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THE RANSOMED RETURN—The ransom of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.—Isa. 35:10.

Nature, as usual, has provided more or less farm relief.

Some of us, on the other hand, claim an election isn't won by claiming.

No way has been found to make little Bobbie Quigley of Washington, D. C., stop smoking, but mother might try giving him a box of cigars for Christmas.

As we understand the multilateral peace treaty, the nations all say they won't fight unless it becomes necessary, and they hope none of the other pacifists will make it necessary.

A lazy generation, weary of winding the clock, may find interest in a timepiece made by a Swedish inventor which has run steadily for 12 years without being touched, and evidently will continue until it wears out. There is no spring. Neither is the clock operated by electricity or radio or any other ultra-modern scientific principle. It is driven merely by air-power, from the expansion and contraction of a closed volume of air resulting from weather changes. It seems to be a practical variation of the principle used in the aneroid barometer. Work of many kinds might be done in the same way, by enclosing and utilizing a large enough volume of air. But it wouldn't be very heavy work.

Technical high schools in various cities are adding courses in mechanical aviation to their practical studies. The courses are not intended at all to teach boys to fly. They are simply to familiarize students of mechanics with the motor, machinery and controls. This isn't merely a fad. If technical subjects should be taught to high school pupils, then certainly the mechanics of the airplane and automobile engines are as important as any other sort of shop work. It might be a good thing, too, to urge some of the girl students to take such courses. Machines play an important role in the home as well as outside, and all members of the family ought to learn the fundamental principles of mechanical equipment they all use.

THE WONDER FUEL

The most remarkable fuel available for human use is neither petroleum nor gasoline. It is ordinary soft coal which is a drug on the market and, though widely used, despised by nearly everybody.

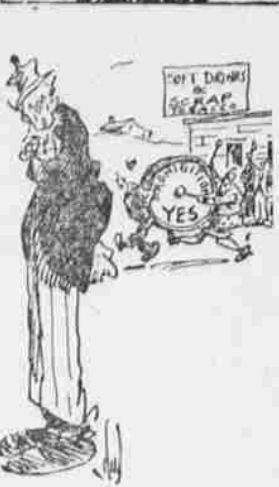
The industrial chemist does not despise it. It is good for far more than heat, smoke and dirt. From this same bituminous coal can be made, and are being made today, smokeless briquets equal to anthracite coal, gas, gasoline, coke, nitrates and hundreds of dyestuffs and valuable chemicals, and the list is steadily growing. It is the chief source of electric power, though in the rush of hydro-electric development today "white coal" seems to be gaining on it temporarily.

Soft coal, as a fuel and raw material lending itself to a thousand uses, seems to "have everything." And fortunately there are such vast quantities of it that a supply is assured for several hundred years. After that, there will remain still vast stores of lignite, coal only a little less concentrated than bituminous, capable of adaptation to most of the same purposes.

This being the case, it is hardly possible that the coal industry should continue long in the sad state of recent years. Sooner or later it will be adequately exploited, for electric power, volatile fuels and all other purposes, and the coal mining industry will come into its own.

None of it, an engineer prophesies, will be burned "raw" any more. It will be too valuable for that. Combustion will be handled scientifically, liberating the maximum amount of by-products along with the heat. Coal mines may be better than gold mines.

ABE MARTIN



"I only believe half I see, an' notin' I hear in a locker room," says ABE. "Lads o' people would walk more'n a mile 'n' get their pictures in a blindfold test."

PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS WARMING UP

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completed today and the nominee hopes to have the finished product ready within a few days.

BORAH REPORTS

Additional reports on conditions in individual states come to headquarters daily. The latest being sent by Senator Borah, of Idaho, who reported on Kentucky and Tennessee in which he spoke last week.

"These two states in fine shape," was the characteristically brief Borah message.

SMITH SPEAKS TONIGHT

Governor Smith's train enroute to Helena, Mont., Sept. 24—(AP)—Montana welcomed Governor Smith today as his long special train pulled into Billings, first stop. A huge crowd gathered about the train and cheered the nominee as he appeared with his brown derby.

Well satisfied with his first week's work as a presidential campaigner, Governor Smith came into Montana today to take another shot at his republican opposition on the subject of party responsibility. The old scandals will be an allied target.

Members of the Smith party had made no secret of the fact that they believed the governor's speech would be one of the strongest and most sharply worded of his campaign. The nominee himself had stated that he would speak plainly and frankly on the subject of Teapot Dome and again would back up his words with Herbert Hoover on the subject of party obligations.

