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Trillions Count.
Governor Smith's Good Nerves.
Only One Wife.
The Full Pocket Book.

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Professor Albert A. Mitchell, of Chicago University, Nobel prize winner, and greatest living physicist, has concluded experiments at Pasadena, confirming his findings as to the speed of light. The speed, inconceivable to our minds, is 186,284 miles a second. Some ask, why bother about a few miles, in a speed like that? The matter is very important to science.

One of the so-called "outside universes" is one million light years away from our little earth, which revolves in a cosmic city called the Milky Way. One million light years is the distance that light can travel in one million years.

At that distance, a difference in speed of one mile to the second would mean a difference of thirty-one trillion, five hundred and thirty-six billion miles, enough a difference, even in astronomy.

Some day, a more highly developed race, able to think in trillions and in the fourth dimension, may want to know just how far away that other universe is. We may all go there some day. "In my father's house are many mansions."

Governor Smith is entitled to credit for keeping his nerves under control, speaking at Oklahoma City, on Tuesday. The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, who has attacked Governor Smith from his pulpit, sat on the platform close to Governor Smith and nearby sat the head of the Oklahoma Ku Klux Klan whom Governor Smith was to attack that evening.

The audience expected the clergyman, or the Ku Klux chief, to interrupt and ask questions. Two rival politicians made welcoming speeches, one of them Governor Johnson of Oklahoma, formerly a lecturer for the Klan. Those that thought they noticed a slight nervousness in the governor's radio talk need not be surprised.

Very old men give various recipes for long life. Some urge moderation, in everything, eating, drinking. Some say "Do not worry." Luigi Cornaro had a sound theory, and demonstrated it, living past 100, after being given up by doctors as a young man. Read his life.

Zaro Agba, aged 157, oldest man in Turkey, offers a suggestion quite new: "I don't smoke, I don't drink, I married four wives." He considers four wives a part of his general moderation.

New conditions worry poor old Mr. Agba. Kemal Pasha, the new ruler, compels him to cut a mustache and beard that have been growing more than a century. Three of his wives have died, two of old age. He has only one left, rather weak, and Kemal Pasha will not let him have more than one. Turkey is going to the dogs, and he fears that he cannot live much longer.

H. C. Forbes quotes a clergyman who thinks it disgraceful to emphasize the full dinner pail and general prosperity in a political campaign. On our minds should be loftier things. Possibly. But it's hard to keep the mind on lofty things when you're hungry.

All agree that government should guarantee life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Pursuing happiness, in this age, without money, is like entering a marathon race.

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ALASSALS JAP ADMITS PRESIDENT KIDNAPING; IN SPEECH MOB FORMS

Also Lays Down Barrage On Hoover and Cabinet Successor In Denver Talk on Power—Declares For Federal Rule Of Boulder Dam and Similar Projects.

By Paul F. Haupt, Associated Press Staff Writer

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Again training his guns on Herbert Hoover as he discussed water power in a campaign speech here tonight, Gov. Alfred E. Smith declared that the benefit of the development of power sites "should accrue to the people themselves and that we should not permit them to fall into private hands for private development, which means private gain at the expense of all the users of the energy."

The Democratic nominee, in an address prepared for delivery in the coliseum where Bryan twenty years ago was nominated for president for the third time, insisted that the Republican platform declaration on water power was unsatisfactory, and asserted that the acceptance speech of his opponent did not contain "one single word on the question of water power development" and that Mr. Hoover failed in his recent Los Angeles speech to make his stand clear.

Governor Smith also assailed President Coolidge for vetoing the Muscle Shoals bill without an explanation of its rejection and for making the declaration in a message to Congress that the Muscle Shoals question seemed to have "assumed a place out of all proportion with its real importance."

The New York governor's prepared speech said that "inaction on the part of the federal government, the strange silence of the candidate and the Republican platform indicate, to say the least, a sympathy with the widespread propaganda against public ownership spread throughout the country by an organization known as the joint committee of the national electric associations."

