get last spring before it rained in May.

Van Johnson, the heart pitapat of the fair sex, appeared at a magic lantern show last week. Many of the Older Girls scolded their daughters for being so enraptured by an ordinary male, when in their high school days, they were just as overcome by Rudolph Valentino, who sported sharp-pointed sideburns, and wore peon pants.

It turned out chilly over the week-end, causing folks to turn their thoughts to blankets, and wood piles, with or without a colored gentleman in them. By way of contrast it was 101 Wednesday resulting in a rapid change from P-hewi to B-r-r!

The Meek Inherit the Earth?

We have given space to two modern prophets recently. Here is a third:

"The past two days have been days that will be remembered for all time! The atomic bomb has suddenly changed our entire lives and will influence the future of all mankind. It has suddenly made it obvious to EVERYONE that another war is an impossibility if mankind and the world is to continue to exist. It is no longer possible for us to discuss the merits of world collaboration—it has suddenly become a necessity with no alternative except death and the extinction of the human race.
"Man has never before been faced with such a decision. He must now, immediately decide whether he is going to learn to live with all races of mankind in peace and tranquility and humility or at a moment's notice destroy all that mankind has developed and learned during countless centuries. Now, the entire matter is out of our hands. We have one simple decision to make, and there is only one decision that can be made. All previous differences that nations and men have had have suddenly become meaningless and of no importance. Now we have to solve our problems.
"If we have finally been shocked into the terrible necessity of cooperation, then this terrible weapon is indeed a boon to progress in the world. Truly the scientific man has now outstripped the social man. Now the social sciences, the science of living with our fellow man, must be developed at tremendous speed and with awe-inspiring thoroughness. We are grossly unprepared for the task ahead of us, and we can only hope that the people of the world realize what must be done—and begin at once to do it.
"Not a second must be lost. Every teacher, every professor, every social worker now has a job that surpasses in importance that of any other man on earth. Truly the meek have inherited the earth! Now we will see if they are capable of preserving it.
"The war will be over in a matter of days. To say anything else at a time such as this would be stupid and unnecessary."

The first prophecy was by a well known financier, the second was by a scientist, this third one comes from a young man at the front and was written a week before Japan surrendered.

His name is Cyril Sander, he is an Army Sergeant stationed on a small island in the Philippines. The letter was written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sander, Rt. 2, Box 259, Medford, and we are glad to give it space, for by all odds it is to date the best thing on this vitally important subject we have seen.—R.W.R.

Right Is Might?

Some people believe there is a God. Others don't. Still others bluntly state they don't know. The latter undoubtedly find a certain satisfaction in Voltaire's famous dictum: "If there were no God, it would be necessary to invent Him."

REGARDLESS of one's theological views, however, we believe the war just closed has done more to strengthen a belief in the determining force of a fundamental moral law than anything that has happened in modern times.

And this benefit has by no means been restricted to the victorious nations. In fact it probably will be even more wide-spread and profound among the defeated.

For after all most human beings, whatever the color of their skin, have a conscience—a fair sense of what is right and what isn't. And however they may fall for the sophistry of their leaders, or succumb to the emotional impact of war propaganda; sooner or later that candle throws its little beam and if their country has taken the wrong road they finally sense it within, even though they may never openly acknowledge it.

But whether this is true or isn't there is bound to be a certain soul searching within the peoples of any modern nation to somehow explain—to rationalize if possible—such an overwhelming defeat as Germany and Japan have suffered.

"Why, why?" will be the inevitable cry, "we had the war won, we reached our goal in an incredibly short time, and then!—the tide turned mysteriously and thereafter nothing but one defeat after another until finally came the end! WHY?"

AND then the pay-off—that atomic bomb. Some of the best scientists and researchers in the world are Germans. Japan is not as many miles behind as most people suppose—it was a Japanese who discovered the vitamin.

It is known now that both countries had been working frantically to perfect the bomb that the United States alone finally produced.

Can you imagine what would have happened to the world if either enemy had succeeded? The picture is almost too hideous to contemplate—literally the people of this country and the rest of the world would have been helpless—abject slaves, over night! But neither Axis country did!

