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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Things are dull these short winter days down on the farm. There is nothing to do but the chores before dark, eat supper, wait for the 9 o'clock news, hit the hay, and sleep straight through till 4:45 a. m., farmers boast.

The President proposes "fact-finding boards," and a "cooling-off" period to halt labor strikes. It is believed plenty of facts can be found, without the use of bloodhounds. It is doubtful if the proposed 30 days "cooling-off" period is long enough to reduce the temperature of the army and navy "top brass," who for a couple of weeks, have been receiving orders from the longshore union on how to handle troop sailings.

THOSE RUSSIAN NAMES
(Eugene Register-Guard)
"The Associated Press dispatch that we got the above information from doesn't say anything about the Tallasse opposition but we suppose they play such surrounding towns as Tuckahatchie, Chunnungee, Wetumka, Chattasokee, Loachapoka, Weogufka and Hissop."

Snow adorns the high hills, and word comes many amateurish and reckless skiers are sliding down the steep places, at great risk to their own, as well as the limbs and necks of innocent bystanders. It is great fun to fill down the side of a stately mountain on a pair of college-bred barrelstaves, in a pair of ski britches imported from New York. If a sapling gets in the road, the results are the same as having a phone pole jump into the middle of the highway, while speeding home from a country dance.

A metropolitan daily editorially discusses the advantages of a small city over a large city and, concludes it all boils down to "freedom from bargain-counter rushes," as the main satisfaction in a small city. There is another one. In the large city, autoists run citizens down, and in the small city the gossips do it.

"As for her favorite activity—'Either swimming or ice skating.' She can't decide whether she wants to be on top or under the water."—(Lakeview Examiner)—Make up your mind, lady!

Two New Jersey gents have swapped wives and kids, and are now on a second honeymoon, the proceedings shocking even a divorce-hardened Nevada judge, the press report says. Both still drive their old autos, as far as is known.

The Nazi war criminals awaiting trial, blame A. Hitler for all the aboriginal cunningness they committed against small nations and peoples. All opposed it, but went ahead and did it. If the author of "Mein Kampf" is still on earth as many suspect, he is probably writing a book, to be called, "Mein Scampings."

WHAT AILS AMERICA

"The fat belly of America has so completely greased her brain, her traditions have been so kicked around, the sacred implements of her altars so completely trampled that she has deviated from truth into civil and moral serfdom."

"O Lord, who does not mock us even in all our gut-happiness give us a man with an oil lantern who will search the world for this honest man; for as Thou knowest such honest men are as scarce as hens' teeth." — (Em poria, Kan., Gazette).

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

An Important Meeting

This city will be host to the Oregon State Horticultural Society Thursday and Friday when the 60th annual meeting of that organization is held at the Holly theatre. The official program boasts a veritable galaxy of stars in the horticultural field—educators, pomologists, entomologists, experts in farm labor problems and market specialists. To these "headliners" and to all who come to Medford for this important meeting, this community extends a warm and friendly welcome.

The results of scientific study, experimentation and practical experience will be freely discussed. Better produce, larger crops, improved processing methods and more profitable marketing should follow such a meeting.

THE public generally is interested in this horticultural session for more reasons than one. Jackson county's economy is deeply rooted in the soil, and the contribution made to our prosperity by orchards and farms is well known and thoroughly appreciated here. Moreover, three Medford men hold key posts in the Oregon State Horticultural Society this year—C. C. Clemens is president, Leonard Carpenter is third vice-president, and C. B. Cordy is assistant secretary.

HORTICULTURE is a \$110,000,000 business in Oregon this year. Jackson county's own pear crop will have an estimated gross value in 1945 of 11 million dollars. This county and the Hood River area, with 19,000 acres of productive orchards, grow more winter pears than any state in the union. It is a record to be proud of! The fact that this state, with only 7 per cent of the nation's pear acreage, produces 14 per cent of the U. S. crop clearly indicates the sound practices of Oregon fruitgrowers.

