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A PLEA FOR SANITY

THE presidential campaign is now entering the mad stage. A large number of people from now on are going to be slightly mad.

Smith supporters are going to say things that a year from now will seem, even to them, positively grotesque, and Hoover people are going to do the same thing.

So it seems to us fitting to consider something today that was not produced in this campaign, something that was said before anyone in this country, or elsewhere, even imagined Herbert Hoover and Al Smith were going to be opposing candidates for the Presidency of the United States.

Item No. 1 was given by a Democrat, one of the most thorough-going Democrats, and one of the finest citizens, ever given high honor by the Democratic party, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, the late Walter H. Page.

Herbert Hoover's organizing genius, diplomatic skill and sheer native ability, places him in the front rank of outstanding figures produced by the Great War.

In answer to this suggestion President Wilson replied that he had for a long time had his eye on Mr. Hoover and intended to give him an important position if he would accept it.

Immediately after the war the late Frank Cobb, then the brilliant editor of the New York World—the paper that is now leading the Democratic attacks upon Hoover and belittling his qualifications as President—came out aggressively for Hoover for President.

Hoover decided he had to make a public statement as to his political affiliations and did so. The effect of this statement was such that the World abandoned its Hoover effort, although until his recent nomination it continued to be very friendly to him.

Here, then, is an example of what leading Democrats thought of Secretary Hoover less than ten years ago. The natural question is, has Hoover changed so materially in those ten years, or have the leaders of the Democratic party changed, because of the effect of political partisanship?

This sort of thing, of course, is not confined to the Democrats. Several Republican leaders have similarly altered their views of Governor Smith. Before the campaign William Allen White paid a high tribute to the Democratic candidate's liberal views and high qualities of leadership.

There is, however, one difference between the present Democratic and Republican attitudes. Men like White and Hughes continue to praise Smith as a man; the former when he arrived from Europe a few days ago went out of his way to say that he regarded Smith as a good man, capable and courageous, but that he condemned his present policies and opposed certain forces which are behind him.

The conclusion to be drawn from this situation, by fair-minded people who refuse to yield to political hysteria, is that Hoover and Smith are both good men, but represent certain distinct and opposing principles, which justifies those who admire them both personally in doing everything they legitimately can to secure the election of one and the defeat of the other.

The only criticism that is warranted, therefore, is against those fanatics on both sides who deny there is anything desirable or even decent in the candidate they oppose, and all the virtues conceivable to the human mind repose in the bosom of their favorite.

It may not be significant, but the plan is to adjust way lengths and clean the air of junk immediately after the election.

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Personal Health Service By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Send letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped address is enclosed.

FOOD FOR BABIES. Calcium, Vitamins, Exercise.

Boiling, blanching, cooking, pasteurizing (heat killing), preserving, storing and manipulating (manipulating) or "purifying" natural foods...

No Beer for Children. Parents have recommended home made beer for a child who has a run down condition...

Gumming the Game. Should an athlete in training eat candy or chew gum? I have heard it is bad on the wind...

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Rippling Rhymes (By Walt Mason.)

TALKING CALLERS. The "He" man sits in his desk and lobbies (ill he and and sore and uses house pictures...

China, preparing a regular tariff, like western nations, does NOT please the western nations.

Governors Island, south of Manhattan, in the shadows of New York's greatest skyscrapers, offers an admirable, ready-made aviation field.

Mr. Philip Sassoon, under secretary for air for Great Britain, starts today on a flight from London to India. Wise Britain takes flying seriously.

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SAMPLE PRESIDENTIAL BALLOT. I intend to vote for... for President at the November election. I am registered as... Signed (Name)... Address... (Fill out and mail to Straw-Ballot-Contest-Editor, Mail-Tribune, Medford, Oregon.)

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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

Big business concerns of the land overpaid the government \$149,000,000 in income taxes last year, which indicates their efficiency experts were too busy making speeches at noon luncheons.

The front pages are cluttered up with the vapors of "The Happy Warrior" and the killings of the Sappy Hunters.

Once in a woman's age, the 14-year-old girl driver of an auto has a wreck on a country road before midnight.

All good sins are having gay-colored gas that matches the fat hat of the ladies, but what the motorist needs is perfumed engine oil.

Local politicians are wondering which way the silent vote, that talks all afternoon on the shady side of the Hill close bank, is going to jump.

The annual shortage of hay has made its appearance in the valley, as a glance about the valley plainly indicates. Many stockmen will fool the crisis by hating the crop of gladiolus and dahlias.

Pioneers convene Thursday. There will be an old-fashioned dinner at the lunch-hour, and all are expected to eat like they drove an ox team across the plains, and had their food supply stolen by the Utes, the second day out.

Rep. Bill Briggs, a state solon, is still wearing his straw hat out of season. It makes him look chippy. A grave situation has arisen as a result, and will require some high-powered diplomacy. He may wear the straw hat to the legislature, which would be worse than becoming addicted to the mania for none at all.

The last unwashed fly of summer is circulating around, and is associated with corns that predict rain.

H. Anderson still has a firm grip on the tail of the Tammany tiger with one hand, and a fountain pen in the other, and can't let loose of either.

Thwart the seizure of the Oregon dyes by the diabolical power companies, and revive the candle-making industry in our forward-looking, progressive commonwealth.

Dave Wood is helping out the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals this week, in the games with the Yankees for the world championship.

J. Ferguson Health has been sentenced to Grants Pass.

An increase in under-cover agents has been brought about by the happiness of the moros.

Several ventured into the high spots yesterday without their bullet-proof vests.

AND WHY NOT (Kaukas City Star) A professor of Western Reserve university, by a study of the skeleton of the queen of ancient Ur at the Chaldees, recently excavated, has discovered that the unfortunate lady was slain at the age of 27 as she could be buried with her husband, and now we are looking for one side or the other to make the murder an issue in this campaign, as the crime was done only a brief three or four thousand years ago.

PHIPPS PLEDGED PHI SIGMA KAPPA

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, Oct. 1.—Estlin Phipps, graduate of Medford high school, was included in the pledges of Phi Sigma Kappa in the list of announcements given out tonight. The announcements close the annual rush week for fraternities on the Oregon campus. Mr. Phipps attracted state-wide attention as a basketball player for Medford last year and is regarded as one of the chief contenders for the center position on the freshman team this year, according to Coach Lee...



MUTT AND JEFF - The Brown Derby Enters the Presidential Campaign. By BUD FISHER