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### Straw Ballots and Straw Men

OUR agitating, and somewhat agitated contemporary, the Medford News, has only one consistent policy—to oppose everything that the Mail Tribune favors.

This, of course, is always flattering, and sometimes amusing.

It is flattering because it gives this paper the power of determining the policies of its competitor. It is amusing, at times, because it forces the morning paper into positions which are so childishly extreme as often to be grotesque.

LAST Thursday the Mail Tribune started a straw ballot, in effort to gain some idea of political sentiment in Jackson County, and provide an interesting news feature.

Of course the News had to promptly lambast all straw ballots in general, and this one in particular. So while it continues to publish on its front page the results of the LITERARY DIGEST straw ballot, showing Roosevelt in the lead; it disposes of the MAIL TRIBUNE'S effort in this direction in the following picturesque language:

A straw vote taken from the limited number of the benighted readers of the Tribune will not accurately forecast the political opinions of the great world lying outside the jungles of the Tribune's domain.

If our memory does not fail us, about a year ago, the Tribune took a straw vote on the bond issue, and this straw vote indicated, unless our memory fails us, that a vast majority of the citizens of Medford favored the immediate construction of a sewage disposal plant.

But the morning following the election, there was consternation among the Tribune's tribesmen.

They had been grossly misled by the straw vote. There will be a vote cast on November eighth. It will not be confined to the Tribune's tribesmen. It will be cast by the people in that great world beyond—that is, that world beyond the vision of the Tribune.

It will be like the vote in the bond election, about four to one against the tribesmen.

Straw votes are intended to fool the unwary. They have no other purpose. They have no other foundation.

WE congratulate the News upon that qualifying phrase, "unless our memory fails us." Might we suggest it be placed before all its charges against this newspaper, and against that growing army of Jackson County citizens, it has placed on its black list.

For that provides a way out, when the charges are shown to be—as they invariably are,—entirely without foundation; merely a smoke screen of misrepresentation and mendacity, behind which the Old Dutch Cleanser twins, hope to "fool the unwary" and gather in the unthinking votes.

For needless to say, our contemporary's memory in this instance, as in so many others, fails—and fails BADLY.

THE Mail Tribune took no straw vote on the sewage disposal bond issue. It supported that measure because it believed the local sewage problem is a serious one, and must be solved. It still believes so. But it frankly admits that any bond issue toward that end under present financial conditions in Medford, is out of the question. Eventually some satisfactory solution must be found. When it is found, the Mail Tribune will stand just where it did before,—for the protection of the health and property of its citizens.

NOT only did the Mail Tribune NOT conduct a straw vote on the sewage bond issue, it has not conducted a straw vote on ANY question for over a decade.

Nor does it hold any particular brief for straw ballots. There are always opportunities for serious error,—the results AT BEST can be only indications.

But INDICATIONS, in such a tangled political situation, as the present one we regard as interesting and important, and we believe a majority of our readers share this opinion.

So with their cooperation, the Mail Tribune will make every effort to make this straw vote as accurate an index of the true situation as possible, and as interesting a news feature as circumstances allow.

THAT "accuracy" and "interest" of course will be somewhat restricted by the fact that its contemporary has seen fit to move the Mail Tribune's habitat from a gang's den, (via the gravy train), to the heart of an African jungle where it now rests supinely, entirely surrounded by savage tribesmen, and its limited number of "benighted readers!"

### Bravo Mr. Wilkins

ALTHOUGH Mr. M. O. Wilkins, the "News" candidate for District Attorney, slapped a \$100,000 libel suit against the Mail Tribune a week or so ago, we trust we will not be criticized for taking a leaf out of that Great Book which always guides those two great masters of the scriptures, E. H. Fehl and the Daily News, and herewith return GOOD for EVIL.

For we heartily congratulate and commend Mr. Wilkins for coming out so strongly and explicitly against the recall of Judge H. D. Norton, and expressing the greatest confidence in his ability, sincerity and fine sense of justice.

That is,—and always has been—PRECISELY how the Mail Tribune feels about it. We are glad to welcome Mr. Wilkins into that large and increasing army of Jackson and Josephine County citizens, who are not now, and NEVER HAVE BEEN in favor of this recall.

Not only is Mr. Wilkins right, but his stand shows genuine independence of character, and the highest type of courage.

