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NO BALLY-HOO IS NEEDED

THE people of Southern Oregon are glad that Secretary Hoover has been able to take a vacation, and spend part of it on the Rogue River, fishing for steelhead. They perfectly understand his desire to be let alone as far as politics are concerned.

In fact, it seems particularly fitting that Mr. Hoover should come here not as a presidential candidate looking for votes, but as a private citizen, looking for a rest.

For the role of the office seeker, back-slapping, hand-shaking politician doesn't fit him; the conventional view of the hurrah boys campaigner doesn't conform to the impression the people have of him.

They regard him as a man of deeds, rather than words; a man dedicated to service, rather than self exploitation. Now he is an applicant for one of the biggest and most difficult jobs in the world,—that of running the affairs of the United States government.

He has a year of hard work behind him, he has a trying, and somewhat arduous, three months ahead of him. It seems entirely fitting that he should come to Oregon, not as a presidential candidate, but as a private citizen, to get a breathing spell before he tackles one of the biggest jobs of all.

For Mr. Hoover is a new type of presidential candidate. The people of Southern Oregon are NOT for him because he is a glad-hander, or a good promiser, or the world's champion baby kisser.

They are for him, because they know what he has done in the past, know what he can be expected to do in the future,—because they are convinced he is better qualified to be the general manager of this country than any other man in public life.

So they do not expect him to turn a hand-spring or give a stump speech every time he ventures from his own fireside, any more than they expect such conduct from their leading business man.

They merely expect him later on to tell them what the country needs, how he believes those needs may be supplied, not only to advance the material but moral well-being of the country, leaving the rest to the capability of the average citizen to go beneath the surface of things, to the essentials and realities beneath.

TO THE 'EGRESS'

WHEN Mr. P. T. Barnum had difficulty in getting the people out of his American Museum so more people could get in, he hit upon the pious idea of erecting a sign reading, "To the Egress" and when the curious people went through the door to which the sign pointed they found themselves out in the cold, cold world with no chance of getting back without adding to P. T.'s gate receipts.

Mr. Barnum got a lot of fun out of that little joke of his, and after looking up the word "Egress" in the dictionary the victims decided P. T. was technically correct, and they could legitimately blame no one—or nothing—but their own credulity.

Barnum was the perfect showman. And Mr. Al Smith is in many ways his residuary legatee. Unless we are much mistaken, those good people in the Republican party, who intend to follow the genial Al's sign "To Prohibition Modification," are going to find themselves in a similar predicament,—out in the cold, cold world, with nothing but the rather dry reflection, for consolation, that the joke was on them.

We refer particularly to those Republicans who think "to Prohibition modification" is going to mean some radical and convulsing change in the present status of "intoxicating liquor"—a miraculous return to those good old days, when a man could blow the froth from a schooner of beer, or kiss the bartender if he felt impelled, without violating the Constitution of the United States.

If Al Smith is elected, it will be due to these votes, and it will also be due to that same amusing quality in human nature which impelled the glib patrons of the American Museum to follow that "Egress" sign under the impression that they were to see something smaller than Tom Thumb or something more incredible than the Fiji Mermaid, or Colonel Fremont's "Woolly Horse."

They, too, when the election is over, and the country has returned to normalcy again, will have only their credulity to blame,—the joke will be most decidedly on them.

For nothing is more certain than that if Governor Smith is elected President, his prohibition modification will no more mean light wines and beer than it will mean a return of the old saloon. What it will mean seems fairly certain.

Briefly it will mean a mess. With a dry Congress, and with not more than half a dozen states that in any clear-cut wet-dry issue can be depended upon to vote wet, Al Smith will no more be able to eliminate the 18th amendment and legalize the liquor traffic than he will be able to eliminate the law of gravity.

His election will be interpreted as a defeat for the Dry Law amendment, but the only practical result will be that federal, state and local dry enforcement will be relaxed, and, temporarily at least, this country will retain what are regarded as the evils of Prohibition with none—or very few,—of its practical benefits.

From our viewpoint this is a safe prediction for we don't believe Al Smith will be elected. But if he is, and some political prophets say he will be, we prophesy herewith that the sorriest citizens in this fair land, about a year later, will be those Republicans who voted for him, upon the assumption that his election would materially change the status of the liquor traffic in this country.

They will find they have placed a party in power to which they do not belong, defeated the man best qualified for president their party has nominated in a generation and got their feet no nearer a brass rail—legally at least,—than they were before.

And if this should happen Al Smith the perfect salesman-showman, will have his little laugh. The joke will certainly not be on him.

QUILL POINTS

Any blind-folded lady who can tell the difference between cigarettes should be able to distinguish early cantaloupes from white pine.

Press Comment

ENTHUSIASM WON'T BE ON THE PAYROLL Nobody will say James W. Good doesn't know his political onions. He handled the Hoover pre-convention campaign with a certain deadly efficiency, that made us all shudder—it was a foretaste of what we are going to get if Hoover should be president, and if there's anything the average American hates, it's efficiency in all kinds of public administration.

Knowing Mr. Good, then, we'd like to know what he means by this statement of his that he's going to run the western campaign with volunteer unpaid workers. He says his Chicago headquarters staff will be made up of "high-grade, enthusiastic men and women" who will "volunteer their services," so that the campaign can be carried on with a minimum of expense and a maximum of efficiency.

