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Ye Smudge Pot
 By Arthur Perry

A Portland critic charges
 "Oregonians live too much in
 the past". After a quick glance
 at the present state of affairs,
 one can't blame them.

Winter continues to hang on,
 and unless it ceases promptly,
 the weatherman will be doing
 the same, according to the
 Older Girls, who are behind
 with their pansy planting.

Russia held an election yester-
 day. There was a hundred
 million voters, and they were
 urged to show their faith in the
 Soviet, by a greater vote than in
 1937 when 98.6 per cent favored
 it. They have no burning
 issue like getting the horseback
 out of the middle of the Volga.

THAT'S DIFFERENT!
 (Woodlawn (Cal.) Democrat
 "An interesting point is
 raised by the reader who
 writes in to state that while
 all the fact-finding concerning
 the employer's ability to
 pay is going on there should
 be another project afoot to
 learn something about the ef-
 ficiency of the employee
 about to be paid. This is a
 quaint old fashioned notion
 with which your correspon-
 dent is altogether in sym-
 pathy."

It is now believed by agricul-
 ture experts, the cold has killed
 most of the weeds, in certain
 sections. They may have to be
 given extra doses of war-created
 and nether-fall exterminators, to
 revive them.

"Guests used to steal towels.
 Now they carry away bed linen,
 and any housewife knows the
 difficulty connected with ob-
 taining sheets."—(Roseburg
 News-Review)—Everything is
 done on a bigger basis in these
 times.

Tomorrow is the birthday of
 Abraham Lincoln. The fiduci-
 ary depositaries will close, but
 the tontorialists will struggle
 on, with their noses to the hone.

SERVES HER RIGHT
 (Petals (Cal.) Courier)
 "Milwaukee—Mrs. Marger-
 et Rousseau, 21, related in cir-
 cuit court some of the reasons
 that she wanted a divorce
 from William 25. One was
 that he painted a divorce.
 wedding picture. She was
 wearing mustache and spec-
 tacles on her."

An upstate basketball game,
 in which a district title was in-
 volved, according to reports,
 was a wild affair, wild enough
 to bring the blush of shame to
 the faces of professional wrestl-
 ers. A lady spectator sustained
 a broken leg, and the two offi-
 cials barely escaped with their
 hides intact. This is what hap-
 pens when civic pride goes to
 seed, and defeat of their favor-
 ite team is regarded as a per-
 sonal insult. As a preliminary
 to "crucial" basketball game,
 a battle royal should be staged
 between the spectators, and ad-
 mission charged. This would
 stop a lot of civil wars.

"Henry Morton is mining the
 Rainbow claims, also a group of
 Los Angeles and Hollywood
 people"—(Clear Creek Items)—
 It runs about six pocketbooks
 to the yard.

Snow fell again yesterday,
 chiefly in the hills, where it be-
 longs. In the municipality it did
 not amount to a tinker's anathe-
 ma, and was not sufficient for
 exuberant youths to mould
 snowballs, and bombard old
 folks on the way to church.

Editorial Correspondence

Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Clear and cool today, not a cloud in the sky after the rain. With an annual rainfall of only 10 or 12 inches there can't be many rainy days in Tucson, though February and August are supposed to be the two wettest months.

Of course it does no harm but this "big-hat" rigamarole in Tucson gets a bit silly as time goes on. We mean it is probably amusing to tourists on their first visit and regarded as typically and refreshingly western; but to old-timers, residents and otherwise, we believe it represents a bore.

Yesterday in front of our hotel a group of local business men dressed up as cowboys, made a lot of noise shooting off their hip-pocket artillery and their mouths, while they gathered in un-attended females who had not rigged themselves out in cowgirl attire. The gals were put in a wooden jail and then asked to per- form in some way or pay a fine for not conforming to the "big hat" season edict. Probably the visiting males will be next on the tapis and as your correspondent's cowboy suit is in the family barn out on Hillcrest Road, he will, no doubt, be one of the victims. Well, along with other unpleasant experiences on our various and sundry trips there will be one compensation—it will—or may—make copy.

This is a mecca for so called duos or guest ranches. They are as thick around here as fleas on a Mexican dog—and very nice if one likes them. The L. Carpenters of "Veritas" and the A. Carpenters of "Topsides" are spending the winter at one of them—it is not far from the El Rio Golf Club, where the recent national open golf tournament was held, and is known as the "Silver Bell." We had luncheon there yesterday,—the nicest and warmest day the Carpenters said, since their arrival the first of January. It was perfect from every standpoint. Mrs. Alfred Car-penter's sister, with her husband, John Scott of Pasadena, will fly in from their home in Pasadena for the week-end. We never can resist a thrill at the thought of people like the Scotts, who have abandoned the automobile and use an airplane instead for all out-of-town trips. No dust up there, no noise, no traffic, no wear-and-tear on tires,—in fact it is a great improvement over any other form of transportation as long as it STAYS up there. The only fly in the amber, of course, is getting it down and JUST where one wishes it to be!

