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Smudge Smoke

The weather is too torrid for much activity in overcoats, say the merchants.
Erin Coleman had the plaster joints cast panted off his burnt white one day last week.
The politicians have started to practice their wiles, and the buzz of the campaign Pat! Pat! Pat! is heard in our midst.

Sen. Robinson of Arkansas will be through here soon. If he don't go north by way of Klamath Falls.
James Grievous of Prospect has returned from a gad upstate, and put his boy in the cow college.
There is some talk of lightning 6th street. This is a good idea and would help out Copco.
What is apparently a new auto is being driven by J. Kort Hall, pear king and baseball chieftain.

HAL HOSS WILL TAKE OVER HIS JOB ON MONDAY
SALEM, Ore., Sept. 22.—(P) The change-over of the secretary of state's office from the hands of Sam A. Koser, who has held it for eight years, to Hal E. Hoss, his successor, is scheduled to take place about 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Preceding the turn-over Governor Patterson will formally appoint Koser as director of the budget and Hoss as secretary of state, sign their commissions and the two officials will subscribe to their oaths of office before a notary.
Hoss, under the law pertaining to the secretary of state, is required to file a bond of \$10,000 as a guaranty of the faithful performance of his duties.

Both Governor Patterson and Secretary Koser are attending the Pendleton round-up. Koser will return tomorrow to give personal attention to some office details and will also help Hoss to get started Monday.
Hoss said today that he will reappoint C. L. Laughtbridge as deputy secretary. It has been known for some time that T. A. Rafferty would be retained as head of the state traffic department and C. D. Gabrielson as head of the motor vehicle registration division. Hoss intimated that no changes will be made among the heads of other office departments.

AL SMITH IS RIGHT,—

"Let me make myself perfectly clear. I do not want any Catholic in the United States of America to vote for me on the 6th of November because I am a Catholic. If any Catholic in this country believes that the welfare, the well-being, the prosperity, the growth and the expansion of the United States is best conserved and best promoted by the election of Hoover, I want him to vote for Hoover and not for me."
"But, on the other hand," he continued, "I have the right to say that any citizen of this country that believes I can promote its welfare, that I am capable of steering the ship of state safely through the next four years and then does not vote for me because of my religion, he is not a real, pure, genuine American."—Al Smith in Oklahoma speech.

That is good, sound doctrine, to which the Mail-Tribune, as an ardent supporter of Herbert Hoover, heartily subscribes. It is precisely because we believe "that the welfare, the well-being, the prosperity, the growth and expansion of the United States is best conserved and best promoted," by the election of Mr. Hoover, that we are giving him our support, and urging our readers to do likewise.

It is because we believe Mr. Hoover is better qualified, by training, character and experience to promote this country's welfare, and is more capable of steering the ship of state safely through the next four years, that we are for him.

In his passionate appeal for the support of those who believe he is the best man for the job, but refuse to give him their votes solely on religious grounds, Governor Smith stands on the solid rock of religious freedom, the corner stone of American institutions and true Democratic government.

AND WRONG

To that portion of his speech we can say without qualification "Amen!" But when Governor Smith attempts by innuendo and insinuation, to convince the people of this country that the Republican party, as a party, is opposing him on these grounds, we not only don't agree, but we consider him guilty of the same tactics he used in his reply to William Allen White,—he is adopting the methods he condemns in his opponents, and seeks to fasten on them.

That there is religious prejudice in this country no one denies. That such prejudice is deplorable all fair-minded people agree. But we believe there is no more striking evidence of the improvement of political methods in this country than has been furnished by the members of the Republican party, under the leadership of Secretary Hoover, in their refusal to capitalize this prejudice to their own political advantage.

No stronger plea for religious intolerance was ever made than was contained in that brief but moving paragraph in Mr. Hoover's acceptance speech. Secretary Work, with equal sincerity and feeling, scathingly denounced any appeals to religious prejudice. Of all the Republican speakers now touring the country, not one has even hinted at any religious issue.

