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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Veterans home from the wars can't find a place to live. Many wear presidential citations. What they need is a residential citation.

A chair last week bucked off Dock J. Cresap Hayes, the former Baker county and local equestrian and lover of horse flesh.

Ice froze on windshields, mud puddles and henhouse drinking parts. Thurs. & Fri. morns. causing bugs waiting for a chance to ruin next year's pear crop, to dig down deeper.

Seth Coy, the former G. Hill catcher, is now home on a furlough from the army, and the New Mexico winds.

Earl Johnston, the shoelast, is back from a duck shooting trip to Klamath co with Dock Svaren and C. Furnas. He started a fire one morning with unrationed kerosene. Dock has a watch that winds itself, saving general wear and tear on his thumb and index finger.

J. Tannehill Walker's bro. Bob don't like turkeys, and won't eat them unless he has to, and Santa Claus insists.

Dewey Hill, the Prospect hired man towned Thurs. and won a turkey. He claims the jaybirds grow bigger in his neck of the woods.

A quartet of Applegate stockmen Thursday in town, without singing.

There is a scarcity of butter. This is believed due to some hoarding, and people using too much on their pancakes, now in season.

Royal, Bill, and Frank of the E. Pt. Browns were among the country visitors in the city Thurs. They seldom travel as a threesome.

Col. H. Flewler, the demon baker, landed in Frisco Sat. and is due home tomorrow after seeing service in Florida, Africa, India, Italy, and Austria. He will be back in the thick of things in no time, welding his trusty and atomic screwdriver, as he did the sword.

Rance Webster is sporting a sore thumb. It sticks out like one.

The B. Tornado trounced Eugene Hi Fri. eve before a packed house, as they started off their new season.

The snow, the beautiful snow, started falling Sat. a. m. Outside of being a change from the normal weather, and pleasing the juvenile element, it was not greeted with wild civic enthusiasm.

Eleven Nazi butchers of Bel-sen were the leading actors in an Allied necktie party last week.

Al (Call me Curly) Leighton, is still enthralled over his ride down the canyons of the lower Rogue river. He still argues they are everything they are cracked up to be.

Outdoor enthusiasts received a pamphlet last week discussing "Safety on Skis." Like the safety razor, skis are safest when not used.

The De Young Museum, in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, leads all American museums in the proportion of attendance to population.

Editorial Correspondence

Boston, Mass., Dec. 11.—Snow again last night, but clear today. Not clear and warmer, however, it is 20 degrees below freezing as this is written, and the weather man predicts that with Old Sol doing his durnedst the mercury won't get higher than 18 above today which is 14 degrees below freezing. Small wonder the motorcars speeding up and down the avenue outside have chains,—one could skate on the pavement from here to Boston Common,—if one had skates. Yes, it looks like a "White Christmas" in these yere parts!

"Take away my liberty and I will fight you. Attempt it at your peril!" Thus cried John L. Lewis, labor tycoon and the greatest demagogue of them all as he banged the table and shook his bushy eyebrows at the house committee considering the Norton anti-strike measure, which John passionately opposes.

Horse feathers! When John L. motors from his stone mansion at Alexandria, Va., to Washington his liberty is taken away at every important intersection by a red light.

Should all traffic lights, therefore, be abolished so the mighty John L. can drive as he damn pleases? All law and order is nothing more than the just and proper curtailment of liberty for the security and betterment of the majority.

And that is all the Norton bill is, as far as essentials are concerned. The measure may need revision, but its chief purpose is sound and acutely needed, as President Truman declared when he endorsed it and urged its passage. Here is hoping the Congress has the courage to pass it.

The only liberty that this bill denies, is the liberty of labor to strike at any time it wishes, for any reason it desires,—or for no reason at all. There is no denial of the right to strike, there is merely a denial of the right to strike without reason, without warning, finally WITHOUT a 30-day period intervening during which facts may be secured and the reasons for the strike, clarified. If after that has been done, the labor union,—or unions,—still wish to strike, no power, legal or otherwise can prevent them.

