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THIS PLACE GOD DWELLETH—For thus saith the Lord and lo! the high and holy place, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit: to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.—Isa. 57:1

Kissing will be abolished in 50 years, says a doctor, but our guess is that it will merely be sterilized.

The Observer extends its sympathy and facilities to the Elgin Recorder. No disaster is quite so devastating and depressing as a fire—and fire in a newspaper plant can leave nothing but wreckage. Mr. Sefton has done well at Elgin and will, we hope, be able to establish a new plant and "carry on."

Two ministers, according to a Sunday news dispatch, came to the defense of Charles Smith, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, in Little Rock, Ark., to protest his arrest for "breach of the peace" and to argue for free speech and free opinion. Would that all ministers and all laymen were as broadminded and wise in their attitudes on atheism, evolution, and kindred subjects. They don't agree with this Mr. Smith but they are not narrow enough to deny his right to talk and think as he pleases. Nothing is quite so intolerant as the man who so fears a contrary view that he would try to legislate it out of existence. Fortunately for Little Rock, at least two of its ministers see a better and more influential way of promoting the ideals of Christianity.

### IF PROHIBITION IS THE BIG ISSUE—

In a recent discussion of the presidential campaign a prominent La Grande man, who is normally a republican but is now a Smith booster, expressed the opinion that the liquor situation must get worse before it can get better. And the "worse" he freely admits would follow the election of Governor Smith and continue during the time required to effect remedial legislation.

How long would that take? This man's opinion was frankly that no improvement in the prohibition situation could be expected within four years. Even if Smith should win, it is a foregone conclusion, evident in the records and statements of candidates in practically every state in the union, that he would be forced to work with a dry-voting congress. Practically every senator and representative in his party, especially that large group of congressional stalwarts from the solid south, would be dry.

It would, therefore, be practically impossible before another congressional election to effect any change in the provisions of the Volstead law, and the submission of an amendment to the constitution to the states on the subject of prohibition modification would be out of the question. We would have the spectacle of a wet president and a dry congress deadlocked probably through his entire administration on an issue that would become paramount through lack of action.

What could we reasonably expect to happen during such a four-year period? It is hardly likely that the man who approved the repeal of New York's enforcement law would become an ardent prohibition officer in the White House. His very election, we think it safe to assume, would be taken as an invitation to let down the bars in federal enforcement, to become even less strict than at present. Mr. Smith's election could hardly be interpreted in any other way than as a "veto" against prohibition, by those charged with its enforcement.

There would be more liquor, worse liquor, and less regard for law and less respect for the constitution than we have now. In other words, as our local Smith admirer admits, liquor conditions would be far worse during his administration before they could possibly be better.

Regardless of the fact that we think that a poor way to get about solving the problem, that type of reasoning has merit, nevertheless, if the person indulging in it believes that prohibition is the most important issue in the present campaign and that this is the time and way to settle it, we are not of that opinion, but we can recognize the logic of the voter who holds it and who will cast a vote for Governor Smith as a protest against prohibition as it now is, in the same way we think the ultra-dry equally justified in voting against the democratic nominee if he or she considers liquor more important than any other consideration.

The truth of the matter is that millions of people opposed to modification will vote for Smith, just as other millions in favor of modification will cast ballots for Hoover. And their decisions can be entirely justified because other issues and other considerations will influence them more than the liquor question. Which shows that the outcome of the election week after next, whether it is won by republican or democrat, cannot correctly be taken as anything like a true referendum on prohibition.

## ABE MARTIN



President Committee-man Mrs. Em Dash spoke about at Elftown last night. "Well, I stopped 't kill a couple o' strangers an' I was nearly an hour sittin' my car startin' agin," said the Soles last night, when his wife topped all o'er him.

## OVER NIGHT NEWS

By the Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — Henry J. Allen, republican publicity director, said he had been warned by democrats preparing to publish full page advertisements "to make it appear" republicans are "appealing to religious intolerance."

NEW YORK—Haskell in open letter to West said republican party had "succeeded" in the prohibition party of the United States. Charles Work and Borah with representation in discussion of Hoover's attitude on the post war wheat price.

CHICAGO—James W. Gould, western republican manager, predicted record vote and Hoover victory.

NEW YORK—John Shome, member, conservative advisory committee for border states and midland and northwest, declared schools trend of public opinion "dramatically pointing toward Smith."

WASHINGTON—Representative Burton, republican, Ohio asserted Smith's tariff commission plan impractical.

## Seven Miles Of Road Improved At Lower Cove

Mr. Neil Knight, Oregon correspondent, LOVELL COVE, Oregon.—The road project which is located 1 1/2 miles west of Cove finished its work last Monday after traveling over seven miles of the Lower Cove—Abercrombie highway on the 50-20 feet gravel road and all. People of this vicinity appreciate the bringing of this important road project in helping out of the road built on the road south of Cove as among the worst roads in this section.

Mrs. George Dickinson and daughters of La Grande, visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Becker, of Seattle, spent the past week with their daughters, Christine and Albert Becker.

Miss H. K. Morris is quite ill at her home here.

Several ladies from the neighborhood attended the Ladies aid convention held at Island City on Thursday.

Leslie Keger will marry Ed King in a week.

