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A GENUINE PHYLANTHROPE—O Lord, be gracious unto us: we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.—Isa. 33:3.

No one thinks for a minute that Hoover has anything to do with the price of wheat, BUT—it'll just naturally help the republican cause tremendously if somebody can shoo the price away from that ninety-cent level. That is, if they shoo it up!

We've had a long stretch of dry weather but the valley hasn't suffered seriously. With more moisture the last month farmers say we'd have helped some crops, hurt others. The total yield in the valley and general crop return in all lines has been better than anticipated at first. There is always some consolation in knowing that it might have been worse.

Judge Couch's letter in The Observer yesterday on the court house situation was, as are most of his decisions, wise and economical, while leaving the way open for rapid progress of the new court house project. Regardless of the use to which it is put, the building must have a roof. Any work on the interior, as the judge suggests, can be delayed until a decision is possible regarding the new building.

The county court, as well as many citizens and officials, is deeply interested in the sentiment regarding a new court house. To get a cross-section of opinion as rapidly as possible, Observer reporters are already securing interviews on the subject. Only a few people can be seen in the spare time available for that purpose, and we would therefore appreciate written opinions sent in by readers from all sections of the county. Make the comments brief, pertinent. They will be published under the boxed heading "Interviews On Court House Proposal." They must be signed, and brought or mailed to The Observer office. The opinions thus expressed will be of real value in determining the county-wide sentiment, in aiding county officials formulate a program best suited to the progress of the county.

SENATOR JOSEPH PICKS AN "INDEPENDENT"?

In this morning's mail comes a free news story telling of the candidacy of Loyal M. Graham, of Forest Grove, as an independent for justice of the supreme court. The story, which must have been multigraphed and mailed yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, says that "Mr. Graham was drafted to make the race at a mass meeting of citizens held in the Public Library at Portland tonight (Thursday), and has accepted the nomination."

What comes immediately to mind? The fight of Senator Joseph on Chief Justice Rand before the spring primaries, of course—and the stinging defeat Joseph's candidate took when the votes were counted. We know nothing of Mr. Graham, but there is only one assumption to be made—that Joseph is still trying to knife Judge Rand.

He stands a fat chance—not! People were disgusted with Joseph manipulations in May. They'll give him a worse slam this time. Any "independent" candidacy so obviously cut-and-dried before-hand as this can best be relegated to the place from whence it came. Other lawyers have been approached long before this by the Joseph gang to get them to run against Rand as an "independent." We know who approached them. But fortunately for their political futures, they refused to be made a tool for this fight. They kept at it, apparently, until they found a taker.

Graham is the man. We do not question his capacity, training, integrity. But if he is rabidly supported by Joseph and the Portland Telegram—as they renew their attacks on Judge Rand, we will certainly begin to question his judgment in picking political companions—and political opportunities.

ABE MARTIN



About the first question that's asked about a wedding these days is, "Who was her first husband?" The radio air bits of modern things are wonderful, but who ever dreamed he'd live 'em the day when Texas would be a doubtful state?

FIRST PHASE OF HOOVER'S DRIVE ENDED

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In with him on the conference, he held with political leaders of the northwest at Cedar Rapids this week, declares that the question uppermost in the minds of the several hundred visitors from a dozen great farm states seemed to be that of effecting a strong party organization rather than of seeking more specific details of the farm relief proposals the standard bearer put forward in his acceptance address.

These leaders made it clear, however, that much work remained to be done in the northwestern states, particularly in South Dakota and Wisconsin and there was some unrest in the other states.

Hoover returned home last night very much satisfied with the results of the trip into 13 states from coast to coast and with the political outlook in general. He is not discounting the strength of the opposition, however, and repeatedly told those who greeted him yesterday in Pennsylvania that the republicans have a real contest ahead and must exert their utmost effort if they are to gain victory in November.

No Long Trips
At this time Hoover has no intention of making another long trip until he starts back across the continent late in October to cast his vote on election day at his home precinct at Stanford university. However, he will make a number of short campaign tours, going in to the east, the border states and the south.

Details of these have yet to be worked out and will depend largely upon conditions as they develop after the campaign has reached a more advanced stage. It may be several weeks before the delivery of his next prepared address. He thinks there is too short a time between now and labor day for him to make a speech on that holiday, but has not made a final decision.