For in opposing Judge Norton's recall, the independent candidate for District Attorney, opposes what his one supporting newspaper, and his chief co-worker is the local uplift, Earl Fehl, has steadily maintained, and still maintain, is the "PARAMOUNT ISSUE" in the coming election.

The campaign slogan of the Dutch Cleanser twins, is "put Fehl in and kick Judge Norton out." What Mr. Wilkins thinks of putting Fehl in, we don't know, but what he thinks of kicking Judge Norton out, we do know—and so does everyone else. He is against it, and always has been against it. So, we repeat, with fine independence and rare courage he defies the Dutch Cleanser duo as follows:

"You may be twins, but as far as I am concerned you won't be TRIPLETS!"

To which we,—and we believe an overwhelming majority of the people of Southern Oregon—answer:

"BRAVO AND AMEN!"

**Oregon Weather**  
 Fair Sunday and Monday; no change in temperature and humidity; gentle changeable wind offshore.

**Conduct Meeting—The Men's class**  
 of the First Presbyterian church met Friday evening at the home of Carl J. Brommer on Minnesota avenue.

### 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 The Mail Tribune.

#### WHAT A LOT OF INCURABLES CURE THEMSELVES



Old Doctor Nightly sported a handsome VanDyke necktie eliminator. His picture was published more frequently than any other doctor except Dr. Munyon, at least till I came on, and Nightly's pictures always bore the sobriquet "the specialist"—not the well known or famous specialist. Just "The specialist." What his specialty was no one knew, but the doctor made his circuit of the Jay towns at bi-monthly intervals. His coming was duly heralded in the Village Squawder, complete with lists of real and imaginary ailments in which the specialist considered himself good, and the hours at which the multitude might interview the doctor at his parlors in the hotel near the livery stable.

It was natural that Dr. Nightly's pitch should overlook the livery stable, for his hobby was horse racing; indeed, he owned a string of race horses and the racing circuit kept him much on the road, so that the specialist racket made a nice sideline in the time between track meets.

At the race track Dr. Nightly's spiel was simple: "I'm entering such and such horses in this or that race. Beat 'em! Back in the hotel parlors it was more subtle: Pronounced by his medical brethren an incurable consumptive. . . .

There ought to be a movement to persuade more ordinary dub doctors to pronounce more patients incurable. It seems to be just the stimulus needed to make the incurables study fooling, roll up their sleeves, study the matter for themselves and likely as not discover the cure in a few short evenings. I suppose there is no disease on the incurable list but that some victim has lost patience with the ordinary doctor and sought out for himself the cure he needed.

In spite of everything, I have taken an optimistic view of the situation about the dawn of the year. I suppose there is no disease on the incurable list but that some victim has lost patience with the ordinary doctor and sought out for himself the cure he needed.

Hydrophobia Phobia. Neighbor's dog. Funny shaking of head. Child opened dog's mouth with hands. Dog licked child's face. Next day dog was seen in pasture snapping cattle, was killed and sent to state agriculture college and wire came back saying dog had rabies. Boy has no sores or abrasions but did have chiggers and might have scratched himself after. . . . (J. A. W.)

Answer—Certainly he should receive the Pasteur anti-rabies treatment from the family physician. Although I personally doubt the disease rabies ever occurs in man, I'd give any child the benefit of the doubt in any such circumstances.

Eye Test. Last spring I got a pair of glasses fitted, but I can't wear them. If I try to wear them, my eyes ache and if I do not wear them, my eyes clear. My family doctor thinks the dilation method is better. If you think so I will go to an eye doctor next time. (R. M. W.)

Answer—I think persons middle age or older can be fitted without drops, but younger persons should have the drops used if they require an accurate test of the eyes, without guesswork about the amount of unconscious strain.

and that many of these visitors become investors and permanent residents.

A country of surpassing loveliness is southern Oregon. It is a great comfort here in the north to remember, as the saying is, that for regional jealousy that is our Oregon, as well as theirs. Surely no tourist is to be blamed, if he is in the least susceptible, for losing his heart to a land that is the happiest of compromises in weather and scenery, and in this last so varied, and in each phase so compelling, as continuing to astonish and gratify. Wherefore, the tourist tumbles head over heels into the spell of it, and we of the north, while not lacking in either pastoral loveliness or scenic grandeur, and well content with our sort of weather, can but appreciate him for it. To be entirely candid, we also have the charming persuasiveness of southern Oregon. It is understandable.