And yet Governor Smith, by indirection, tries to make it appear that the Republican party leaders are behind this whispering campaign, as he terms it, and as the sole support for this charge he maintains some unnamed woman called at the offices of the Republican national committee, and asking for anti-Catholic literature of some unnamed person, was told the committee had none, but she might get some at the office of a certain anti-Catholic publication.

If that were true, there was nothing reprehensible in it. Governor Smith, by his own statement, completely refutes the charge that the Republican party, as a party, is trafficking in such literature. But Horace Mann, in charge of the Southern Republican campaign, says it is absolutely untrue and he claims this incident was all an attempted and unsuccessful "frame up" "by a certain Tammany woman detective."

Until more facts are known, one should reserve judgment on the question of veracity between the two parties.

But—to repeat—assuming it WAS true,—does Governor Smith believe this justifies him in charging that certain people high in Republican circles, are trying to encompass his defeat by raising the religious issue?

Of course it does not. And Governor Smith knows it,—or ought to. As a matter of fact, no candidate for high office in recent years has been treated as fairly and considerately by the leaders of the opposition as has Governor Smith. Mr. Hoover has repeatedly urged his followers to be above personalities and keep the campaign upon a high plane. One of Governor Smith's chief recommendations of character, and one which he repeatedly uses, was a personal tribute to him from Charles E. Hughes, given when it was generally known Smith would be the Democratic nominee, and Mr. Hughes was to lead the New York state campaign against him. Even Senator Moses, of the caustic tongue and slightly "curled mind," has never said a word against "Al"; in fact, has said he likes him as a man, but likes Hoover considerably better.

The Republicans from Hoover down have played fair. And in raising the religious issue himself, and seeking to place the responsibility for so doing upon the Republican party, Al Smith is NOT playing fair.

He is simply playing politics. He is seeking to gather in the solid Catholic vote (while he pretends otherwise) by making it appear that the Republicans are waging war against him because he is a Catholic.

We started out this campaign with a pretty high view of Governor Smith. We said then we considered the country fortunate in having two such outstanding men of demonstrated ability as Hoover and Smith.

We haven't abandoned that view. But, all partisanship aside, the more we see and hear of "Al," the less highly we regard him. For he has demonstrated himself to be merely an adroit and not too scrupulous politician, willing to say anything or do anything that promises to get votes.

In short, he is playing the old-fashioned, patent-medicine game. He is playing it skillfully, no doubt, but it is a game, that is—or should be—pretty well discredited. Just how many people in the country can still be hoodwinked by it, will no doubt be demonstrated by the result in November.

QUILL POINTS

The words aren't synonymous. "Bologna" is pork; "holoney" is bull.

A sense of humor is much like good breeding. If you tell the world you have it, you haven't.

Their Hopes Run High

No food-producing district ever fronted a more difficult problem than was the spray residue development that fell upon Medford and other orchardists two years ago. It was a tragedy that caused heavy financial loss.

Like a bolt from the blue, at the moment a great pear crop was being made ready to market, came a requirement that pears could only pass the market inspectors carrying a certain low percentage of spray residue. It was a new and totally unexpected requirement brought on by complaints of the British government, one of America's best pear consumers.

Some pear shipments were already on the way to market. There was no process then known for safe, quick and economical removal of the residue, and hundreds of carloads of fine pears were in the packing houses or coming out of the orchards to be packed.

A more trying situation could hardly arise. Many a carload of the finest pears after reaching eastern markets were condemned and destroyed. And, even more to the point, eastern buyers took advantage of the publicity about the spray residue to beat down the price. It resulted in hundreds of thousands of loss to the growers.

It is different in the Medford district now. Ninety-eight per cent of this year's crop goes to market, not only within the United States tolerance test, but under the British test. Not a dollar is likely to be lost on account of this year's pears. This, after a year of a blight largely under control, with a huge crop and with prices good, the Rogue River pear growers are on an easy street.

The spray residue problem was solved at the United States experimental station at the state college at Corvallis. Scientists there found a solution that removed the residue. Under their suggestions machines were constructed and are now in use that not only thoroughly remove the residue but wash the pears, dry them and add greatly to their appearance for marketing.

