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Today's Roundup

YOUTHFUL uprising against dirt has started here. Yesterday, members of the Art and Latin clubs of the high school called some of us to a meeting at the chamber of commerce and told us they were ready to do something about cleaning up Klamath Falls.

Bottles that are left by drunks have been noted by the youngsters as one of the unpleasant evidences of public carelessness hereabouts. They would like to see enforcement of an ordinance against throwing paper and other rubbish on the streets.

Those are just a few of the ideas advanced by these public-spirited youngsters in a meeting that was one of the most refreshing and interesting I have attended in a long time.

It was likewise the most encouraging development in anti-dirt sentiment that has been in evidence here in years. If the boys and girls of the city

are getting fed up, it is about time for all of us to take a hitch in our belts and set about doing something about making this a cleaner city. Go to it, kids.

Loosing Face. It may be simple hindsight on our part, but it is quite clear now that General MacArthur should have kept out of the republican presidential nomination jockeying now going on.

General MacArthur happens to be at the controls of the Allied administration in a country where "face" has tremendous significance. He has enjoyed great prestige in Japan, and that has made his administration of affairs over there notably effective.

His serious defeat in two important state primaries on the presidential nomination question will not be overlooked by the Japanese. It may have serious effects on the work that he is assigned to do in Japan.

The general's decision to let his enthusiastic supporters over here get him into the nomination battle was ill-starred, and especially unfortunate under his particular situation.

It is true, of course, that the vote had nothing to do with public opinion of or public support for General MacArthur's administration in Japan, where he is doing a grand job. But the Japanese may not choose to see it that way.

Notes From The Pocket File. STASSEN victories in Wisconsin and Nebraska primaries bring smiles to faces of such local Stassen stalwarts as Phil Hitchcock and Paul Lee.

Lakeview people believe their town has a population of 3800 now, as against 2466 in 1940. Bill Niskanen of Bend told the highway interim committee that Western Oregon gets too many super-highways while Central Oregon "wallows in dust and mud."

Black song critics say that in some places, the familiar songs ought to be called, "I'm Dreaming of a Black Christmas." Bad spring weather has the farmers a little taut.

Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska, who was a supporter of Senator Taft in yesterday's primary election, is now well known in Klamath Falls. He was head of the committee which came here last summer to investigate the Indian reservation.

Boyle's Column. Thomas Jefferson Was The First "Gadget Lover" In U.S.

By HAL BOYLE. NEW YORK, (AP)—Thomas Jefferson, born 205 years ago today, would have driven the modern housewife to distraction.

He was—with the possible exception of Benjamin Franklin—the first great American "gadget lover."

He owned a small mountain and on it he built a home that was the real passion of his life. He called it Monticello.

"Little Mountain"—and he filled it with the fields around it with his gadgets.

Tom designed the house himself. He wouldn't have a bedstead in the place. Put beds in alcoves.

He installed the first dumb waiters ever seen in America so he could speed his wine up from the basement.

He invented a plough, a hemp brake for a threshing machine, a lock-docking for laying up vessels, a folding ladder and a revolving chair.

He imported the first "speedometer" to America—an odometer—to clock how far his carriage traveled.

What wife would like to live with a man who kept the skull of a mastodon in the house? Tom did. He also kept a daily record of the temperature from boyhood to death—and he lived to be 83.

He could check back and tell for every year of his life when each type of tree came to bloom, when he saw the first robin, when it rained, snowed, froze or thawed.

He introduced Merino sheep to America and was the first to try to grow nectarines, oranges and pomegranates in Virginia. Had silk-worms, too.

Many Books. He had so many books around the place he finally sold them to the library. He had a different razor for each day of the week and wrote

more than 1200 letters a year—some say 10,000.

Besides his house he designed the buildings for the University of Virginia and the writing desk on which he composed the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.

He never quit building on his house—always tearing out part down and putting up something new. Like a lot of husbands who say they like their homes he spent a lot of time away. In fact he spent almost 40 years away in public service "giving everything I love for everything I hate."

But Jefferson kept coming back always to the big house in which his wife died in 1782, ten years after their marriage. She had asked him never to marry again. He didn't. He lived 44 years as a widower.

He was of simple habits himself but inordinately generous. He went through two fortunes, had to borrow money to leave Washington after two terms as president, and died \$40,000 in debt, leaving his elderly daughter penniless.

His home, on which he lavished the care of a lifetime, sold for \$2500 a few years later. It fell into decay. His drawing room was used to store grain. In 1923 Jefferson M. Levy, nephew of the man who bought Monticello for \$2500, sold it for \$500,000 to the Thomas Jefferson memorial foundation, which has completed its restoration.

More than 300,000 people visit it annually. Jefferson is buried there. He had wanted an obelisk over him no more than six feet high. Congress put one up twice that high. Overrode his last veto.

CROWD. SPOKANE, April 14 (AP)—The largest single day crowd to pass through the Freedom train west of the Mississippi river viewed the historic documents here yesterday. The day's visitors numbered 10,128 persons. The train's next stop is at Coeur d'Alene, Ida.

VETERINARY MEDICINE. Practice of veterinary medicine and surgery originated in France to save horses injured in war, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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"One dress, \$49.95—nope, I'm not going to fall in love for a long time!"

The Doctor Says—

Rheumatic Fever Mystery

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M. D. Written for NEA Service

Rheumatic fever is a serious disease most common in childhood and youth. It was a serious problem in the armed forces in both World Wars. Although it shows many signs of an infection, the cause has so far escaped discovery.