

HOOVER'S FRIENDS AND FOES JOLTED

Line-Up With Republicans Stuns Everybody.

NEWS IS CLOSELY STUDIED

Announcement Proves Painful to Many Democrats.

SOME CHAGRIN IS NOTED

Republicans Welcome New Member of Party, but Manifest No Great Enthusiasm.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, March 31.—Even those who had been accusing Herbert Hoover of false pretenses in denying a desire to enter politics looked unkind today at the sudden announcement that he was in the race as a republican.

And the shock doubtless would have been even more pronounced had not Mary Pickford, who said two weeks ago that she would never wed again, absorbed some of it by revealing on the same day that she, too, had decided to enter politics.

The Hoover announcement was studied curiously from many angles, the most interesting of which was to how much of the democratic strength accumulated during several weeks as a shrinking bi-partisan candidate could be cashed in as an asset of a republican contest.

For example, it was pointed out by political observers, Mr. Hoover was introduced as a candidate by the New York World, democratic administration organ.

Democrats shout "Hoover," immediately thereafter large groups of democrats, many of them prominent, came out for Mr. Hoover in terms equally as liberal as those of the World, which declared it would support Mr. Hoover.

What happened in Washington and Oregon, for example, has been happening in practically every state. In Oregon, it was recalled here today, ex-Governor West, prominent democrat, perhaps impulsively, announced immediately his preference for Mr. Hoover and spent weeks in getting signatures to a petition to put the former food administrator on the democratic primary ballot.

In Seattle and Spokane other leading democrats came forward in the same way, and throughout the country the "Hoover for President" slogan was taken up and sounded in loudest tones by democrats.

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MISSISSIPPI FINALLY REJECTS SUFFRAGE

SPEAKERS SUPPORTING MEASURE HOOTED AND JEERED.

Crowd of Nays Follows Demand That Clerk Read Telegrams Urging Ratification.

JACKSON, Miss., March 31.—The Mississippi legislature late today finally refused to ratify the federal woman's suffrage amendment. The action came in the form of a motion to disagree with the senate resolution of yesterday which favored ratification.

The motion to disagree was carried 94 to 23. Speakers who endeavored to address the body in support of the measure were hooted and jeered. An uproar of nays followed a demand that the clerk be permitted to read telegrams from democratic leaders from all parts of the country urging ratification.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Suffrage forces will not slacken their efforts until 27 states have ratified the suffrage amendment, the national woman's party announced today, so that the coming amendment to the constitution will not be delayed should the supreme court hold to be valid the provision of the Ohio state constitution permitting a referendum on the amendment.

DOVER, Del., March 31.—The vote in the house on ratification of the suffrage amendment which was expected this afternoon failed to materialize when Representative Hart, who had promised to bring the measure up for final passage, refused to do so, saying certain things had happened which would make delay necessary.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 31.—Governor Holcomb will not call a special session of the general assembly to take action on the woman suffrage amendment to the federal constitution it was announced today.

ONTARIO ANGEL RETURNS

Promoter of Building Boom and Civic Improvements in Custody.

ONTARIO, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Lester I. Heyman, alias I. I. Hirsch, alias L. Harris, who was arrested at Niagara, N. Y., charged with obtaining \$15,000 from the First National bank of this city on false pretenses, reached Ontario in custody this morning. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace King and a cash bond of \$5000 was given for his appearance at the preliminary hearing to be held Friday afternoon.

Heyman appeared but little worried, perhaps impulsively, announced immediately his preference for Mr. Hoover and spent weeks in getting signatures to a petition to put the former food administrator on the democratic primary ballot.

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BALLOTS TO BE SEPARATE

Bills and Candidates Must Be Divided, Rules Attorney-General.

SALEM, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—Measures to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the special election to be held on May 21 are to be printed on a ballot of their own and not on the regular primary nominating ballot, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown here today.

This is necessary, according to the attorney-general, for the reason that only the republican and democratic parties are represented at the primaries and persons of other political affiliation would be deprived of their right to vote on the measures.

The opinion was given following receipt of inquiries from many district attorneys of the state.

BOY'S 'HEROISM' DOUBTED

Youth Said to Have Shot Himself to Impress Girl Friends.

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 31.—An investigation of the circumstances surrounding the shooting last night of Harold Chope, a 16-year-old high school student, resulted in a statement today by Chief of Police Black that the youth had deliberately shot himself in the left arm in order to "make himself a hero in the eyes of his girl friends."