Tucson is busted wide open over a sensational domestic tragedy,—the attractive wife of a local professor—formerly of the University of Wisconsin—and a popular young architect, (re-cently let out of the army), were found dead in a small garage-cottage duplex, and it was NOT suicide. The cause was a poorly ventilated gas-heater. Prominent families, several "innocent children" are involved; the professor, already a victim of T.B., may never survive. But what has interested the undersigned particularly is criticism among the "best people" against the local papers for printing the facts. These people think the facts should be suppressed for the sake of the children, particularly.

It WILL be tragic for the children, of course, for the families, for close friends; for everyone intimately concerned. But would suppression of the facts as far as the press is concerned help them in any real way? Of course not. The tragedy, the hurt, the shame, the loss,—such things go too deep for that. What people seem to forget at such a time is that the facts are the important things,—they make the tragedy not whether they are or are not printed.

But the important point is the responsibility of a newspaper in a community, be it large or small. Is it a NEWS paper or isn't it?

If it is, then it has an obligation to print the news, the good, the bad, with favors to none,—with fair play to all, to give the people of that community a true, an accurate picture of that community,—to picture for friends or for foes the world EXACTLY as it goes.

That can't be done if the news regarding this tragedy,—or any tragedy, should be suppressed because the principals happen to be socially prominent and their families influential, and not suppressed where such conditions do not exist.

Or if such stories of domestic tragedy are not printed at all? Well, that policy is followed by one large newspaper in this country,—and a very good one,—but no one would hold for a minute, that that paper, gives a true news picture either of its community or the country.

It all comes down to this: Whether a newspaper IS a NEWS-paper, or is some sort of propaganda sheet; whether it DOES give a fair, and impartial picture of the happenings of its community and the world at large each day; or whether at the discretion of its editor, it gives a biased and untrue one,—a Polyanna "make-up" with only things that are pleasant and uplifting in-cluded, all the unpleasant "FACTS of life" suppressed.

We believe the answer is evident and it is the answer in the last analysis not of the newspapers but the American people. The American people want,—within reason, of course, with due regard to the laws of decency and good taste—THE TRUTH.

If there is something "rotten in Denmark" they want to know it; and if there is something to be proud of and rejoice in, they want to know that. They don't want to be deceived on the side of optimism or pessimism. They want not only the facts, but a proper relationship between them,—as true and accurate a factual picture as can be constructed, under conditions which exist.

And that, as far as the American press as a whole is con-cerned, is what they get.

When they no longer want it, American newspapers as NEWS-papers, will cease to exist,—there will only be propaganda and special-interest sheets!—R.W.R.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling
 (Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

The years are coming and going
 While races are borne to their
 rest
 But never ceases the passion
 That burns within my breast.
 Only once more I would see you,
 And make you a low salaam.
 And with my dying breath, mur-
 mur
 "I love you still, madame!"
 —Reine.

(Above brings to mind that
 continental love song of the late
 1920s titled "I Kiss Your Hand,
 Madame." I believe Carl Bris-
 son, now known as "The mar-
 ried women's Sinatra" popularized
 it.)

My trouble is that sometimes
 when I pop off I cover too much
 territory. I recently stated the
 vegetarian had ever led the Na-
 tional or American leagues in
 batting, been an All-America
 football player or a boxing cham-
 pion. A number of clients, de-
 manding stogies be sent them by
 return mail, point out that Fred-
 die Welsh, lightweight boxing
 champion of the world from 1914
 to 1917 was a vegetarian.

Egyptian Chanteuse
 Egypt's most popular singer
 is a female named Om-Kalsum,
 popularly known as "O.K." She
 is 37 years old and quite a good
 looking in an oriental way. She
 specializes in love songs, each
 one takes her 45 minutes or more
 to sing. When a new government
 recently took over in Egypt the
 people demanded of it "food,
 clothes and O.K. on the radio."

Volunteer
 A young man of Wheaton, Ill.,
 Scotch whisky is to be made

In Peoria, Ill. Experts from Scot-
 land will be employed to super-
 vise its manufacture, following
 the methods used in the old
 country. However, Scotch distil-
 lers state no Scotch whisky
 made in a foreign country will
 ever equal the native product.
 They say it is the unusual qual-
 ity of the water of the highlands
 of Scotland that is the major
 factor in making the native
 Scotch whisky what it is today.