Mr. Smith said that "the lobby's executive director, Judge Davis, formerly was an assistant secretary of commerce under Mr. Hoover," that Paul S. Clapp, once a secretary to Mr. Hoover, was named secretary of the joint committee, and that the executive director of the National Electric Light association, which he explained, is one of the three groups making up the joint committee; and that former Senator Leavitt, of Wisconsin, who he said, was retained by the joint committee as counsel, "to oppose" the Walsh resolution for an investigation of public utilities operations, was also "Mr. Hoover's counsel at the Kansas City convention in the contest over southern delegates."

Governor Smith also laid down an attack on Roy O. West, present secretary of the interior, and H. Edmund Machold, the new chairman of the New York State Republican committee.

"West," he said, "for almost a quarter of a century has been closely identified with important power companies, and the nomination of a man of this kind is a disgrace to the party."

"It is not a fair argument to assume that such an appointment indicates a spirit of unprincipledness, if not hostility, on the part of the Republican party in the nation to those who stand for public ownership and control of the God-given resources of the nation."

As for Machold, the nominee referred to him as "the most bitter opponent of public ownership and control of water power" in New York state. He said Machold "used all his influence and strength in the legislature to oppose the adoption of the constructive, forward-looking program of state ownership and control, and until the very day he was selected state chairman was affiliated with many of the largest private water power companies in the state."

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Honolulu Atrocity Deed Of Drug Fiend — National Guard Called to Jail, As Lynching Threatens — Aloha Siren Tells of Capture — Ransom Money Traced.

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 22.—(AP)—A nineteen-year old Japanese boy, Yutaka Fukunaga, sought as the slayer of Gill Jamieson, banker's son, after the latter was kidnapped from school, was arrested tonight and confessed, police said.

"I have been a bad boy. I want to tell it to my mother," the arrested Japanese boy said when first arrested. Later he was quoted as saying, "What does it matter? Let the crowd get me, I don't care."

Sheriff Patrick Gleason has called upon Territorial Adjutant General Perry M. Smoot to assign national guardsmen to duty around the jail and police station. Gleason, fearful of mob action, took no chances with his prisoner as a large crowd gathered after the arrest was made.

The Aloha tower siren blew steadily for five minutes, announcing the capture of the slayer. National guardsmen arrived at the city jail and a cordon of police was thrown around the structure. The crowds around the police station filled the streets, blocking traffic in all directions.

Before Fukunaga made his confession detectives announced he was a drug addict. A drug outfit was found near the body of Gill Jamieson.

The attitude of the quickly gathered crowd was declared to have been threatening. The prisoner remained calm. He was being led through the streets. Detectives said Fukunaga was traced through his room and the passing of several five dollar bills which had been paid to the kidnaper by Frederick W. Jamieson, Honolulu banker, Tuesday night in an effort to free his son.

A bloodstained pair of trousers was found in Fukunaga's room. Police said some of the ransom money also was found. Jamieson had paid \$4000 and it was through some of the bills included in the sum that the crime was traced to the Japanese youth. The convicted kidnaper was arrested on Honolulu's Main street, Fort.

The arrest ended a five day man hunt in which thousands joined. Gill Jamieson was kidnapped Tuesday afternoon. Ten thousand dollars in ransom was demanded. The child's father was contacted by the kidnaper by the abduction of his son. He was found dead Thursday. He had been strangled to death.

BOSTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The total crop of cranberries in the United States this year was estimated today by the New England Crop Reporting service as 255,000 barrels. With the exception of last year's short crop this will be the highest since 1921.

Recent reports indicate that the Massachusetts crop will total 225,000 barrels as compared with 270,000 barrels harvested last year. The berries are expected to be of medium size in most places. Quality and keeping prospects are very good.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—A grade crossing accident near here today cost two lives. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Crockett of Estacada were killed instantly when a Southern Pacific locomotive and caboose struck their automobile as they drove across the tracks at Clackamas.

A freight train was on the track nearest the oncoming automobile. The train was standing still and witnesses said Crockett apparently thought the wigwag signal was moving and sounding for the freight. When it was apparent to William Weiss, freight train brakeman, acting as flagman, that the motorist did not intend to stop, he made frantic efforts to prevent the automobile from reaching the tracks, he said.