Taking Two-Day Rest
Today and tomorrow the candidate will seek rest after the grueling eight days' journey from his home at Palo Alto, Cal., Monday he will get back to work, conferring with the directors of his campaign regarding organization details in a number of states.

While speaking in the early days of his trip to the Pacific coast the republican nominee regarded campaigning as something of an ordeal, he has come to look upon it now as just the day's work and frankly says he gets quite a "kick"

COOLIDGE DROPS CRANE WITH GUN

Catches More Than 25 Trout and Demonstrates Ability with Pistol

SUPERIOR, Wis., Aug. 25 (AP)—Having revealed himself a crack pistol shot, and with the biggest catch of fish yet to his credit this summer, President Coolidge was ready to settle down again to routine life at Cedar Island lodge today after an overnight visit to the estate of Charles K. Lewis, of Minneapolis, at Lewis, Wis.

Not satisfied with exhibiting his prowess with rod and fly by catching during the first hour of his stay at Lewis more than 25 trout—a greater number than the Wisconsin game laws allow to be caught in a day on open streams, President Coolidge astonished even his closest companions at years by calmly shooting a crane at 20 yards with a .25 automatic pistol.

Plenty of Thrills
The visit to Lewis, which began yesterday afternoon following a two-hour ride from Superior, was full of thrills for all those concerned. Even Mrs. Coolidge and her son, John, had the unusual pleasure of swimming in a pool.

Mrs. Coolidge, who is very fond of swimming, was heard to say how sorry she was that she could not indulge in that sport every day. Mr. Coolidge's skill with pistol was demonstrated on the Seven Pines creek, which crosses the Lewis estate, as he and Mr. Lewis and a secret service operative were in a boat. Mr. Coolidge was outwardly busy fishing, with his eyes cast down in the water when one of the cranes which frequent the region, circled over the stream.

Without moving or apparently looking at the bird, the chief executive rapped out to the secret service man:

"Give me your gun."
Avoiding all hasty remarks of the weapon or lengthy aiming, but practically firing from the hip, Mr. Coolidge pressed the trigger and hit the crane, fully 25 yards away, in the leg. The bird flopped away wounded and was killed by another secret service man in a boat which followed the president.

"You are two dollars richer, Mr. President," Mr. Lewis said, after the bird had been brought to shore. In reply to the humorist remark of his guest, Mr. Lewis explained that he had promised a two dollar bounty for every crane shot on his estate.

out of meeting with the folks who greet him along the way.

SMITH AT SEAGIRT

By D. Harold Oliver

(Associated Press Staff Writer)
SEAGIRT, N. J., Aug. 25 (AP)—Here in the same surroundings where Woodrow Wilson mapped out campaign plans 18 years ago, which carried him to the presidency, Governor Smith today found himself the center figure of a huge democratic rally intended to boost his own chances for the high office.

The democratic presidential nominee, with Governors Moore, of New Jersey, and Ritchie, of Maryland, into today reviewed the state national guard regiments in equipment here on a wide stretch of ground between Mr. Moore's summer home and the Atlantic ocean.

It was estimated that more than 100,000 persons would turn out for the "Governor's Day" affair, which is arranged each year and which Governor Smith has attended three or four times before.

Will Not Speak
Since the nominee's campaign speaking plans all are in the making and the event is an open air one, Governor Smith planned abruptly to review the troops and to attack, to his determination to steer clear

of outland speeches so much as possible.

With Governors Moore and Ritchie, who attended a "governor's ball" in honor of the three state executives at the new Monmouth hotel at Spring Lake last night, the democratic presidential candidate was to ride around the grounds in an old-fashioned carriage between long files of the state troops and in full view of thousands expected to occupy seats in long-extended tents set up in the grounds.

Meet Party Leaders
During the day the nominee planned to meet several New Jersey party leaders, including Senator Edwards, Mayor Hague of Jersey City, and William D. Lilly, democratic candidate for governor.

Governor Smith with his family and several friends are staying at Spring Lake, a little over a mile from the camp here. He intends



HIGH ABOVE the city of Cleveland shines this lighted pinnacle of the new Union Terminal tower, said to be one of the three most brilliantly lighted buildings in the United States.



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