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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

There is now a vacancy in the First congressional district. Up to noon, there were three candidates behind every phone pole, and two under every bed.

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A revival of the Ku Klux Klan is predicted for the Pacific coast area. It is not known what Oregon hill will undergo the ignominy of being first to have a "Fiery Cross" burned upon it.

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New Deal moguls in Washington, D. C., plan a revival of their "scarcity of plenty" policy. The original notion produced plenty of scarcity.

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IT'S A GOOD TRICK
(Coos Bay Times)

"One of life's little mysteries, states the safety council, to doctors and economists came recently when 17-months-old Larry Lingle of Harrisburg, Pa., swallowed a nickel and coughed up a penny."

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The Finns, brave souls, are gluttons for punishment. They have paid all of their first year war reparations but $1,803,000 of a total of $50,000,000 to Russia. How Finns can be such poor diplomats and warriors and such good bankers is something for the books.

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The scent of fermenting sauerkraut is now wafted on the evening breezes of the rural regions and will eventually drape pig backbones, with some meat left on same.

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Jno. Wilkinson, the ins. agt. and early day 1st basemen, had a birthday yes.

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Argentine, the former "good neighbor" is now following in the footsteps of Spanish fascism and Hitler's Nazism. The millions Uncle Sam spent to be a Santa Claus to that nation could have more effectively been thrown at the sparrows, robins, woodpeckers, and other birds.

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BOILED DOWN SOCIAL ITEM
(Paisley Items)

"Helen Johnson and Willard Farmer went to Reno Friday, returning Saturday as man and wife. They plan on making their home near Redding and left Sunday for a short honeymoon."

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The Oregon metropolis is dallying with the idea of digging parking lots under ground, to relieve auto traffic congestion. This is a broadening of the long advocated notion that cyclone cellars should be provided for pedestrians.

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One of the Older Girls and her boy had a spirited argument yes. over a lost car key. The boy insisted it was not in his possession and mother insisted it was. A fine toothed comb search of the youth failed to produce the key. The boy finally had the temerity to suggest Mama had the key, offered to bet it was in a secret pocket of her handbag. It was. She warned the boy not to fool her that way again, and drove off in high dudgeon.

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"On account of the holiday we had several columns of local news set into type at Salem this week. The bus mixed it up; dropped and pied it. Over half a total loss. So we have to leave it out. Have to pay for it, too."—(Mill City (Ore.) Enterprise.)—Journalistic woe.

As a source of cash income to farmers in California, milk normally stands first among agricultural products.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Nov. 20—Why is it that Medford is so often left off the map?

The latest is a map published in that very admirable paper, The Christian Science Monitor, dated Nov. 19 and giving the story of power development in the Northwest. The Oregon map shows "LookOut," wherever and whatever that is!—Klamath Falls, Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Mt. Shasta and Marshfield, but no hide or hair of Medford. We are not going to court about it, but would like to have it explained. WHY is it?

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We recall another eastern map that dropped Medford and put Crater Lake in California. Perhaps Messrs. Grey and Hull should get in touch with the map makers of the U. S. A. and set them right.

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However, in a subway car this morning we were pleased to see a very colorful "ad" extolling the virtues of "Bumble Bee OREGON Tuna." And in a casual inspection of fruit stands we have found oodles of Medford pears,—Bosc mostly, selling at three for 25 cents. So our civic and state pride has not entirely collapsed.

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Perhaps we mentioned it before, but those who favor universal military training might believe it would bear repeating. In looking over the records of Medford, Mass., we discovered that in 1630 the first municipal tax levied was to provide military training for all residents, male and female, aged 10 years and over. No mistake, we read it over twice, 10 years! That shows what the Indians did for military training in Medford over 300 years ago.

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Less than six months ago the United Nations pact was signed in San Francisco amid great acclaim. We can see the President of the United States now as he advanced on the stage at the San Francisco Municipal Opera House, raised his arms toward Heaven and declared "Ah, what a day in history!"

Just what SORT of a day in history, that will prove to be, is now meeting its acid test, and probably more than any other one person in the world President Truman will determine its exact character.