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Smith Greeted By Huge Crowds In Omaha



Shouting and hand-clapping greeted Alfred E. Smith when he rode through crowded streets in Omaha on the way to the auditorium to deliver his first campaign speech in the Middle West. The Democratic nominee responded with smiles and waving of his derby.

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Maryland Senator Says Hoover Took Drink With Clarence Darrow, And Curtis Seen at Race Track With Bottle—Rev. Straton Cudgels Rome, Rum and Politicians.

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Hamilton Fish Declares the Republicans Will Carry Empire State By Over 100,000 — Hoover Refuses to Comment On Religion Smith Speech On Religion

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover had an engagement for a second conference with President Coolidge today at the White House. The republican presidential nominee was invited to the executive mansion for luncheon by the president after the return of Mr. Coolidge from his New England trip.

Whether Mr. Coolidge will go to his home state at some subsequent date to make an address has not been developed.

Before going to the White House the republican nominee went to a theater for a private showing of the talking movies of his Newark, N. J. speech Monday night. Returning to his headquarters he conferred with party leaders.

Senator Pine of Oklahoma, after conferring with Hoover for a half hour, said he believed the Oklahoma City speech of Smith, the democratic presidential nominee, had increased the probabilities that the republican candidate would be successful in Oklahoma.

Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, another caller, said he had told Hoover that there had been a marked improvement in the republican situation in New York state since the latter part of August.

"The morale of our party," he said, "due to a series of defeats in New York state, has been at a low ebb, but State Chairman Macchold has worked wonders in less than a month and infused a spirit of confidence and teamwork among the republican leaders that should result in carrying the state for the republican ticket by over 100,000."

National Chairman Charles D. Hilles, William H. Hill, a Hoover leader in New York, and City Chairman Samuel Corning are working harmoniously and effectively for republican success.

Controversy stirred up by Alfred E. Smith's Oklahoma City declaration of religious intolerance still swirled and added today, but Hoover was silent on the subject as he worked away on the next address of his campaign.

The republican presidential candidate seems to be content to stand upon the statement which he made in his acceptance speech when he said that "by blood and conviction I stand for religious tolerance both in act and spirit," adding that "the glory of our American ideals is the right of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience."

OREGON SAFE IS CRACKED. PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Safe crackers working at Athens last night secured jewels and money worth more than \$2000. They blew the safe in a hardware store and took diamond studded medals valued at \$700 and \$60 in cash. Several other places in the county were entered, but little of value taken.

DIXIELAND DIME NOVEL BECKONSTO BLAMED BY MR. HOOPER NORTHGOTT

Speech Might Win Texas, For Him — Smith Makes Typical Campaign in Mid-West, And Waves Brown Derby — President Urged To Take Stump.

By D. Field Brittle, Associated Press Staff Writer

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 22.—(AP)—When the Kansas City and Houston conventions finished their work some weeks ago with the selection of Hoover and Smith as their nominees and thereby set in motion a realignment of forces within the parties, there were some who boldly ventured the prediction that traditional barriers would be swept aside and that votes would be found on foreign fields. Those who studied the signs at a time when forecasts risked reputations now may safely say, "I told you so."

For their verification they have only to review the political happenings of the week. The period has witnessed the solidification of battle lines that now exempt no sector, and gave testimony that both candidates mean to take their electoral votes where they can find them. That is particularly true of the southwestern region, where strange events are being recorded.

With tactics typical of his New York campaigns, Governor Smith has carried his fight into the Republican farmer strongholds of the Midwest and has swooped down into Oklahoma to combat an admittedly strong Hoover sentiment in that colony of normal democracy. From this neighboring state of Texas, meanwhile, word has been carried to Mr. Hoover that if he would make but one speech here the state might be his in November. That situation is more remarkable because the message, an earnest appeal, was carried not by Republicans but by men who have in the past, received the honors of the Democratic party.

Similar counsel from the rest of the south has been given to Mr. Hoover and he has accepted some of it, consenting to speak in Elizabeth, Tenn. The plea from Texas was made to the nominee upon his return from a crusade in New Jersey by a delegation headed by Tom Love, former Democratic national committeeman, and now a leader of the anti-Smith forces in the Lone Star state. He made a serious representation that a speech by Mr. Hoover at the right time in this vast empire of democracy might produce a psychological impact that would swing the state's vote to him.

