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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

There is no shortage of Boos! and Boo Hoo! in the world today. "Home-sick," (that's not the word for it.) Gals overseas unfurl the crying towel, and in Portland would-be purchasers razz the merchants, because there is no butter for sale. There is now more things the matter with everything, than normally with the weather, which is never right. Many can recall when there was nothing to fuss but meteorological conditions, and they didn't deserve it.

Southern Democrats in their filibuster against the FEPC bill claim they have the oratorical power to talk for four months to prevent a vote on the bill. The cruel, brutal, and ruthless Nazis developed a "sound gun" capable of paralyzing victims in 30 to 40 seconds, in the final days of the war.

RUGGED RURAL HILARITY
(Smith River News)
"Two talented accordion players swung out gay Swiss dance music for the natal day celebration of Mrs. Louis Bruidon and Mrs. John Mozetti last Saturday night, when around thirty-five friends gathered at the Smith River community hall for an old-time festival which continued until near-midnight time."

The discovery has been made adulterated whiskey is being sold on the black market. Somebody is liable to get arrested for running a blind-pig.

Vegetation has started to grow, and the prospects are favorable for a fine stand of spring grain and weeds.

A Portland boxing promoter has wagered FDR, Jr., will occupy the White House by 1966. This should not cause widespread fainting by Republicans. The promoter thought J. Kahut of Woodburn would flatten G. Lesevich. His choice lasted approximately two minutes.

"Madrid, Jan. 19.—There is an old Spanish proverb that says a woman should be kept in the house with the door locked and one leg broken." —(Press Dispatch)—Crude, but probably effective way to stop feminine gadding.

The esteemed Klamath Falls Herald and News, editorially and gently rebukes the community practice of booing visiting athletic squads, as if they were a coterie of wrestling villains, as follows:

"Stifle that noise when Klamath's opponents are making a free throw.

"It smacks of discourtesy to fill the gym with shouts, catcalls and boos when an opponent player steps up to the foul line."

Other communities do the same thing, except that they smile when they boo. Its different in the sister city. The more ardent fans, regard a defeat of their prides, as a personal insult, and a smirch on the pugilistic honor of Klamath county.

VARDAMAN NOMINATED

Washington, Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—President Truman today nominated James K. Vardaman, Jr., of St. Louis, to a 4-year term as a member of the board of governors of the federal reserve system.

Mr. Truman nominated Vice Adm. Alan G. Kirk to be ambassador to Belgium. Kirk will succeed Charles Sawyer who resigned last month.

Weaving is New Mexico's largest manufacturing industry.

The Taft-Morse Issue

An old friend in West Virginia has sent us a copy of an editorial in "The Wheeling Intelligencer" taking issue with Senator Morse and his recent plea for a Republican party leadership represented by liberals like ex-Governor Stassen of Minnesota, instead of ultra-conservatives like Senator Taft of Ohio.

It is a well-written piece composed, we presume by the editor, Mr. Thos. O'B Flynn, who—we take it—has some rich and rugged Irish blood flowing in his veins!

ADMITTING there is a serious split within the ranks of both the Republican and Democratic parties the Intelligencer continues:

"We disagree entirely with Senator Morse as to the Republican party's failure. It has failed in our judgment, not because it has been too conservative, but because it has not been conservative enough. Instead of breaking cleanly with the pseudo liberalism of the day, the Republican party has trailed along behind the New Deal, borrowing enough of its phoney doctrine to make modern Republicanism neither flesh nor fowl nor good red herring. . . . Mr. Drummond (Christian Science Monitor) speaks of a fight by the so-called progressives to capture the control of Congress and dictate the 1948 campaign. They did dictate the nominations of 1940 and 1944 with disastrous results. Neither Mr. Wilkie nor Mr. Dewey differed enough from Mr. Roosevelt to stir the enthusiasm of any sound conservative, much less any nationalist. . . . As for Congress it is just as well perhaps that the issue be fought out now. If the element for which Senator Morse speaks wins and thus demonstrates its capacity to control the Republican party, that party might as well fold up and go out of business. It will have no function to perform."