Survey the world today and almost anywhere you look seedbeds for war are being prepared. This is particularly true at the moment in China, but only slightly less true in Indo China, Burma, India, the Baltic provinces and the Balkans.

The United Nations pact was made for JUST such a situation! Implemented with the atomic bomb and put upon a democratic—that is a majority vote basis,—and UNO can meet it. Treated as it is being treated like a poor relation with one foot in the grave, and it can't.

The immediate present we fear will be recorded as even a more momentous "day" than that June day in San Francisco!

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To jump from the sublime to the ridiculous this everlasting search for our youth took us last night to Mechanics' Hall over on Huntington avenue to see a box-fight. The first one we ever saw was at that same hall, which is also called "building" and "pavilion." Then a short, bull-necked gentleman without a collar and sporting a brown derby hat, opened the ceremonies with the following gem of basic English:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we have CAME here this evening to witness the noble art of self defense!"

It proved then, and also last night to be more the manly art of mayhem and manslaughter. But to those who don't mind gore and a few unattached teeth flying around in the air, it was a diverting evening.

One contender known as Big Boy Baker of Everett, Mass., the "rejuvenated heavyweight of Hackenschmitt Harbor," had it all over his younger and less massive opponent, "Bad Man" Tracy of Newark, N. J.,—he having no teeth at all! At least not for the evening,—he parked his new set in his dressing room. He was also bald headed. But he had biceps about the size of a prize Virginia ham, and legs resembling the funnels on the Queen Mary. He was slow and stupid, but "Oh my," when he did land, something had to give,—usually it was one of "Bad Man" Tracy's teeth. There were three of them on the mat before the 10 rounds ended, but Tracy appeared no more put out than if he had just lost a few collar buttons. Guess he never read Doc Brady's column about how much one good tooth is worth—a thousand dollars as we recall it. According to the pugilistic expert at our side, the loser's end of the purse was probably not over 10 bucks.

And "Bad Man" lost!

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Mechanics' Hall had not changed nor the crowd. The only new thing observed was several "no smoking" signs, orders of the fire department, but your correspondent was practically the only person there not smoking,—one could cut the atmosphere with a knife. However, we did not worry. It was raining—as usual,—raining hard, so if a fire had started a window could have been opened nearby and put it out. (As an aside exclusively for Mack Lillard we might state that all the bouts were for 10 rounds, and there wasn't a waltz or two-step among them,—whatever the boys were paid, they certainly earned it.)—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

How many kisses do I ask?
Now you see me to my task.
First, sweet girl, will you tell me
How many waves are in the sea?
How many stars are in the sky?
How many lovers you make sigh!
How many sands are on the shore?
I shall want just one kiss more.
—William Sterling Maxwell.

When they try, men are usually much better cooks than women. Take Alfred Schiesser of Crown Point, Ind. He won first prize in a cake baking contest in which over 1,000 women took part. . . Leechburg, Pa., claims the champion mother of the Keystone state. She is Mrs. Charles Baker who on October 31 this year gave birth to her fifteenth child. Mrs. Baker is 44 years old. All her children, eight boys, seven girls are alive and healthy.

Anglers Derby

Ever take part in an anglers derby? This type of contest is an annual event in England. The team catching the most pounds of fish wins. In the 1945 British Aglers derby 57 teams of 12 men each participated. Ten bookmakers were on hand to furnish a price line and take bets on the result. Obviously the fishing was done in a river inhabited by extremely small members of the finny tribe. Now take your favorite inland or ocean fishing place. How many pounds of fish could 12 good men catch there in five hours?

Please Note

Who is the cigar smoking champion of the U.S.A.? How about Henry Brusse of Minneapolis who has been smoking an average of 12 cigars a day for 70 years. Henry started smoking cigars when nine years of age. . . Am asked when and where Bing Crosby first sang "I Surrender Dear.' It was around 1931, when he was a vocalist with Gus Arnheim's band at the Cocoanut Grove, Ambassador hotel, Los Angeles. Incidentally, it is reported that to date over 75,000,000 Bing Crosby records have been sold.

