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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

The District 4 Democracy was unable to nominate a Congressional candidate at a Salem session, and left things in a characteristic muddle. The democrats seldom stand united. Divided they have more fun.

The way it is being used in Washington, D. C., there will be none left for spring whitewashing or rural henhouses.

The President, pointing a firm forefinger at China, warns unless the civil war ceases, there will be no American spool-dicks and beans forthcoming. This would be quite painful to both the Communist and the Chiang-Shek regime. For years they have battled valiantly among themselves, while running from 13 Japs in wild disorder, if it looked like rain.

The Auto Union has requested the British Labor government to intercede in the General Motors strike. The affair is none of the British Labor party's business. If they feel like interfering they should get their four billion dollar loan from the CIO.

HONEYMOON IS ENDED
 (Tenino (Wash.) Paper)
 "A reception followed the ceremony, after which the happy couple left for Vancouver on their honeymoon. On Wednesday they left for Spokane where he is receiving treatment for battle wounds."

Umatilla county claims progress was made the past year, in its war on noxious weeds. Farmers of this area are skeptical. They applied fierce sounding sprays to Canadian thistles, and they flourished like \$2 a pound clover seed.

A butter famine now faces the nation. It will spread from Coast-to-Coast, naturally.

Miss Cecilia Meadow-Lark, one of the better feathered song machines, who recently underwent an operation for the removal of a .bb shot from her breast, is herself again, and has resumed her fence-post vocalizing.

A Douglas county woman won a turkey picking contest in seven minutes and 29 seconds. She showed considerable pluck.

H. Bosworth of K. Falls, an old Cornell boy, has returned from 39 months in Europe, and spent Sun. He is a former tencle of the power octopus here.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon tomorrow eve starting at 4:38 p. m. It is the first one in ten years. The phenomena is causing no great excitement, but nobody is expected to be too busy to give it a casual glance.

JOURNALISTIC WOES
 "Seven times in the 14 years since the paper was established, Cupid has invaded the editorial department and departed with the Society Editor, the latest conquest depriving the paper of the services of a young lady who, when starting work a year ago, intimated man was the least of her worries and she expected to grow old in the business. But along came the man and the paper seeks its eighth social editor. It has been suggested that any woman who wants to get married and has failed would get in line for a husband by becoming society editor."
 —(Henderson (Texas) News).

'Open Covenants Openly Arrived At' May Be Realized At UNO Formation

By Louis F. Keemle
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)
 A significant move has been made in London to let the people of all countries in on the secrets of their own world organization. The plan provides for the fullest possible publicity on meetings of the United Nations, now in the process of formation. It will be presented this week to the preparatory commission of the UNO, with the strong endorsement of the United States.

WOODROW WILSON'S PROPOSAL LONG DELAYED
 Woodrow Wilson's proposal for "open covenants, openly arrived at" may come closer to realization under this plan than has been possible during the tricky, double-dealing course of international politics which marked the breathing space between the two world wars.

The plan has been drafted by a technical advisory committee on information. Its primary backer is Wilder Foote, special assistant to Edward R. Stettinius, chief United States delegate to the UNO Preparatory Commission.

The project is designed to give the press, radio and other agencies of information fuller access to the proceedings of the UNO, so that the public may have a better idea of what is going on. Like any such far-thinking proposal, the plan is by no means perfect, but it is an encouraging beginning. It is capable of expansion after the UNO has begun to function. When and if the UNO is broadened into a world parliament, as some idealists hope it will be, the suggested policy could become a Magna Carta of freedom in information.

STRENGTH OF PLAN LIES IN COOPERATION NEED
 The strength of the drafted plan lies in its opening declaration that the UNO cannot achieve its purposes unless the peoples of the world are fully informed about its aims and activities. The weakness is that no specific provision is made against closed meetings of UNO bodies under any and all circumstances.

A London dispatch reports that the plan seeks to follow for the United Nations Organization the same policy adopted during the present preparatory meeting, by which all committee sessions, including those of the steering committee, were open to the press.

The dispatch, however, made the following observation: "The nations now meeting here already have approved in their rules of procedure for various UNO organs the policy that all meetings be open except in extraordinary circumstances, and with the exception of the security council, whose meetings will be open unless otherwise decided."

