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Smudge Smoke

New grass is coming up fine, as result of the rain, but is a trifle short for cutting. Jack Wakefield in chewing on venison is a result of a successful hunt.

Brisbane's Today

(Continued from Page One.) passengers, paying \$12,000, for the one-way trip. Lot us welcome proof of this German enterprise, but not forget that "in from 50 to 80 hours" enough explosives and poison gas could be sent across the Atlantic to destroy billions in property and kill millions of human beings in cities along the coast.

ARE WE RESTRICTING PUBLICITY FOR AL SMITH?

THE MAIL-TRIBUNE has been accused several times the past month by ardent Smith supporters of not giving the Governor of New York a square deal in its news columns.

If any of these critics will take the trouble to look over the files of this paper, the past four weeks, they will find the following facts to be true: The Mail-Tribune was one of only two "small city" newspapers in this state to print Al Smith's acceptance speech in full.

Al Smith has been given space in this paper, in practically every issue, since the opening of the campaign. In the past two weeks Al Smith has been given 20 per cent more space than Herbert Hoover.

It is generally accepted among impartial political observers that the best campaign speeches delivered thus far in the campaign by either side have been delivered by Senator Borah of Idaho advocating the election of Herbert Hoover.

For the same reason we received no word on the Van Dyke talk—although when we heard reports of its great merit, tried to get it. No Smith fanatic wanted that speech more than we did Thursday afternoon, for we needed a front-page leader—but it never came.

We make this explanation under no delusion that it will convince our Al-coed friends they are getting a square deal. These complaints will continue until the campaign is over—they are all a part of the amusing political psychosis.

But between extremists on both sides there are a large number of fair-minded people, who might conclude where there is so much conversational talk there must be some justification, if the true facts of the case were not pointed out. So it is to them that this explanation is directed.

The Mail-Tribune is opposed to the election of Governor Smith and strongly in favor of the election of Secretary Hoover. For the first time in 12 years we have found a candidate whom we are for 100 per cent, and who arouses in us genuine enthusiasm.

We intend to do everything we can in this column to increase Mr. Hoover's majority in Jackson County. But we don't intend—and we never have tried—either to color our news, or to restrict it, in favor of one presidential candidate or against another.

The news columns of this paper are open to candidates of both the major parties under precisely the same conditions. We admit there have been practically no Smith communications printed since the campaign started, but that has certainly not been our fault. No Smith communications have been received.

One of the most extraordinary features of this extraordinary campaign has been the universal reluctance of Smith supporters to get into print or in any way unfurl their colors to the public view.

We know scores of ardent Smith supporters, but not one of them will mark a Smith ballot—that is a straw one—not one will write a communication for publication endorsing their candidate,—and not one-half of one per cent of them will even wear a Smith button.

Perhaps this little announcement will bring some of them out in the open. We hope so. For the more general the discussion on both sides the better for all concerned. The one-sided character of our letter box the past few weeks, for example, has been no more pleasing to us than it has to our Smithsonian friends. But, to repeat, no pro-Al communicants would come in.

To return to our original thesis, however, the Mail-Tribune has not discriminated against Governor Smith in its news columns, at any time in the past, and does not intend to do so in the future.

Such a procedure would not only be opposed to our long-established policy, but it is, to our way of thinking, absolutely unnecessary.

Gossip: A prurient mind trying to get a vicious kick when age has taken away the capacity for personal thrills. Still, one had rather confess kinship with a gentle little monkey than with the unwashed savage in Africa.

When a man urges his wife to be a good sport, he means he wants her to stand for his roteness and pretend to like it. High blood pressure: Normal hardening of the arteries, used by the doctor to hide his ignorance.

It's only fair to let Mr. Curtis do all of the talking now. He won't get to do any of it after March 4. You may change the Volstead act if you will, but the land's booze kings will function still.

Autumn is that melancholy season when you are fed up on baseball and not yet excited about football. Commander Byrd thought of everything except a supply of hot dogs for the Boy Scout.

The bullet that whines and the mosquito that sings never hurt you. If only you could say that for the radio tenor. When the world begins erecting bronzes of pacifists, the cost will be less. A pair of bronze cold feet wouldn't cost much.

Perhaps people would sympathize with the police instead of the bandits if the bandits bayled them out at every opportunity.

Communications

Mr. Younger Explains To the Editor: I was summoned before Judge Thomas on Wednesday, the 3rd day of October, 1928, not knowing for what purpose I was called, and being required to leave my work to appear before the judge.

When we assembled Judge Thomas requested us to sign the statement which he afterwards printed in the paper, assuring us that he would not use the same unless he was compelled to for at least two weeks. We signed this statement under protest, notwithstanding the fact that the statements in there were true, but in our opinion rather misleading.

The fact of the matter is, we felt that we did not receive the assistance from Judge Thomas relative to the matters stated in this so-called partial report that we were entitled to receive and we feel that for the public to understand this, the judge should print this partial report; that without this so-called partial report being printed the public is in the dark as to what the controversy is, if you may call it a controversy, is all about.

The grand jury stated to the judge that they felt that this was, in a measure, an attack upon Mrs. Grive, and they should not be requested to sign it nor should it be used by the judge. But, upon his insistence that they sign the same, they finally did so after in a measure being coerced. One of them at least not signing until he had spent two hours with the judge.

Personally, I do not think that we should have been requested to sign such a statement, and I do not think the judge should use it for political purposes. I feel that Mrs. Grive did her best, as did all the other grand jurors, in performing a very difficult task, and that the attacks made upon the jurors by Bert Anderson and this request from Judge Thomas to sign such a statement are wrong and uncalled for.

We feel that if there were any mistakes or errors made in this matter the judge was more responsible than any other person for the same. Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 6th day of October, 1928.

L. N. YOUNGER. R. F. D. No 2 To the editor: In reply to the editorial appearing in the Thursday morning issue of the Daily News, I wish to state my opinion of Mrs. Carter, present county superintendent.

Having taught six years of school under her in four different districts of Jackson County, I have found her helpful, progressive and sympathetic. Her dealings with school directors and parents has been co-operative. No one could devote more time in executing her duties or work more willingly and unceasingly.

MRS. ROY STANLEY. Butte Falls, Ore. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 6.—(AP)—Election of their officers and selecting Vancouver, B. C., as the 1929 meeting city, the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, in convention here, last night rushed their business to a close and adjourned.

BRILLIANCY MARKS GOVERNOR'S BALL IN OLD DOMINION

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 6.—(AP)—One of the most brilliant assemblies of old dominion society of recent years, last night viewed and participated in the colorful governor's ball, a revival of the colonial custom, honoring Governor Harry Flood Byrd, of Virginia, his five living predecessors and Lady Nancy Astor, Virginia's famous daughter, now a member of the British parliament.

In the great armory of the Richmond Grays bedecked with the national colors, the flag of Virginia, and for Lady Astor, the Union Jack of Great Britain, there gathered the flower of Old Dominion aristocracy, representing the state from the mountains to the tidewater.

Governor Byrd, escorting Lady Astor, led the grand march, the crowning feature of the event.

Political Announcements

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