Why, isn't that perfectly fair and just? The idea isn't new. It has been the established practice of railroad labor for several decades. If the measure is so bad,—Boss Lewis terms it "evil, vile, a smelling mess,"—why haven't the railroad unions protested against it?

The answer is it ISN'T. John L. does not oppose this measure because it would injure labor but because it might curtail his power and authority somewhat. That is the "nigger" in this particular woodpile and the present hearing in Washington should bring it out.

The lethal power of the motor-car in careless hands, is brought into sharp relief by the tragic accident to General Patton, who at the latest report is paralyzed from the neck down, as a result of his car colliding with a truck "somewhere in Germany."

Here is the dare-devil leader whose tanks crashed through the finest troops Germany could get together, the one who saved the battle-of-the-bulge from being a major Allied disaster, always in the thick of it with his men and coming through without a scratch,—and then because the driver of his car or the driver of an army truck—or both,—were not on the job, and did not look where they were going, certainly the career, and perhaps the life of one of America's greatest generals, is ended!

A court martial for these drivers would seem far more in order than the court martial once ordered for Admiral Kimmel and General Short.

In fact, as this Pearl Harbor hearing continues it becomes more and more plain that the blame for that disaster rests primarily ON NO ONE in this country but on Japan. Or if anyone in this country could be declared to be somewhat to blame; then all from the highest to the lowest were, to a greater or less extent also to blame.

The plain truth is no one in this country, on the mainland or in Hawaii ever suspected Japan would,—or could,—attack Hawaii effectively from the air,—and it was this belief pervading every circle of the army and navy that accounted for the great success of the Japs' sneak attack.

Had ANY responsible section in the entire naval and military set-up thought such an attack likely, and as a result prepared for it, the greatest single U. S. naval disaster of World War II would never have occurred. At least not to the extent it did.

To close on a purely personal note (which may explain certain deficiencies in this department of late.) For over a month now Ye Editor has been running a sort of family hospital, and since Thanksgiving—what an appropriate time!—has been a part-time inmate of the hospital himself. The worst is over now, however, for all, and there is every reason to believe by Christmas the old family chariot will be hitting on all four cylinders again. Here is hoping at least, and if the "False Friends" wish to throw in a few prayers,—and free lottery tickets,—that's OK by us! R.W.R.

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 16, 1935
(National convention of GOP to be held in Cleveland.)

Cloudy. High 30, low 34.
Thelma Todd, film actress, found dead in her auto.

Ex-President Hoover blasts New Deal relief plan, as one of "waste and folly and politics", in St. Louis speech.

Turkey shipping now at peak from valley.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
December 16, 1925
(St. Louis World Fair opens in Elks Temple.)

Unsettled. High 47, low 35.
Settlement of European war debts hits snag in senate.

Japan takes firm hand in China, and dispatches troops to Manchuria.

Service station to be built at Sixth and Holly streets.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
December 16, 1911
(Local stores swamped by Christmas shoppers.)

Cloudy and cold. High 35, low 30.
Vernon Wavter is a member of the UofO. Glee club, that pleased large crowd here last night.

REPEAT TRAINING GIVEN NAVY VETS

Farragut, Ida., Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Twelve overseas war veterans went back to "boot" training at Farragut naval center today as punishment for failing to have their hats "squared."

Picked up by the security patrol this morning, the veteran sailors were taken to the brig and given a "boot" haircut and started on their repeat training immediately, according to the Camp Gilmore work sheet.

The disciplined men charged that they were refused the customary captain's mast, that they were overseas veterans awaiting discharge, that they have been restricted over the Christmas holiday and that they were being humiliated by being forced to wear boot uniforms wherever they went.

Lt. Cmdr. M. M. Nelson, assistant commander at the center, admitted that the punishment was "quite a radical thing to do." A "squared" hat is a navy regulation that the hat shall fit straight across the head with no hair showing.

GAS SUPPLY CUT
Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Albuquerque's theaters, laundries, bakeries and other large natural gas consumers may be asked to close if the current cold wave continues to force down the pressure, local officials warned tonight.