By W. B. Ragsdale, Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover declared unequivocally today that his campaign is not one of opposition but one in favor of the issues and candidates in the Republican party.

His statement was contained in an address to a delegation from Maryland, the first public pronouncement he has made since his Democratic opponent, Alfred E. Smith, opened fire on the Republican party in his address at Oklahoma City last Thursday night.

"We are now in a great campaign," Hoover said. "Our campaign is based upon our issues. It is not a campaign of opposition. It is a campaign in favor of the issues and candidates in the Republican party."

Before the meeting with the Maryland delegation consisting of forty county and ward chairmen of the House-Goldborough league of Maryland, the Republican presidential candidate spent more than an hour and a half at the White House discussing the general political situation with President Coolidge who returned today from a visit to his native state of Vermont and New England.

Beyond the statement that "the general situation" had been gone over at the White House there was no announcement concerning the conference. But it is known that a number of the president's friends have been urging him to make a speech or two in New England, preferably in his adopted state of Massachusetts.

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Declares Lurid Charges Against Him Born In Mind of Boy Inflamed By Mystery Tales, Aided By Notriety Seeking Girl — Fears Grilling By Sleuths.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Sitting in the visitor's room at Okalla prison late this afternoon with several armed guards around him, Gordon Stuart Northcott, alleged killer of four boys on his father's chicken ranch at Riverside, Cal., told a newspaper reporter that the "charges against me are melodramatic in the extreme." The accused youthful murderer told his story in a convincing manner and embellished it with quick gestures while a disarming smile often flitted across his face.

"The charges against me are melodramatic to the extreme. They are born from the brain of a boy, who has read too many lurid detective and mystery stories, and from the mind of a girl, who likes sensationalism and notoriety."

"I cannot understand the statements supposed to have been made by my father. We differ in the matter of religious belief. This difference may have something to do with it or it may be that he thinks to aid me by making my actions appear to be those of one insane."

"I will fight extradition not through fear of the charges; but to be taken back to the United States to face scores of reporters, press and movie photographers and the grilling of detectives is not a pleasant ordeal."

"For a time after my arrest," he asserted, "I was deeply worried for myself for murder is not a nice charge to face but now I can look on it more calmly and if the accusation was not so serious I might even look upon it as a joke."

"My real worry now is for 'little mother.' I am afraid that the worry and strain may break her down."

"Imagine a woman of 64, of slight build, wielding an axe with fragile hands. It is impossible for anyone, who knows mother to picture her in such a role. How I wish she would be brought here quickly so that we could all see each other. (His mother, Mrs. Sarah Louisa Northcott, also charged with murder, is held in Calgary.)"

"Do I look like a murderer? I do not think I flatter myself when I say that I look just like other young fellows of normal mind and disposition."

"I will tell you my whole story for it has a bearing on the charges made against me now."

"Three years ago I bought a poultry farm near Ontario. Hard work made the poultry farm pay and I had 900 laying hens in addition to hundreds of other birds."

"Winnie commenced to have trouble at home in Saskatoon and was compelled to work in order to support the family. She wanted mother to take the children."

"I drove from California to Saskatoon and when I returned to the United States I brought Sanford with me. I erred in declaring I took him across the boundary by saying that he was only going into the country for a short time. The statements that I kidnapped him are ridiculous. He came of his own accord and with the full knowledge and consent of his mother, my sister Winnie, I should have got in touch with the immigration authorities when it was decided that he was to stay on the poultry farm with us."

"Sanford was a stupid boy and an extremely hard to handle. I never abused him though. I did punish him at times but then in a mild way. The lad was a source of continuous trouble and one time disappeared and I had to make an extensive search for him."

"About this time I had trouble with neighbors. As a result of this trouble some of them were killed. This did not make me at all popular in the district. The police records will show of this trouble."

"Diseased hens were put among my own fowls and as a result I lost many of them."

"Those digging for bodies on

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