Chope had reported he was shot in a tussle with a burglar.

LINEMEN GET WAGE LIFT

Strike Threat Brings Increase From \$6 to \$8 Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—An increase of wages from \$6 to \$8 a day was granted today by the Great Western Power company today. The men had threatened to strike tomorrow.

PEACE PACT WITH GERMANY PLANNED

Proposal to End War Set Up to Congress.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS MOVE

Resolution Drawn Formally Declares War Ended.

VETO COUNTED CERTAINLY

Democrats Outspoken in Opposition to Jamming the Measure Through Lower House.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Peace with Germany through adoption of a joint resolution declaring the war at an end was put squarely before congress today by republicans in control of the house.

Framed by republican members of the foreign affairs committee and backed by party leaders, the measure was thrown into the hopper with a little ceremony as if it had been a bridge bill, but instantly there developed a demand for speedy action.

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Mr. Gershon declares all prisoners yet held were arrested on immigration warrants and predicts they all, with the exception of the 21 refusing paroles, will be given freedom within a week. Names of the prisoners refusing parole were not made public.

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FIREMEN SPURN RISE AND VOTE TO RESIGN

CHICAGO EMPLOYEES THINK 10 PER CENT NOT ENOUGH.

Budget Passed by Council Adds \$4,000,000 to City's Bill, but Men Will Walk Out.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Five hundred Chicago firemen today voted unanimously to resign in a body on April 2 in protest against the \$132 a year wage increase carried in the revised city budget passed by the city council.

The firemen who were on duty today will meet tomorrow to decide their course of action. The firemen demanded a \$200 a year increase.

The resignations signed today were dated April 2, giving a five-day notice as required by law. The minimum wage in the fire department is \$1800 a year now.

The 1920 budget, passed today by the council after days and nights of wrangling, added \$4,000,000 to the original appropriation bill, and exceeded the city's estimated revenue by the same amount.

The additions included \$2,210,000 for ten per cent salary increases to all city employees. Salary increases asked by all city employees totaled \$5,500,000.

Nearly 1500 city employees were on strike today for higher wages, and several hundred others were forced out of work through the tying up of municipal activities.

Oscar K. Nelson and Carl Sprangler, department of labor mediators, arrived today from Washington, D. C., to attempt a settlement of the strike of 500 members of the livestock handlers' union, which has thrown nearly 10,000 men out of work and caused cessation of butchering at the stock yards.

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CRIPPLED SCHOONER IN TOW OF OCEAN TUG

MULTNOMAH WITH PASSENGERS AND CEMENT OFF BAR.

Craft Loses Rudder in Gale, but Is Kept Off Shore; Vessels Rush to Aid.

ASTORIA, Or., March 31.—(Special.)—The crippled steam schooner Multnomah, with her rudder missing, was off the mouth of the river when heard from late this afternoon in tow of the tug Oneonta and will be brought inside or tomorrow. A heavy sea is running and as the craft is laden with cement and has passengers on board, shipping men do not believe the tug will attempt to cross in with her before morning.

The Multnomah was en route from San Francisco for Portland with freight and passengers. During the blow last night and when 40 miles from the mouth of the river she lost her rudder. A wireless call for assistance was sent to the agent for the McCormick line in Portland at 2 o'clock this morning, but the call was not relayed here until about 9 o'clock today, when the tug Oneonta hastened to the rescue.

In the meantime the Multnomah drifted about, but those in charge managed to keep her off shore despite the heavy gale.

A wireless report received at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon said the Multnomah was 15 miles southwest of the mouth of the river with the tug Oneonta and two steam schooners, supposedly the Johan Poulsen and Halco, standing by. Later she was towed up to the mouth of the river. Meager reports received say the Multnomah is in no danger and all on board are well.

NEW PLANET DISCOVERED

Honor of Making Observation Goes to Sola de Barcelona.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 31.—The discovery of a planet by the astronomer Sola de Barcelona was announced at the Harvard college observatory today in a cablegram from Professor Leconte de Lisle, Belgium.

An observation taken at 11:05 Greenwich time, March 21, gave its position as right ascension 78 hours 25 minutes 12 seconds declination plus 15 degrees. Its daily motion was: Right ascension minus 1 minute; declination plus 1 minute.

This passage was loudly cheered.

FIRST BODY IS EXHUMED

Officials Prepare American Dead for Shipment Home.

BREST, March 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first body of an American soldier who died in France was exhumed from French soil here yesterday at the Pontansen camp cemetery.