WHY? Because the Anglo-Americans are a super-race—superior to and smarter than any other? Hardly—and anyway that race superiority stuff is Fascist ideology.

Just luck? Mebbe so. And then again mebbe not.

At any rate this department believes that not only the most general explanation, but in many ways the most plausible one, is to deny another of Voltaire's cynical dictums that "God is always on the side of the heaviest battalions," and maintain, either He or some tremendously powerful moral force is invariably behind those who are right and against those who are wrong! The Second World War certainly furnished strong evidence in support of such a belief.—R.W.R.

SCARCE GOODS UNDER STRICT OPA CONTROL
Scarce commodities, including most items figuring in the cost of living are still under strict price control, according to district OPA headquarters in Portland. Only such things as high priced fur coats, low-priced toys and other luxury items are exempted, while ceilings are still maintained on clothing, food, restaurant prices, consumer services such as laundry and cleaning, and rentals in Federal rent control areas.

Your Health and It's Care

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY M.D.
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STIMULANTS, EH?
Everyone, particularly those over forty, can do much to forestall heart disease, asserts a big life insurance company with the usual arbitrary and irresponsible air of a corporation educating the public, by following these rules:



- 1. Exercise regularly but moderately.
2. Keep your weight down. If overweight, bring it down.
3. Get plenty of sleep—eight hours a night for most people.
4. Eat moderately. Be moderate in use of tobacco or stimulants.
5. Have a yearly examination by your doctor. Follow his advice.

If I were writing the rules in my obscure capacity as a one-horse-and-buggy country doctor I'd omit Rule 4—after all, it hardly restrains any one who overeats or uses tobacco or "stimulants" immoderately. Instead of that diffident and meaningless suggestion I'd write: 4. Visit your dentist every six months. If any teeth are damaged or missing let the dentist replace them immediately.
"Be moderate in use of tobacco or stimulants." The corporation didn't want to impede the sale of tobacco and alcohol to young America.
"Stimulants." Prize weasel work of the Victorian era. Even Webster softens it or maybe just tries to muffle it a little by defining it as "alcoholic beverage." Of course everybody knows it means hard liquor and nothing else. Certainly it does not mean beer, ale or wine.
The word is a lie anyway. Alcohol never stimulates, no matter what concentration, dilution or form of it is used and no matter what the occasion for its use. This is the whole truth, the undisputed scientific truth about the action or effect of alcohol. Back in the eighties it seemed all right for Dr. . . . , who actually wore the beribboned pince-nez, frock coat, Vandyke beard and gold-headed cane and drove—or rather had a red-headed driver to drive his team of white horses—it was part of the picture for him to prescribe some "stimulants" for most of his admiring patients. But this insurance company is just ridiculous—or makes its helpless policyholders ridiculous, squandering good money like that.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Sulfur and the Nails
Do you advise injection of sulfur into the veins for correction of splitting nails. Our doctor, returned from a postgraduate course, says it is lack of sulfur and the only way it can be taken thru the veins. (Mrs. L. E.)
Answer—Wheat, peas, beans, cheese, oatmeal, watercress, flaxseed and mustard contain considerable sulfur. So far as I know sulfur is assimilated as well taken in these and other common foods as if injected into the veins. It is important to be sure of your intake of vitamin B complex and vitamin D. Send stamped envelope bearing your address for booklet "Reserve Power—Vite" and follow the suggestions given on B-14.
Reaction of Saliva
Is it unwise to use boric acid solution as a mouthwash, when the saliva is alkaline in reaction? (R. H.)
Answer—It is unimportant. Boric acid solution (teaspoonful in the pint of water) is a mild antiseptic solution for mouthwash, gargle, eyewash. Iron
How can iron be taken in an inexpensive way for a slight anemia? (Mrs. W. R. L.)
Answer—Prepare the solution of iron and ammonium citrate as described in booklet "Blood and Health"—for water, is a mild antiseptic solution for mouthwash, gargle, eyewash. (Copyright 1945 by John F. Dille Co.)

