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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

The heavy rains this winter may bring out rare fossils in the John Day country of eastern Oregon, a Bend dispatch reports.

A Wyoming resident recently departed this life possessing 216 weapons, not counting swords and bolo knives.

Veterans home from the wars tell colorful tales of the villainy and villainy of drinks they drank in Iran, and the South Pacific.

T'WAS EVER THUS (Pendleton East Oregonian)
For the past two weeks the weather has been as balmy as springtime.

California expects an increase of a million people in population. No figures are yet available on how many will wave a frying pan in the next Ham 'N Eggs election.

Fashion has decreed the "wasp waist" for spring and summer dresses. During the war, the same effect was obtained by the secretary of agriculture telling patriots to pull in their belts.

Due to Mr. Kahut of Woodburn, not keeping his chin out of the road of the right fist of Mr. Lesnevich, light heavy-weight champion of the world, in a fight in the metropolis Friday evening, upstate is upset, its pride and pocketbook jolted.

The Willamette valley went overboard on Joe and is so straggled that Washington will have to work out new farm-aid legislation for that area.

On the same day and date, in a Congressional election, in the affected area, the Democratic candidate, met the same fate at the hands of his Republican opponent. Both losers will survive, to fight and run another day.

"Pappy" Boyington, who was an ace in the flying world, now turns out to be a kind of a deuce in the marital field. (Bend Bulletin) — One might say the hero is a victim of "Pappy" love.

The esteemed Salem Capital Journal, in reporting the confession of three youths to 20 burglaries, describes them as "teen-age punks." There is no dignity in this description, like "adolescents" and "juvenile delinquents."

"Alexandria, Va., Jan. 12—(AP)—Irving A. Goldman, a dental technician, said today he had developed a plastic nose that "can be wrinkled and unwrinkled" by the wearer, just like a natural nose. (Press Dispatch) This should help a lot socially, but the wearer is still unable to wiggle his ears.

Clarify It

President Truman should clarify his "breathing spell" labor policy for as a swing around the circle demonstrates there are about as many different impressions of it as there are people.

The loudest reaction comes from organized labor which maintains the President has swallowed the Wall Street bait, and wants to deprive labor of its only effective defensive weapon,—the walk-out.

Almost as loud is the reaction of Big Business which maintains the President has swallowed the Communist bait, and wants to destroy the American system of democratic capitalism by allowing labor to look over industries books, and thus eventually take over industrial management.

If one of these contentions is true—or approximately true,—obviously the other can't be; and if neither is true,—which is the opinion of this department,—then President Truman should say so.

For as the originator of the proposal he alone knows EXACTLY, what it is and what it isn't,—precisely what he wants to do and what he doesn't.

The proposal was not ambiguous exactly but it was not sufficiently detailed or explicit. The sooner the President makes it explicit so even those who run may read,—and comprehend—the better for all concerned.—R.W.R.

That 30 Day Breathing Spell

So the telephone strike has been called off for 30 days by the National Union of Telephone Workers!

Now, just let us imagine President Truman's proposal had been enacted, and this 30-day postponement had been necessitated by ITS provisions.

Where would have been the essential difference to the situation now existing?

As we see it, none.

THE union now provides a breathing spell, during which presumably facts will be determined, policies clarified and a cooling-off period allowed.

It is about a 10-to-one bet that at the end of this period no strike will be called.

That is the way such a program has worked out in the railroad unions; this department fails to see why it should not work out similarly in telephone, or other unions.

AND where is the fatal blow to organized labor, so raucously proclaimed by Mr. John L. Lewis, William Green and other labor leaders?

There is no abridgement of the "divine right to strike" here—merely a delay.

If at the end of this breathing spell the members of the union don't like the situation, they can walk out again. That right can no more be abridged by this 30-day provision than the right of free assembly or free speech.

And if any union takes this action on its own volition, why should there be any objection to taking the same action, at the suggestion of the government? The answer to that is: There shouldn't be.

THE President's proposal was not perfect. Nor can it, per se, solve the strike problem in this country, or permanently settle the fundamental issues involved.

But it was,—and is,—a step in the right direction. It should have received,—and still deserves to receive,—the support of the people regardless of politics not for the benefit of capital, nor the benefit of labor, but for the benefit of the people THEMSELVES.

FOR if this strike epidemic continues to grow unchecked there is only one answer,—the worst business panic this country has ever known including the country's worst period of monetary inflation, preceding it!

And the people—and only the people,—by bringing pressure upon their representatives in Washington, can prevent it.

It is something that should have been done when the President made his first announcement, it is not too late to do it now.—R.W.R.

"And Sudden Death"

We wonder how many people realize just what a prolonged and complete telephone and telegraph walk-out would involve?

