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A GREAT CONTRACT—And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, neither was any defiled in his mouth—Isa. 64:3.

A La Grande man says he misjudged the probable outcome of the present election because he took it for granted that men who "drink wet" would vote wet. Which is as impossible as for men who "drink dry" to consistently vote dry. And that, it might be well to add, is the real secret of existing prohibition inefficiency.

Governor Patterson urges utmost economy on Oregon commission heads and department officials. It's a policy that's absolutely required by the condition of state finances. But we hardly expect officials to prune their budgets sufficiently to make up a two million dollar deficit. New revenue is imperative—and none is in sight at present.

The Oregon City Enterprise recently quoted that "eminent educational statistician," C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, when he told students at O. S. C. that no other state in the union uses as large a proportion of property taxes for higher education. The railroads of the state, according to Mr. Chapman, pay between \$30 and \$40 a year toward the education of every student in Oregon state college, forest land owners \$60. "The least you can do," he said, "is to repay the commonwealth by some service in life and by becoming such useful and upright citizens that the voters of Oregon can point to you with pride and be glad they provided the means for these institutions." A worthy goal that may be applied to our secondary and high schools, as well. Too often we enjoy the benefit of public things without realizing that we possess them in trust.

WHAT ROBINSON SAYS OF HOOVER

Senator Joe Robinson, vice presidential nominee on the democratic ticket and running-mate of Al Smith, stopped briefly in La Grande yesterday and in a speech from the train platform told Eastern Oregon why it should support Smith and oppose Hoover.

Back in the deep, dark days of 1927 when presidential campaigns were not uppermost in the mind of the Arkansas senator and when Mississippi flood relief was a vital topic, Herbert Hoover visited the vice presidential nominee's home state and was the subject of much praise and approval by two of his prominent hosts—Senator Robinson and Senator Caraway.

In the Arkansas Gazette, Little Rock's journalistic booster for Al Smith now, Senator Robinson's tribute to Hoover is quoted at some length on that occasion, as were the praises of numerous others. In the light of his present attacks on the republican nominee (which are quite natural and expected under the circumstances) it is interesting to note what he said on the previous occasion when politics did not weigh heavily. Part of his tribute follows:

"Few men in the history of mankind have exemplified exceptional talent in supplying the necessities and in relieving the suffering of their fellow beings. The guest of honor at these ceremonies, Mr. Herbert Hoover, is noted as the world's greatest relief administrator.

"His career, apparently, has not yet reached the climax; but it is already distinguished by many unusual experiences and praiseworthy achievements.

"The outstanding triumphs of Mr. Hoover's efforts consist in the organization and direction of tremendous relief forces in periods of appalling calamity or national peril.

"He did not lead armed troops to battle during the late world conflict; but he was called to assume a responsibility of equal, if not greater, importance. His task was to mobilize the nation's food supply and to restrain the greed and avarice of profiteers.

Selected by Woodrow Wilson

"Bearing the commission of our great chief and wartime president, Woodrow Wilson, Mr. Hoover opposed and halted the deadly advance of hunger, pestilence and famine following the war in Belgium, Russia and other foreign lands. Hospitals for the sick and the wounded! Food and clothing for the victims of hate and wrath! Among the suffering and the dying he bore aloft a banner, saluted with respect and love in every civilized land. The banner of the Red Cross."

Unconsciously, Mr. Robinson campaigned most forcefully for Mr. Hoover in this speech at Little Rock. No one can question that the qualities which make the "world's greatest relief administrator" are the most desirable qualities in the making of a president. Those things that were true during the Mississippi flood disaster in relation to Hoover are also true today. Due to our political system, unfortunately, Mr. Robinson must pretend not to recognize them.

ABE MARTIN



TELL DANLEY HAS GONE TO THE ISLAND OF EUPHONY TO BE GONE WITH A FEW THE ELECTION.

Even if you do hate him you can still vote for Smith on account of his water power views. He who thinks twice is too late.

LACONIC CLASSIC

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP)—Two letters in the state finance department total three words. An attorney wrote the finance secretary, "Thanks." The secretary replied, "What for?"

AMERICANS HELP BUILD UP CHINA

Engineers and Experts Already Aiding in Reconstruction Work

SHANGHAI, Oct. 17—(AP)—American engineers and experts are already taking a major part in the reconstruction of China and the Nationalist government looks to the financiers of the United States to provide funds for the tremendous program made necessary by the years of civil war.