But, as for Frank Jenkins' gracious contention that there is nothing really sectional in this progress, since all for Oregon, we should feel in sincerity that we are entirely disagreeable. It seems probable to us that residents of southern Oregon are not entirely indebted to regional advantages for this progress. A land that makes ahead must have more than soil, scenery and climate. Perhaps there is something in the quality of citizenship, something about the character of the people, that gives greater advantage than the natural blessings. That would account for it. —Oregonian.

Prof. C. Englehardt of the Eagle Point district, convicted of assault last March 2 by a circuit court jury, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and costs, was detained Friday afternoon by the sheriff's office on an order of commitment. Prof. Englehardt had only paid \$10 on his fine. After his detention, Dr. W. W. P. Hoyt advanced the necessary cash and the case was cleared from the county books. Seven months' sentence was extended. Prof. Englehardt, much more than is usually granted to cases of a similar nature, according to officials.

Prof. Englehardt was found guilty of assault upon a neighbor, John Demogoff, following a neighborhood quarrel. A nephew, Carl Steeter, found guilty of the same crime, was granted a parole.

Following his conviction the Englehardt case was heralded as an example of the "breakdown of law and order in Jackson county," and it was charged members of the jury were prejudiced against him. Prof. Englehardt was also described as a local "injustice martyr."

Demogoff alleged that Englehardt, during the course of the fuss tore a board off the side of a henhouse, and hit him on the head with it.

For smart snoring and are ETHELWYN B. HOFFMANN'S Sixth & Holly.

**Editorial Comment**

Our Favorite Southern Oregon. The comparative complacency of Portland and the northern region of the state was not disagreeably disturbed when southern Oregon leaders informed our chamber of commerce that it is their district which really contributes most to the present progress of Oregon. Moreover, these messengers of excellent tidings had the figures to prove it. And yet, as Frank Jenkins remarked, there is nothing of sectionalism in this, for the state remains the unit that is not sharply defined in regions northern or southern.

What Portland learned was that in a single decade the growth of southern Oregon was twice that of the remainder of Oregon, that the southern counties have more or purchasing power than all the rest together and that additionally they maintain leadership in several important crops. Then, too, we are told that the tourist gazebo is in the south, and that southern Oregon understands more tourists than do we

### Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 26 and 19 Year Ago)

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY  
 October 9, 1912  
 (It Was Monday)

Ad in Mail Tribune calls on one and all "to subscribe \$1 to the Walter M. Pierce for Governor fund, and 'redeem Oregon, cut the taxes in two, and protect the young.'"

Daughter of New Jersey mother, found murdered beside her minister sweetheart, declares she is a "man-hater."

Gold Hill quarry working full blast and more men needed.

New York Giants win world series.

A convict escapes from Salem prison. 14 bloodhounds on his trail.

Soft drink magnate leaves bride waiting at the church.

Copco tennis club gets busy.

General sailing up of shoguns for quail season opening Sunday.

Anti-tax League formed at Ashland.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY  
 October 9, 1912  
 (It Was Wednesday)

Boston Red Sox defeat New York Giants, 4 to 3 in first game of world series.

Montenegro declares war on Italy.

Al Sather will sing, "I'd Love to Live in Loreland with a Girl Like You," as special attraction at the Star Theatre tonight. The feature will be "The Heart of a Cossack."

First talking moving picture machine invented.

Portland declares "Crater Lake is a local affair," and shies at providing road funds.

Sen. Chamberlain to speak here Saturday.

Only 27 people attended the Bull Moose barbecue at the fairgrounds. Editorially, this paper says: "This is very poor battling for the Lord at Arnegedeon."

that his first jury case here was tried in the same room he is now holding United States court. The county seat had just been moved to Medford and the building erected by the city for use of the county was not completed and the district court used the federal court room.

Judge Fee was born in Oregon, his father and mother being early settlers in the state. He graduated from the Pendleton schools, Olen Arnsperger of this city being a school mate of his. The judge graduated from Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash., receiving a B. degree in 1910, and graduating from the Columbia university law school of New York City in 1914. He returned to Pendleton and became the junior member of the law firm of Fee & Fee, his father, James A. Fee, was the senior member and later became judge of the 6th judicial district by appointment of the late Governor Patterson. He was re-elected in 1928 and was serving as judge when selected by the Oregon senators to succeed the late Judge Bean.

