

On the Social Map

THE Yakima Republic counters in this wise: "One of the cow counties down in Oregon claims to have the handsomest legislator in the state. Up in Washington nearly all the handsome ones were beaten in the primary and we won't have much of an assortment to send to a beauty show, but we will have one of the most graceful dancers on the coast. Senator W. L. Dimmick has won all the prizes for which he has competed thus far and has been asked to waltz before the crowned heads of Europe and Asia. Representatives Marble and Rowe are not so light on their feet, having been stunted in their youth, but they are both powerful singers. We expect Yakima county will be on the social map at Olympia this winter."

Ignoring the Yakima paper's avowal that Benton is a cow county, the man in the case being E. W. Johnson of that county, The Statesman hopes this matter may not be followed up here in Oregon. In fact, Mr. Johnson put in no bid for entry in a beauty contest. It was wished on him unbeknownst by Claud Ingalls of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, who was merely trying to direct attention away from his own lack of beauty.

As to the status in Washington, the writer is not certain, but in Oregon we do not need dancers or singers as such in our legislature.

And as to pulchritude it will be a case of "pretty is as pretty does," for there are a lot of big jobs on hand. Workers are needed. The automobile laws must be rewritten. A new prison ought to be provided for, and a hundred other things of importance are crying to be done. The balancing of the state budget is the biggest of all the jobs, and the most difficult.

And if the ugliest man in the bunch can show the way and get it over, the next Oregon legislature will have to its credit the most difficult task in the history of the state.

Seems Unnecessary

THE Oregon Good Roads association sends out a circular showing that the license on cars in Oregon is lower than the license and tax on the same cars in Washington. For instance, in Oregon the saving on a Dodge coupe is \$11.36; on a Chrysler sedan 70 it is \$28.08; on a Ford touring \$1.74; on a Buick standard sedan \$22.05, and on a Chevrolet sedan \$9.69. Average saving in Oregon, \$14.58; based on new cars only.

And this is all interesting. But it is not new. And it ought not to be necessary. It is intended for the purpose of helping to defeat the disowned Dunne bills on the ballot, and surely no one who keeps up with the times is going to vote for them—either of them, and more especially the license bill.

This is not saying, however, that the license law does not need overhauling. But it is going to be. The legislature this winter will attend to that. And regard will be paid to the advice of Sam Kozer, who knows—also to that of the three principal state officials, who are for the needed changes.

Hoover 44, Smith 4

THE latest Literary Digest poll, released for today, shows Hoover leading in 44 states, Smith in 4. The four for Smith are Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Louisiana.

And the Hoover leads are substantial excepting in Alabama and Arkansas.

On the face of this showing, Smith has no possible chance to squeak through with a majority of the electoral votes.

Cool headed judges believe that the electoral votes that are now certain for Hoover will give him at least 50 to spare.

And by the same sign the prospects are for a real landslide.

Smith's frantic whirlwind finish is perhaps turning a few votes his way; and it is likely turning away from him many more than he is gaining.

He has nothing new but a fresh assortment of wisecracks and vituperation, and the old ones he has used have done his cause much more harm than good.

Baiting Borah

UNABLE to answer most of Borah's arguments and afraid to reply frankly to the rest of them, the democratic speakers are baiting the Idaho senator; hurling epithets at him and piling abuse upon him.

But this is "nuts" for Borah. He has an awful comeback; he is a rapid-fire artist in repartee.

And all the democratic leaders who have been throwing stones at Borah live in glass houses. None of them agrees with Smith, or in any of the principal issues, either before or after each of his new stands.

So baiting Borah is a boomerang for the baiters.

Wasting Money

UP to a couple of weeks ago the democratic national committee had used \$303,037 in the corn belt states to try to get the farmers to vote for Al Smith.

And if no better result is shown than has been in evidence in past Al Smith campaigns in his own state in attempting to influence the farming vote, the whole sum has been worse than wasted. Al Smith in his campaigns for governor never carried a county in New York outside of the Tammany district.

