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**Election Pollsters' Forecasts Represented Double-Cross Section**

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK.—(AP)—The political pollsters say they are going to try and check into what's wrong with their polls. This is a fine idea. But Noah didn't wait until after the flood to buy a rain gauge. He started building his ark in dry weather.

The pollsters presented in their election forecasts what they termed a cross-section of America. But they must feel now it was a double-cross section. What America would like to see is a cross-section of a few pollsters. It shouldn't be hard to get. At the moment any section of a pollster is likely to be pretty cross.

Perhaps the most depressing aspect of the whole situation is the number of horrible puns that are springing up like dandelions. Such as:

"Now that the election is over we must all poll together."  
"You can tell a politician's drowning if he grabs at any straw vote."  
"It wasn't the donkey's back

that was broken by the last straw vote."

"Harber poles are still red, white and blue—but the election polls were read, wrong and blue."

"The Republicans are still asking, 'where's the candidate?'"

"Give a candidate enough Roper and he'll hang himself."

"Harry is the first president to lose in a Gallup and win in a walk."

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Looking back, it would seem that the basic trouble with pollsters is that they reversed the radio program by asking the \$64 question first. The only industry in which a man can safely start at the top is flagpole sitting.

Perhaps the poobahs of the polls would do better next time by asking a few warmup questions before the real campaign program begins. That way they could loosen up the voters and win their confidence before springing the pay-off query.

In the next four years, for example, they could practice up by tackling some old unanswered problems that never got settled in election years. A few samples: "Why does it always rain after a man pays two-bits for a shoe-shine?"

"Isn't it possible to take a picture of a family reunion without having three of your relatives look like zombies?"

"How many street beggars actually ride home in limousines after their day's work?"

"What do people who live on a shoestring do for their future?"

"How much does the average butcher's thumb weigh?"

"Why—even after 25 years of

**Slim Chance For Lower Prices Of Women's Clothes**

If you've been putting off buying that new suit or dress awaiting lower prices, the cards are stacked against you.

Unless there is a sudden change in the overall economic scene, it is likely that most clothing will remain high during the coming winter. That is the opinion of Miss Lane, O. S. C. extension specialist in clothing and textiles.

Some relief is in sight, however, for prices on such clothing items as men's shirts, pajamas and undershirts as well as women's hosiery, she believes. Demand for men's overcoats is down, and the trade reports some carry-over of stocks from last year.

The clothing specialist reports that some manufacturers are reducing the amount of fabric, quality of construction and trimmings to meet consumer resistance to rising prices in familiar price lines. Despite this hidden price boost, Miss Lane declares that fabric and workmanship in women's clothing, for instance, is the best now since 1941.

Clothing prices leveled off in the spring and late summer of 1947. This temporary halt in the rising spiral of clothing prices was followed by a 7 percent increase to March 1948. Now again, according to Miss Lane, a leveling off is taking place in cotton and rayon goods, but this is not true of wools, especially the finer ones.

Footwear prices moved upwards about 9 percent during the 1947-48 winter months and are still inclined to move higher.

While the 1948 cotton crop is the largest on record since 1937, wool prices are again moving upwards caused by greatly reduced production, forewarning consumers of high prices for wool garments in coming months.

Miss Lane predicts little or no immediate change in clothing prices, at least until after the Christmas shopping days.

marriage—does a wife still close her eyes when her husband kisses her?"

"Why does the same husband keep his eyes open?"

**Dr. Kinsey Plays Safe**  
A pollster once questioned whether Dr. Kinsey's method was scientifically accurate. But today he still stands as one of the few opinion-takers who hasn't been proved wrong.

He was wise enough to pick a subject that isn't put to a popular vote. Politics is a matter of matter of public election—sex is still pretty much a matter of private selection.

But right or wrong, the political pollsters will always be with us. Their forecasts are really a kind of group gossip. They are a sop to every man's secret desire to know what his neighbors think—even though they are polls apart.

**Sues for Money Alleged Due to Landscaping Job**

Jack May has filed suit in Circuit Court against the Martin Brothers Box Company to collect \$419.31 as the balance alleged due as a "reasonable" amount asked for work, labor and materials for gardening, landscaping and planting lawns on the defendant's property at 526 Court Street, Roseburg.

The plaintiff alleges that between March 11, 1948, and on or about May 13, the plaintiff performed the work described at the defendant's property, occupied by B. L. Martin, manager of the defendant's factory at Oakland.

The plaintiff alleged the defendant understood and promised the plaintiff to pay him as much as the work, labor and materials were "reasonably" worth. He claims the total amount of labor and materials was worth \$560.98, of which only \$150 and one nandina shrub, valued at \$1.65 have been paid.

**Marines' Anniversary Will be Celebrated**

The annual party celebrating the United States Marine Corps' 173rd birthday will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Del Rey Cafe, Winchester, at 7 p. m. Roast turkey dinner will be served. Marines are invited to come and bring lady guests, or to come alone if a guest is unavailable. Curtis T. Beecher, retired brigadier general, will give the principal address of the evening.

It is estimated that all the diamonds in the world are worth about 15 billion dollars.

**Conferences For Cafes Scheduled**

Foodhandlers conferences are scheduled in four Douglas County cities Nov. 15-18 under sponsorship of the State Board of Health and the Douglas County Health Department for restaurant operators and their employees, it was announced by T. Claude Laker, county sanitarian.

The program for each conference will last about one hour and 20 minutes. Two meetings will be held in each community. The first meeting at 2 p. m. and the second at 8 p. m. Special instructive films will be shown and there will be time for short talks and informal discussions. Conferences

are scheduled as follows: Nov. 15, American Legion Hall, Reedsport; Nov. 16, Boy Scout Hall, Sutherlin; Nov. 17, City Hall, Myrtle Creek; Nov. 18, Council Chamber, City Hall, Roseburg.

"Douglas County restaurants and cafes have a favorable position on the eating establishments of Oregon," said Baker. "We should have the best. A 100

percent attendance at these conferences will be a forward step in gaining that position."

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