Judge Fee served as pilot in an aviation corps in the World war. Mrs. Fee, who is with the judge in Medford now, accompanied him, when he held district court here five years ago. They both have great admiration for the hospitality of the Medford people, as well as for the beautiful scenery and healthful climate and look forward to many pleasant visits here in the years to come, they declare.

The Medford fire department was called to Jacksonville Saturday night to assist the Jacksonville fire department in extinguishing the fire at the E. Bennington residence on North Fifth street, a block from the id court house building. The roof and upstairs of the house was badly damaged.

The fire started in the attic, according to Fire Chief Roy Elliott, and spread throughout the upstairs. The furniture in the house was saved. The two-story structure was built in 1907 by Fred Fick for Mr. Bennington. It was learned in Jacksonville. The house was partially covered by insurance.

William Gordon, of Klamath Falls, the sixth member of the alleged ring, was arrested in San Francisco Friday afternoon, and is being brought here for trial.

Tripp, Burnap, and Seaton are youths, and as taxi drivers were working in the delivery of the liquor, upon telephone orders. The men were arrested in Klamath Falls last August, following two weeks activities by federal investigators.

**Jenkins' Comment**  
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Roosevelt, and that his election will give more confidence to the country as a whole than the election of Roosevelt and therefore will cause business to go ahead more rapidly.

But this writer doesn't want to believe that the election of Roosevelt will be disastrous to business recovery. As Mr. Roberts says in his business letter, the differences between the parties this year are not very great.

It is possible to prefer Hoover, because of his undoubted courage and the really commendable way in which he has met the problems of this extremely critical year, and yet to feel that if Roosevelt is elected, in response to the almost universal desire for some kind of change, the country will not go to the dogs.

That is the sensible way to look at it—for we are all interested, above everything else, in business recovery and the return of normal prosperity.

### JAMES ALGER FEE EYES OF EX-CON SHOW WHETHER LESSON LEARNED

Junior Judge of the United States District court, with headquarters in Portland, who is presiding for the first time over the sessions of the United States court now being held in Medford, is very popular not only with the officials of the court, but with the members of the bar and the public generally.

Judge Fee held a term of district court in Medford for Judge C. M. Thomas, who was ill, in October, 1927, and calls attention to the fact

that the 83-year old man has devoted most of his life to salvaging prison inmates upon their return to society. He is president of a club organized for this purpose in Cleveland.

"When a man gets out of prison he is given a suit of clothes, a railroad ticket and \$5 in cash," Williams said. "From that point I pick him up, endeavor to get him money on which to live while he is looking for a job."

"I have personal notes of former prisoners totaling \$1,600 for money I have loaned them. They do not pay any interest either. I'll get it all back sooner or later."

"I can tell by looking at a man's eyes whether he is trying to go straight or not. If he isn't trying, he does not get any help from me."

LONG BELL USED ASSETS TO HELP SUBSIDIARY FIRM

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Herman G. Place, a vice president of the Chase National bank of New York told in federal court today how the Long-Bell Lumber company transferred assets valued at \$27,000,000 to a subsidiary as a move to retain its banking credit.

The bank official was a witness in the hearing seeking a receivership for the company and its subsidiaries, among them the Long-Bell Sales corporation to which the assets were transferred.

Through this method, the banker said, the company was able to deal with a syndicate of banks, not all of which previously had been lenders.

Mr. Place testified that the next step in a possible reorganization of the company was awaiting a report of a survey made by W. D. Fowler, of Chicago, E. C. Cronwell, of the Chicago firm of Cronwell & Co., a member of the bondholders protective committee.

CO-ED EXPELLED FOR DRIVING CAR

EUGENE Ore., Oct. 8.—(AP) Dropped from classes at University of Oregon because she drove the family automobile to school, Miss Ruth Ardell Gorrell of Eugene was today attempting to obtain reinstatement. She will appear at the Monday meeting of the faculty committee. Should the request be granted she may again enroll by paying a \$2 fee.

Miss Gorrell's registration was canceled yesterday by the registrar after the girl had been ticketed by a special policeman for violation of the rule which prohibits students at Oregon's higher educational institutions from using automobiles.

Mrs. Oscar Gorrell, mother of the girl, told the university officials that Miss Gorrell needed the car to get to classes on time, as she lives several miles from the campus.

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