TRUE FREEDOM OF REPORTING NOT POSSIBLE NOW
 Unless that policy is tightened, true freedom of reporting will not be possible, especially in matters of the gravest importance. The technical advisory committee fortunately set no such limitations. It suggested a world-wide advisory committee which would meet periodically at the UNO seat and suggest improvements on the information policy.

Meantime, it is proposed to set up a public information bureau under UNO auspices. The bureau would give the press and other information agencies "the fullest possible access" to UNO activities and documents, with a view to world-wide distribution. A check would be made of public opinion to determine whether the people were being fully and impartially informed. Provision was made to ensure that the material distributed should be entirely information and not propaganda.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Love is no irregular desire. No sudden start of raging pain, Which in a moment grows a fire, And in a moment cools again. Not love is something so divine, Description would but make it less. 'Tis what I feel, but can't define, 'Tis what I know, but can't express.

Portents.
 What are the most difficult items of food to handle gracefully when dining? On this a New Yorker seeks my opinion. Offhand I would say corn on the cob and spaghetti. Corn on the cob presents such an obstacle to graceful eating that many people pass it up. Especially women. Emily Post said the way to handle corn on the cob was to attack it with as little ferocity as possible. To handle spaghetti gracefully takes a touch of genius. W. A. Brady, the theatrical producer, is the most graceful spaghetti eater I know of. He says he took lessons from Caruso.

Perfect Husband
 "I consider my husband so perfect he is practically a fugitive from heaven. He selects all my clothes from hats to shoes." So states a young matron of Chicago. That is about the 50th letter I have received from Chicago in which a wife after telling how wonderful her husband is says he also buys her hats. Those Chicago husbands seem to guess their wives well trained. Guess I will have our Horses & Women experts do some special research in Chicago with a view toward getting some good material for our files on wife training. By the way, if any other Chicago wife informs this department her husband buys her hats will she please enclose a snapshot of herself wearing one of the hats. My girl friend wants to see it.

Dog Insurance
 As to being insured against damages if your dog bites somebody it can be done with a comprehensive liability policy. This policy not only protects you from damages if your dog bites somebody but also if your wife bites somebody. Or if you slice your drive and hit somebody in the head with a golf ball. Also protects you from suit in many other minor mishaps. You can insure your dog's life, too. But only if he is registered.

Asking
 Queries from clients. Q. My husband says his old home town St. Paul, Minn., holds the record for below zero weather among cities. How about it? A. Bismarck, N. D., where the temperature once registered 45 degrees below zero holds that record. However, it has been 41 below zero in St. Paul. Q. When was the song "A Little Spanish Town" popular? A. Nearly 20 years ago. Around 1926. Q. I have been telling a fellow named MacPartland the Irish invented the bagpipes. He won't believe me. You tell him. A. The bagpipe was invented by the Greeks.

Reincarnation
 A Philadelphia man wants to know why I never discuss reincarnation. I have a good reason for not doing so. I don't know anything about it. Now don't be a cad and say I discuss a lot of things I don't know anything about. However, I have heard people believing in reincarnation take the view that when reincarnated they will have the same fingerprints as now. So they have their fingerprints registered with a view toward checking the same when, after death, they return to life again. I have also noted an expert on reincarnation states that once a human always a human. That a human never returns to life as "an animal, insect or vegetable." Very reassuring. Think how unpleasant it would be to return to earth as a cockroach or a tomato.

