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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

Almost everybody these days

is building a house, looking for

a house, trying to buy material

for a house, or endeavoring to

sell a house.

Rumor hath it, ere winter

comes again, the prehistoric

lamp posts on the Main Stem

will be replaced with stream-

lined beacons of metropolitan

design and great brilliancy.

The Older Girls report the

first house files of Spring have

appeared and been swatted.

WHEN GALS WERE

SQUEAMISH

(Pendleton East Oregonian)

Early this morning one of

the ladies came down for a

lamp. Landlord Allen asked

if there was anything wrong

with the electric light, and

was informed by the lady she

had no use for it. She said

neither herself nor her com-

panion would touch it, as they

were afraid it would sting.

When they got ready to re-

tire the night before, they did

not attempt to turn the light

out, but wrapped their petti-

coats around it.—(50 Yrs. Ago

Col.)

Auto engineers have about

perfected an invisible headlight.

This will not be anything new.

When some of the present ones

are turned on full blast you can't

see anything.

Old Grads of Old Oregon and

OSC who have had their ears

glued to radios recently trying

to find out who won the basket-

ball games, report a horde of

sopranos on the air at night who

can't sing any too well.

February—the shortest and

worst—month of the year, is

about over. Next on the agenda

is March, due to arrive Friday,

like a lion or a lamb, or neither.

It is a month that heralds spring

with blossoms and the arrival of

a frost expert from the south.

TERRORS OF WEALTH

(Exchange)

"When you have finished

reading it you get the impres-

sion that heavy, heavy lies the

head of the man who owns a

million. You begin to pity

him. You begin to wish that

you could take some of his

off his shoulders."

The G. Fabrick boy Steve has

come down with the measles.

All his neighborhood pals had

the ailment in duets and trios.

It was thought he was immune

until Sun, when the measles took

him on singlehanded.

There is a dearth of candidates

for governor in the ranks of Ore-

gon democracy. It seems the

presidential coat-tails are no

longer adaptable for yanking

one into high office.

The clothing shortage is re-

portedly getting worse with no

immediate relief in sight. The

same condition prevailed after

World War I, remember. Then

the consumers got their backs

up and started wearing overalls

and making a civic event out of

it. The manufacturers came to

their oats, almost post-haste.

Now the nation is also out of

overalls, as well as suits, but

sooner or later somebody will

think up a cure.

Editorials discussing what the

republican party needs have

started appearing. What the re-

publican party seems to need

most of all, in the light of events

of the past 16 or so years, is

fewer republicans voting demo-

cratic in presidential elections.

Silly Business

The clearer the European picture becomes, the more ridiculous that Polyanna bed-time story of Foreign Minister Bevin regarding eternal friendship with Soviet Russia appears.

FRIENDSHIP!

Did Mr. Bevin fail to notice what his boss, and the official head of the British government, said only one day later?

It was not played up by the press,—at least not in the papers that have come to this desk,—but not so very long ago (say a couple of decades) such a remark by one government concerning another would have almost certainly meant a break in diplomatic relations.

This is what Prime Minister Attlee said:

"The serious troubles in India are being fomented by Soviet Russia."

At least that was the report from London sent out by the Associated Press, and its authenticity can therefore hardly be questioned.

IMAGINE it! The head of one government accusing another government of fomenting rebellion in its territories!

And there is little question of the fundamental truth of the statement,—undoubtedly unrest and revolution against the British government, ever since the close of World War II, have been fomented by Soviet agents not only in India but throughout the Middle East. This is the post-war Soviet "line."

Then why talk of friendship, treaties of amity for 50 years when the official record proclaims day after day no friendship exists?

How much better to face the facts and set about at once to remove the conditions which render international friendship impossible and war eventually certain.—R.W.R.

Bad Movie Casting

A subscriber asks "What's the matter with the movies?" He thinks they are getting,—we quote,— "Worse and worse."