THERE is the ultra-conservative, Robert Taft, Big Business view of the political situation, very honestly analyzed, very clearly and forcefully expressed. But in the judgment of this department, if this group—not the liberal Morse-Stassen group—wins control of the Republican party,—THEN the Republican party might as well fold up and go out of business, for then it WILL have no function to perform.

AND the reason? Simply because there are not enough voters in the United States who feel as the editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer feels to keep the Republican party,—or any other party,—alive.

EDITOR O'B FLYNN wants a party more conservative, more nationalistic than the GOP now is, and has been under the leadership of men like Wilkie and Dewey. He doesn't wish to accept as they did, any of the good features of the Roosevelt New Deal and eschew the bad ones. He wants to throw the New Deal and ALL its works overboard and go back to what he calls—we quote:

"Nationalism and individualism (which) call for a minimum of governmental direction and control."

"NATIONALISM and individualism!"
That has a familiar sound. Another term has been "isolationism and RUGGED individualism." Well, as one of the "older boys" we often have a nostalgic wish to return to the "good old days," when the following was a popular and appealing ditty in a certain Middlewest manufacturing community:

"My name is Yonny Yonson,
I work for N. C. Thompson,
I get one dollar and a half a day
And I eat MYSELF!"

Ah! in many ways "them WERE the days," but Brother, they will never return! The past CAN'T return!

And any party that bases its creed upon any such hope, directly or indirectly, is as doomed to extinction as the fabulous dinosaur when its body outgrew its brains.

It just can't be done.

SUCH an outcome would be not only against political sense, but against one of the fundamental laws of nature,—the law of human progress.

To make this point clearer let Editor O'B Flynn enumerate some of the "phoney New Deal doctrines" he would eliminate.

In precisely what way would be made a return to what he calls greater individualism and nationalism?

WHERE would he stand on the UNO for example, the protective tariff, the Securities commission, the regulation of banks and deposits, federal benefits to ex-service men, workers compensation, health insurance, unemployment insurance, pensions and a score of other measures based entirely upon the extension of federal control and activity which in the name of "less government direction and control" he opposes.

IT is true that under what the Intelligencer terms liberal control the Republicans have been soundly beaten.

But had Senator Taft been the nominee, under an isolationist and rugged individualistic platform would the Republican party have done better?

Don't be silly.

The GOP would have also lost Maine and Vermont.

NO, the people of this country,—practically all the people,—have marched far beyond the political concepts of the "Old Guard," which Editor O'B Flynn so ably, but hopelessly, represents.

This doesn't mean the Democrats are going to win indefinitely, but it does mean, as we see it, the Democrats will never be defeated by a party that refuses to see that certain social gains made during the administration of the late President Roosevelt are here to stay, and no party seeking their repeal can ever hope to gain that popular support and confidence which is essential to any far reaching political success.—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

I loved a lass, a fair one,
As fair as 'er was seen,
She was indeed a rare one
Another Rhoda queen.
But foot as then I was
I thought she loved me too.
Now I've lost a world itself,
My earthly heaven, adieu!
Since she's left me I'm
Falerio! Lerro! Loo!

—Wilbur.

(Above is excerpt from a 17th century torch song. Was written over 300 years ago. Gives you an idea how long heartless females have been kicking around the hearts of trusting men.)

Note the question discussed as to whether Marie Wilson is really a "dumb blonde" or just acts that way on stage and screen. Marie is one of the smartest girls in Hollywood. Anyway, there is no such thing as a dumb blonde. . . . "What became of Harry Richman?" asks a Chicagoan. Last I heard of Harry he was appearing at a night club in Miami and still singing "Laugh, Clown, Laugh."

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Note Jockey Eddie Arcaro referred to as "The Little Italian." That's no way to refer to Eddie. He was born and bred in old Kentucky. There is just no sense in speaking of him as "a little Italian." No more than there would be in referring to Joe Di Maggio as a "big Italian."

Just received is a copy of Oscar Haimo's "Cocktail and Wine Digest," which is said to include "All you need to know to be a barman." A barman is a bartender who gives you your change on a silver plate.