It would not only paralyze all interstate business, it would mean sudden death for scores of innocent people, especially children.

Think this an exaggeration? Well, as any doctor will agree, it isn't.

THERE are innumerable instances every day, everywhere, where lives depend absolutely upon sulpha-drugs, penicillin, iron-lungs, oxygen-tents or what have you.

The local supply has run out, a supply must be secured at once.

But how could this be done with no phones or wires working? By mail? Don't be silly, in nine out of 10 cases, ANY letter would be "too little and too late!"

And where would the blame lie for these deaths? DIRECTLY upon those who insist upon the "divine right of striking," anywhere, anytime, for any reason, or no reason at all, in any industry or business, regardless of how the public health and safety might be imperilled and oppose any effort of the government of the United States to subordinate this right to strike to the welfare—the health, happiness and prosperity of the people!—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

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Never the time and the place And the loved one altogether! This path—how soft to pass This May—what magic weather Where is the loved one's face. —Browning.

(Above brings to mind the musical hit of yesteryear "The Time, the Place, the Girl." If you can remember who was featured in that show I may be able to get you into the Young Old Timers club.)

At 55 a St. Louis woman gave birth to her first child, a girl. This was after 35 years of marriage to the same man. My informant says the girl now four years old is one of the smartest and healthiest youngsters in her neighborhood.

Tricky Bets

Has a tricky bet ever cost you money? I mean, like the bet Walter Camp never picked an "All American" team for any national magazine.

The fellow who proposed the bet points out that the mythical 11 Camp picked was not known as the All American football team but the "All America football team." Franklin P. Adams, former columnist and present information quiz expert, is one of the best informed men on poetry in this country.

Horses and Women

Three Pittsburgers who have wives born under the sign of Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) have been meeting regularly to exchange notes on the way to handle, tame and train women born under this sign.

Says She

"I am red-haired, green-eyed, fun-loving, lively and affectionate. There is nothing stiff and formal about me. But I have been a secretary eight years and have never sat on the lap of any man I have worked for."

Remarkable Bird

"Our parrot has been in the family 53 years," writes a San Franciscan. "We don't know his exact age. I was telling friends that the parrot might be 100 years old. The parrot spoke up: 'You're a liar!' and walked out of the room saying 'well, I gotta go.' I have five witnesses to prove this story."

Passing By

Elisabeth Bergner, Sir James Barrie was very fond of Miss Bergner and wrote his last play, "The Boy David," especially for her. She's a nice girl, but why does she insist on spelling Elizabeth with an S instead of a Z?

Briefly

Earl Benson, Burlington Trailways Transcontinental bus driver, has in 10 years driven approximately 720,000 miles without an accident. If this isn't the world's record for safe automobile driving what is?

Unusual Husband

A number of eminent physicians have stated that during a blessed event a woman nearly always calls for her mother but never for her husband. A Butler, Pa., subscriber, father of

five children, says during every blessed event his wife has called for him and never for her mother. In fact she has always called so loudly for him the family physician decided things would proceed much better if he, the father, were present during the entire proceedings.

Please Note

A musical film version of Eugene O'Neill's "Ah, Wilderness" is to be made. Seems to be no limit to what Broadwayites and Hollywoodians will musicalize. Brings to mind that before the war a Japanese producer presented in Tokyo a musical version of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 14 — An editorial surveyor has reported that 72 per cent of the newspapers approved Mr. Truman's fact-finding solution for labor claims at first, but suddenly turned around and in one week during December (22 to 29), 65 per cent attacked the plan.



Paul Mallon

This he considered a strange and inexplicable turnover of public opinion, or press opinion, and he criticized it. He said the change came about when the Truman fact-finding board for General Motors was confronted with the union proposition of going into company profits to set future wages on this basis.

MY analyst friend has simply been confused, as have most readers of the current labor news, by the emotion of opposing factions. The truth behind the matter is evident.

Mr. Truman advocated the fact-finding solution out of the experience of the railroad union brotherhoods, who have enjoyed its operation for more than 15 years. The idea of establishing a public concept of the facts, with 30 days cooling down before strikes, in the case of the brotherhoods, never entered the question of how much the railroads were making.

The idea of going into company profits of the past for a wage scale for the future was developed by the union in the General Motors case, merely because the company had war profits and the union wanted bigger wages. In the every-way similar steel case, the same C. I. O. unions have taken an opposite stand because there were no steel profits.

Mr. Truman is now moving to increase the price of steel through Mr. Bowles in order to create money by which the steel companies can raise the union wages.

The simple truth is thus shown to be that the unions want a wage increase — for whatever reasons they can concoct, for the reasons of profits in the General Motors case, for the opposite reason necessitating a price increase in the steel case. This is the essence of the matter, and anyone who indulges himself in any economic reasoning about the matter is wasting his time.