Senator Norris of Nebraska takes himself too alfried seriously, in bolting the republican ticket. He has been nowhere to bolt from. In politics he is what the boys on the eastern Oregon ranges call a slick ear. He has not been marked or branded. The Al Smith forces, expecting much from the Norris gesture, will see a week from Tuesday that it was a dud.

We have a copy of the Topeka State Journal, which is full of pictures of the Hon. Charles Curtis, "the most distinguished citizen of Kansas." He'll be that for only a short time. Presently he will be vice president of the United States and then he won't amount to any more than Ed Howe or Bill White.—Yakima Republic.

If Al Smith ever had a ghost of a show, he has committed political suicide by what he has said and the quick changes he has made. He may be sincere, but he has taken a poor way to prove it to the American people—excepting his sincerity in wanting to be elected.

The statement has just been radioed to the whole United States that not a single democratic congressman is for the protective tariff. Al Smith is marooned on an island entirely surrounded by free trade or tariff for revenue only water.

Compare the ringing words of high class statesmanship uttered in his speeches by Herbert Hoover with the rapid-change wisecracks of Al Smith. Oh, pshaw!

Kellygrams BY FRED C. KELLY

A FEW minutes after reading a newspaper recently about a group of women reformers deploring the morals of present-day young people, as exhibited in the latest dances, I chanced to pick up that fascinating historical volume, "The Party Battles of the Jackson Period," by Claude G. Bowers. In describing the Washington of the 1820's, the author says: "Of the dances, the most popular was the waltz. Introduced two years before Jackson's administration, and considered at first of questionable modesty, it soon won its way, and the matrons found it as alluring as the debutantes. Even then there were censorious people to see in the dreamy glide an example of the moral degeneracy of the age."

Then Came The Dawn



Herbert Hoover A Reminiscent Biography

By WILL IRWIN
(Extract from the book published by The Century Co.)



ALL through January and February after the armistice, Hoover fought for permission to relieve Germany. His main adversary was France. The world was living in an armistice, not a state of peace. Until the Allies agreed on their own final terms, until Germany signed, the blockade must remain in effect.

Germany's new fumbling republican government, although fighting for life against both reaction and bolshevism, had in it enough of the old German love for meticulous method to make its own survey. That reached Hoover about Christmas. The health statistics were appalling. Already eight hundred people a day were dying of disease of malnutrition. Such a phenomenon forsook actual, stark starvation.

Clemenceau ruled the French as premier, and Marshal Foch led the military party. Stephen Pichon was minister of foreign affairs. Neither of these men nor their followers had the first glimmering idea of economics. They believed that somehow you could starve your cow and milk her too. And so they opposed the transfer from Germany of a single mark to pay for food.

Belgian Route Open For two early years of the war Hoover had kept the route to Belgium open, in the face of opposition from German and British militarists, by threatening them with public opinion in the United States. That weapon was now dulled. Hoover could not expect any strong backing from home. He had for recourse only pure reason and pure humanity.

With these he hammered away. Did the French wish to accomplish their ends by starving women and children even after the armistice? Would they leave that blot on the pages of their history? They hoped to get from Germany reparations for the hideous devastation in their own northern provinces. Well and good. But how could the people work when they did not eat? Finally, communism was making headway in Germany. Hunger and despair were its best allies. With Russia and Germany some bolshevik, could the French and British resist the infection? He won the British to his active support and then the Italians; but not the French.

When on January 7 the Allies and Americans met with the Germans at Treves and extended the armistice for another month, he had a practical proposal of advantage to both sides. The Allies in restoring their own economic life needed more ships. Germany had many idle vessels blockaded bound in her docks and in neutral ports. Let the Germans release these to the Allies, on condition of receiving relief. One third of the tonnage was to be used for carrying food to Germany; the rest from the rest would help to pay for it.