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BACK TO HORSE-AND-BUGGY MEDICINE
A good thing for you lucky, lucky people that I get a diaphragmatic laugh out of this job now and then. Were it not so I'd be in a vile temper at this moment, for I haven't bowled in six straight days, on account of wet greens, and life seems pretty dreary when there's no bowling.



Dr. Brady
But fortunately a medical colleague comes to the rescue in the nick of time. He sends me a page torn from a throw-away medical magazine, an item headed:

Physician Excoriates Health Writer
The physician who did the ex-coriating is not identified, but he did it, the throw-away says, "recently in the Delaware State Medical Journal."

The masked doctor said his comment was inspired by an assertion by Dr. William Brady that tonsillotomy (clipping) is preferable to tonsillectomy (attempting to remove all of the tonsils) for children except in cases of malignancy. The masked physician was puzzled why "any man claiming to be a physician would want to go back to the horse and buggy days. I think the answer is that the man himself has never progressed beyond the horse-and-buggy state. We have pure food and drug laws. We should have an act protecting the public from such columnists. I suggest that such articles should be submitted to a committee before publication."

It will be news to our readers that I am a quack, nor will they be astonished to learn that I am a horse-and-buggy doctor. If the Delaware masked physician will specify one or more fields of knowledge I'll even admit I am an ignoramus. Aren't we all ignorant in one field or another?

But the Delaware monitor may tear his hair and breathe fire and brimstone if he likes. I'll still say we ought to go back to the horse-and-buggy days so far as the tonsillotomy atrocity is concerned. In the horse-and-buggy days when it was good practice to merely "clip" or slice off a portion of the enlarged tonsil, there were very few fatalities from the operation. That's more than we can say of the crude procedure known as tonsillectomy.

I'll say, for the record, that a large minority if not the majority of physicians throughout the country have gone back to the horse-and-buggy days in the treatment of enlarged and infected tonsils, since a well known quack and ignoramus began to enlighten thousands of thousands on certain tricks of the trade.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Wheat for Vitamin B
What foods supply the most vitamin B? Is it necessary to take vitamin pills if you get all the vitamins you need in the food you eat? (M. F.)

Answer—Wheat is the richest source of vitamin B-complex—not things made from it, but just plain wheat, as purchased from farmer, feed store or seed store by the sound, peck or bushel. Certainly you need no pills if you can get all the vitamins you need in food—but that's a very good trick if you can do it these days. Send stamped self-addressed envelope and ask in writing for pamphlet "Wheat to Eat." It tells you how to use plain wheat in the everyday dietary.

Running the Season
When I was a child my mother used to give us sulfur and molasses in the spring to purify our blood. (E. A.)

Answer—Mine, too. And we liked the taste of it. About equal quantities of powdered sulfur (flowers of sulfur) and old fashioned molasses—dose a tablespoonful every day until you cried enough. It is a mild laxative, that's all. But outside of Doctor Horsefeather's Almanac laxatives have nothing to do with the purity of the blood.

Time for Baby
Is it necessary to supply extra lime in our baby's milk formula? Only rain water is available here. (Mrs. A. V. J.)

Answer—If the baby consumes a quart of milk a day that will supply enough lime (calcium). There is in fact more lime in milk than in lime water, ounce for ounce. (Copyright 1945, John F. Dille Co.)

ABOLISHMENT OF BELIEF HIROHITO IS 'GOD' ORDERED
Japan Support of Shintoism Ended By MacArthur — No Ancestor Worship

Tokyo, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur tonight ordered the Japanese government to withdraw its sponsorship and financial support from state shintoism which embraces the forced belief that the emperor is an actual, living god entitled by divine right to rule all lands and peoples.

It was the first positive step in Japan toward implementation of one of the four freedoms expounded by President Roosevelt—freedom of religion.

State-sponsored Shintoism was described by Brig. Gen. Ken R. Dyke, chief of MacArthur's civil information and education section, as a religion "manufactured" by ultra-nationalists and warlords to promote Japan's abortive attempt at world domination.

