

The only way in which one human being can properly attempt to influence another is in encouraging him to think for himself, instead of endeavoring to instill ready-made opinions into his head.—Sir Leslie Stephen.

Al Smith Is Right

AFTER much backing and filling and quick changes, Al Smith has gotten right on one phase of the tariff question.

He is for tariff revision a paragraph or an item at a time, without taking up the whole law and thereby disturbing the business of the entire country.

He is in favor of a revision of the regulations concerning the activities of the tariff commission. He goes too far, in this latter proposition, showing that his ideas are half-baked or second-hand.

He says revision a schedule or an item at a time would take the tariff question out of politics. It would. It ought to be done.

But, the country would not be willing to trust Al Smith to bring about this great reform, because no one could be sure he would not have another idea tomorrow. He has jumped about and teetered up and down on the tariff plank till he has entirely discredited himself.

If he had in the first place shown any fixed ideas along the lines he has finally arrived at, and indicated that he knew what he was talking about, he might have impressed many people.

Though there are enough holes in his other policies to make his election or even near election impossible. As the matter stands, he cannot get to first base.

Creditable to the South

MOST writers and speakers in this campaign attribute the breaking up of the "solid" south to intolerance, to the wringing wetness of Al Smith, and other things—never mentioning the main cause.

At Elizabethton, Tenn., Herbert Hoover stood in the midst of a section where many cities have doubled their population through the starting of new industries which are able to exist only because of the protective tariff.

The truck gardeners of the south are all yelling now for adequate duties to save their industries against the flood of fruits and vegetables from low wage and cheap land countries.

There has been lately a 60 per cent increase in manufacturing output from the south, a 50 per cent increase in port shipments, a 150 per cent increase in number of owned automobiles in the last seven years—

And the south is preparing to show its gratitude and its hope for benefits to come as well as those already realized—

A very creditable thing, as any honest and sensible man will admit. The encouragement which Herbert Hoover gave to home building, to industrial development, to the child health movement, during his service as secretary of commerce, knew neither sectional nor political lines.

Make It Unanimous

THE summary of the Literary Digest poll for the current week makes practically the same showing as last week—With the totals merely increased.

That is, the totals are larger, but the proportionate leads are about the same. Smith is carrying only four of the forty-eight states, his majorities being in Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, and in four of the six "solid" south states being carried for Hoover his margins are small only in Alabama and Arkansas. He has substantial margins in Florida, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

It seems too good to be true, but this poll indicates such a sweeping republican victory as to forever lay the ghost of Tammany in the White House.

As the matter looks at this time, some one in the Al Smith camp may as well be ready to move to make it unanimous for Hoover.

The World Is Saved!

AT last, good friends, the world is saved! The grandeur of the stars, the moon and the sun pale into indistinct auras before the sparkling light of the latest human achievement.

For, we would have you know by means of this repetition of the fact, that a fat lady, one Mrs. Lottie Moore Schoemmel, has broken all existing records—shattered all hope of conquest for less hardy, or less portly persons—by remaining afloat in the swimming tank of a New York hotel for a longer period of time than any other person has ever spent in like diversion.

What mere piffle is politics when we have such as this to beguile our fancies and edify our minds? Surely the world will be a better place in which to live; life itself will be sweeter and the rare shadings of autumn leaves will be brighter for the marvelous attainment credited to Mrs. Schoemmel. Which is the most polite tone we can muster to say: "Bunk!"

"The election of Mr. Hoover may be set down as a practical certainty," says the Yakima Republic, "then goes on to complain that Mr. Hoover does not stand for anything which his opponent does not stand for with equal firmness and intelligence," but "the democratic campaign management seems to be powerless to get the fact understood." The trouble is that Smith does not stand on any one thing long enough at a time to get it over. His wrecking crew has to make over his platform after every speech or newspaper interview.

Al Smith's supporters have proclaimed that his greatest appeal lies in his "amazing frankness." It may be assumed that a fair sample of this was the impression he spread through the corn belt that he favors the McNary-Haugen bill. But before going west he told reporters that a New York World editorial set forth exactly his views on the bill. That editorial said, "We take it for granted that Governor Smith's declaration comes down to this: That the plan for applying this principle, contained in the McNary-Haugen bill, is not acceptable to him" and that "he has no plans of his own for carrying out that principle."

Says Al Smith, "Surely no organization could have existed as long as Tammany hall if there had been anything wrong with it." Replies Senator Moses, "Well the Mafia, the Black Hand and other terrorist societies have been going even longer than Tammany."

Salem will add another beautiful golf course to its list of delightful attractions within the next fortnight. So, in sports as well as in industry and otherwise, the capital city keeps splendid pace with other interesting, growing, ambitious Pacific coast cities. In golf and in a score of other ways Salem is rapidly coming into its proper place of importance.

Kellygrams BY FRED KELLY

THIS so-called Machine Age seems to be also the Era of Needless Complications. Nearly everybody appears to be trying to avoid any form of simplicity.

You buy two automobiles, then employ a chauffeur, and build another room to the house to put the chauffeur in, after which you discover that the house is so big you must have another servant to keep the place in order. As Don Marquis says, we clip off a dog's hair and then buy a blanket for him.

Promises



The Diary of a New Yorker

BY CLARK KINNAIRD

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to the Statesman

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Society is getting spruced up for another wedding which will have royalty present—that of Miss Estelle R. Manville, of Pleasantville, N. Y., to Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden. The ceremonies will take place December 1, at St. John's Episcopal church, Pleasantville. Following which there will be a reception at El-Esamaro, home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manville.

