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A STRAW BALLOT IN JACKSON COUNTY

In answer to requests by several subscribers the Mail-Tribune is today starting a straw ballot on the presidential election.

Straw ballots are never conclusive, but they are invariably interesting and, in the present state of political confusion, should be particularly interesting this year.

There will be but one requirement—that all voters sign their own names and proper addresses. Both will be kept strictly confidential, but without such a regulation the value of such a poll would be entirely destroyed.

In today's paper a sample straw ballot is printed and will be continued until sufficient time has elapsed to secure a representative vote.

Results will be published from time to time and, so there may be no error, a prominent Medford Democrat and a prominent Medford Republican will be chosen to assist the editor in the final count.

So go to it, you Hoover and Governor Smith supporters in Jackson County, and make this a real representation of political sentiment in this part of the state. The balloting starts today.

GOVERNOR SMITH WINS

Our comment on the Straton-Smith debate we predicted it would never occur. We were correct, but not precisely as we anticipated.

Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton is the one to retire, not Governor Smith. Dr. Straton's reason is he does not consider his church a suitable place in which to debate, and, while he wants to meet Al Smith somewhere else, he will refuse an engagement on Sunday.

Well, well. We never expected a man as militant as the New York pastor to beat such an ignominious retreat. As long as he made the charges on Sunday and in his church, Governor Smith was entitled to reply in the same place, and the same day.

Under the circumstances we must admit Governor Smith scores a complete victory. In substance, the New York pastor admits that he was wrong in introducing politics and personalities into the pulpit. Had he not lost his nerve, and held to his original contention, no doubt Governor Smith would have been the one to retire.

But, while he suffers a disastrous and humiliating defeat, he is at least doing the right thing now. The churches of America as such should not only be completely separated from the state but from partisan politics.

QUILL POINTS

Americanism: A sublime faith in spinach. Jail: A place where they keep the victims of unjust discrimination. Fame: The brief publicity enjoyed by one who makes a record somebody will break tomorrow. Frequently matrimony fails because the joining of two bad eggs can't improve the flavor. In case of war, European planes might bomb any Americans who happened to be in the Azores. 'Imaginative women weep more than others.' It takes a lot of imagination to think up anything else to cry for. How large a mole on a wife's cheek looks after a two-hour losing streak at bridge with her as partner. Few of the big jobs are held by men who were taught as boys to fear the opinions of the neighbors. Americanism: Spending money you haven't got to buy sport clothes for games you don't play. It may be that none but poor men are hanged, but a lot of poor specimens have escaped it lately. A breakfast room is that darned little embly-hole where you eat your dinner and supper to avoid soiling a fresh table cloth. You don't see so much leather upholstery in cars now. Garage mechanics don't like it to wipe their hands on. Other oil companies are putting up a bitter fight, but you'll notice John D. is still passing out dimes. Correct this sentence: "He plays bridge because he likes it," said the wife, "and not just to please me."

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

AN OUTLINE OF HYGIENE

No. 47—Deadly Odorless Carbon Monoxide.

Contamination of the air by carbon monoxide is the most dreaded hazard you and I are likely to encounter, because it happens without warning, carbon monoxide being odorless. Often the production of this fatal gas is associated with the production of other gases or combinations of products which have more or less characteristic odors, but death has been the reward of many an ignorant person who relied on the sense of smell to warn him of this danger.



Carbon monoxide may form when any kind of fuel burns, if the supply of air is limited. It may form in sufficient quantity to be fatal to the occupant of a small bedroom or a bathroom where a small oil stove or gas heater is burning without proper ventilation of the pipe with the flue or the open air, especially when the heater burns for an hour or two with the room windows and door closed. In cities where there is more pollution than in the country, the use of portable heaters, oil stoves, and gas heaters is especially dangerous. It is especially dangerous when the heater burns for an hour or two with the room windows and door closed.