That may be true, on the other hand, it may only be because the public taste is changing, rather than the movie quality deteriorating.

But this we do know:

There is a deplorable amount of mis-casting in Hollywood.

And this is hard to explain, for it would seem to any man up a tree, that selecting actors and actresses for appropriate parts would be a very simple matter.

BUT observe what some of the movie casters do!

Try to make Mr. Fred MacMurray a COMEDIAN, —and also this jelly-jowled nuisance by the name of "Sakall." Then they cast a fine wholesome gal like Ingrid Bergman as a "hot-mama," and smiling, song-full Dick Powell as the latest beetle-browed "menace." One could go on almost indefinitely along the same line on the wasting of talent and the spoiling of parts by putting,—or trying to put,—round pegs in square holes and jumbling up the entire casting picture unmercifully.

We don't know why this should be the case, but it is.

And we also know nothing would increase the general enjoyment of movies more than more intelligent and discriminating casting,—placing actors and actresses in parts they are FITTED for, and keeping them OUT of parts for which they are NOT fitted!—R.W.R.

Pauley Should Step Out

Now Senator Pepper of Florida comes forward to suggest "Oil Tycoon" Pauley withdraw as candidate for assistant secretary of the navy, and thus save President Truman further embarrassment.

We seldom agree with the "Florida Pepper-Pot" but in this instance we certainly do,—Mr. Pauley should step down and out as was suggested in this department many weeks ago.

And not only to save President Truman further embarrassment but to save the naval department from suspicion.

It isn't that Mr. Pauley is an undesirable citizen, or an incapable one, but when it comes to the navy and oil, the head of that department, like Caesar's wife, must be above all suspicion.

As a former oil promoter and operator, with political ambitions, Mr. Pauley as secretary of the navy,—a position he is slated for,—would always BE under suspicion.

ONE might, in fact, place this selection by President Truman, in the same category as above noted in the movie field,—an example of extremely bad CASTING.

Pauley has been an effective member of the present administration and would be capable of good work in many other fields, no doubt, but NOT in the naval department which has the final word when it comes to the disposal and regulation of federal oil.

We realize it is never easy to "resign under fire" and we also realize that if Mr. Pauley stubbornly sticks to his guns, President Truman will probably stick by him.

But, as Senator Pepper declares, such action in all likelihood would only lead to rejection of the nomination by the Senate.

Therefore, not only would it be better for Mr. Pauley to get out before he is kicked out, but such action would be infinitely better for Mr. Truman and the democratic party.—R.W.R.

On The Side By E. V. Durling

(Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

With all my soul, then, let us part,
Since both are anxious to be free;
And I will send you home your
heart.
If you will send back mine to me,
Then let us leave the bower of love
Where we have loitered long in
bliss;
And you may down that pathway
rove
While I shall take my way through
this.

—Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stafford of San Francisco have become the proud parents of four children in 22 months. "Can Brooklyn top it?" my informant asks. June Marie Stafford was born Oct. 23, 1943. John Walter Stafford on Aug. 10, 1944. On Aug. 25, 1945 Pat and Mike Stafford, twins, were born. The proud papa, now a civilian, was during the war a staff sergeant in the medical corps and served six months with General Patton's third army.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. What was the name of that world famous book on piano playing you recently mentioned? Where can it be bought? A. Name of book is "The Art of Touch" by Tobias Matthay. It is out of print but might be found in some second hand bookstores. Q. Am Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19). I find my Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) wife hard to handle. Any suggestions in your Horos & Women files? A. Aquarius husbands, usually ambitious fellows, are inclined to concentrate too greatly on their careers or business interests and thus neglect the lady. Libra women are in love with love. If they do not get what they consider a fair amount of loving they rebel. To handle a Libra wife a man must be more a lover than a husband. When he kisses her it must be like Valentino kissed Agnes Ayres in "The Sheik." Or at least the way Gregory Peck kissed Greer Garson in "The Valley of Decision." Of course, this may be a little difficult after a hard day at the office. But, nevertheless, if you want to keep a Libra happy that's what you have to do. Or so claim the stargazers.

