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## Will smith repeal the volstead act?

That prohibition will be an issue in the coming
presidential election, io now definitely settled The
so-called Hower democrats, who are fighting Smith's
candidey so-called Hoover democrats, who are fighting Smith's
candiday, are doing so because they say he means to
repeal and do away with the Volstead act in the event repeal and do away with the Volstead act in the even
of his election A number of Smith suporter whe
favor his candidacy as well as the Volstead act, be
fier flavor hise candidacy as well as the volstead act, be
lieve that he intens to offer such amendments as wwil
make the act more practical. His opponents say make the act more practica. the opponents siy he
means to wipe the act from the satues. Evidenty
someboy is wron. Both sides cant be right So
far as we have read, Mr. Smith has never made the positive statement that he would favor the nullifica.
tion of the Volsead act. When notified of nomina.
tion tion, Mr. Smith telegraphed the following.
-The equal and even enforcement of the law is the
corner stone upon which rests the whole structure of corner stone upon which rests the whole structure of
demorratic govenment. If it tie well of the poppe
of this nation that I am to take an oath for president
 Recently the writer had a conversation with a prom
inent Olahoma banker, hho attended the touston con
vention and helped nominate Smith. The banker was vention ana hel peed nominate smith. The banker was
a non drinking prohibionist and one who favors the
Volstead act. Heere's what he said: II favor the candidacy of Al Smith because I be-
lieve he is the bigeges man the demorath have nom-
inated within the past twenty years. If elected 1 be. inated within the past twenty years, If elected I
lieve Smith w will so amend the Volstead act that
can be enfoed II do not drink liquor and care less for bootleg
whiskey. If I did want bootleg whisky I could get it in my home town with liotleg or no notreuble. In tract
I absolutel know that 1 could have any quatity de.
Iivered on my doorstep within two hours tuety step over to my neighbor's house and get a glass of
home made beer anytime I want tit.
What is true in tie Oklahoma town is just as true

 to make your own, several of our local bootlegger
will be eliad to supply you with anyhing you wan
from the kind that makes you sick to the kind thal runs you blind. Artesia is no exception, what is true
here is rue in every mall town and worse in the latge
ones, Chicazo for instance where the gansters war over who will sell in a certain territory.
Still with this condition existing we have never
heard of the good repubticans threatening to bolt the party because of Andrew Mellon's method of enforcing
the Volstead act.

## the greatest problem

In speaking before the Roswell Kivanis club bes
week, Congresman John Morrow told
the members that the conservation of water was the greatest probs-
lem before New Mexico today. Congressman Morrow says: Without water rights under givernment control,
New Mexico cannot attain prosperity, for water proper. Ny conserved to paromote a pricuppentery, for mans morer proper- the
state than its wonderful climate, its mountains of coal state than its wonderfil crimate, its mountains of coal
and it other great resources combined. Agriculture
Congressman Morrow says, brings permanees, without permanence other ventures will not prosper
With the water question peacefully and permanent ly disposed of, the great supar corporations of Coloranto
would be glad to come into New Mexico with capital to promote the beet sugar industry, and where supar
beets are grown there is always a prosperous com. munity. New Mexico has mountains full of coal, from
which can be developed electric power, and this is the incentive whice has caused the big utility companie to wish to purchase municiepal lpe pants. They kompanies that
some day New Mexico will be the center of a great elec
 impounded in great storage exeservoirs where they may
be used to irrigate arid land, which we the be used to irrigate arid land, which he has been as
sured can be reclaimed at a cost of 875 per suroed can ne reclaimed at a cost of 875 per acre. The
goverment is at present spending 8130 per acre to re
claim land in Boost and the world boosts with you, Knock, and the world knocks you.

## Change is the immutable law. Eternal adaptability is the price of survival. Competition and Change march is coe preas one. togeter plan new things to supplant of Toger they plan things to dominate new markets, and to wrest the pat- ronage from oldtime customers and customs. To ronage from oldtime customers and customss oo. gether they see to io that a commerical hoose of a century's standing may be destroved with bewildering

