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AL MAKES POSITION CLEAR

Regardless of what one thinks about Al Smith and his policies, he has made himself understood so far as the eighteenth amendment is concerned. Al doesn't want the saloon back, not much, but Al wants the prohibition act amended so the states can go into the business of selling intoxicating liquors.

The first thing Al and his Tammany gang want is Al elected president. Whatever program they believe will elect him they are in favor of, regardless of what they believe. And that gang really believes that this nation is "wet," at least sufficiently wet to elect him president, along with the solid South and the strength his Tammany gang can muster. That is what Al is depending on to elect him president of the United States.

The Kansas City Times, in a recent editorial said: "The fading of the farm issue between the two parties, for the present at least, brings into greater prominence the major issue that is becoming increasingly important.

"Just at this time when Governor Smith has repudiated the equalization fee, which the bitter enders among political farm leaders had been stressing as the vital difference between republicans and democrats, thirty-one prohibition organizations of the country are calling on people who believe in prohibition to unite against the democratic nominee.

"There is reason to believe this is what Governor Smith wants. That is, he believes that the country is predominantly wet. He believes the sharper the issue on prohibition is, the better his chances. His whole line of pre-convention and post-convention policy indicates this. Whether he is misled by his remarkable success in his own state, especially in his own city, and his conclusion that the big cities will be for him and will dominate enough states, in addition to the solid South, to elect him, is a question that will not be answered until the November returns tell their story."

We believe that Al's figures are all wrong. The country is not wet. There is a doubt about Al carrying the solid South now. Al may gain some republican votes on account of his views on prohibition, but these same views are going to lose to him democratic and independent votes.

In his acceptance speech he of course tried to play up to the farmer, and stressed his idea in regard to flood control of the Mississippi. But you'll find that the farmer will prefer Herbert Hoover to handle these matters for them. He has had the experience by actual contact with flood relief and the problems of the farmer. Mr. Hoover's plan of farm relief is practical, and this is something that should not be left to a man who has spent his life in the largest city in the world, and who probably never spent a day of his life on a farm.

ELECTRICITY IN THE HOME

Herbert Hoover in his speech accepting the nomination for the presidency referred to some of the indications of American progress, one of which was the fact that during the past eight years nine million more homes had been equipped with electricity.

Naturally most of these homes were in cities and towns, but during the last four or five years great strides have been made toward extending electricity to the rural districts as well.

While the resulting benefits have been general, they have perhaps meant most to those farm women whose daily burdens have been lightened through the introduction into their homes of electric light, heat and power. Every new rural electric line which threads its way across the countryside means emancipation from drudgery for many farm housewives.

Some merchants advertise and other merchants try to get the business they bring to town.

The talking movies are going to prove to us that a lot of the stars we have admired are not as smart as we once thought they were.

If you believe in your town you should patronize its stores and business institutions. If you do not believe in it you will probably patronize the mail order houses.

History repeats itself. Out West, 50 years ago, those who wanted to treat said "name yer pizen." Today they say the same thing; and it is poison.—Florida Times.

If someone will take a straw vote among the bootleggers, they can create more interest, and at the same time give one an idea as to what to expect after the votes are counted November 6.

Frank H. Simonds, noted writer of international politics, says that Europe is opposed to the election of Mr. Hoover because it feels he would not be in favor of cutting down the European debts. It is doubtful whether Mr. Hoover's views on this subject will lose him many votes in the United States where the votes count.

Smith, in his acceptance speech, blamed the Coolidge policy for the present unrest in the Latin-American countries to the south. If we remember correctly, Mr. Wilson had some little trouble of some kind or other with Mexico. And also there has been some political disturbance in Mexico and Central America during the last three or four years than at any time since 1912.

The theories of heredity of Albert E. Wiggam and the other eugenists were given quite a jolt in the presidential and vice presidential nomination of the two political parties. Smith was born in the lower East Side of New York, the son of a truck driver. Hoover's father was a blacksmith, without intellectual distinction of record. Curtis, born on an Indian reservation, is the son of humble parents.—Kansas City Star.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS

There is a growing tendency everywhere to do away with the small schools and bring the children into centralized points where it is more practical to educate them. Brightwood and Welches districts in Eastern Clackamas county, as well as the Colton districts have realized the advantages of the larger school and two consolidations have been effected within the past week.

Children in the country districts are entitled to the same privileges in this respect as are the children of the towns and cities. But this is not possible, always. The one-room school has had its day, and a great day it was, but it is as much out of place in many instances today as horse-drawn transportation or corduroy roads.

Many of the modern grade schools are made possible by the consolidation of the districts and transportation of the children by auto busses. It often is more economical, and far so when the actual value is taken into consideration. Just as fine schools in the country districts as there are to be found in the largest cities are made possible in this way.

Larger and better equipped schools with better qualified teachers are essential this day and age. The advantages thus offered the children should bring about many more consolidation of districts in Clackamas before the opening date of the schools next year.

SHIP BUILT FOR DENNY TO FLOAT ON DRY LAND

Did you ever see an ocean liner standing in the middle of a perfectly dry field?

There is such a phenomenon at Universal City, Calif., where the S. S. King George, one of the finest ocean greyhounds ever constructed gazes out upon the hills with never a thought or chance of ever reaching an ocean.

The ship was built for the filming of the Universal super comedy, "Out All Night," which comes to the Liberty Theatre in Estacada Wednesday and Thursday next. It is complete in every detail, and according to the man who constructed it, could easily cross the ocean if by some means it could be taken to the water front and engines installed.

While that might be a slight exaggeration, the hulk is, in all probability, one of the most perfectly constructed crafts ever built especially for the filming of a motion picture.

The boat is complete in every detail, down to the swinging doors in the hold where the cargo of freight is swung into place by tackle from the dock. The bolts, too, are spaced and look as if bolted into place by the regular air hammer process.

The passenger deck is also one of the finest pieces of workmanship ever done for a picture of this type. It, too, is complete in detail, with the regulation companionways and runways as seen at the water front of any large bay city where ocean transports dock. Regular dock engineers were employed to lay out this section of the set.

Those who travel on this extraordinary built liner are Reginald Den-

ny, one of fildom's greatest comedians, and star of "Out All Night," Marian Nixon, his leading lady and Ben Hendricks, Dorothy Earle, Wheeler Oakman, Dan Mason and many others who appear in the supporting role.

William A. Seiter directed the picture which is an original written by Gladys Lehman.

Here From Antelope


W. F. Greer of Antelope was in town over the week end and while here sold his flock of sheep to Frank Wheeler of Springwater.

Returns to Three Links

Mrs. Harold Wooster of Camp 8 returned Tuesday evening from Portland where she had dental work done. She was accompanied by her son, Harry, who attended the circus.

Spend Week at Beaches

Fred and Frank Marshall with their families spent a week at the beaches, returning the first of this week. They were at Newport, Taft and other places and enjoyed getting a good supply of clams, crabs and other sea foods.



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