Passing By
 Rise Stevens. Of the opera.
 She is reported to be a very lov-
 ing wife. Not only that, she has
 stated she lives up to the "obey"
 in the marriage ceremony. This
 seems to prove, if the proper
 methods are used, it is possible
 for a husband to control a brow-
 eyed honey blonde.

Neckties
 Not content with confining
 their advice to their own sex
 female fashion experts are now
 expressing strong opinions as to
 what a man should wear, and
 how he should wear it to be well-
 dressed. For example one wom-
 an says: "A necktie should do
 for a man what a hat does for a
 woman. It should attract atten-
 tion, be the right color and pat-
 tern and above all be neatly
 knotted and worn at the right
 angle. A man's character can be
 judged by the way he knots his
 tie, same as a woman is judged
 by the length of her slip."

Almost Confidential
 Mrs. Ruth Wyatt, Lincoln
 Park, Mich., was 31 years old
 when her son enlisted in the
 navy. . . A San Franciscoan
 claims an Airdale is a better
 hunting dog than a Springer
 Spaniel. That depends on what
 you are hunting. . . The charge
 of 75 cents for a shave now in
 force in many barber shops is
 ridiculous. Some self-service
 shops should be established
 where a man could shave him-
 self for a fee of 25 cents with
 the necessary materials furnish-
 ed.

Opposition
 In opposing this department's
 bitter campaign for bigger, long-
 er, lustier after the wedding
 ceremony kisses a Chicagoan
 suggests this type of osculation
 should be entirely eliminated.

Observes she: "The first kiss af-
 ter marriage should be something
 wonderful,—away from the star-
 ling and amused eyes of wedding
 guests." I am not in agreement
 with this subscriber. To postpone
 the first kiss after the wedding,
 as suggested, is just making a
 routine out of romance. That
 first kiss should be impetuous,
 unrestrained and lingering with
 the happy couple entirely obli-
 vious of their surroundings.
 For such after the ceremony
 kisses this department will con-
 tinue to campaign.

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 permis-
 sible. The Mail Tribune reserves
 the right to edit all letters with a
 view to clarity and condensation

Advocates Burning
 To the editor: Keep Oregon
 green.—That is quite a slogan,
 but if the government would
 turn Oregon, as well as the
 northwest, back to the Indians
 for a few years and let them
 burn back and destroy the un-
 derbrush that is destroying our
 country, it might be a slogan.
 The underbrush is destroying
 our timber, water sheds, and our
 grazing lands, what little we
 have left.

Greasewood, chaparral and
 poison oak—10 acres of that kind
 of land is not worth a poor man's
 penny.

A good fire in the right place
 and at the right time would al-
 most destroy Jackson county.
 Why wait until it may be too
 late?

Barney Cody
 Jacksonville

Vets For Office
 To the editor: The president
 and the people are firm in the
 promise that returned soldiers
 will be provided with jobs.

There will be open to them
 soon a lot of good jobs in the
 county so they should get busy,
 get together and select their can-
 didates for county jobs. They
 should not be afraid, because
 they may think they will not be
 qualified for the job. All the
 present holders have had to
 learn at the people's expense,
 and we the people are willing
 to pay, and if the veterans have
 the same "kuts" they showed at
 the front we will back them all
 up; for are they not our sons?

C's your hats in the ring at
 the primaries, boys, the more the
 merrier. You will have a lot of
 fun and so will the voters.

Get out and make campaign
 speeches or any other way that
 you think will win. And girls,
 this pertains to you as well.
 Let's go.

W. B. Crause
 Guano deposits on the islands
 off the coast of Peru yielded
 \$375,000,000 profit during the
 past 25 years.

Woolfoam
 DON'T GAMBLE
 WASH ALL
 FINE WOOLENS IN
 Woolfoam
 Made for Wool by a Wool Doctor
 25c
 AT CLOTHING DEPARTMENTS
 (SHOES AND HATS NOT WASHED)
 WOOLFOAM CORP. NEW YORK 10, N.Y.

Babson Discusses Home Mortgages

By Roger W. Babson
 Babson Park, Feb. 9.—Special
 Correspondence.—Mortgage
 money is cheaper today than
 ever before in the history of the
 United States. Even the Co-
 operative Banks, which have
 charged six per cent ever since
 their organization years ago, are
 now loaning money at four per
 cent. Moreover, the terms are
 very much easier than ever be-
 fore. During the years preced-
 ing the last depression home
 mortgages were written for
 from three to five years as a
 maximum. Now the borrower
 can be accommodated by mort-
 gages written for twenty years,
 or perhaps even longer.

