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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

No immediate solution is in sight for the housing shortage anywhere in the nation, the timbered northwest included. The houseless might hustle around like the pioneers, and build a log cabin. They might do like the early Dakota settlers, erect a sod-house. There is not enough snow handy to imitate the Eskimos, and have an igloo. Officials and real estate agents believe it will take two years to iron out all the factors. In the depression years a craze to live in an auto trailer swept the land. People even swapped their bungalows for a cookstove on wheels. If the masses wanted a house now, as bad as they wanted a trailer in 1935, it would not take as long officials and real estate agents believe. In 1935, they had determination, but no money. Now they have the latter, but not the former.

Mighty hunters are still flocking to the Klamath county tules to shoot migratory fowls. During their absence their wives swat more flies, than they shoot ducks.

Premier Stalin is still absent from Moscow. He has been away since October 9. His long absence is listed, of all things, as a rebuke to the allies, who have not yet fully realized they have been rebuked.

MEANING THE FLOOR (Future Fashions)
"The fashion notes continue to carry the disquieting information of a determined effort to restore the status quo ante in the matter of women's skirts. Dresses for street and afternoon wear are to drop several inches below the knee and evening gowns are to touch bottom."

"The cutting affray occurred outside the barbershop, and lasted quick."—(Fort Sewell items)—Most of them occur inside the shop.

The warden of the Utah state prison attributes a recent riot "to a low class of inmates." There will always be riots in prison, until a better grade of prisoners are sent there.

NOW RELINQUISH IT (La Planta Home Press)
"The funniest error that has thus far crept into the typography of the Home Press was found in the very nice card of thanks issued by Elliott & Finchpaugh to the firefighters whom we caused to "distinguish" the fire."

Most of the new auto advertisements announce the beholder, "will be struck by the superior accessories provided." This won't help any, as the average pedestrian is still a poor shock absorber.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT
For one agency which kept faith with its public during war-time we pin a rose on the Railway Express company. It was one concern to which you could turn for service and get it with a smile.

Never once, during our war-time dealing with the Corvallis Railway Express office were we reminded "There is a war on!" It is refreshing to really encounter a concern unspooled by an era that has been a seller's paradise. We'll not soon forget and whenever possible, we'll ship by Railway Express.

Industrial leaders are continuing payroll savings for Victory Loan Bonds because they know the value of systematic savings.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Dec. 3.—Dear old Alma Mater is doing her best to make "Ye Editor" feel at home,—leaden skies, damp penetrating wind and Harvard slaughtered by Yale by the largest score since 1900!

At least that is what the sportswriter we read claimed, and he is right, for as we recall it the score in 1900 was also 28 to 0. We know, for "we were there!"

It took us two weeks to get over that massacre, but we were prepared for this one and taking over the radio in front of a huge fire, instead of shivering in the bleachers. So there is one department where we can "take it" better than we could 45 years ago.

But nothing so humiliating happened in 1900 as at New Haven on Saturday,—have a Harvard player by the good Irish name of O'Donnell (Pat O'Donnell was the boxing instructor at Cambridge years ago) intercept a pass and start down the field for a touchdown, whereupon the 220-lb. captain and end of Yale, not only caught him, but put on a hammerlock and took away the ball!

That is certainly adding murder to manslaughter,—or something!

A friend just returned from New Haven maintains it was a pathetic and depressing exhibition, about like the old days when the Varsity took on the Freshmen for a work-out following practice. The only consolation was Harvard excelled at kicking,—a freshman back outkicking the big hefty Eli captain who hammer-locked O'Donnell (the big bully!) And since that game Harvard has continued to excel in this department, maintaining Yale won by calling in two ringers,—one from Notre Dame and the other from Washington who played end in the East-West game at San Francisco last New Year's. "It haint right!"

Oh well, we can't get very hot and bothered about anything like that. Army and Navy transferees were gobbled up by both sides we imagine, and if Yale grabbed the better ones that is where Yale was lucky and smart. We agree with the sportswriter on the Globe here regarding recruiting for football players in the Ivy league,—let there be one hard and fast rule and see that it is strictly enforced and that is: SCHOLARSHIP!

If the football player is of college material, going to college in good faith to LEARN something, stands well in his classes; then whether his parents are able to pay all his expenses or not, is immaterial. He is in college where he belongs and he is getting the training physically and mentally which will best fit him to get somewhere in life. And if he happens to be another Red Grange or Ernie Nevers to boot,—OK! And if he doesn't happen to be,—OK also. But don't allow a man on the team who isn't college material!