The royalty? Oh, Prince Gustavus Adolphus, eldest son of the Swedish crown prince. The prince, only 22, doesn't get on with the bridegroom and his brother and sisters, will set sail Nov. 17, from Gothenburg. The prince, only 22, doesn't plan any doings beyond seeing a few sights in New York. He is scheduled to return to Sweden, December 8, on the maiden voyage of the new Swedish motor liner Kungsholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Manville and their daughter have just returned from Europe. Miss Manville selected her trousseau in Paris, and in Sweden the trio were entertained at the royal palace by the King of Sweden himself.

Yes, Miss Manville is an excited girl at the present moment.

Book dealers are complaining that unless fewer books are published good books won't get a chance. "It's this way," one of the largest book dealers told me, "by the time we get the sale of several good books under way, some publisher advertises a new list of the 'best books in the world.' As a matter of fact, the best books, because of lack of advertising or balmy or something like that may be buried under tons of advertised rubbish."

Hoover's Alphabet  
By MABEL F. MARTIN



JUSTICE  
IN a great job like the Presidency of the United States, impartiality is essential. This is one of the rarest qualities, even in good men who often, when suddenly elevated to a position of public trust, find it almost impossible to conquer their lesser loyalties. "Before America entered the World War, Hoover passed repeatedly from the German front to the Allied front, from German headquarters to Allied headquarters. He knew that only his neutrality gave him the privilege of remaining on the job to feed the Belgians. He never betrayed by a syllable the valuable military secrets he knew about both sides. In struggles between factions in our own country, Hoover is singularly just and free from prejudice.

EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Pampered canine aristocrats were out of the picture at a "mutt" show here which attracted 194 entries. "Scraps," owned by DeVere Morse, 13, won the "most sorrowful mutt" ribbon.

They Say ...

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this column. All Letters Must Bear Writer's Name, Though This Need Not be Printed.

SMITH WET AND DRY PLAN IS DEcriED

Salem, Oct. 16. To the editor of the Statesman: Congratulations on your editorial in re drunken drivers, etc., in this morning's Statesman! Could you not carry your excellent work further in another editorial and point out the ridiculousness of Al Smith's plan to have some states WET and some DRY? In these days of continuous tourist automobile travel, who is to pay patrol to watch the borders of the dry states, and search every passer—through from the wet states, and protect the people of the dry states from the drunken drivers from the wet states? This plan is the product of a weak mind, and intended to hide the underhand and crafty purpose to make the United States wet and bring back the old licentious day and ways.

—A Republican reader,—lover of the clean, and of fair play.

JEFFERSON MAN FOR COUNTY AGENT

Jefferson, Oct. 16. To the editor of the Statesman: We came here one year ago from a county agent county and I am fully persuaded that a good county agent is invaluable, especially to those who are strange to this part of the world.

H. W. HUSTED.

CLICKS

Typewriter Chatter, More or Less Frivolous, of Men, Women and Even's.

If it doesn't click with you it isn't really a "click."

"Rum Issue Laid At Smith's Door" headlines the Oregonian. Bet Al wishes it had been the rum itself.

When you hear one of those old boys with a hand-painted nose telling the world that "prohibition doesn't prohibit" you can bank on two things—that he never gave prohibition a trial and that he plans to vote for Smith.

Mothers and fathers felt safer when they read that the doors of the "death cell" had closed upon Hickman.

Anyhow, that Salem minister who found a puppy in a basket on his front porch has a chance to find out whether it really is easier to raise a baby than a little dog.

A gunman who held up a Portland grocery store took a lot of cookies. Talk about the modern gangsters being "cake eaters." That proves it.

Bond has adopted the city manager plan. If it works perhaps Salem will try it later.

What difference does it make whether they are called "progressives" or not? They never progress.

That motorist who picked out a policeman to run over certainly used poor judgment, in this paper's estimation.

Have you done your bit for the Y. M. C. A. drive?

wait, and in the rather pained silence she turned to a deaf old gentleman on her right and asked "Would you like a sonata before dinner?" Her guest gave a start of surprise and pleasure. "Thank you," he replied, "I had a couple on the way here, but I think I could manage another."

Bits for Breakfast

Getting behind the Y— That is what Salem is doing, getting behind the program of the Salem Y. M. C. A.

And this is wise as well as generous, because the Salem Y. M. C. A. is doing as much work as and better work than the same organization is performing in cities not far away that have three times the money to do it with that the Salem institution has.

It is doing more work than is being done by any Y in the country with an equal annual budget. Results count. The Salem Y dollar goes far away above 100 per cent in efficiency. Not a cent should be cut from the budget; not a single activity curtailed or discontinued.

CUBAN ACT PROTESTED

HAVANA, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Recent resolutions of the Cuban treasury department order that after September 1 Cuban consuls abroad accept only invoices written in the Spanish language. This effects all goods sent to Cuba. The measure has already met with opposition from many foreign exporters who say the ruling will work a hardship on exporters throughout the United States who will not be able to secure interpreters.

Dinner Stories

Tuning In

The doctor's little daughter had strayed into his surgery, and was watching, wide-eyed, as he tested the heart and lungs of a patient. Suddenly she spoke: "Getting any new stations, daddy?"

Wise Man

Then there was the little umpire who was terrorized by the large colored gentleman at bat. "Strike one!" said the umpire, timorous. The huge colored gent raised his bat, but finally compromised with a glare that meant he was giving his prospective victim one more chance. Another ball came whizzing "through the middle." "Two!" yelled the umpire. "Two what?" roared the dusky giant, gathering himself for the assault. "Too high," said the umpire. King Solomon himself never made a wiser decision.

An Embarrassing Moment

Dinner, unfortunately, was a little late, and a guest asked the hostess whether she would be kind enough to play something. Seating herself at the baby grand, she executed an admirable excerpt from Wagner. She finished, but there was still a few more minutes to preter.



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