**Interest No Higher On
 Present Building Costs**

Although it is much easier to
 borrow money today than dur-
 ing prewar days, the cost of
 home buildings now averages
 about fifty per cent higher.
 However, the carrying
 charges at four per cent on a
 house costing \$7500 are no great-
 er, in total, than were the car-
 rying charges at six per cent on
 a house costing \$5000 in prewar
 days. Hence, this is a good time
 to plan a new home. Surely the
 land should be purchased at once.

The very fact that money rates
 are very low and building costs
 are high makes mortgages less
 attractive to the lender. In fact,
 I see little inducement for pri-
 vate individuals to loan money
 on mortgages at this time unless
 they do it to help the sale of
 property which they desire to
 unload. As a cold business propo-
 sition, I should hate to tie my
 money up for twenty years at
 three and one-half or four per
 cent interest. This is why I am
 bearish on most high grade, long-
 term bond issues.

**"Packaged" Mortgages
 Offered To Builders**

Borrowers have another ad-
 vantage today in many commu-
 nities. I have just noticed an
 advertisement by the First Fed-
 eral Savings and Loan Associa-
 tion of New Haven, Conn., offer-
 ing to "loan money for building
 and equipping a home with all
 mechanical conveniences for
 comfortable living." This in-
 cludes insulation, cooking range,
 refrigerator, washing machine,
 garbage disposal, ventilating fan
 as well as complete heating and
 lighting equipment and the lat-
 est plumbing fixtures. I under-
 stand that some banks are even
 including air conditioning.

Up to the present time, when
 these electrical appliances were
 available, it has been possible to
 buy them on installments, run-
 ning over about eighteen months.
 This, however, has been a heavy
 burden on young people. Now,
 under "packaged" mortgages,
 all these brand new appliances
 can be included with the origi-
 nal cost of the house, and paid
 for over a period of twenty
 years. Furthermore, this pro-
 gram is much more convenient
 to the borrower because he is
 dealing with and making pay-
 ments to only one concern,
 namely the bank, instead of to
 several local dealers. I estimate
 the cost of such equipment
 would add only about sixty cents
 a month for every one hundred
 dollars worth bought on the
 above basis.

To keep the house up-to-date,
 these "packaged" mortgages al-
 low for replacement of appli-
 ances and provide payments
 therefor by the addition of a few
 cents to the above-mentioned
 monthly figure. It should also
 be remembered that under such
 a program the cost of the appli-
 ances is considerably reduced as
 the agent's commissions are
 either eliminated or cut down to
 a nominal figure. Whether or
 not your bank will pay for your
 electrical appliances, it will take
 your mortgage on a monthly
 payment basis which will in-
 clude payment of taxes, insur-
 ance premiums, legal title fees,
 and other expenses. All of this
 amounts up to more than you
 are now paying for rent. More-
 over, under this new system you
 will some day own your home
 outright without any more pay-
 ments.

**Babson Hopeful For
 Electrical Stocks**

When I saw the government
 cancelling its big war contracts
 with the General Electric, the
 Westinghouse, and other similar
 companies after Japan collapsed,
 I became fearful. Although these
 companies would save consid-

able through the elimination of
 the excess-profits taxes, yet I
 doubted if new peace business
 would offset the loss of war busi-
 ness. The more, however, I
 study these "packaged" mort-
 gages the more hopeful I be-
 come for the electrical appliance
 stocks. Certainly, if this new
 form of loaning money to home
 builders becomes general, it
 should be a boon to the electri-
 cal equipment industry. Home
 owners will buy much more
 equipment and much better
 equipment. Furthermore, this
 trend will make housework
 lighter, conserve and protect
 foods, and perhaps even reduce
 the cost of living. One other
 thought: This expansion should
 greatly increase the demand for
 "fix-it" shops which is a sug-
 gestion to returning G. I.'s.

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
 Feb. 11, 1936
 (It was Tuesday)

Claud E. Ingalls of Corvallis,
 editor, to give chief address at
 annual Lincoln day banquet to-
 morrow night.

Gold Hill cement plant to start
 in March.

Central Point boy held for
 "disturbing amateur play re-
 hearsals."

Dog owners warned to get
 1936 licenses for pets.

Light snow falls in valley.
 High 54, low 41. Rain pre-
 dicted.

Farm bill backed by Roose-
 velt before senate.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
 Feb. 11, 1916

Premier Mussolini renews
 threat of war in reply to Ger-
 man chancellor as Berlin press
 deplores "sabre-rattling" by
 Italy.

Unsettled with rain. High 56,
 low 36.