Asking

Queries from Clients: Q. You wonder why nobody has called a racehorse Brooklyn Bridge. The name has to many letters. There hasn't been a racehorse in the past 25 years which has had more than 12 letters in its name. A. Says you. How about that noble honest stretch-running thoroughbred of the 1930s whose name was Hey Diddle Diddle? Q. Do you recall a comedian named Lew Kelly? A. Certainly. Lew was a star of burlesque for many years. Very clever fellow.

Says She

"Am just six feet tall," writes a young woman of Schenectady, N. Y. "However, if I may temporarily cast aside that foolish vanity called modesty, I would like to say am well-proportioned and generally easy to look at. Many men seem attracted by me. But they are nearly all shorter than I. The few tall men on my horizon who would like to be 'friends' are married. And I know you'll admit that's not good, Mr. Durling. At least not the way I was brought up. There just don't seem to be any tall single men here in Schenectady or in Albany either. Oh, how I wish I could meet a nice bachelor whom I could kiss good night while standing on my tip toes!"

Passing By

Vivian Blaine. Vigorously vicious cinema cutie. She is a strawberry blonde which is No. 9 in order of preference on the list of 69 varieties of blondes. The titan blonde No. 8 and the cherry blonde No. 10. Vivian is the girl who in the film "Nob Hill" sang in such a charming way that delightful ditty "What Do You Want to Make Those Eyes At Me For, When They Don't Mean What They Say." . . . Julie Medlock. Belle of Madison Ave. (between 45th and 46th streets). Once a press agent; now a counsel of public relations with her own stationery and three telephones. "Judith Evelyn and I are going to take you to lunch at 21," says Julie. "That's fine," says I. "When?" Says she "When you finish the first act of that play you promised to write for Judith. That's the trouble with most everything pleasant nowadays. It has a catch in it somewhere."

Asides

Am asked if my dog does any tricks. Springer Spaniels refuse to do tricks. They have too much dignity. They are eager only to learn things which might increase their value as assistants to hunters. . . . Mrs. Mary Ellen McGrath, Pittsburgh, Pa. was probably the youngest mother to have a son in the U. S. armed forces in World War II. Mrs. McGrath was 33 years old when her son enlisted in the army air force.

Briefly

Harry Von Tilzer was the most prolific of all modern writers of popular songs. Harry wrote over 8,000 songs of which about 2,000 were published. Think Harry's best was "I Want A Girl Just Like The Girl That Married Dear Old Dad." . . . Betty Hutton is going to portray Pearl White in a biographical film of the celebrated serial star of yesteryear. Pearl passed on several years ago. However, Crane Wilbur and Paul Panzer who were featured with Miss White in "The Perils of Pauline," are living in Hollywood.

Heredity

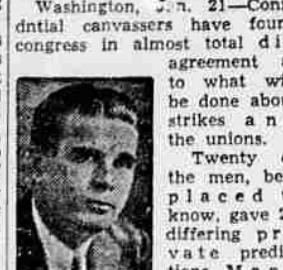
Expert on heredity says there is a chance for a child to inherit a talent or a vice from any of its ancestors for many generations removed. It is said if you carry your line back 20 generations you will find you have had about 1,048,476 ancestors. That's a lot of ancestors. Wonder which of my ancestors I inherit-

ed my talent for picking horses for show.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 21.—Confidential canvassers have found congress in almost total disagreement as to what will be done about strikes and the unions.



PAUL MALLON

Twenty of the men, best placed to know, gave 20 differing private predictions. Many said from the first the steel strike would be settled, then autos, then the big others; whereupon interest would die and congress would argue without decision until after their election next November.

Others did not believe congress could longer buck the problem and expected various union-curling enactments. But Mr. Truman had told his leaders privately he would veto anything which might be called an anti-union law.

Surely nothing opposed by the unions could get two-thirds majority necessary to pass over such a veto. The confused and confusing predictions, in the last analysis, therefore, appeared to add up to just about the same total—nothing, or little, or nothing.

A nice, neat hole in the wall is quite evidently being dug, through which all may escape. A commentator or two started it with toothpicks, but behind them some congressmen are ready with drills.