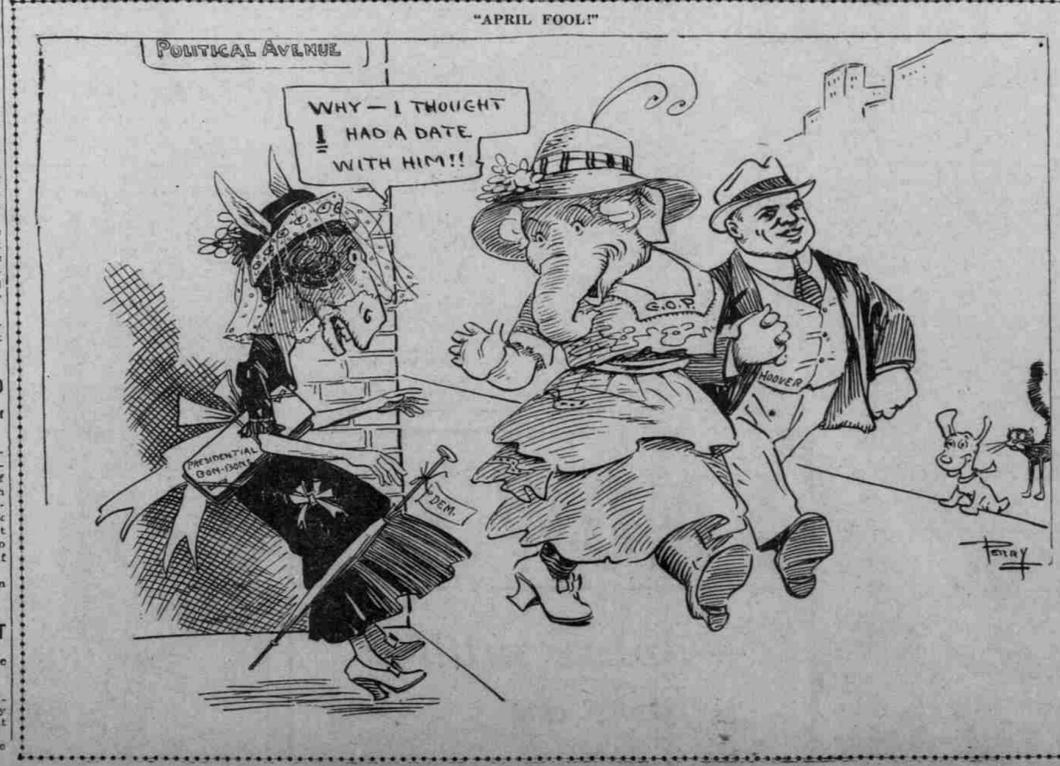
The graves officials will have 100 bodies ready for shipment to America by April 5, the date on which a transport has been arranged for from the navy department.

CATTLE STRUCK BY TRAIN

81 Animals Killed and 68 Crippled With Loss of \$10,000.

OGDEN, Utah, March 31.—What is declared to be a record for accidents of its class was reported here today by the Union Pacific claim agent, who said a passenger train ran into a herd of cattle near Evanston, Wyo., killing 81 animals and crippling 68.

The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Eight dead animals were found on the pilot of the locomotive when the train was stopped.



SHOES' VALUE SOARS ON TRIP TO SIBERIA

250,000 PAIRS RETURNED FOR SALE IN U. S.

Cargo Exported Two Years Ago Back Home Again With Price Raised \$1,000,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 31.—More than 250,000 pairs of men's shoes, shipped from the United States to Vladivostok and then back, are being unloaded from the steamer Eastern Dawn here for shipment to New York, where they will be put on American markets, according to officials of the Inter-Ocean Trading company, agents for the vessel.

The shoes were sent to Siberia two years ago and were held there. They were sent back when Russian agents found they could not pay for the shipment. Since they were exported, it was said today, their value has increased so greatly that they are being reshipped from Vladivostok to New York for profit.

No valuation is placed on the shoes in the manifest, but the papers are marked "extra valuable." It is estimated, however, that the shoes now have a retail value in America of at least \$2,000,000, or more than \$1,000,000 higher than their value when they were shipped to Siberia.

The shoes formed part of a number of shipments of supplies sent to Vladivostok by the United States that became tied up in the Siberian port.