Dogs Again

Am asked if life insurance can be taken out on a dog. I advise consulting an insurance expert. Racehorses are insured, so why shouldn't it be possible to insure a valuable dog. There also should be insurance which protects an owner if his dog bites anybody. My dog never bit anybody in his life. However, one day when I came out of the house I saw a kid pulling my dog around by the ears. The dog was bearing this with admirable fortitude. But the ears of spaniels are very sensitive. By his cruel treatment the kid might have pushed the dog too far. But if the dog bit the youngster he probably would have been blamed for it. And the youngster's folks might have tossed a law suit at me.

Disgusted Bachelor

A San Francisco bachelor says in his city the single men so greatly outnumber the bachelorettes that the latter are becoming "insolent, arrogant and disgustingly independent." He wants to know where the single girls greatly outnumber the bachelors. Perhaps in such a section," says he, "a fellow could get a little appreciation after spending an evening of his time and fifteen or twenty dollars on a girl. According to the statistics the single girls are most plentiful in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. In those states there are 100 single girls to every eighty-three single men.

Asides

A type of "pep" pills used for combat fliers during the war is reported now being used by tired citizens. Or people who want to appear brilliant and full of pep at a party. These pills are said to be especially popular in Hollywood . . "Have you any influence with the producers of George Raft's films," writes a young woman of Manhattan. "If so, tell them to stop giving George the part of a great lover. He's not the type."

Almost Confidential

Finnish girls make excellent household assistants. When they clean a house they really go to town. No corners are missed. They are usually good cooks. My girl friend suggested this item. She said perhaps some of the home managers among the readers would like to know . . . Now I find I have a reader in Flushing, Ohio. I always thought the only town named Flushing in the U. S. A. was on Long Island . . . Rode with a taxidriver today who had pictures of his wife and two daughters in the interior of his cab. Very nice looking family.

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

Why Worry?

To the editor: I have lately heard many concern themselves with what I deem undue pessimism about the atomic bomb. They have direfully and with long faces quoted the recent cliches of sensation-seeking radio and press until they actually seem to believe that we are entering an era in which we have no alternative but that of committing suicide — all because there has been invented a new kind of explosive whose potentialities make it capable, we are told, of smaching our now slightly elliptical sphere and sending it somewhat more splintered on into infinity.

That is a staggering thought, I'll admit. But let's get back to present day reality and compare it with that flight of journalistic imagination. By actual test all that the atom bomb has accomplished so far is a slight variation in the earth's crust at several spots on the globe, at the same time making a somewhat marked decrease in the population of Japan.

It seems quite possible to me that the first audience to see the air thicken with flying arrows probably wagged its heads sorrowfully and predicted the end of the human race. I'll wager gunpowder was greeted with the same kind of response. But yet, I recall, that every powerful offensive weapon invented to date has been followed by a capable defense. One might take time out for reasonable proof by tracing the steps from the time men, after having viewed an onslaught of clubs, arrows, and what-have-you, first stepped into suits of armor until the day they began using radar.

And now while you and I sit around lamenting the approaching suicide of civilization, there are, no doubt, some more level headed, normal members of our society who have responded to the natural drive of self-preservation, swung into action and are busily engaged in developing and perfecting some adequate defense against history's latest weapon. Here's hoping that these people are blood relatives of our Uncle Sam!

Elizabeth A. Wilson,
Central Point, Ore.

Ex-Marine Reassured

To the editor: Let me assure Ex-Marine (Mail-Tribune Nov. 23) that he has my deepest sympathy regarding his state of mind, however, his condition is no different from that of any other person who works for a living.

The union representative who contacted this man should have a different manner of approach. It should have been made clear to this workman the reason for the necessity of union affiliation, as most young men cannot be expected to understand the principle of organized labor or it's benefits, until they have had some experience regarding it.

I wish to explain to the Ex-Marine that paying dues to a labor organization or it's representatives is much the same as paying for rent, or food or an automobile. Of course every person has the right to work for his living, also to have a place to live, but—the person who lives in a one-room shack isn't expected to pay as much rent as he would pay for a three room, or five room deluxe job.