Owen-Oregon company an-
 nounces it will build a new mill
 here.

Amateur minstrel show to be
 given at Central Point Saturday.

Eight feet of snow now at
 Crater Lake.

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO
 Feb. 11, 1912
 (It was Sunday)

Lincoln day to be observed
 here tomorrow.

Threat of world war hovers
 over Europe. Germany aggres-
 sive.

Auto hose cart for city finally
 arrives.

Eugene business men to visit
 city and valley tomorrow.

REVEAL SALARIES OF CIO LEADERS

Washington, Feb. 11.—(U.P.)
 The Congress of Industrial Or-
 ganizations disclosed Saturday
 that President Philip Murray is
 the highest paid executive of any
 CIO union. He receives \$20,000
 a year from the USW and serves
 as CIO president without addi-
 tional compensation.

Next highest paid CIO union
 presidents are Sidney Hillman
 of the Amalgamated Clothing
 Workers, \$15,000 annually; Emil
 Rieve, Textile Workers, and
 Samuel Wolchok, Retail, Depart-
 ment Store and Wholesale Em-
 ployees, \$10,000 each, and R. J.
 Thomas of the United Auto-
 mobile Workers, \$9,000.

**FRANCO DEFIANT
 OF WORLD POWERS**

Madrid, Feb. 11.—(U.P.)—Gen-
 eralissimo Francisco Franco lash-
 ed back at critics of his govern-
 ment today by declaring that

Spain is ready to close her fron-
 tiers and live in isolation if forced
 to do so by the disapproval
 of world powers.
 Speaking during a visit to the
 mountain town of Segovia, Fran-
 co declared that Spaniards fully
 supported what he described as
 Spain's "conservative capitalis-
 tic system."
 Franco's declaration came
 while United Nations delegates
 in London were denouncing
 Franco's regime while approving
 unanimously an anti-Franco res-
 olution presented by Panama.

LEGAL NOTICES
 Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

NOTICE OF FINAL MEETING
 In the County Court of the State
 of Oregon for Jackson County.
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 AXEL E. AMUNDSEN, De-
 ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
 That the undersigned Executor
 has filed with the above entitled
 Court its duly verified First and
 Final Account, and that said
 Court has set the hour of 10
 o'clock A. M. on February 27th,
 1946, as the time, and the court
 room of said Court in the court
 house in Medford, Oregon, as
 the place for the consideration of
 said account, the approval there-
 of, and the discharging of the
 said Executor and the final clos-
 ing of said estate as fully pro-
 vided upon.

All persons having any inter-
 est in said estate are hereby no-
 tified and required to appear at
 said time and place and show
 cause, if any they have, why
 such relief should not be
 granted.

Dated and first published at
 Medford, Oregon, on this 4th
 day of February, 1946.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL
 BANK OF PORTLAND,**
 Executor of the estate of
 Axel E. Amundsen, de-
 ceased.

F. J. NEWMAN,
 Attorney for Said Estate.

**Summons For Publication
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
 THE STATE OF OREGON
 FOR JACKSON COUNTY.**
 WILLIE GUY TIBBITS, also
 known as WILLIE G. TIB-
 BITS, and VINETA GLADYS
 TIBBITS, husband and wife,
 Plaintiffs, vs. VON DER HEL-
 LEN and BROWN, a co-part-
 nership; BUTCHER, HELVIG
 & TRANSON, a co-partner-
 ship; WILLIAM VON DER
 HELLEN and HELEN VON
 DER HELLEN, husband and
 wife; JOHN BROWN and
 MARY BROWN, husband and
 wife; JACK BUTCHER and
 MARY BUTCHER, husband
 and wife; THOMAS HELVIG
 and JUNE HELVIG, husband
 and wife; RICHARD TRAN-
 SON and SARAH TRANSON,
 husband and wife; CHARLES
 WALKER, a single man;
 GRACE WALKER and JOHN
 DOE, her husband, if married;
 each and all of the unknown
 heirs of each and all of the
 above named defendants; also,
 all other persons or parties un-
 known claiming any right,
 title, estate, lien or interest in
 the real estate described in the
 complaint herein. Defendants,
 TO EACH AND ALL OF THE
 ABOVE DEFENDANTS EX-
 CEPT WILLIAM VON DER
 HELLEN and HELEN VON
 DER HELLEN, husband and
 wife, and CHARLES WALK-
 ER, a single man.

IN THE NAME OF THE
 STATE OF OREGON, you and
 each of you are hereby re-
 quired, to answer the com-
 plaint filed against you in the
 above entitled suit on or before
 the last day or four weeks from
 the date of