Says She

"At first I found amusing the conceit of the many males who are continually complaining of the imperfections of females. But now this type of whining is beginning to weary me," writes a young matron of Toledo, Ohio. "These bloated male egoists say there are no nice girls. That modern women have no morals. That a good wife is hard to find. The fact is that the average male wants the modern maiden to be perfect, but not so perfect that she makes him feel inferior. She must be good, but not so good that she spoils his good times. She must be clever and well-educated but must be certain to hide those lights under a bushel basket if they threaten the superiority complex of the almighty male. She must be a glamour girl but, nevertheless a homebody."

Bargain

An East Orange, N. J., eatery offers the following bargains: "Jumbo size steak and a double daiquiri \$1.48." What interests me about this proposition is the reference to the double daiquiri. People seem to be drinking doubles of everything nowadays. However, I haven't heard of anybody attempting to consume a double tequila.

New Club

Wallace Philley of Valparaiso, Ind., suggests a My Name Is a Sentence Club. For this he nominates Ednyfed Williams of Chicago and asks: "What did Edny fed Williams?" By way of making his idea clear. Very interesting. I suppose Dorothy Shotwell of Detroit would be eligible for this club.

Shaving

San Franciscans say he has a "Made in Germany" safety razor blade he has used for his daily shave for the past 10 years and it is still as good as ever. He sharpens the blade at intervals as you would a straight razor blade. I have discovered some very good safety razor blades recently, however, though they make it possible to get a marvelous shave they don't last long. Only for about three good shaves.

Asides

"Please do all you can to tell me where Frankie Neil, the former boxer is," writes a young woman of Medford, Ore. Sorry to say I don't know what became of Frankie. . . . Now I have a reader in Hope, Ark. That's where they grow super duper watermelons. Understand one watermelon grown in this section weighed 195 pounds. Boy, that's a lot of watermelon!

Sidelights

These travel experts who make suggestions on how much tourists should tip on Pullmans better be careful or they will cause some of the porters to have an attack of high blood pressure. For example, one of these alleged experts says an adequate tip for a Pullman porter for an overnight trip in a compartment is 50 cents. . . . "Eddie, my boy, you amaze me," writes a New Yorker. "How can you say Sammy Strang was the best pinch hitter of all time? How about good, old 'Moose' McCormick?" (Note—"Moose" was all right in

a pinch but I still think Strang was tops).

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Feb. 26.—The new Truman-Bowles economic control program has not been thoroughly interpreted or understood.



Paul Mallon

The president spoke of it as "a bulge" in his wage-price line. Mr. Bowles, being a price man himself, talks of it as a price-holding policy, as if there was not much more to it. Actually, the wording of the executive order authorizing it, ventures far beyond these fields into a complete government control, more specific and extensive than war-time, based upon the following proposition:

1. A general wage increase, above war-time rates, with no figure mentioned.

2. Increase of prices only where necessary to bring business profits up to prewar level.

In simplest essence, then, the idea is to make business pay higher than war wages and limit profits to the lower, preinflation, prewar standard. Prices are to go wherever this formula sends them.

To accomplish such proposed economic legerdemain (if it can be accomplished), the government proposes to lay hands on every economic control—establish priorities over materials, limit profits through its wage policy and price limitations, and rather specifically fix wages.

While it has mentioned no precise figure for the general wage increase in its announcements, it has advocated boosts ranging from 15 to 20 per cent, or 15 to 22 cents an hour in steel autos, etc. This is coming now on top of the general 15 per cent wage increase of the little steel formula, which actually went further than 15 per cent in contrived concessions (reclassifications, portal-to-portal, vacations, etc.).

Thus wages have been officially decreed to be up 30 per cent from prewar, and the signed steel contract with its new approximately 20 per cent wage increase runs for only one year at which time the union may seek the rest of its demands for another increase.