With the pioneering of the fruit gift package business here in Jackson county, year 'round payrolls have been created. Hundreds of men and women are now busy in local plants, fashioning artistic boxes and baskets of luscious pears for markets throughout the country. It won't be long before export business will return and these gift packages will go forth into world markets, from Sydney to Stockholm. Payrolls thus created flow freely through the arteries of business here—everyone directly or indirectly benefits.

THE fruitmen who have battled blight and waged relentless warfare against red spider and codling moth through the years, and who have had the vision and courage to create year 'round markets for their products well deserve this present period of prosperity. New techniques in freezing and preserving garden produce and improved marketing practices should make that field more profitable in years to come.

BECAUSE of the importance of orchards and farms to our prosperity here, we have more than a neighborly interest in this meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society tomorrow and Friday. It is planned so that growers can do a good job better. The excellent program should certainly achieve that objective, and as "partners" in this business of horticulture here in Oregon, we have a real and personal desire to see a well attended and thoroughly successful meeting. — H. G.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Nov. 28: A cold night—so cold the ponds in Boston Common were half frozen over. The ducks would have liked it better had they been frozen over entirely for no doubt then they would have been placed in winter quarters. Half-and-half proved too much for the duck mentality. They would swim peacefully along, hit the ice and before they realized it be on top of it. They would then try to continue swimming, get no foothold on the slick surface and fall on their faces—or bills to be exact. Scramble along a few paces then fall again!

Only "Donald Duck" himself could have properly expressed the amazement, consternation and indignation of these mallards—they looked like mallards at least. (We would have to have Dr. Kenly here to be sure.) There was quite a crowd of people on the little rustic bridge watching them—this didn't make the ducks any happier, they are very proud birds and hate to be laughed at.

No doubt when No. 1 grandson comes up from N. Y. to visit Boston the first time he will consider it a "hick town." And it is, in some ways no doubt—while the crowds are tremendous they don't impress one as metropolitan; nor as rural for that matter, they remind one somehow of Saturday night crowds in Glasgow—a bit shabby, but decidedly robust.

That verdict, however, would be the verdict of inexperienced youth and therefore false. It is entirely different with one of the "older boys," for Boston is remarkable in that way, its strange, narrow dusky winding streets; its old rambling stone and brick buildings, and then suddenly run into—say—Faneuil Market—or the old state house—and flash—there you are back in your youth! Boston was old then and it is not much older now and so why should anyone else be? A bit intricate and involved per haps—but that may be one reason why Boston has such an appeal for those who after many years, return to it. Not the same with youth.

The appointment of General Marshall to take Ambassador Hurley's place in China will be good for the country, but we doubt if it will be so good for General Marshall.

For the problem over there, as we see it, is for the present practically insoluble—at least according to occidental standards. And while General Marshall will do as well, or better, than any other American that could have been named, even to him we fear the net result will be a headache and frustration. In other words we believe General Marshall deserved some high honor in his country's service, but something less hazardous and difficult than trying to bring order out of chaos in the hapless kingdom-democracy the other side of the earth, in its present state of mess and confusion.

We do not agree, however, with those who believe General Marshall will fail because he is a military man, used to having supreme authority and unused to the ways of Oriental diplomacy. That would be true of nine out of ten military leaders, not of Marshall or Eisenhower. At least these two heroes of World War No. II impress this department as being that rare exception to the rule—good military men who are also potentially good statesmen. Incidentally Medford had one of them also—the late Colonel Gordon Voorhies, who was a West Pointer, saw active service in two wars, but who possessed qualities of good judgment, tolerance, keen human understanding and insight, which rightly qualified him for public service had he ever been called in that direction.

100% with the following statement credited to him in the morning Herald:

"I would like to see the United States stand up to Russia and say in serious dignity: 'Brother, you haven't a thing on this earth we covet other than your cooperation, friendship and good will. But don't make the mistake of pushing us around. We won't take it!'"