Sidelights
 There seems to be considerable contradiction to the claim that is dangerous for a woman of over 40 to have a child. A Chicagoan writes that she gave birth to a daughter when 42 years old. And to another daughter when 45½ years old. . . . San Francisco was the first city to have a law against women keeping on their large hats at theatrical performances. It was originally referred to as "The High Hat Ordinance."
Briefly
 When a man is bald it is very likely when his daughter marries and has a son, the son on reaching adult years will be bald. Or so state those who claim baldness is hereditary. . . . Charles "Scotty" Butterworth, a juvenile probation officer of San Francisco, has sold over \$18,000,000 of war and victory bonds and is still going strong. "Is there a man in Brooklyn who can top that record?" Asks the Californian furnishing the information.
Songs
 It is announced that in a forthcoming film Constance Moore will sing "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." That's a man's song. The real title is "I'm the Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." It was introduced by "Old Hoss" Hoey in "The Parlor Match." I am against women singing songs intended for men. Also against men singing ditties written for female singers. Every now and then you hear a male crooner cutting loose with a love song designed to be rendered by a female.
BUS OVERTURNS
 Sacramento, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Ten persons injured when a Greyhound bus overturned 12 miles north of here Saturday night remained hospitalized today in Sacramento County and McClellan Field hospitals. Seventeen persons were injured when the bus, travelling from Portland, Ore., to Sacramento with 37 passengers, upset after colliding with an auto.
 The record oil production for the state of Wyoming was 44 million barrels attained in 1923.

GUARDSMEN WILL BE HONORED AT TUESDAY DRILLS

Officers and men of the Medford unit of the Oregon state guard, consisting of Company A and Headquarters detachment, 1st Bn. 1st Regt., who have a year or more of service, will receive service ribbons at ceremonies at the Medford armory Tuesday evening, Major Carl Y. Tengwald, battalion commander, announced here today.

Presentation of awards will be made by Brig. Gen. Raymond Olson, acting adjutant general of Oregon.

The public, and particularly families of the members of the Oregon state guard, are invited to attend the ceremonies, Major Tengwald said. Some of the officers and men have served in the state guard since it was organized in December, 1941, immediately after Pearl Harbor. Awards to be presented Tuesday evening will be based upon length of service.

Livestock

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Livestock: Cattle 2,250, calves 200. Very active, strong to 25¢ higher. Medium-good steers \$15.00-17.50; good steers \$18.00-20.00; common grades \$12.00-13.50; good heifers \$15.50-17.50; common medium grades \$9.00-10.00; medium and above sauer bulls \$9.00-11.00; best bulls \$12.00; wealers 50¢ higher; good-choice grades \$14.00-14.50.
 Hogs: 600. Steady. 170-290 lbs. \$15.00; sows \$14.00; few \$14.50; feeder pigs \$15.00-15.50; light feeders not moving.
 Sheep: 1,200. Slow, bidding 25¢ or more lower on fat lambs around \$13.75; best held around \$14.25; good-choice shorn steady at \$13.50; good ewes \$4.50-5.00.

South San Francisco, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle: 800. Generally active; fully steady. Few loads held sharply higher. Two loads heifers offered. Sheep: 600. Steady. Three loads young cows and heifers \$13.25-13.75. Load good range cows \$13.00; common cows \$9.00-10.00; butts \$9.00-10.00; canners \$6.50-8.00. Common to good sausage bulls \$10.00-12.00. Calves: salable \$25; nominal; good to choice quoted \$14.50-15.00.
 Hogs: 300. Includes 225 head feeder pigs. Steady. Few good to choice quoted \$14.50-15.00. Light feeders not moving.
 Sheep: 1,800. Undertone around steady. About half run wooled Oregon lambs and No. 1 clipped California lambs. Nothing scaled. Common to good ewes quoted \$2.00-6.00.

Chicago, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—(U.S.D.A.)—Livestock: Hogs: 12,000. Active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts; all representative weights at \$14.85; ceiling; practically nothing offered scaling less than 180 lbs. or over. 330 lbs. Cattle: 14,000. Calves: 1,000. Fairly active trade; good and average choice steers fully 25 cents higher; instances more; medium grade strong to 25 cents higher than late last week; sizable supply choice offerings \$18.00; bulk \$15.00 to \$18.00; choice mixed steers and heifers up to \$18.00; heifers steady to strong; large \$14.00 to \$17.50.
 Sheep: 8,000. Shorn lambs opened fully steady but nothing done early on wooled lambs; seven doubles good to mostly choice \$19.00; fed mixed lambs with full shorn pelts \$14.25; asking \$14.60 and slightly above for good and choice fed wooled western lambs.