This grower added, and his view is shared through the Medford district, that the tolerance requirements in the long run have proven to be a blessing to the industry. Incidentally, it is doubtful if the growers will ever realize the extent of the service rendered them by the moderation of Secretary of Agriculture Jardine when the pear residue agitation was at its height. Meanwhile with a pear crop valued at \$4,750,000 and with a certainty that next year's crop will be 30 and maybe 40 per cent better, pear growers in the Rogue River district are in the midst of a delightful optimism, an optimism, by the way, that their own intelligence has done much to earn.

Editorial of B. F. Irvine in Oregon Journal.

Press Comment

We Like This Kind of Politics. It was characteristic of Mr. Hoover to return the reply he did to the plea of the woman's party for a declaration favoring their demand for equal constitutional rights for women. Mr. Hoover as a presidential candidate, is not unaware of the importance and perhaps the necessity of securing the woman's vote in November. To grant, even by a form of words, what the women asked would have been to go a long way toward securing that vote and would have cost the Republican candidate any other group vote.

But he did not even make this gesture, perfunctory as it would have been. He was debarred from doing it by an innate honesty. He had not examined the question in its relation to the present laws on the statute books designed for the protection of women and children in industry and he said frankly that he did not know what effect the equal rights program, if carried out, would have upon those laws or upon the welfare of those in whose behalf they were enacted. It is obvious that the giving of women equal rights would wipe out any special rights they now enjoy in most of these laws, and Mr. Hoover, firm advocate that he is of equality of opportunity, is not the man to make such a trade without fully understanding all its bearings in relation to the social and economic benefits for all classes of citizens to which he has pledged his own efforts and those of his administration if he shall be elected president.

He withheld the pledge requested therefore, and informed the women that he could not make it until a proper investigation had determined these points. That investigation he would make. If from its results, "I find to my satisfaction that this is necessary to obtain equality of opportunity I will be with you."

Utterances like these are as refreshing as they are unusual in a political campaign. To honest minds—to all not blinded by partisanship—they will give added confidence in the moral, intellectual and political honesty of Herbert Hoover. At the same time they will add to the conviction of many timid minds that the Republicans have made the risky commitment of picking a candidate who is not and never will be a politician.

His frankness is like that of Governor Smith in stating his position on prohibition. Both parties seem to have candidates honest enough to speak out their convictions.—K. C. Star.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.)
with a ball and chain fastened to your leg.

Governments are established first to protect the people, second, to make them happy. Therefore, property is the big issue in every campaign. There are mixed questions in this, of which one, religion, should be kept out of every campaign. But the big issue is prosperity, the full pocketbook plus the full dinner pail. If Democrats can convince the people that they will increase prosperity, the Republicans will go. If not, they will stay. Not very lofty, perhaps, but fact.

"Men have died, and worms have eaten them, but not for love."
Tony Part, circus clown, sixty-one years old killed himself, jumping from a roof, seven stories high. He and his wife working together in the circus, earned \$300 a week. But she ran away with a banjo player.

Before he jumped, however, Part had lost his job as clown. A woman would have cared nothing about the job. Shakespeare was right. Worms rarely eat men dead for love. But with women, love is back of nearly all suicides. Men die for money, as they live for

thousand men as special guards for the polls on election day. New York will set along as usual, New York's best poll watchers are workers of the socialist party. They do not win elections, but they do interfere, effectively, with political trickery. They know their neighborhoods, watch registration, and challenge illegal votes, regardless of any politician's feelings.

Practical politicians will tell you "if it were not for the socialists, watching, we could do almost anything, the worst of it is, it does no good to buy them. They won't stay bought."

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—(P) Three boys, Carl Hottman, 17, Philip Hall, and Philip Dauser,

15, who escaped Friday afternoon from the state training school at Woodburn, were caught here today by Special Officer Muller. They were lodged in the county jail and will be returned to Woodburn.

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