MacArthur's directive to the Japanese government does not abolish private belief in the intricacies of shintoism, the fundamental core of which is ancestor worship, particularly in connection with the imperial family, but it removed the "bad aspects from it," according to a SCAP announcement.

"All propagation and dissemination of militaristic and ultra-nationalistic ideology, shinto doctrines, practices, rites, ceremonies and observances as well as doctrines, practices, rites, ceremonies and observances of any other religion, faith, sect, creed, or philosophy is prohibited and will cease immediately," the directive said.

The directive, which was prepared by Lt. William K. Bunce, formerly professor of oriental history and dean of Otterbein

college, Westerville, Ohio, after months of detailed research, probably will affect more Japanese subjects than any directive yet issued by MacArthur.

Dyke said it frees the Japanese from "75 years of moral and financial enslavement to an ideology which led them into war, defeat, suffering and privation." Shintoism entailed the belief that all Japanese are superior to other peoples and that the Japanese homeland is superior to all other lands.

The directive ordered removal of all forms of shintoism from the public schools and forbids state or official participation in shinto rites. It frees the Japanese from any compulsion to believe in or profess to believe in shintoism.

There are 110,000 shrines in Japan, 220 of them "state or national" which formerly received government support. The current budget called for 6,785,000 yen for operation and maintenance of shrines in 1945-46, rebuilding of war-damaged shrines and other expenses.

The order does not destroy shintoism, but Bunce told newsmen he believed in "its gradual eclipse." The directive stipulates that "private financial support of all shinto shrines which have previously been supported in whole or part by public funds will be permitted, provided such private support is entirely voluntary and is in no way derived from forced or involuntary contributions."

BYRNES ARRIVES FOR MOSCOW TALK BIG 3 MINISTERS

Rough Trip by Plane From Berlin — Yankee Aide Goes to Kremlin

Moscow, Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—The momentous Big Three foreign ministers conference began today.

U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes went to the Kremlin to see Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov. British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin arrived here by plane in the early morning hours, after a storm tossed flight from Berlin. He was to confer with Molotov this afternoon.

There was no immediate official word on the three principals which was opening of the Big Three foreign ministers conference stated for this evening. A two-day snowstorm prevented some of the Anglo-American parties from reaching here on schedule.

Bevin's plane drilled through the storm to a safe landing, but three accompanying planes bearing his advisers and a group of British embassy personnel were forced to turn back.

Soviet Foreign Vice-Commissar Andrei Vishinsky headed the official Russian welcoming committee for Bevin, and he stood by, smiling broadly, as the Briton spoke briefly into a microphone, saying he hoped the meeting would cement allied unity.

British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman, the French and Chinese ambassadors and a group of other United Nations diplomats also were on hand to greet Bevin and his party.

ChARGES HURLED IN WAGE TANGLE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—The ten-week-old northwest lumber strike still held a partial grip on the northwest lumber industry today with charges and denials livening up the strike front.

A charge by AFL lumber and sawmill union officials that "big stick" methods were being used at Kinzua pine mills and logging operations to force striking employees back to work was immediately denied and branded as "wholly untrue" by John T. Casey, attorney for the company.

The AFL had charged that lights had been cut off, water shut down periodically, the company store closed and other hardships imposed to force the men back to work.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

PORTLAND PLANT TO CLOSE DEC. 17

Portland, Ore., Dec. 15.—(U.P.)—The Portland plant of the Eastern & Western Lumber Company will suspend fir milling operations during the week of Dec. 17, F. H. Ransom, president of the company, announced today.

Ransom said decision to discontinue operations at the plant, which employs 430 persons, was made last week by directors of the company and would take effect "when the present inventory of logs has been cut, which will be sometime during the week of Dec. 17."

Exhaustion of the company's stands of fir timber near the Willamette and Columbia rivers necessitated closing the plant, he said.

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SUNDAY 3:00 P. M. — FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Summary of his conversion will be given for those who did not hear his life story last Sunday