Portland Produce

Portland, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Wholesale market prices:
 Live poultry:
 Chickens—Selling to retailers:
 Springs, broilers, 3½ lbs. up 20-23 cents; colored hens, 18 and 20 cents; Lechona first 18 and 20 cents; mixed 18 and 20 cents.
 Beets—Local bunch, 75¢ per doz. bunches.
 Cauliflower—No. 1, 82¢ crate.
 Onion—I Idaho Yellow, 43.55 50 lb. sack.
 Peppers—Texas 20c lb.
 Squash—Dish, orange box, \$1.15.
 Tomatoes—Texas, hot-house 33-35¢ per lb.; Mexican, 46¢ lug.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Wheat: Open High Low Close
 Dec. 190½ 180½ 180½ 180½
 May 180½ 180½ 180½ 180½
 July 177½ 177½ 177 177½
 Sept. 174½ 174½ 174 174½

S. F. DAIRY PRICES

San Francisco, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Dairy market:
 Butter: 93 score 48½, 92 score 48, 90 score 47¾.
 Cheese: Loafs 28.2, triplets 27.2.
 Eggs: Large grade A 57½, medium grade A 52½, small grade A 44½, large grade B 50½.

Wall Street

New York, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—Stocks dropped 1 to 3 points in the main list today with many issues down 7 points or more. Selling was widespread and on the movement trading was accelerated to a pace of around 2,000,000 shares for a full session.

Although there was little in the day's news to account for the sudden bearishness, Wall Street quarters indicated that many investors of the "scare-easy" type had probably sold on the strength of a radio commentator's remarks in his Sunday night broadcast. Business news during the session was good. The Securities & Exchange commission reported that \$37,000,000,000 was spent for plant and equipment by U. S. business in 1945, the most for that purpose since 1942; steel operations for the week were reported slightly higher; and a meeting of Brown Shoe Co. stockholders was called for Jan. 10 to vote on a proposed stock split.
 Preliminary closing Dow-Jones stock averages: Industrial 190.37,

Ashes May Tell Grim Truth



(Acme Telephoto)
 Dr. Edwin K. Waddell, San Francisco, Calif., dentist (left), who treated teeth of Mrs. Laetitia Van Natta, missing San Francisco widow, and Joseph Swim (right), city toxicologist, examine ashes of woman who died in Portland, Ore., Nov. 29 and was examined cremated by A. L. Clime, held on forgerly charge during investigation of his possible connection with deaths of seven elderly women. Examination of ashes supported belief that the dead woman was Mrs. Van Natta, rather than Mrs. Debra Marie Clime of Chicago.

FM BROADCASTS NEED ORIGINAL SOUND EFFECTS

Chicago—(U.P.)—A sound effects man used to be proud of his fakes—now he's proud of his aches. It's all due to the sensitivity of Frequency Modulation broadcasting, according to William McGuinness, commercial manager of WGN and WGNB. In "the good ol' days," the background effects were specialties that tried the imagination of the technicians; and they cracked cellophane to produce the sound of fire, whirled pebbles in a drum to fake a rain storm, or slugged a cabbage with a mallet to represent a blackjack on the head. But the accuracy of FM reproduction makes the fakes sound like poor reproductions. So that won't work any more. Now, to broadcast the sound of a fist on a jaw, someone has to catch a punch right on the jaw! At a recent FM broadcast, the sound effects man arrived for a show with a wagon loaded with paraphernalia. There was a sink with running water and plenty of dishes; there was a vacuum cleaner and a broom. He had an assortment of garden tools—and a small set of stairs, and purposely fell down the stairs to obtain a true sound picture. For another broadcast, a small stove complete with coffee pot, frying pan and cutlery was assembled and he really fried an egg close up to the mike! McGuinness said his sound effects man got his only case of mike fright recently when a human heart beat was being broadcast. The technician looked pale after the broadcast, and McGuinness asked him what was wrong. "I just realized," the technician said, "that my stomach might have rumbled when I had that mike next to my heart—and brother, over FM it would have sounded like thunder!"

Waltonians Slate Tuesday Meeting

Col. W. C. Weeks, U. S. army, retired, will be a special guest at the monthly meeting of the Izaak Walton league, to be held at the Medford hotel at 8 p. m. tomorrow. Election of officers will be held, motion pictures shown and lunch served, it was announced.