And we applaud the same senator when he later declared the atomic bomb had completely changed his attitude toward the United Nations and the necessity of not only supporting this organization, improving and strengthening it, but arming it with the atomic bomb. Again we quote:

"Before Hiroshima I might have approved Senator Taft's amendments to the enabling act, I even might have opposed the UNO pact outright as does Senator Wheeler; but now I certainly favor the organized world effort to stop war backed by force, and this country supplying the required force with the atomic bomb." \* \* \* Every peace-loving nation who fears aggression and has faith in our high ideals and our good faith will like it. And we ought not to care whether others, if there be any, like it or not!"

And while on this subject we hereby emphatically endorse the statement made yesterday in far-off Capetown, South Africa, by one of the wisest, ablest and most genuinely beloved delegates to the UNO gathering in San Francisco: We quote:

"With the invention of the atomic bomb and with this new organization of the United Nations there is a chance for perpetual peace and a new and better order for mankind. But if the San Francisco charter goes and we are left with the atomic bomb, there will be nothing left for us but destruction."

We mentioned those three consecutive days of beautiful sunny weather cold but invigorating. The local weather man is making up for it now—one of the worst rain and windstorms we have ever listened to is now raging outside, and as is always true under such conditions, taxis are just not to be had. — R. W. R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

Since we parted yesterday I do love you, believe, Twelve times dearer, twelve hours longer. One dream deeper, one night stronger. One sun loved, thus much more than I loved thee, love, before. —Hulver Lytton.

Psychological dramas appear very popular with producers of both stage and screen. "The Seventh Veil," a film of this type is a sensational success in England. The title is inspired by the claim that the human mind is veiled to the outside world. With friends the average person drops two or three veils. With a lover five or six. But only a psychiatrist can tear down the seventh veil.

Three Wheeler The three-wheel automobile will be quite a factor in the future of motoring. Emile Mathis, the French Henry Ford, has announced plans to immediately produce a three-wheel car made of Alpac (a light alloy containing forty per cent aluminum.) This car will weigh only 200 pounds and go eighty miles on one gallon of gasoline. Will have a top speed of from seventy to eighty miles an hour.

Asking Queries from clients. Q. What is the longest highway in the U. S. A? I believe that distinction goes to Highway No. 40 which runs from Atlantic City, N. J., to San Francisco, Calif. Q. In what part of the world are black canary birds found? A. There is no such animal. There are yellow, red, orange and blue canaries but no black ones. However, breeders are trying hard to produce a black canary.

Bachelors Successful middle-aged bachelors who have comfortable and well-managed homes are usually a source of irritation to married women and bachelorettes. That a man can get along so well without a wife's aid is believed, by the ladies, to encourage eligible young men to remain bachelors. Wives also believe a happy bachelor makes a husband wonder if he wouldn't have been better off as a single man.

Among the celebrated successful bachelors who have well organized homes are Robert L. Ripley, Herman Rodheaver and Cesar Romero. Ripley and Rodheaver have both city and country homes. Romero has a very comfortable home in Beverly Hills. Greer Garson, Jeanette MacDonald and Andrea Leeds Howard of the "Matchmaking Committee" have for some time been unsuccessfully trying to persuade Mr. Romero to marry and settle down. He is thought to have a bad influence on the Beverly Hills and Bel-Air husbands.

Passing By Anna Sosenko, Manager of Hildegarde Loretta Sell, the Milwaukee chanteuse. Anna wrote the song that made Hildegarde famous, namely "Darling, Je Vous Aime Beaucoup." \* \* \* Walter Catlett, another of the many brilliant stage comedians who first saw the light in San Francisco, made his first New York appearance in "The Prince of Pilsen." His first big hit was in "So Long Letty." Incidentally, there's a musical that could stand a revival.