THE Truman-Bowles decree authorizes continued extension of the 15 to 20 per cent wage increases for any of these following reasons which might apply in a particular case—consistency with "a general pattern," the local labor market, gross inequities, disparities, cost-of-living, etc., etc. In effect, the wage policy is to grant increases for any purposes excepting inflation.

But on business profits, the executive order is strict and specific. While business may apply for price increases in less than six months (this point greatly stressed as favorable to business in the announcements), business can get an increase only to prevent operating at a loss, or to bring its profits up—I quote paragraph 2B—"to earn an average rate of profit equal as nearly as may be to the rate of the return on net worth earned by the industry in the peacetime basic period applicable to that industry."

THIS is no simple wage-price formula—or policy. It is revolutionary. It proposes a peacetime revolution in the capitalist system greater than effected for war purposes, although operating under continuance of the president's war powers acts. During the war, the government acted only in generalities, using ceilings and freezings in its controls and taxing the profits of business whatever these were. Now it is moving into specific management, not only of each wage and each price, but each profit.

It is not a "hold the line" policy (which worked out as a hold-the-sieve policy, in which secret price and wage increases were effected by gross deterioration in quality of goods and services), or "a bulge" in that sieve. It is a "nut cracker" program. It proposes to crack the "nut" (income of business) not alone between the loose jaws of wage increases and price ceilings, as during the war, but by the in-

Steel Agreement Reached



(Acme Telephoto)
Vice President of the U. S. Steel Corporation John A. Stephens (left), Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwellenbach (center) and Phillip Murray, president of the United Steelworkers, clasp hands three ways following signing of agreement ending steel strike.

sertion of a third, specific sharp jaw—a profit ceiling, not fixed realistically on values of this current inflationary era, but upon the prewar value of the dollar in purchasing power.

Can it be done? Could the program work? With the above initial explanation of the depths of the project, I will attempt to ascertain the answer to the final questions in a subsequent column.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer. Although the use of a pen name or initials in publication is permitted, the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Club Complimented

To the editor: To even up the count for having criticized the speaker at the Isaak Walton chapter meeting in the court house a few nights ago, I want to say a few words of praise on behalf of Medford's Knife and Fork club. The club has been instrumental in bringing to the Pear City three nationally known speakers, to enlighten and delight the large audiences of members and invited guests. A glance over the audience at any meeting will indicate that representative citizens, both men and women, are Knife and Forkers.

Hawthorne Daniel, a nationally known writer and traveler, recently returned from the war zones, delighted his audience with his first hand information on happenings on the Pacific front, as well as his descriptions of the generals, both British and American, responsible for the victory, such as MacArthur, Nimitz, Eisenhower, Kruger, Wavel and Mountbatten. He described them all as men of great ability and high character.

While abroad he visited Rome and had a half hour interview with the pope, who, he says, is a splendid conversationalist in English and impressed him greatly as a man of ability and sympathetic understanding, looking to permanent peace throughout the world.

The toastmaster, prior to introducing the speaker, mentioned the fact that at the March meeting, members and guests attending would have an opportunity to show how well they could handle the silverware that is responsible for the club's name, as the board was arranging for eats as well as talk.

G. H. Young

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday with light rain. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Cloudy with light rain in west portion tonight; not so cold tonight. Wednesday, light rain; cooler in west portion. Fresh to strong southeast wind off coast.

LOCAL DATA

Temperature a year ago today:

Highest 51; lowest 27.

Total monthly precipitation 81 inch.

Deficiency for the month 1.01 inch.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 14.82 inches.

Excess for the season 3.41 inches.

Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday 46%; 4:30 a. m. today 92%.

Tomorrow

Sunrise 6:30 a. m. Sunset 5:58 p. m.

Observations Taken At 4:30 A.M., 120 Meridian Time

High Low Prec

Boise 42 23

Boston 34 —

Chicago 29 33 T

Denver 60 33

Eureka 53 —

Havre