By the same token, if he expects to work at better wages, and under better working conditions he is very selfish to expect to reap those benefits without sharing in the effort to make those conditions possible. It costs money to keep abreast of conditions which will assure the worker payment in accord with living costs, just the same as it costs more to build a large apartment than to build a small one, or to indulge in the luxury of a fine automobile instead of a jalopy, and incidentally, it might be mentioned here that he will pay more for the privilege of operating the costlier car than for the low-priced one, and in proportion to its degree of quality or cost.

The title the Ex-Marine applied to the labor representative is indicative of a narrow-minded, selfishness, which, sorry to say, is encountered in all walks of life, and his unpleasant experiences on the battlefield no doubt has aggravated that state of mind to a degree which is much more harmful to himself than to the object of his grudge. We know from experience that harsh language and name calling never settled a difference of opinion in a satisfactory manner.

Robert H. Padgett

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 27—The inquiring congressmen have produced the complete Jap story of Pearl Harbor — but not ours. What the Japs did and how they planned it can be rather fully understood from the files and statements uncovered by Gen. MacArthur in Tokyo, but the American causes for our greatest disaster of all war history are not so plain.

Paul Mallon

The Japs decided upon the attack two months ahead (October 5), when Mr. Roosevelt decided to impose the embargo upon supplies from us. Premier Yamamoto told the government the loss of economic sustenance from us would defeat Japan in her war in China, so she might as well go to war with us on the chance of winning all or nothing.

The date was picked then, orders issued November 5, fleet assembled November 25 (the date our navy obviously feared something big, decided to risk no more shipping in the northern Pacific and ordered all to the southern route).

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THE fleet refueled at sea 200 miles north of Pearl Harbor on December 6, and attacked the next day from that neglected expanse of ocean; lost only 27 of the 381 planes in the attack, the remainder getting back to the carriers striking westward, and all escaped northwestward to the home Kuriles.

The Japanese peace mission to the White House was a complete fake to cover this operation. The government had been reorganized November 2 to bring in a war crowd better schooled in nazi technique (although Hitler was not advised). Nor were the Jap peace emissaries informed of what was afoot.

The plan for the attack had been in the Jap war book for years, and every detail had been worked out by observation of our naval habits of bringing in ships and giving the men shore leave over week ends, opening the sub nets for garbage disposal at dawn, as well as our limited plane observation radius of 200 miles (just outside of which the Japs refueled).

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IT was cunning, long-planned treachery perfectly executed under the most favorable possible auspices.

On our side of it, Mr. Roosevelt and his admirals knew an attack was to be made and the approximate time of it. But they expected it in Malaya against the British and Dutch, and against us in the Philippines. They did not expect it to fall upon Pearl Harbor, and were totally surprised when it did.

This is the only justifiable conclusion from the accumulated public evidence that they knew war was coming through intercepted messages, yet did nothing about Pearl Harbor.

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BEYOND all the new and old facts about Washington's failure to warn and the navy's failures to detect and defend, is the basic question of who was responsible for setting up our fleet like ducks on an inclosed pond for the Japs to destroy.

This is the inexcusable, colossal, over-all blunder. A few hours' warning from here would has dispersed the fleet to sea where the bulk of it would have been saved (the Jap planes had no gas for searching out maneuverable ships).

Adm. Richardson says Roosevelt, 15 months earlier, told him the Japs would make a "mistake" and enter the war, but also declined to accept Richardson's policy of retiring the fleet to the safety of our Pacific coast and replaced him with a man who would do presidential bidding.

It was Mr. Roosevelt, then, who is responsible for the policy of keeping the fleet based on Pearl Harbor as a general policy. His concept of Jap attack strategy was therefore wholly wrong.

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AS to the specific event of why the fleet was bottled there that day, it is unbelievably true that Mr. Roosevelt and his admirals, who were required to follow his bidding, permitted those ships to remain closeted in their narrow base when they knew attack was coming—and without a warning to disperse.