BRUCE STANDS PAT

BALTIMORE, Sept. 24 (AP)—Senator William Cabell Bruce, Maryland's democratic representative in the upper branch of congress, today refused to make any withdrawal of the statement which he made last night in a speech at Westminster that Herbert Hoover and Clarence Darrow had had drinks together in Washington. Senator Bruce said that he did not make the charges himself, but was quoting a newspaper story, published some time ago, in which Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer of Chicago, had been quoted as saying that he had "had the pleasure of taking drinks with Mr. Hoover in Washington."

OPPOSES SMITH

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—The Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling

HERE'S AN UDDER CHAMP



Presenting Miss Ina Leslie, 17, of Pomona, Calif., who for two years has held the state milk cow championship. She will defend her banner next week at the Los Angeles county fair. And the cow seems thoroughly pleased about it.

president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and pastor of the Morley Christian church, told this congregation last night that he believed Governor Smith's prohibition program, including the Canadian plan of liquor control, involved "unholy tampering with the Constitution by evasion."

CURTIS SPEARS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Sept. 24 (AP)—"Prohibition is here to stay," Senator Curtis of Kansas, the republican vice presidential nominee, declared in an address prepared for delivery here today. He reiterated his opposition to repeal of the eighteenth amendment or of the Volstead Act and also declared against modification of the act to permit states to determine the alcoholic content of beverages.

Without mentioning Governor Smith or his proposal for state liquor control, the senator stated his opposition to repeal of the eighteenth amendment or any state going into the liquor business.

ROBINSON RESTING

HOYT SPRING, Ark., Sept. 24 (AP)—Senator Robinson, in the Oklahoma legislature, was a two-hour rest today. He is so-called in the state capital he will be here for three days in the public school as the national day of rest was kept since the world of prohibition. "I want to rest, I want to rest, I want to rest," he said today, "I want to prepare some speeches, but the substance of the language used by the speaker."

OPPOSES HOOVER

HOYT SPRING, Ark., Sept. 24 (AP)—One of Wisconsin's two progressive republican United States senators will not vote for or support Herbert Hoover for president. Casting aside his reticence on the national campaign, John C. Blaine, in a statement issued at his home here, defended his decision with the delivery here last night by Mrs.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt.

CURTIS DENIES CHARGE

Enroute with Senator Curtis from Wyoming to Denver, Sept. 24—(AP)—Informed of charges by Senator Bruce of Maryland, denouncing that he had been seen with liquor in his possession, Senator Charles Curtis, republican vice presidential nominee, said today: "I am sorry Senator Bruce made such a statement. He has been misinformed. I never have had a glass of whiskey or a bottle of liquor in my possession."

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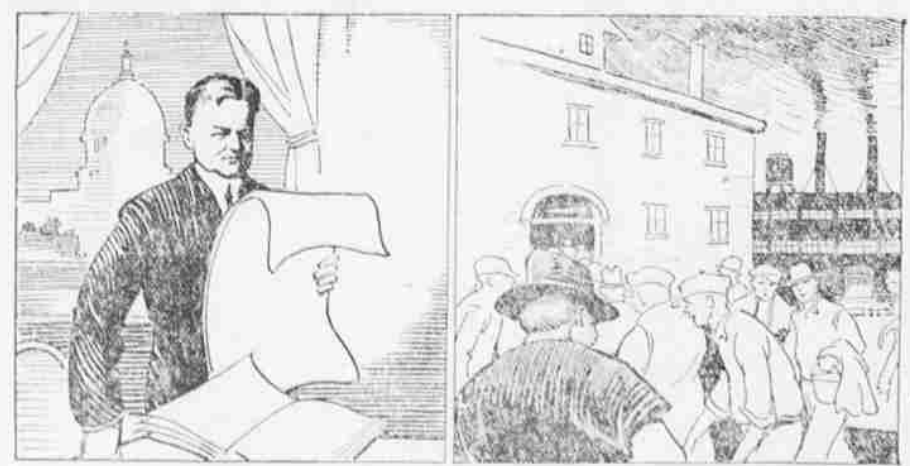
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PICTORIAL LIFE OF HERBERT HOOVER No. 16 By Satterfield



1. As Secretary of Commerce, Hoover brought about a complete reorganization of that Department.

2. In 1921 he handled a threatening unemployment situation with great success.



3. An agent fisherman, he enjoyed directing the Bureau of Fisheries, a branch of his department.

4. The Department of Commerce fought the British subsidy intensely to a finish.

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