WARD CO. STORES OTHER PROPERTIES BACK TO OWNERS

President Orders Federal Control To Cease—Final Date Aug. 31

Washington, Aug. 25—(U.P.)—President Truman tonight authorized the rapid relinquishment of government control over privately-owned plants and facilities seized and operated by the United States during the war emergency.
The president's order provided that "as soon as practicable" the hundreds of plants and facilities of some 24 companies now operated by the army, navy and other government agencies be returned to their owners.
Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis said in a statement accompanying Mr. Truman's executive order that the end of government operation would be gradual and no attempt would be made to return all the properties on the same day.
"It was our unanimous agreement," Davis said in speaking for the administration "that government operation should cease as soon as possible."
Mr. Truman's executive order authorized the individual officers by whom the seized facilities are being held for the government to arrange for the return of private operation.
Five oil companies have had to turn over control of some of their facilities to the petroleum administrator for war; the interior department operates the mines of four coal companies, and the office of defense transportation holds one railroad—the Toledo, Peoria and Western—and 81 trucking concerns which make up the Midwest Operators Association.
The tentative date agreed to by agency heads and Davis as the deadline for return of most of the properties is Aug. 31, it was understood.
The plants and facilities held by the army include seven properties of Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc.

Court House News

Divorce Complaints
Bernice Andersen vs. Pedar Victor Andersen.
Mae Harmon vs. Gale A. Harmon.
Edna M. Mann vs. Laddie D. Mann.
Alexander H. Smith vs. Etta M. Smith.
Marion Soderman vs. Felix W. Soderman.
Justice Court
Weldon F. Biddle, Jr., combination overload, \$31.75 and costs.
William L. McDonald, combination overload, \$18.25 and costs; combination overload, \$13.75 and costs.
Roger D. Clement, combination overload, \$26.50 and costs.
Leslie L. Croucher, Charles O. Long, Louis S. Houston, John A. Cummings, Harold Johnson, Henry M. Bennett, James H. Golden and George O. Dix, overload, cited.
Alfred W. Schultz, driving motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, \$100.50 and costs and driver's license revoked for one year.

Court Records

Police Court
Verne Van Dyke, Grace R. Smith, W. F. Fasel, Ernest Barnes, Essie Thompson, Duke Guile and Oliver Rogers, over-parking, released on \$1 bail.
William Swartz, double parked, \$2.50 fine.
Frank Burton, drunk, jailed.
Irvin C. Pool, drunk, released on \$10 bail.
State Police
James Howard Gould, no operator's license, cited.
John Oliver Clarno, leaking and sifting load, cited.
Joseph Robert Lordan, vagrancy, 15 days in jail.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO
August 26, 1935
(Et was Monday)
Evacuation of Addis Ababa begins as Mussolini girds Italy for war.

Uncle Sam issues stern warning to Soviet because pledge to curb workers in this country violated.

Fair, with unsettled conditions and continued warm. High 101, low 65.

Pear shipment from valley above normal.

Twenty rural schools of county to open next week.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND agree on war debt payments to each other.

Cloudy and mild. High 81, low 45 degrees.

One-third all auto headlights in county defective, report shows.

Nine autoists fined \$20 for speeding.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
August 26, 1911
(Et was Saturday)
Harry Atwood completes record breaking plane flight from St. Louis to New York.

Great railroad strike menaces entire country.

Henry Miller at the Opera House in "The Havoc" draws big crowd.

Pall of forest fire smoke hangs over valley.

HARA-KARI WAVE HITS BLUE JAPS

San Francisco, Aug. 25—(U.P.) Japanese have been committing hara-kiri in large numbers before the imperial palace at Tokyo, thus apologizing to the emperor for the national defeat, a Japanese broadcast said today. Tokyo broadcast a grim picture of a gloomy, depressed, hungry and dirty people, their homes gone, their gardens ravaged by typhoons, their spirits flailing under the shock of defeat. The picture was contained in a commentary by Domei Correspondent Isami Inouye, beamed to North America in the Japanese language. The broadcast was recorded by the FCC.

Dr. C. M. Young wishes to announce that his office will be closed until Monday, August 27. Adv.

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Martin E. Sands, Vice President and General Manager
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