This is a proposal to cut the Truman fact-finding bill down to fact-finding alone. It would be stripped of its power of subpoena, to which General Motors objects, and the cooling-off period of 30 days before strikes, to which the union objects. Just pass a law letting the president appoint commissions to find facts.

The only trouble about this escape is that too many people can see the hole. It might be better to go brazenly out the window, or keep arguing interminably in hopes everyone will forget about the whole matter. Such legislation simply proposes what already has been done. Without legislation, Mr. Truman has established precisely that kind of fact-finding. General Motors walked out on it.

The steel union planned a strike against it (the fact-finding report was due February 10) and the strike was called for January 14, delaying only for direct negotiations, which Mr. Truman took into the White House, before his fact-finding commission could report.

The question raised by such a permanent fact-finding law is: Would anyone ever show up for the hearings? To handle the problem that way would be like waving back a windstorm with a feather.

If congressional leaders try to push their boys through this hole, there will of course be trouble. The labor committees of both houses are closely controlled by the unions. Nothing can escape them, which is opposed by the unions, or nothing ever has.

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the open senate and house floors, however, their bill would be open to amendment by the attachment of every possible solution every congressman has proposed. The problem of Mr. Truman's leaders will then be to prevent any important action, and they are likely to wind up with conflicting bills from the two houses.

Certainly anyone looking for solutions from congress must wear long-range glasses, and anyone looking toward consideration of the fundamentals of the problem will have to look hard. The plain fundamentals are these:

The unions have developed their strike technique to the point where they can tie up the nation any night. A simultaneous strike in telephones, telegraph and radio alone would nearly do it.

Add electrical power house workers, and you can see what four unions could do to the country. Add not the big railroads but the teamsters who merely handle all freight in the cities, elevator operators and bus drivers, and you have the obliterative possibilities of a general strike from only a few unions.

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this campaign, the unions by rather clever timing of local strikes to keep pressure on the White House (first buses,

then telephones without real issue in either), and by preliminary and bolstering strikes in other cities, have used their new power to get an unprecedented wage increase which will average above 18 per cent, a figure representing just about what they expected to get from their demand for 30 per cent. (Mr. Truman is supposed privately from the first to have favored 20 per cent.)

The uprising development, in aftermath, will be that the companies, one by one, were able to stand up in opposition as well as they did, without help from government or public.

These are the fundamental truths which will survive the week-end, gloss-over confusions of fact now current as an indispensable part of all labor conflicts.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer. Although the use of a pen-name of initials for publication is permissible the Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Not All GIs Are Idle

To the editor: It may prove interesting to Tribune readers to know that not all our GIs overseas with enough points for discharge are idle and only awaiting transportation. For men in the air corp, officers in command report a lack of skilled replacements for which several years training is necessary.

S/Sgt. Alden Wright, 356 Sqn., 305 Bomb group, writes concerning his unit of B-17 planes, which were based at St. Trond, Belgium, and were scheduled to return to the states last fall. At that time they were sent to Iceland for two months on a mapping mission and the date was advanced to Dec. 15.

From his letters in December to his parents:

"We have received orders to take over the new American base in Germany near Munich. It was to have been occupied by a group of B-29's but they have not arrived. We are very short of maintenance crews and so flight officers have been called out to the line and I have two crews to instruct in conditioning planes for flight. I have also served as flight engineer. Tomorrow we will begin moving to the new base. My planes are to make cargo runs although we will also have a truck convoy."

"Lechfeld, Germany, later in December:

"Today was the first mail call since we are entirely moved. This was a German jet plane field. About 75 per cent of the buildings were demolished by allied bombing, smashed planes lie about everywhere.

"We are close to the Alps so may get a furlough to Switzerland for skiing. It is very cold, snow and ice six inches thick with pine woods in the vicinity.

"Three planes from the group have been picked to go to Africa to make photographs and mine was one of them. They are trying to take only 40-point men and I am among those with more than 50 but as they need a crew chief it looks now that I'll be the one to go.

"However we may get to see some interesting country, it is rumored we go via Cairo. The base of operations will be Liberia. We ought to get warmed up a little there, so close to the equator.