Some evidence suggests Mr. Roosevelt was playing a come-on game with the Japs, wanted to draw them into the "mistake" of war and thus dispose of them. This may be true, but nevertheless the man or men responsible for the disaster are the ones who left the fleet set up there that day. They could only be the ruling navy clique of which Mr. Roosevelt was the intimate, ship-loving top man.

The answer which these facts demand is complete cleansing out of the top navy — and Mr. Truman has already started it with the replacement of Mr. Roosevelt's Adm. King (who came in after Pearl Harbor)—and approval by the president of the legislation to put the navy with the army and air corps into a combined armed service force.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO
Nov. 27, 1935
(It was Tuesday)

Thanksgiving turkeys sell in Portland at 23 and 24 cents per pound.

Ethioplans force Italians to retreat in two sections of Addis Abba front.

Cloudy with fog. High 42, low 34.

Country school attendance in county 2,669, survey shows.

Marion county taxpayers threaten to strike over speed up of paying plan.

Road to Crater Lake cleared of snow for winter sports.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Nov. 27, 1925
(It was Friday)

Germany ratifies peace treaty.

Washington defeats Oregon 15 to 14.

Rain. High 55, low 37.

Medford high defeats Ashland 51 to 0, with Morgan and Neff out of game.

Central Point to have new building ordinance.

Huge tidal wave hits Italian coast and loss is high.

THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO
Nov. 27, 1911
(It was Sunday)

Chinese pirates terrorize Canton.

Ladies' Aid society holds 25 cent chicken dinner.

Great boulevard planned to encircle Crater Lake.

Clear and cold. High 50, low 32.

AIR LINE EXPANDS

Los Angeles, Nov. 27—(U.P.)—Western Airlines has embarked on a $15,000,000 expansion program with more than $7,000,000 earmarked for additional ships, William A. Coulter, president, announced today. The company is ordering 28 four-motored airplanes from the Douglas Aircraft Co., and from the army, with individual seating capacity of 46 to 56 passengers. The planes will be equipped for substratosphere operations.

Closing time for Sunday 100 Late to Classify 4:00 Saturday afternoon Please remember

Notice
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JACKSON COUNTY.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE SMALLEY, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator in the above entitled matter, has filed herein his Final Report and Account and that Saturday, December 15, 1945, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the courthouse in the city of Medford, in said county, has been fixed by the above named court as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and for the examination and allowance thereof.

Dated: November 13, 1945.

OTTO J. FROHNMAYER,
Administrator.
NEFF & FROHNMAYER,
Attorneys for Administrator.

Notice To Creditors

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, Executrix of the estate of Ralph Harrison Shirley, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to the Executrix at the office of Gus Newbury, United States National Bank Building, Medford, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this notice.

Dated the 27th day of November, 1945.

FLORA ELIZABETH SHIRLEY,
Executrix of the Estate of Ralph Harrison Shirley,
Deceased.
GUS NEWBURY,
Attorney for Executrix.

Citation
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of S. S. SWENNING, Deceased.

TO: Lillian Swenning, Ducea Swenning, Joyce Swenning, Sam Swenning, Paul Swenning, Nadine Hiserman and unknown heirs of S. S. Swenning, Deceased.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You and each of you are hereby notified and required to appear in the above entitled Court at the Court Room thereof in the Court House in the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, on or before 28 days from the date of the first publication of this Citation and show cause, if any exists, why an Order should not be made and entered in the above entitled Court and matter authorizing the sale of the following described property of the estate of S. S. Swenning, deceased, to-wit:

Lots 13 and 14 in Block two (2) Helms Addition to the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon,

as prayed for in the petition of F. P. Farrell, Administrator of the above entitled estate on file herein. This Citation is issued pursuant to an Order of the Honorable J. B. Coleman, Judge of the above entitled Court entered in the above entitled Court and made on the 20th day of November, 1945.

The date of first publication of this Citation is November 27, 1945.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 26th day of November, 1945.

G. R. CARTER, County Clerk.
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