This is laudable. That is, it's laudable as an expression if the purpose is to show the republicans are poor and can't hire anybody to do the work. It is not so laudable if Mr. Good really is depending on high-grade volunteers full of enthusiasm and inexperience. (One even notion is, he isn't. He didn't in Kansas City, and we don't believe he will in Chicago. No doubt he'll have a lot of high-grade enthusiastic volunteers a round headquarters, and no doubt Mr. Good will give them the impression that they are working savagely and being immensely helpful. But when he wants anything done we suspect he will ring the bell and give his instructions to a low-grade person without any enthusiasm at all but petty well qualified in point of experience and a not inadequate payroll standing.)

Of course, we all know the republicans are poor and are going to conduct the campaign with an empty treasury, hearts full of love and a blind faith in the favor of heaven. That's what Mr. Good means, and we wish he could explain it personally to every voter, because when he looks you in the eye and explains such things, you are bound to believe him. He has that kind of an eye and that kind of a voice, which is why he is managing Mr. Hoover's western campaign.

Unfortunately, such explanations are not so convincing in print. The words have a certain coldness, not to say inexpressiveness. They are good but not Mr. Good. He said something of the same kind in Kansas City, but being surrounded by hard-jawed young men from the department of commerce who could shut their eyes and tell him what the republican majority was in the six hundred and forty-second precinct of Chicago in 1924, we did not pay much attention to it.

We trust the situation has not changed. We are confident that, poor as the republicans are, Mr. Good has been able to keep some of these young men about him. They may not represent a minimum of expense, nor for that matter does volunteer, unpaid enthusiasm, but they are not you (Mr. Good) would pick if you (Mr. Good) were looking for a maximum of efficiency.

Perhaps if the republicans are deserving, heaven will send them some money before the campaign is over and Mr. Good won't have to think so much about the minimum of expense, but in the meanwhile he probably is wise in not

putting enthusiasm on the payroll. —(Kansas City Star.)

Labor Troubles Increase

BERLIN (AP)—Wage disagreements, principally in the textile, mining and tobacco industries, caused an increase in labor troubles in Germany last year. There were also disagreements about working time in the machinery and ceramic industries. Days lost by strikes totaled 2,412,694 compared with 891,606 in 1927. Almost as many days were lost by lockouts.

Forced to Refrigerate

GLASGOW (AP)—Scots are looking over the refrigerating machinery market in preparation for the time when a new regulation prohibiting preservatives in food will become effective. Refrigerating facilities are now scant. Completion of the program for wider distribution of electricity is expected to increase the market for electric refrigerators.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The queen of the navy is the battleship New Mexico. She has been awarded highest honors after competition in battleship efficiency, gunnery, engineering and communication. Now she may fly a pennant known as the meat ball.

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Smudge Smoke

2 big bugs of the Associated Oil passed through Med. They were using the radio. Some intense heat was on tap the last of the week, and was enjoyed by all. Tommie Swem has returned from Alaska, and has started working to get things in shape for Christmas. Co. Com. G. Alford has been busy all week picking his apricots. Earl Haft of the foot of Mt. Pitt is in town for a few days on a vacation. He says 32 people from here are at the foot of Mt. Pitt on a vacation. Poison letters have been thrown around on lanes, and the authorities are looking for a person with a swarfed soul. Herb Hoover will be here today to fish. It would be just like the fish to get ornery and not bite. J. Ferguson Heath ran upstate last week to attend a conference. E. Davis announced the fight Thurs. eve over the radio, with the help of your corr. the Lord, and the marines, who have the situation well in hand. Forest fires have been plentiful all last week. They were man-caused. Many of our lawyers are on their annual unknown sojourns to the well known unknown parts. H. Muhammad and Bull Montana will muss each other up in a wrestling match Mon. night. It is freely predicted that a leg or something will come loose during the Titanic struggle. Carl Fichtner is back from the Mid-West, and has about all the heat he cares for, getting a double dose. Many of the better dressed males are running around in ice-cream pants. The Legion boys are all set for the big convulse here this week, and many of the outstanding edifices of the "biz. dist." are taking on a gala appearance. One of the Bob Hoyt boys gives promise of being a drum major, and following in the footsteps of Tollyus Baker and Muttius Wmson. The new ginger ale from the Philippines has arrived, and is being freely gazed for itself alone, by the natives. Threshing is underway. Vick Bursell being among those thus engaged. F. Bybee bought 200 sheep Monday. Mr. B. told the writer Sat. that he had moresheep than he knew what to do with. No wonder Congress is so sorely puzzled by the farm problem.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One) wait a moment there's one more chance. "They called a colored youth, 18 years old. Certainly," said he, "You will find it up in the gallery, second shelf." Similarly he could locate any one of thousands of books in that store. Had he read? "No, I don't read any of the books, but I know them all." Voltaire apologized for the small size of his library, only 6,000 volumes, the margins of pages covered with notes in his fine handwriting. Catherine of Russia bought them all when he died. Buckle, author of an introduction to "The History of Civilization in England," had 60,000 volumes in his library and read constantly. If a man could read and know one hundred books, properly chosen, he would have an education. Dr. Lausner, marvelous hypnotist of Vienna, does and says things to worry the criminal. By hypnotism he caused a young criminal, Verno Hooper, to confess after fifteen minutes the murder of his mother, sister and two hired men. Dr. Lausner says each has a sixth sense that can be made to receive the thought of another. Thought is something like a broadcast. He hypnotizes the criminal and easily obtains the truth from him because "his crime is always on his mind." MEXICO CITY, July 28.—(AP)—Intimate friends of President Calles say that he told them he will retire from the presidency on December 1.

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