"I ought to be home by April. There are men with 55 to 59 points who have not left yet."

Alden was with 8th air corps two years in England. Previous to entering the service he was with the Civilian A.C. stationed at Paine Field, Wash.

Mrs. Mark Wright, Rt. 4, Medford.

Put Up Green Light For Science

To the editor: In talking with returned servicemen, one gets the impression that much of the U. S. military effort in the recent war was strictly snafu. In fact, so hair-raising are many tales of inefficiency and bungling, one wonders how our side managed to win the war at all. I put this point to a navy vet, who replied, "Oh, the Germans must have been worse fouled up than we were."

Everyone has heard these charges—manpower wasted—talents misapplied—pfc's doing the captain's work when their ranks would be reversed if true merit were the only consideration—a college diploma or political connections getting a commission for many a second-rater—the president's son being commissioned a captain and winding up a brigadier general, while thousands of abler men never rose to the rank of sergeant.

So what? If there is any large proportion of truth in such charges, and I believe there is, how did we win the war?

First, I believe we had some pretty good men at the top—men like Marshall, Eisenhower and MacArthur. Second, and probably more important, we had the best scientific effort.

This war was, after all, primarily a battle of science. Perhaps our fighting-men were better than the enemy. But think where we would have been if the Germans had developed the atomic bomb first. Or, aside from that, think of the Germans having radar instead of us at

the time they attempted the air invasion of England. Radar was the principle reason for "so few" saving "so many" at that time. And the proximity fuse. Suppose the Germans had had that. They had been working on it since 1930. What a toll they would have exacted from our bombers. If we had not had the proximity fuse, the German rocket bombs would have done enormously more damage to England, the "Battle of the Bulge" might have gone much more seriously against us, and Japan's "kamikaze" suicide might have been successful.

I think science, more than anything else, won the war for our side. And if science was important in this war, we all know how much more important it will be in the next. So, I say place nothing in the way of American science!

ALMUS PRUITT.

JACKSON S AND L REELECTS BOARD

The seven directors of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association were re-elected at the annual shareholder's meeting held in the director's room January 16.

A four per cent dividend, one of the highest paid by any savings and loan association, was declared for the year ending December 31.

Directors of the pioneer association are: C. M. Kidd, John C. Mann, Dr. R. E. Green, Glen O. Taylor, W. J. Warner, H. J. Field and O. H. Bengtson. Mr. Kidd is president of the association.

Secretary Bengtson reports a satisfactory increase in mortgage loans during the past year. New home financing has shown a decided increase during the past few weeks, he said.

Fred Chez Joins Harold Brown In Insurance Agency

Mr. Fred Chez, who came to Medford from Great Falls, Mont., three months ago with his wife and two sons, is now associated with the Harold H. Brown Agency, general insurance firm here.

Chez was formerly in the teaching profession and served as athletic director or coach in various Wyoming, Colorado and Montana schools for 16 years. He attended Centre college in Kentucky and Montana State college where he was prominent in athletics.

The family has purchased a home at 1003 Whitman avenue. Chez' two sons, Fred, Jr., and Joe, are participating in athletics at the local high school.

GENERAL SHOOTS SELF

Manila, Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—The body of Brig. Gen. Harold Mace, 38, staff officer of the Seventh air force, was found yesterday in his quarters at the Admiral apartments a few hours after he arrived from Okinawa. He died of an apparently self-inflicted bullet wound in the head.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with occasional light rain, mostly in mountains. Slightly warmer tonight.

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday except cloudy with occasional rain northwest portion. Little change in temperature. Moderate southerly wind off coast.

LOCAL DATA

Temperature a year ago today:

Highest 46; Lowest 22.

Total monthly precipitation 1.90 inches.

Excess for the month 36 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 12.91 inches.

Excess for the season 4.09 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 69%; 4:30 a. m. today 55%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 7:33 a. m. Sunset 5:13 p. m.

Observations Taken At 4:30 A. M.

120 Meridian Time

High Low Prec.

Boise 38 24 .39

Boston 17 14 .39