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YES, WE KNOW—Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.—Isa. 40:28.

Ministers may be good preachers of the Gospel but they are often total flops as politicians. Fortunately only a few are blind enough to appeal to prejudice and hate in their spoken opposition of Governor Smith. They do more harm than good to the cause they champion by such tactics. Although we do not favor Al Smith's election, we resent the statement that he "knows nothing of American ideals." The unprejudiced truth of the matter is that Mr. Smith is a gentleman and an excellent American citizen. His integrity has never been questioned. It is quite possible he knows more of "American ideals" than most of his petty attackers. We are quite sure he is a better sport than some of them. Why not be fair, dignified, truthful, logical? Wouldn't that go much further?

Yesterday's Observer carried some disgraceful news on the front page. Under a Chicago date line we learned that Loeb and Leopold will be eligible for parole from the state penitentiary at Joliet within the next six years. Everyone remembers the Loeb-Leopold case — the murder of little Bobby Franks. It was one of the worst crimes even in Chicago's record-breaking criminal history. It attracted international attention. Both youths plead guilty. Both flaunted their crime before the world. That they received a life sentence instead of death is still regarded as a sad miscarriage of criminal justice. Now they may get out in six years. Due to an error in the mittumus—a purely technical error in the legal phraseology of the court order—they can get out. We do not doubt that they will. People forget such crimes, become soft-hearted, turn murderers out to do greater crimes. It will be an unusual parole board if it acts otherwise. And we talk of "justice" and of greater "protection" for society!

STRAW BALLOTS IN THE WIND

Straw ballots as forerunners of elections may not amount to much, as some poeple contend, but they appeal to a very human curiosity and help stimulate interest in politics and government when it is most needed. The recent Observer ballot is generally regarded as indicating the trend in this county except that Pierce's lead over Butler is expected to be in greater proportion in the final count. Now the national poll being conducted by the Literary Digest has the attention of all those ardently interested in the outcome on November 6th.

The Digest poll, incidentally, will not be far off when the final tabulations are made unless there is a marked shift to one candidate or the other the last two or three weeks. In 1924 the Digest indicated the result almost perfectly. It varied less than one per cent in the popular vote and was 99 per cent correct in the electoral college vote. In only two states was its poll in error.

This year the Digest's early tabulations indicate a big majority for Hoover so far, but the lead is not nearly as great as that rolled up for Coolidge in the 1924 Digest poll. Switching is becoming a popular occupation in this campaign and judging the outcome is therefore more difficult than ever, regardless of straw vote totals.

The surprising thing is the tendency in New Jersey and Maryland, two states generally conceded to be pro-Smith, in the Digest total. In the former state Hoover has received 46,000 votes and Smith only 17,000, while in Maryland Hoover has 11,000 and Smith 7,000. Should these totals be indicative, the democratic chances are dim. New Jersey represents the heavily populated eastern group considered absolutely necessary to Smith's success, while Maryland is quite typical of the border states of which the democrats must have at least a majority to expect victory.

If Smith fails to carry New Jersey, he has a poor chance in New York, Mass., Connecticut, and Rhode Island—five states where the greatest fight for votes is being waged. If he fails to win Maryland, observers say he is also likely to lose West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Oklahoma. At least an even break in these states had been considered necessary for his election. And Maryland's tendency may also be interpreted as a threat at the solid South where Hooverites hope to grab North Carolina and possibly Florida or Alabama.

There's nothing very encouraging for Smith supporters in a study of the straw vote, except a large popular following. The break in party lines so far favors the democrats but is not sufficient to overcome normal republican leads. That will probably continue, with Hoover winning finally by a safe margin.

ABE MARTIN

Mr. and Mrs. Lettie Plum, married in June, couldn' start ther car last evenin', so they had t' go t' bed hungry. One more auto magnate for Hoover an' he'll have t' buy a third car.

JUDGE BATTLING TO SAVE SLAYER

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ce, he says, virtually admitted that she had perjured herself at the trial.

Judge Bailey, accordingly, became convinced that Beale should not be sentenced to the electric chair. But what could he do? He could not grant a new trial at this date. The supreme court had already passed on that, and had remanded the case back to him for formal pronouncement.