 suddenness. At the same time an infacomes overnight a national institution. The mortality tatales of Messrs. Dunn and Brad-
street are grim reminders of the rigors of busines. endeavor. There were 23,146 failures last year the
seond greatest number in our buuiness history. Lia-
bilities were almost $8655,00,000$, the tourt loss recorded. Wrd ruin are the inexorable toll of busi.
 Ignorance is a plainer word.
The men and firms in that 40 per cent were no The men and firms in that 40 per cent were no
matcht for changig conditions. Competence saw to to
that. Competition never tests that Competition never rests. Competition may
the life of trade but it also is the death of traders. Yesterday is vesterday. The "good old days" pas
no dividends in ine present. Gone are the fany vest
the congress gainters, the night shirts, the home.ecure the congress gainters, the night shirts, the home-cured
meat, the homemade bread, the hiihh wheeded buggies
aind the livery stable, the primitite plumbing of an age that found amusement in the parlor sterescope,
the photograph album and the magio lantern. Change
and competition! The commercial collisions of silk and and competititan! The commercial collisions of silk and
rayon, leather and umber, coal and oil gas and ele.
tricity, ice and mechanical refrigeration ase the stuff of which headlines are made.
Who can read the riddles of production and dieWho can read the riddles of production and dis-
tribution of tomorrow?
Who can grasp the impacts of science on established marks? grasp the impacts of science on estabWho can measure the possibilities of air transport,
radio, of television, of nitrocellulose lacquers, of "dradio, of television, of nitrocellulose lacquers, of interconnected power, of the reclamation
of industrial waste? Consider that since 1923 we have added thirty-
five billions in dwellings, stores, offices and factories to the seventy billions we possessed five years ago.
Only the names of cities endure; landmarks and tra Only the names of cities endure; landmarks and tra-
ditions must give way. Everywhere the old buildings
 omists might say as much. The economic battle on.
exerable, yet beneficient, provides a variet, which is
life. life. Out of the flux and ferment emerge the victors,
Men, clear-e)ed, alert. resourceful they win that all of us may live more fully, it it the law.
The world steps aside to lot any man pass who Business." year ahead.-Merle Thorpe in the "Vation's In speaking of the weekly column by the Repub-
lican State Central Comimttee, the Lovington Leader "The New Mexico republicans have evidently had
their wires crossed. They head this week's installment.
'Probibile their wires crossed. They head this week's installment.
Prohibition and Tariff are Issues of 1928 .' But Mr.
Work the national chairman of the republican party says that prohibition is not an issue republican parns repty
licans to steer clear of that question. And Mr. Work
has reason and logic on hits side. Any sensible man has reason and logic on his side. Any sensible man
who had sat in the cabinet of the last two republian
administrations and had seen the eighteenth amend-
ment made a hiss and a by. word in this country be. administrations and had seen the eighteenth amend-
ment made a hiss and a by- word in this country be.
cause no effort was made to enforce it-who had seen the largest distiller in the world put in charge of the
enforcement machinery and made a farce of it-who
had heard his candidate announce that he proposes to continue the policies of these administrations-any
such sensible man would steer clear of the prohibi-
tion question." UNFORTUNATE
The assassination of General Obregon, president
elect of Mexico, is generally regarded as unfortunate, elect of Mexico, is generally regarded as unfortunate,
both for his own country and for the United States,
Those who knew General Ol Those who knew General Obregon felt that he would be
able to establish a more friendly relation between his
own country and that of his northern neighbor, as well able to establish a more friendly relation between his
own country and that of his northern neighbor, as well
as stabilize the government of Mexico. In speaking of the elltimate outcome of the assassina-
tion, the Santa Fe New Mexican says: "Those living in the border cities profess to see
grave danger of a serious explosion following the lat est political killing. Wios explosion following the la
best equipped Mexican army of recent strongest and best equipped Mexican army of recent years-behind
him it is not inconceivable that President Calles should
emerge from this debacle in the role of a dictator This emerge from this debacle in the role of a dictator. This
revives the academic discussion as to whether Mexico
would be better off with a frankly one-man government and quit going through the motions of a rovernment
anctic.
Dictators being all right if they are the righ Dictators being all right if they are the right kind
of dictators, which in the nature of the case no dictator ever is permanently.

## As long as people travel fast and they will be <br> As long as people travel fast and they will be about as long as they drive cars, dust will be danger-

 ous menace to the highway traffic, especially in the Pecos valley. Numbers of times we have seen the fogof dust so thick that it was even dangerous to be on
the highway, much less travel at a high rate of speed some motorists do.
We note with considerable interest that the highhighways, the Roswell-Dexter road is included. It is
to be regretted that the entire north and south high way through the valley can not be given a couat of oil
at this time. If oiling the highways is feasable and we suppose. it is or the department would not underwhy the oil fields nearby could not supply the oil
We know of one area of pears would be excellent for use on the highways, and extra transportation cost

For United States senator to succeed Cutting, J. S aught is without doubt the best man available, Judge
Vaught is an able man, and a staunch democrat. With him in the senate working in harmony with New Mex-
ico's red headed wonder, ico's red headed wonder, Sam Bratton, New Mexic
would be the best represented gtate in the union.-Por
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tales News.

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