SCHOOL STAFF CHANGES

Superintendent Granted Increase of \$500 in Salary.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 31.—(Special.)—City Superintendent R. E. Cook, who for some years has been in charge of the Chehalis schools, has been re-elected for a two-year term by the local board. Mr. Cook has been given an increase of \$500 per annum in salary, making it \$2000 per annum.

W. C. Nolin has been chosen to fill the unexpired term of Professor H. J. Wagner in charge of the mathematics department at the high school. Professor Wagner has been made westward bound by resigning. A. N. Baxter, resigned, who went to California.

The school board at its meeting re-elected spelling as a subject for Mrs. A. C. St. John president, with W. J. Ford secretary.

FREAK SPELLING DROPPED

Simplified Method No Longer to Be Used by Language Association.

COLUMBUS, O., March 31.—Simplified spelling no longer has the sanction, either official or tacit, of the Modern Language association of America as an organization.

Its use in the association's publications was abandoned today by a vote of the association at its annual meeting, because of lack of public enthusiasm for the new method, because of the expense of making no progress and because it offended some of the members.

Simplified spelling has been used by the association for 11 years. The association never had given its official approval of the simplified form of spelling, the sanction extending only to its use in its own publications.

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EXTRAVAGANT ERA ENDS, SAY BANKERS

Prices Pass Crest, Report of Reserve Board.

GRADUAL RELIEF EXPECTED

Financial and Industrial Outlook "Excellent."

OLD CLOTHES IN FAVOR

Under-Production and Taxation Continue Big Problems, Is Statement.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—National-wide reports from federal reserve bank officials, made public tonight, disclose their opinion that the post-war era of "extravagance and recklessness buying" by the public is nearing its end.

A "hesitation, if not an actual recession," of prices is noted and the federal reserve board's statement summarizes its advice as indicating a generally more hopeful view of the country's business condition than for several months.

While the price changes were shown by the board not to be universal, they were nevertheless regarded as positive and of importance as a basis for reckoning what the immediate future holds.

Relief from the high prices for the consumer will not be completely obtained until present stocks are absorbed in practically all lines, according to the board's view. Manufacturers everywhere, however, were shown to hold the view that the peak of high prices has been reached and to expect a gradual recession.

Old Clothes Gain Favor.

In the clothing trade, particularly, the board said there was a marked tendency of the public to make old supplies last longer and to refuse to pay exorbitant prices. This phase can mean only that an awakening has come, the statement said, and that many people have arrived at the conclusion that they are themselves responsible for a continuing high range of prices.

Wholesalers in the drygoods trade, to some extent, have taken a "commendatory attitude" and are discouraging their customers from placing heavy fall orders. This, it is expected, will serve to slacken demand and create a feeling that lower prices will follow.

The report also does not give encouragement concerning a price reduction in shoes. There was, however, a wide divergence of opinion as to what shoe and leather prices will do.

Eastern seaboard cities reported a "piling up of commodities" on this side of the Atlantic. The exchange situation was beginning to reflect itself on the export market, as well as through a general reduction by Europeans of their foreign buying, it was noted.

Outlook Is "Excellent."

Business and financial developments during March also were marked by confusion and lack of uniformity of opinion, reports from the several reserve districts showed. But throughout the detailed observations of these officials there was a distinctly optimistic tone. Summed up, it was:

The outlook for the spring season, both industrially and agriculturally, is excellent. But modifying factors in the situation are an inadequacy of labor supply and a shortage of various kinds of building materials, as well as borrowing facilities of banks.

Officials said that the full meaning of the changed attitude of the public would probably show definite results as slowly as to be almost imperceptible. They explained that it was a "step in the right direction," and that its value was increased because there had been no appreciable letting down in the volume of legitimate business.

Housing Situation Acute.

The housing situation continued acute throughout the country, partly as a result of labor conditions, but also largely because thousands of families are deserting the farms for "what they believe are greater opportunities" in the cities. There was, however, another reason advanced, capital is slow to engage in new building ventures because of the "unfavorable conditions of taxation." This, of course, applies to general construction work as well as to housing in the limited sense, the statement said.

"Production conditions the country over," the statement continued, "give every reason for encouragement with reference to actual industrial and agricultural potentialities. The crop outlook is so far as can be judged at this season, is hopeful. There is a substantial degree of harmony between capital and labor as indicated by small unemployment.

Underproduction Is Problem.

"The difficulties in sight are due to conditions of relative underproduction or decrease of production resulting from lessened activity of both capital and labor, problems arising out of heavy taxation and measures resulting from the one-sided working of the tax laws, while financially

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