Six a few months ago Beale appeared before Judge Bailey—and the judge sentenced him to 99 years in prison.

That might have ended it. But Prosecuting Attorney Lafe H. Chafin did not share Judge Bailey's views about Beale's possible innocence. He pointed out that when a West Virginia jury votes a first degree murder conviction and does not recommend mercy, the death sentence is mandatory and the judge has no option. So the prosecutor went to the state supreme court and asked a mandamus writ to compel Judge Bailey to pronounce the death sentence.

Judge Bailey told the court what he had learned about the case since the trial ended. The court, however, confined itself to the question of law involved, and the other day it ordered Judge Bailey to bring Beale before him and sentence him to death.

And Judge Bailey says he will never do it.

If he were sure that Governor Howard M. Gore would commute Beale's sentence to life imprisonment, he says, he would impose the sentence. But Governor Gore is maintaining silence. The only other course open to Judge Bailey are to send Beale to the electric chair, or to resign from the bench.

He says he will resign, if necessary, to avoid passing the death sentence. Beale is scheduled to come before him in November.

Prisoner Carried Jail Key

Beale's case has been unusual from the start.

He and a companion, Levi Layne, were arrested for the murder of Mrs. Perdue, whose body was found in Tug river. Beale was transferred to Williamson for trial. Afterward, while his case was before the supreme court, he was brought to Pineville.

At the Pineville jail Beale was treated more like a guest than a condemned murderer. For months he was allowed to go and come as he pleased, even carrying a key to the jail so that he could let himself in and out when he chose. He kept faith with the authorities, spending every night in his cell and making no effort to run away, although friends offered to advance him money for train fare. When the supreme court killed his last chance for a new trial and he was ordered back to jail at Williamson, Beale went there alone and unattended, reporting promptly to the Williamson authorities for imprisonment.

Beale often declared that he would never be electrocuted.

"God in his mercy would not let an innocent man be executed," he used to say. "If the lies that were sworn against me at my trial were true, I would want God to take my life. But there is a just God, and he can't help but save me."

Last Layne, Beale's alleged partner in crime, is due to go to trial next month.

Much Will Seek Change of Venue To King County

SPOKANE, Sept. 26—(AP)—Archie P. Much, alias Moseck, mill worker, accused of slaying Mrs. Katherine Clark of Boston, announced through his attorney today that he would ask for a change of venue to King county. He gave as his reason his belief that he could not receive a fair trial in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Sept. 26—(AP)—The honeyed letters that lured Mrs. Katherine Clark of Boston, Mass., to her death here at the hands of a hatchet slayer were typical "mail order matrimony" missives, their publication here today revealed.

Mrs. Clark, said to be prominent in Boston, was brutally beaten to death with a shingler's hatchet in a lonely spot about fifteen miles from Spokane. Archie Much, 28-year-old mill worker, has been formally charged with her murder as a result of the discovery of a packet of the love missives, together with $1,250, believed to be the balance of the amount that Mrs. Clark brought west to enable Much, who posed as "Jim Murphy," to convert $11,000 into $100,000 after they were married.

Mrs. Much has rushed to the defense of her husband. "If they hang him and he confesses, even then I will never believe he did it," was her tearful declaration yesterday afternoon. "I know him too well. He never could have done such a thing. Why, he has never anything but good to say of us. He loved us and was always kind."

By us, Mrs. Much was referring to herself and their five young children.

RUMOR OF PLOT DENIED

WARSAW, Poland, Sept. 26—(AP) — The Polish Telegraphic Agency states today that it had been authorized to deny entirely the truth of reports from Lithuania of a widespread plot supported by Poland for the seizure of Kovno.

JUDGE ASSIGNED TO BURNS

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 26 (AP)—Judge J. U. Campbell of Oregon City has been assigned by Chief Justice Rand of the supreme court to hold court at Burns for Judge Dalton who is ill.

PIRATE HUNT POSTPONED

SAN FRANCISCO.—The pirate treasure hunt of Louis Morgan, descendant of Sir Henry Morgan, pirate of the 17th century, has been postponed because modern pirates stole the 40-foot yacht in which Morgan was to sail for the "Treasure Island."