Horses Doping a racehorse is a three-way criminal offense: A conspiracy to defraud the public, the legal use of narcotics, and cruelty to animals! Cruelty to horses inspired the organization of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Henry Jergh, of the U. S. diplomatic service, noted with horror the beating administered horses in Russia by Drashky-Moujiks. Re-

turning to the United States in 1865 Bergh founded the A.S.P.C.A. to protect horses and other animals here.

As you may have noted California has received another discouraging set-back in its efforts to top Brooklyn. I am referring, of course, to the achievement of Brooklynite Mrs. Zack Gabel, who gave birth to two pairs of twins in less than a year. \* \* \* Headline from New York City newspaper: "First whispers of snow flutter lightly on city." Very poetic. Can it be the Manhattan newspapers are going to give the snow the same headline treatment accorded the rain by Los Angeles newspapers as indicated in the immortal headline: "Gentle rain falls on sunny southland?"

Settling Down Have you moved from the town of your birth? What made you decide to live where you are now located? George Bernard Shaw was taking a trip through the English countryside some years ago when he stopped to wander around the town of Ayot St. Lawrence, Herts, Eng. In the course of his wandering he came upon the village graveyard. He noted by the tombstones that the average age of the natives at death was ninety-three. "What a healthy place this must be," observed Mr. Shaw. "I believe I will settle down here." And so he did.

MY very definite information suggests that the arithmetical compromise is what is behind Mr. Truman's proposal for a fact-finding commission. In short, he expects the investigation to work toward that conclusion, and is privately working that way himself.

This, of course, would settle nothing but only alleviate the immediate pressing condition. The unions could very well strike next year for another 15, 30, or 100 per cent and the year following—for that is their purpose. The essence of the trouble is far beyond arithmetic.

What remains to be settled, and must be settled, is the place of the unions in the national economy. If they can direct our economics by wages demands and compromise settlements

White House observers at a stage of childish petulance.

THE mere fact that management had proposed the idea was enough to defeat it in the eyes of labor. In substance, however, it represented the mildest possible escape for labor from the predicament of unpopular strikes and the threat of real labor reform legislation from congress. It was a fur-lined way out for C.I.O. and A.F. of L., but they did not take it, and, indeed, conducted some sham show of resistance when Mr. Truman offered the same proposition.

If you think this is silly, the inner dallings of the conference were actually much worse. Alone, C. I. O. President Phil Murray offered a last-plan resolution, merely stating that the conference was in favor of wage increases. Not even management could oppose such a proposition, as an increase of 10 per cent already had been offered far, far back, only to be declined by labor then.

THE Murray resolution did not even mention 10 per cent, but merely said "wage increase." Smite me if you will, so help me, A. F. of L. President William Green voted against the resolution and caused its defeat. When asked by Murray why A. F. of L. was voting against the wage increase resolution, Mr. Green responded that the time was wrong for such a proposition.

There may have been some reasonable substance to what Mr. Green responded that the time was wrong for such a proposition. There may have been some reasonable substance to what Mr. Green contended, but the residue point was nevertheless clear, namely—not even A. F. of L. and C. I. O. could agree on anything.

As far as management was concerned, it could see arising in congress out of public distaste for the strikes against public convenience, the various legislative proposals to require labor to assume a legal responsibility commensurate with its new national political power. If matters were drifting that way, management naturally may also have resisted agreement.

But the salient fact behind the whole collapse was the knowledge on both sides that this is the crisis. The White House apparently is playing for a wage settlement providing a 15 to 20 per cent increase. Labor has demanded 30 per cent, which its leaders do not really expect to get. Management has offered 10 per cent, which labor has refused. Therefore, 15 or 20 per cent is the logical medium.

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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 5—The labor-management conference broke down completely. A few hours before the final insipid report was made to President Truman, the White House had been informed there was a good chance of agreement in favor of fact finding. The conferees were then seeking a report favoring the establishment of just what Mr. Truman later recommended to congress—the establishment of an investigating committee to determine the facts in big national wage disputes.



But labor balked at this. The proposal for such a settlement had come, in the beginning, from the side of management and by final hours the conferees had reached what seemed to

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