The French made a counter proposal which looked like a concession. They would permit entry of 270,000 tons to cover six months, in exchange for release of the German ships. However, they would guarantee this arrangement only for a month at a time. Hoover would have been contented with that; he believed that at each expiration he could renew the agreement. But the Germans balked. It appeared to them only a trick to get their ships cheaply.

that occasion Lloyd George had taken much the same attitude as Clemenceau was taking now. And Hoover had persuaded him. Henceforth the Welsh preacher-statesman aligned himself as an admirer and partisan of Hoover and his work. Now he stood beside his old adversary and burst into eloquence. For once the Tiger Clemenceau knew when he was beaten. He gave grudging ground.

Five days later Hoover was sitting at Brussels with the German delegates, signing an agreement to deliver food in return for the use of German ships. The affair was not wholly settled. None had yet arranged a means of financing the operation. Finally, the Germans were permitted to pledge their gold reserve against future payment. But Hoover did not wait for that. The moment Clemenceau yielded, he was diverting food-ships from other nations to Germany, unloading the reservoirs at Rotterdam. It checked at once the rising death rate; it began the restoration of stability.

THE ONE MINUTE PULPIT In those days they shall say no more. The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man shall eat of the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.—Jeremiah xxxi. 29-30.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Coming on—

Filberts and walnuts—

Two independent buyers of filberts and walnuts are now in the Salem field, besides the Salem Nut Growers cooperative, which is getting new members daily.

The only thing lacking in our industries is sufficient new acreage each year. They are not increasing fast enough. We need a big nut boom, and it can scarcely be overdone.

Pear canning is still going on in Salem, and pumpkin canning; and apple canning will go on well up to the first of December, if not later. Also some vegetable canning is yet to do. We are approaching the time of all the year-around operations, and the prospects are for a good beginning next year.

The handling of the nut crops will take till about Christmas time. It should not be long till some phases of nut packing and marketing will go on the year through.

Approaching the close of the 1928 season, the pumpkin canning of the Oregon Packing company on 13th street, size 80 by 60 feet, and one of the strings of 139 Del Monte canneries reaching around the world, is a most interesting exhibit of Salem's growing industries. This cannery runs 24 hours a day; turns out each day 72,000 family size cans of pumpkin pie stock, and about a ton of seeds.

The seeds are dried and shipped and sold. To whom? To the drug trade, in part. And a lot of them to the East Side people of New York, where they have roasters on the streets, like peanut roasters. The people from European countries living in those crowded streets eat the roasted pumpkin

The Grab Bag



Who am I? What is my profession? Where was I born?

What is called "The Land of the Rising Sun"?

Name the oldest university of the United States.

On what date was the "Star Spangled Banner" composed?

Hoover's Alphabet

By MABEL F. MARTIN



POLAND

HOOVER'S ALPHABET ED page.

Poland, actual starvation had gone farther even than in Germany. Before the United States entered the war, Hoover tried to get permission to take relief to the starving Polish people—but the allies could not consent to this.

They would not take risks with an accumulation of food in German occupied territory so far away from the Allied lines. At the time of the Armistice, the Polish people were striving outright. "Even before he saw his way to finance the operation, Hoover jammed cargoes of wheat and pork through the Baltic. Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia, close to the Russian border were frequently disturbed by little wars during this period. More than once, our boys ran a supply train through two hostile lines which lay entrenched, sniping at each other. Through it all, Hoover kept the people fed.

Today's Horoscope Persons born under this sign seldom are satisfied with the existing order of things, but while that order exists they obey and go in for making others do it. They are generally good, steady friends and are well liked.

A Daily Thought "There are deeds which have no form, sufferings which have no tongue."—Shelley.

Answers to Foregoing Questions

- 1. Irvin S. Cobb; author; Paducah, Ky.
- 2. Japan.
- 3. Harvard university.
- 4. September 13, 1814.
- 5. St. John, vi. 33.

The presidential candidate, in the group photo taken en tour, is the party just back of the large unknown mayor in the center.—Detroit News.

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