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ment came out in the Central Point Star, leading the purity of the Central Point water, according to Oregon state board of health. I do not know who is responsible for that statement, neither do I care. Now, I know if the statement was not correct, it would woefully mislead the people, and I hoped the water was just as the article claimed it to be, yet I viewed it with much distrust. On the 6th of August I collected a sample of our city water, strictly according to regulations, in the presence of witnesses, forwarded it to the laboratory of the Oregon state board of health, Portland, Ore. In their report to me they classified the water in "C" condition—unsafe for drinking purposes.

Now, this is a condition that should not be tolerated under any circumstances. The health and life and the prosperity of our little town depend on the condition of our water. It looks very queer to me that our city administration is not familiar with the true condition of our city water.

One death caused by drinking this water is worth the whole town. I am informed some of our city council had their drinking water from Medford. I ask you one to take my word in this case. Just collect a sample yourself, send it to Portland and get report in a few days.

I took the clipping from the Central Point Star and sent it to Portland. The laboratory ignored it, for it was in plain contradiction of their analysis. I am not writing this for any ill-feeling I have towards anyone. I am desirous of having the people know just what they are drinking. I deem it foolish to try to mislead the people in a case of this kind. We never can prosper as a city with such water conditions. We cannot for one moment crowd things on the public, this matter, when a state laboratory is so different. We are governed by a very strong law of which I have made myself very familiar. If anyone doubts what I have said, I ask them to come and see me. I am willing to instruct them how to get the facts. SIMPSON WILSON, Central Point.

Mail-Tribune Missed. The pilgrim away from Oregon's fields and orchards and forests surely misses his good old home paper—the Medford Mail Tribune.

Very Good Side to Sleep On. Is sleeping on the left side injurious? Have heard it weakens the heart.—E. C. A. Answer.—Sleep on right side, left side, prone, supine, stretched out or curled up, as you prefer, and I assure you the sleeping posture is all right.

Women and atredate dogs are crazy about autos, but you never saw a fox terrier jump in and take a ride just anyone that pulls up 'em' the 'em. 'We waited too long. Even-buddy makes it, or knows where they kin get it,' declared Pony Moppis today, in discussion the possibility of ever again sitting the vote out in this country.

Communications. The C. P. Water Situation. Please allow me the privilege of a small space in your paper. I had intended to decline seeing any more about the Central Point water conditions, and I supposed the question was entirely dropped.

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Pickle Factory Burned. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 12.—Fire yesterday destroyed several buildings, which once had been used as pickle factory and dehydrating plant.

Dr. E. E. Briley Says: In my practice in Spokane I have found Tru-Blood... Dr. E. E. BRILEY, M.D., Spokane, Wash.

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Abe Martin. DRY RAID INSURANCE. SPEEDY DIVORCES. ATTORNEY AT LAW. Women and atredate dogs are crazy about autos, but you never saw a fox terrier jump in and take a ride just anyone that pulls up 'em' the 'em.

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MUTT AND JEFF—Augustus Mutt Gets Quite a Surprise. How About You?

Comic strip panels showing Augustus Mutt and Jeff. Dialogue includes: 'SLIP ME THE PHONE! I'LL ANSWER IT!', 'I'M RIGHT HERE! I'LL ANSWER IT!', 'IS THE CALL FOR ME, JEFF?', 'HELLO! NO, MUTT!—WHAT'S THAT?—OH, I WAS SPEAKING TO MY FRIEND MUTT!—YES, SURE!—I CALLS GENE A REAL CHAMP.---YEAH, THE WEATHER IS AWFUL!', 'QUITE SO! I AGREE WITH YOU THERE!--- WELL, SOME SAY AL AND SOME SAY HERB!--- AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?--- SURE!!--- O.K. CHEERIO!', 'WRONG NUMBER!'

By HORTENSE DEBRIS. DEAR HORTENSE: THERE IS A BOYS' CAMP NEAR US. WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET INTRODUCED TO THEM? PEGGY AND BETTY. DEAR PEG AND BETTY: AN INTRODUCTION MAY BE VERY HARD TO ARRANGE. I SUGGEST A LITTLE INNOCENT FLIRTATION TO GAIN YOU AN ENTREE INTO THE BOYS' SOCIETY. EVER THINE—HORTENSE