Miss Mary Chambers sold some cattle to a La Grande meat market last week.

## Record-Maker



Dr. Mark Hill, 15-year-old boy, of this town, was the record for swimming by staying in the water 48 hours. He had a duck with a big wheel to go treading fast right and kept it when she came out of the water.

## CURTIS NOW IN NEW YORK STATE

### Republicans Making Double-headed Attack for 45 Electoral Votes

ENROUTE WITH SENATOR CURTIS TO UTICA, N. Y., Oct. 22 (AP)—A double-headed republican attack for New York's 45 electoral votes today brought Senator Curtis, the party's vice-presidential nominee, into the up-state sector while Hoover was in New York City.

Senator Curtis speaks tonight at Utica, Wednesday he speaks at Rochester. This is his second sally into upper New York. He appeared at the state fair in August at Syracuse.

The senator has objected to going into the official home city of the democratic presidential nominee, saying it is against his way of campaigning, but it is planned for him to have luncheon at Albany at noon tomorrow with party leaders.

ROBINSON IN NEBRASKA  
LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 22 (AP)—Nebraska democrats, working strenuously to put their state in the Smith-Robinson column, made the visit to Lincoln of Senator Jon T. Robinson today the vehicle for one of the biggest rallies of the campaign.

On hand to welcome the vice-presidential nominee of their party were former Senator G. M. Hitchcock, himself a candidate at Hamilton for the presidential nomination, and Charles W. Bryan, brother of the commissioner, who is seeking the governorship of the state.

Senator Robinson was prepared to send the host of party workers who had come to hear him speak tonight in the 29,000-seat university of Nebraska auditorium back to their labors with additional campaign arguments. Among the subjects he has selected to carry on his middlewestern campaign are an attack upon the republican farm relief policy and a bid for the support of women voters.

One of the questions over which Nebraska democrats are manifesting great interest is whether Senator G. W. Norris, one of the state's independent republican group, will make a flat declaration in favor of Guy Smith. Some democratic leaders of the state are sanguine while others profess skepticism on this score.

## "Alimony Sam" Free; Sheriff is Fined



The Glenn county (California) battle is over and Sam Reid, known throughout the United States as "Alimony Sam", is free. But when Sam won his freedom, Sheriff Roy Heard was fined \$250 for contempt of court. The trouble started when Sheriff Heard (left) took Sam (right) to San Francisco to attend the reunion of the 252nd Infantry Ass'n. At the reunion Sam's buddies persuaded him to pay up his back alimony and obtain his release. When the sheriff returned to Willows, California, with his prisoner, Judge J. C. Luttrell fined Heard \$250 for violating the commitment. The charge against Heard was filed by the Glenn County Bar Ass'n. The court house at Willows, where the legal battle took place, is shown above.

States Attorney General Harzen. The geological survey today advised the government had elected to take its royalties from the postpaid midcontinent price with a two percent deduction from the standard based in accordance with the present field practice in Salt Creek. This means the operators will pay each for oil from the wells.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (AP)—Secretary West today asked Attorney General Harzen for advice as to whether the Oil Creek oil royalty purchasing contract held by the Lexington Oil and Refining Company of Detroit should be cancelled in view of the refusal to supply an option by former Secretary Work last March.

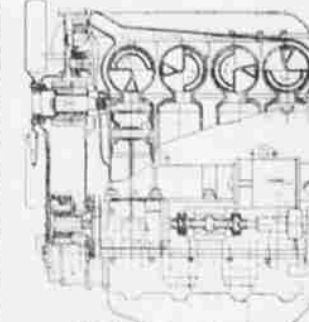
## Delivery of Oil From Salt Creek Field Is Stopped

CASPER, Wyo., Oct. 22 (AP)—Delivery of oil from the Salt Creek field, to the Sinclair Crude Oil Purchasing company was stopped today in compliance with the order issued Wednesday by Secretary of the Interior Roy C. West, after the oil royalty contract had been held invalid by a ruling by United

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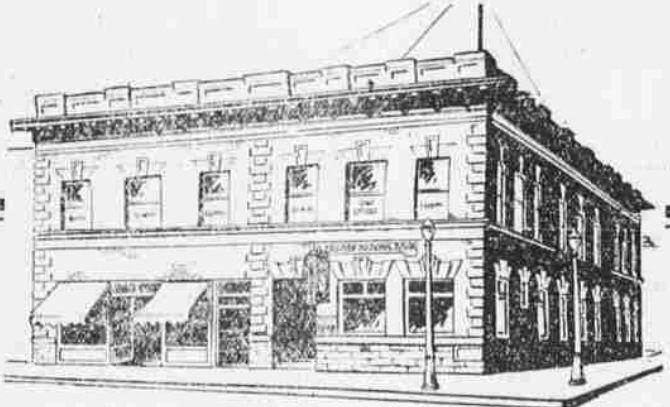
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In Hayward, Cal.  
HAYWARD, Cal., Oct. 22 (AP)—Colin Victor Dymont, 45, former dean of the College of Literature, science and arts at University of Oregon and well known throughout the Pacific Northwest as a newspaper man, died of pneumonia here Saturday. He had lived here nearly two years and before his illness was connected with the Hayward Journal.

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