Haven't seen so much snow since that skiing week-end at Shasta City many, many years ago.

On Commonwealth avenue it is piled waist-high along the sidewalks and in the parking strips, while the roofs are covered with thick blankets of it with long icicles hanging down from the eaves.

The "beautiful" is not so bad in the country or the suburbs, but in the center of a large city like this it is a pain in the neck. And an expensive pain,—getting rid of it.

Which reminds us we have it on excellent authority that Boston the municipality is about busted,—that Mayor-Elect Curley will find he has inherited the largest accumulation of red-ink in the city's history. We are also informed taxes are so high here that almost any residence in Back Bay can be purchased for around \$5,000 cash, that is, if the purchaser will assume the debts and keep up the taxes. There is added evidence across the street at the corner of Massachusetts and Commonwealth, where the palatial Governor Ames brown-stone mansion still stands. On the side entrance instead of displaying a grilled window and large brass knocker as in days of yore, there is only a brass sign reading: "American Casket company!"

Like the London "ministers' conference," President Truman's labor conference at Washington ends in failure,—complete failure as far as any constructive accomplishment is concerned. And we believe for essentially the same reason,—lack of confidence, suspicion, fear.

At London, Russia on one side, England and the United States on the other, could come to no common agreement. In this department's opinion Russia was chiefly to blame, but it is also true that more might have been accomplished if the Anglo-American delegates had been better prepared and better informed regarding the Moscow attitude and actual conditions in the Balkans and Middle Europe.

Very little information has been given out concerning the goings-on at the Washington labor-management confab,—or if there has we have missed it. But we are reasonably certain management's suspicion of organized labor and organized labor's suspicion of management, were basically the cause of the failure. The great need in the world today, in all directions, is better understanding,—and a better understanding can't be had if there is no mutual confidence, no trust, no faith in the "other man" or the "other nation." Serious breakers are ahead unless SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, a new and better spirit is created between individuals within nations and between the nations themselves. Without such a spirit we fear ultimate tragedy can't be delayed for long.

Which takes us back to Roger Babson who may be cockeyed in many directions but we believe is dead right in one when he maintains the great need in the world today is a spiritual re-awakening.—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

The dames of France are fond and free
And Flemish lips are willing,
And soft the maids of Italy
And Spanish eyes are thrilling.
Still, though I bask beneath their smile
Their hearts they fall to bind me.
And my heart falls back the white
To the girl I love behind me.
—Old Song.

(Above ballad has been sung by soldiers for nearly two hundred years having been in Dublin in 1759 by an anonymous composer.)

Note a New Yorker states: "In the eighties you could get a big juicy steak at Smith & McNeil's restaurant near Washington Market for twenty-five cents and a generous drink of fine Bourbon at Perry's on Park Row for a dime." No doubt you could. But in the eighties the average working man was being paid a dollar a day or six dollars a week. Office workers were not paid much more. So in those days a quarter and a dime was of much greater importance to the possessor than now.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. I claim there was a stage actress whose first name was Gypsy playing on Broadway before Gypsy Rose Lee made her first New York appearance. Am I right? A. I think you are, Sir. You are probably referring to that charming actress named Gypsy O'Brien. Q. What is the flower of people born under the sign of Sagittarius? A. The florists say it is the poinsettia. However, my girl friend was

born under Sagittarius and though a flower enthusiast, she doesn't like poinsettias.
That Shaggy Dog
Have been asked, what is the original "shaggy dog story?" Couldn't definitely say. First one I heard, which was during World War One, was as follows: "A New York City newspaper carried an advertisement reading: 'Wanted—A shaggy dog.' A man in Omaha who had a shaggy dog brought it to New York to sell but found the advertiser had left for London. The man with the shaggy dog went to London and found the advertiser had left for Berlin. After having a number of similar disappointments in other cities, the Omaha man finally caught up with the New Yorker in the Balkans and proudly displayed his shaggy dog. The New Yorker looked at the dog and said: 'Sorry I don't want him. He's not shaggy enough.'"

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all its crusades seem to deal with the question of how much of his salary a man should give his wife.

Passing By
Spencer Tracy, Milwaukee's gift to Hollywood and Broadway. "The Rugged Path" in which he is starring but it's a smash hit at the box-office. Reason is that Mr. Tracy is extremely popular with the feminine theatregoers. He draws the ladies to the box-office like the great matinee idols of the yesterday such as James K. Hackert, Robert Hilliard, Henry E. Dixey, John Barrymore and Forrest Stanley. The last name was matinee idol No. one on the Pacific coast. Especially in San Francisco. He never became a New York heart-throb though he did appear on the Broadway stage.