A citizen of Berlin wrote to his newspaper urging that English be adopted as an international language. Probably it would have a hard time taking hold in the United States, though.

Sloan Aids G. O. P.

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors Corporation, has announced that he will support Herbert Hoover and urges the need for a Republican victory to insure prosperity.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA (Special) — Leslie Bell commenced working at the mill here the latter part of the week.

James Filppen, an old-time resident of the north woods, but for the last two years living in various parts of the east, arrived here recently.

Miss Thelma Austin, teacher of the Leap school, went to Enterprise the last of the week for a short visit with friends and to attend the county fair this week.

Giles Plaes finished threshing for H. D. Bechtel the last of the week and moved his machine to the C. A. Hunter farm where he has several days work.

James Weaver and wife, of Enterprise, have been visiting at the F. A. Downing home at Leap.

Sam Meek helped Ed Bell with his fall seeding a few days last week.

L. W. Minor was delivering some cattle to buyers here last week.

Miss Ann Murphy, teacher of the Lone Pine school in district 46, spent the weekend with her parents at Freezeater.

Mrs. L. W. Minor received word the first of the week that her sister living in Alberta, Can., was seriously ill. She left Monday for Alberta.

M. E. Stribe, of the Stribe & Wade garage here, who was seriously injured in a car wreck on the Grande Ronde river a week ago Sunday evening, is reported to be improving.

A. W. Johnson and wife left the latter part of the week for Walla Walla, Wash. They expect to return home early this week.

A considerable number of persons from this community attended the Pendleton Round-Up Friday.

Sam Meek has been hauling wood to the school house in district 46.

Some of the farmers in this section have been disposing of their wheat. The price paid for the latest purchase is reported to be about 93 cents per bushel. Some state they expect to hold until toward the first of the year believing the price has a good chance of advancing considerably. Unlike many other years much of the grain grown here this season is testing No. 1.

Continued fair weather here is giving farmers an excellent chance to get the remaining portions of their crops taken care of. A large amount of grain was threshed in the Middle valley section last week, and reports from some of the men operating threshing machines indicate that with good weather for the balance of this week, most of the grain will have been threshed. Some excellent yields of barley and spring wheat are reported by some of the farmers.

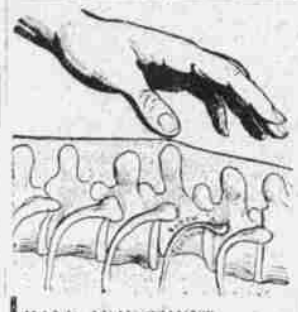
A large part of the seeding of fall wheat was done last week, and some farmers are finishing this week. The grain, which had been sown previous to the rain, and some of that which was sown after the rain, has come up in fine shape, but grain which was seeded several days after the rain and after the ground had been dried out considerably by hot sun and winds, is not coming extra good, due to the dry conditions of the soil. Another good rain is badly needed at this time to insure the grain getting up and well started before cold weather sets in.

Forage conditions have shown some improvement of late.

E. F. Johnson, of Lower Valley, recently finished putting up the last of his hay crops. Haying at the Johnson farm has been quite extensive this season, starting July 6 and continuing steadily to the first of September, during which time about 550 tons of hay was put up. The hay all went into the stacks and barns in fine condition and will provide feed for Mr. Johnson's large band of sheep during the coming winter.

H. S. Brewer and wife, of Walla Walla, Wash., have been visiting friends in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are former residents of the community, having left here nine years ago. Both also taught school in different rural districts several years ago.

Clifford Johnson returned from the east recently where he took 17 cars of lambs to market. He reports a fine trip and good luck with the sheep, having lost but one lamb in the 17 cars.



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BROADCAST SMITH SPEECH TOMORROW EVENING

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26—(AP)—The Milwaukee speech of Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York, Democratic presidential candidate, will be broadcast from Pacific coast stations of the National Broadcasting company system tomorrow between 7 p. m. and 8 p. m. Pacific coast time, radio officials announced today. Stations will be KPO, San Francisco; KGO, Oakland; KFI, Los Angeles; KGW, Portland; KOMO, Seattle and KHQ, Spokane.

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