GRIFFIN CREEK YULE PROGRAM IS FRIDAY

Griffin Creek, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—The annual Christmas program of the Griffin Creek school will be given Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p. m., according to an announcement by the principal, Merna Frink. There will be a program, with the orchestra playing, and the Christmas tree treat for children. Everyone in the community is invited to participate, Mrs. Frink states.

SHERIFF TURNS OVER \$728,151 TAX TAKE

The tax collection department of the sheriff's office to date has turned over \$728,151.94 to the county treasurer's office, of the 1945-1946 tax collections, the county treasurer's office reported today. The sum represents approximately 75 per cent of the total to be collected, it is estimated by the treasurer's office. No definite figures on the total will be available until after the first of the year.

OBITUARY

FRANK M. AMY
 Frank M. Amy, 85, passed away in a local hospital early Sunday. He was born in Central Point on April 9, 1860 and for many years lived at Union Creek. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris chapel.

DR. ROBERT M. HOOD
 Dr. Robert M. Hood, 84, an optometrist in Medford for the past 11 years, passed away in a local hospital Monday morning. Arrangements are in care of the Conger-Morris chapel.

THE GRANGE

Plan Installation
 Installation of officers of the Jackson County Granges is to be held at the Central Point Grange hall Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p. m. Those attending are to bring cookies and sandwiches for their group.

SOCE PROGRAM
 Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Dec. 17—The choir of the Southern Oregon College of Education gave a Christmas program at assembly period Friday morning, singing a number of carols with orchestral accompaniment, directed by Wallace Sapp. Hazel Parman played a violin solo, "Adoration" by Borowski.

Flight o' Time
 Medford and Jackson Co His-
 tory from the files of the Mail
 Tribune 10 20 and 34 years
 ago

TEN YEARS AGO
 Dec. 17, 1935
 (It was Tuesday)
 Split in Democratic party over
 New Deal policies seen.
 Increasing cloudiness. High
 46, low 27.
 England abandons Italy-Ethi-
 opia peace plans.
 Relief pay checks to be de-
 livered before Christmas.
 Council tightens ordinance on
 pinball machines.
 Recall election for city official
 talked in Ashland.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 Dec. 17, 1925
 (It was Thursday)
 Dismissal of Col. Mitchell is
 demanded in air court martial.
 Floyd T. Reynolds of Salem is
 elected president of State Horti-
 cultural society.

Democrats join President
 Coolidge in fight for world
 court.
 Rain. High 38, low 29.
 Christmas rush now in full
 swing at postoffice.
THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
 Dec. 17, 1911
 (It was Sunday)
 Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gaddis
 spend the week-end in Ashland.
 Crater Lake Park roads given
 \$840,000 appropriation.
 Chinese war believed near
 end.
 Patent sought for Blue Ledge
 mine.

Mrs. Myra Wade
Struck By Auto
 Mrs. Myra B. Wade, 704 West
 Sixth street, was taken to Com-
 munity hospital in a Conger-
 Morris ambulance Saturday eve-
 ning for treatment of injuries
 sustained in a traffic mishap at
 the intersection of Main street
 and Riverside avenue, city police
 reported today.
 Mrs. Wade, while crossing
 Riverside avenue, was struck by
 a car operated by Vernon Percy,
 310 North Bartlett street, police
 said.
 According to police and hos-
 pital reports she is in fair con-
 dition and is recovering from
 back injuries.

NUDE BODY FOUND
 Las Vegas, Nev., Nov. 17—(U.P.)
 Police today were investigating
 the death of a pretty blonde
 woman about 35 years old,
 whose nude body was found on
 the desert four miles east of here
 by a cowboy who was breaking
 a horse. There were no foot-
 prints near the body, police said,
 and they said she had possibly
 fallen from a horse while sun-
 bathing.

OLD CALENDAR SERVES
 New York, Dec. 17—(U.P.)—
 The Irving Davis company was
 distributing copies of an old
 1901 calendar today instead of
 a new one. It seems 1901 and

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