Bitter Battle
A young old-timer claims the all-time high for bitter football battle was that played between Central and Centennial high schools of Pueblo, Col. Central high is on the south side of the Arkansas river which splits the town. Centennial is on the north side. The rivalry is terrific. In this game not only the teams and cheering sections battled but the north side and south side residents joined in the fray which lasted all night. As a result all athletic contests between the two schools were prohibited for ten years. And even when relations were resumed no football game was permitted.

Star
Ever hear of Behidja Hafez? She is Egypt's most popular film star. She is a triplethreat, writing, directing and acting in all her pictures. As for her private life, Behidja was first married at the age of thirteen and divorced when fifteen. Since then she has married twice and been divorced twice. That's three marriages and three divorces. The Hollywood record is five marriages and four divorces. Or was up until a late hour last night.

Over There
When a British better tries to put over "a double" it is by attempting to name the winners of two great stake races such as the Ca-sarwitch and the Cambridge-shire. On such doubles some Brits have won as much as the equivalent of \$100,000. On this no income tax is paid. If a man won a \$100,000 race bet in the U.S.A. at this time, he would have to pay an income tax of around \$70,000 on it.

Please Note
New Yorker claims that while statistics reveal women buy more cigarettes than men it does not necessarily mean the ladies smoke more. It is because they have been buying so many cigarettes for men in the armed forces. That could be so, but I am still inclined to think women smoke more cigarettes than men. When a female becomes a chain-smoker she really goes to town. Besides many women don't really know how to smoke a cigarette. They smoke too rapidly and therefore use more cigarettes.

BIG FIVE PLAN MOSCOW SESSION

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The "Big Five" foreign ministers plan to meet before long in Moscow to resume consideration of problems left unsettled by the unproductive meeting in London earlier this fall, it was reported today.

Representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and China would attend. The Potsdam conference last summer set up a plan for periodic meetings of the foreign ministers. The ensuing meeting in London failed to settle many of the questions brought up. This caused some doubt as to whether further meetings would be held.

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Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO
December 7, 1935
(It was Saturday)
Coming address of Roosevelt in Chicago expected to woo farm votes.

Supreme court in review of conviction of Bruno Hauptmann, German carpenter, sentenced to die for murder and kidnaping of Col. Lindbergh's young son.

Unsettled with rain. High 48, low 40 degrees.

Social regulation at Corvallis prohibits co-eds from wearing corsages.

Rain grounds three planes here; gale hits coast.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 7, 1915
(It was Monday)

Red Grange, Illinois football star, signs movie contract.

President Coolidge in Chicago speech favors co-operative marketing plan, as best solution of farmer's problems.

Increasing cloudiness. High 37, low 28.

Football team is guest of the Kiwanis club.

Three burglaries and a hold-up start local crime wave.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
December 7, 1911
(It was Thursday)

Oregon and valley products score hit at Chicago Livestock show.

Italy continues to threaten war with Turkey.

Ten mill school tax levied at Prospect.

Frank Brown is elected president of Eagle Point Commercial club.

Sugar Stamp No. 39 Is Good January 1

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Sugar stamp No. 39 will be good Jan. 1. Sugar stamp 38 will be worthless after Dec. 31.

That's the OPA's latest word on sugar, which the government says will continue to be rationed during a large part of 1946. The new stamp will be good through April 30.

Industrial users say get about the same allotment in the first three months they are getting now, OPA said.

WEATHER
Northern California — Partly cloudy today. Clear tonight and Saturday. Local frost tonight but mild afterwards. Moderate to fresh northwest wind off coast decreasing to night.

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Jewish Housing In UNRRA Camp Termed Filthy

Landsberg, Germany, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—A high-ranking American military commission confirmed after personal investigation today that Jewish displaced persons were being housed under filthy, unsanitary conditions in the UNRRA camp at Landsberg.

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, chief of staff of the U. S. occupation army, led the investigating party and a group of correspondents on a surprise visit to the camp.

He denounced the camp as "atrocious" and called the UNRRA official in charge, A. C. Glasgow, for a personal accounting.

"You, as camp commander, should be ashamed," Smith told him angrily. "I can say no more. The stink speaks for itself."

HEADS MANUFACTURERS ing, Maxwell and Moore, Inc., New York, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—The national association of manufacturers elected Robert R. Wason, president of Mann-

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