THUS the newspaper editorialists are proven by the facts to be right in changing their stand. The Truman fact-finding solution has been headed by union pressure into ascertaining company profits in the General Motors case. These are past profits, based on war business, and the manufacture

of different products.

The union would be entirely logical if it demanded a distribution of these profits to the workers. That would make sense, but it is entirely illogical in contending that these past profits should measure the future wage scale, because the same profit is not guaranteed for the future.

Indeed, the profits of General Motors henceforth will be measured by entirely different considerations—the volume of production, the future cost of materials, the extent of sales, the efforts of advertising, efficiency, and a thousand other factors. Past profits on war business have absolutely nothing to do with the case.

When the Truman fact-finding was turned into that illogical vein, naturally its advocates turned against it. They could not, in justice to simple reasoning, do otherwise.

Indeed, the unions themselves concede the falsity of the profits bases of establishing future wages by repudiating their own motors doctrine in the case of steel.

A straight forward, just application of fact-finding would have followed the principle of the brotherhood's example in the case of motors, steel, electrical workers and all others, computing the increase in living costs, measuring what increases in wages had been granted, subtracting these, and proclaiming a just, sound wage increase.

What the situation requires is the establishment of a just principle, a common yardstick based on simple truths. The war administration had one in the little steel formula. The trouble was that a politically minded government, boldly sympathetic to any union cause, whatever it might be, corrupted the formula by secretly allowing wage increases in the guise of regrading, portal-to-portal, vacations-with-pay, and similar devices to defeat its own formula.

Everyone knows that this strike campaign is a drive of the unions for a 30 per cent wage increase for any reason imaginable or unimaginable, valid or otherwise.

Science may soon develop sound waves so short they will act like light waves and may even be reflected by mirrors.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness tonight and cloudy Tuesday. Morning fog. Slightly warmer tonight. Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with light rain tonight west and north portion Tuesday. Not so cold east portion tonight. Moderate southerly wind off coast tonight.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 56, lowest 41.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 12.87 inches.
Excess for the season 4.55 inches.
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 53%, 4:30 a. m. today 95%.

Table with 2 columns: City and High/Low. Includes Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eureka, Havre, Klamath Falls, Los Angeles, Medford, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Reno, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Washington, D. C., and Yakima.

Flight o' Time

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

TEN YEARS AGO
Jan. 14, 1936
(It was Tuesday)

Don Faber, coach of the Ashland high school basketball team is confined to his home with the mumps. Lester Wilson will substitute until Faber returns.

Death stay for Bruno Hauptmann, kidnap-slayer of Col. Lindbergh baby sought.

Occasional rain. High 49, low 41.

Storm sewers of city taxed by recent rains and some residential areas flooded.

Drive for new homes here under housing act opens.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
Jan. 14, 1916
(It was Thursday)

"Florida weather" prevails at Prospect, residents report.

Gen. John J. Pershing and state department clash.

Rain and warmer. High 41, low 28.

Lack of snow in hills frets irrigationists of state.

Gov. Walter M. Pierce plans to run for U. S. senate.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
Jan. 14, 1872
(It was Sunday)

"Chocolate Soldier" to be shown here next month.

Railroad bridge near Grants Pass carried out by Rogue flood.

Supreme court upholds employers liability bill.

U. S. National Bank Sets New Record in Business Increase

Geo. T. Frey, manager of the Medford branch of the United States National bank, announces record-breaking gains in both deposits and resources.

In its statement of condition, required by the comptroller of the currency's official call of Dec. 31, 1945, the United States National bank reported deposits of \$581,111,238.52 and resources of \$607,046,414.10, Frey said.

"Not only do these deposits represent another all-time high but, in addition, they reveal a gain of \$100,302,280.66 over the corresponding call date of a year

ago. Resources for the 12-month period gained \$106,844,400.36. Another substantial gain for the same interval was made in loans and discounts. The total figure was \$68,940,887.33 as against \$41,894,023.17 or an increase of \$27,046,864.16."

WEATHER
Northern California: Mostly clear today and tonight. Increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Warmer tonight northern interior. Gentle variable wind off coast.

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS... HOTEL ART: "Saw you at the movies last night, Judge. That was quite a weekend that alcoholic went through, wasn't it?" OLD JUDGE: "Sure was, but I'm afraid most people won't really understand it." ART: "What do you mean, Judge?" OLD JUDGE: "Simply this. That poor chap was really a sick man... not just a drunk. Studies by famous psychiatrists and the medical profession show that alcoholism is not caused by a craving for alcohol... it is usually the result of some deep-rooted social, physical or emotional condition. If that fel-

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