Sun Fo, a son of Sun Yat Sen, father of the republic, outlined here the large part which America has already taken and hopes which Nationalist China rests upon her. Sun Fo, the former minister of railways at the completion of a recent world tour during which he explored the possibilities of securing foreign capital for the reconstruction program of the Nationalist government.

Rich Contracts Awarded

Already, he said, contracts involving several million dollars in gold had been awarded Americans for this work. Henry Murphy, New York architect, has been appointed adviser to the Nationalist government on the construction of the new capital of Nanking and will have charge of the city planning as well as the erection of government buildings. Murphy has planned several missionary col-

leges which have been built in China.

Dennis P. Guadagni, New York engineer who has improved harbors and rivers in all parts of the world, has contracted to design the Pearl River that Canton may be reached direct by ocean shipping, thus eliminating the expensive and slow transshipments of cargoes at Hongkong.

Sun Fo further said that an American firm has contracted to build a flood control canal in the Yangtze area, which it is hoped will free that region from the devastating floods which have swept it periodically. This contract alone amounts to \$5,000,000.

The canal project is to be carried out in conjunction with the New York famine committee. The work, which will be started in December, is expected to provide an income for 100,000 unemployed who have suffered greatly from famine.

Money Reforms Planned

Another most important contract, said the minister, had been made with Professor Edwin W. Kemmerer, Princeton economist, who has set several South American republics on their feet financially in recent years. To bring a staff of experts to China in February to assist the Nationalist government in making reforms of currency, taxes, banking and allied subjects.

United States financiers now, according to Sun Fo, "are interested but cautious," and are not acting definitely until the Nationalist government "achieve further stabilization." He said that the United States is the logical place to obtain reconstruction finances, inasmuch as everything depends in China. "If we stabilize the government,

and politics, and reduce the army, foreign financial backing will be forthcoming as the business men of the United States, as well as those of England, are interested in the Chinese problems and are ready to cooperate."

With the growing dependence upon the United States in this new phase of China, the Nationalist government is negotiating with the Radio Corporation of America with the expected result that a station will be erected at Shanghai for direct communication with San Francisco, thus linking up with American communications. The Nationalist government plans a subsidiary wireless system which would link up the major Chinese cities with the projective Shanghai station.

298 FAGS APPEAL

WASHINGTON (AP)—People of the United States smoked cigarettes at the rate of 734 per capita in 1927. The German consumption was 454 and the French 250 per capita.

MONTREAL (AP)—Inspection trips over the Canadian and Pacific lines will be made by engineers in a sedan model automobile designed for traveling on rails.

GRANGE HALL PERSONALS

GRANGE HALL. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. George Packett with their daughter, Irma, and son, Owen, of Union, were guests at the Matt Kries home Sunday, "Sherry" Parent, of Union, was also a guest.

Miss Bessie McAllister, of Portland, Ore., is here visiting relatives and friends. She is staying at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. J. Williamson, and plans to stay until about Christmas time. Miss McAllister is a former Grange Hall resident, having lived here most of her life until a few years ago when she, with her mother, Mrs. Anna McAllister, moved to California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes had for their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snodgrass and two children, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Kennedy and two daughters, Irma and Velma, drove to Boise Saturday morning and visited Mr. Kennedy's sister and family. They were accompanied as far as Baker by Miss Bessie McAllister, who will visit there for several days with her cousin. The Kennedy family returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sheswood, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tull, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Masterton, William Phillips, and Ed Dunn, dined Sunday at the Standley place, near the foot of Mt. Emily. They reported an especially fine time, one of the features of the picnic being the cooking of the entire dinner, including biscuits and chicken, on the camp fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest DeLong and daughter, Aimee, have returned home from a trip to Portland and Salem. While in Portland they visited with Mr. DeLong's mother, Mrs. J. E. DeLong, and while in Salem they attended the state fair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes have made several improvements about their home within the last year, but the latest ones are the concrete walks that are being built about the house, other buildings and yard.

Miss Alice Margardt, county health nurse, made an official visit to Liberty school last Wednesday.

Earl Hughes returned home a few days ago from a business trip to Portland. While there he made two side trips, one to the state fair at Salem, and the other to Olympia, Wash., to visit his aunt, Mrs. E. M. Henderson, and family.

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