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HOOVER AND HUGHES WHEEL HORSES

If the reader will excuse the expression, Hoover and Hughes will be wheel horses of the new cabinet; and there is justification in the fact that both have horse sense.

And in this connection there is a point not hitherto brought to public attention— And this is the close bond of sympathy and respect between the two men.

The high opinion which Mr. Hughes holds of Mr. Hoover is on record. It is also a fact that before entering the California primaries last spring Mr. Hoover seriously considered announcing himself for Hughes and would have done so if it had promised to be an effective move.

They will in large measure have the duties of shaping our commercial and our political policies and dealings both at home and abroad.

And to Mr. Hughes especially will fall the difficult task of deciding the questions of winding up the war—for the United States it still technically at war with Germany—

As to whether the desired ends can be best attained by negotiating a new treaty or by ratifying the treaty of Versailles with reservations.

No living American, perhaps no living man, is better qualified to give expert advice concerning European needs and conditions than is Mr. Hoover; and few living men may be compared in analytical ability with Mr. Hughes.

And the other members of the cabinet are not lacking in experience and ability in undertaking their several tasks, and in general all-around capacity as counselors in shaping policies and measures of national and international import.

Mr. Mellon, to be Secretary of the Treasury, is one of the very rich men of the country; but he has never made any display of his wealth.

Mr. Weeks, for Secretary of War, is a typical New Englander; and that conservative section will be represented in him for the first time in eight years in the cabinet councils.

Will Hays, for Postmaster General, is recognized as one of the big men of the nation; though coming from Ohio, exceptionally well acquainted with every section of the country.

Mr. Denby of Michigan served as a gunner's mate in the war with Spain, and in the recent war he went as a private into the Marine Corps. He was in Congress ten years ago, and he was on the Naval Committee of the House. He is acquainted with the wide world, and he is thoroughly democratic—he drives a Ford.

So on through the list. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Hoover, the wheel horses of the new cabinet, will have good lead horses and good team mates on both of our sides.

And it will be a harmonious pull all together for the good of the country and of the world.

The Manchester Guardian makes the curious discovery that "the blue sky law" is the name given by Americans to regulations for smoke abatement.

You will get a new angle or two or three concerning Salem as a coming mining center, in the slogan pages of The Statesman of tomorrow. In the meantime the slogan editor wants your help, if you can help in this regard. And today; hurry, hurry.

If the financial situation in England continues and that nation is unable to even pay the interest on the huge sum it owes the United States it is likely to

swear it'll never consent to giving us the West Indies and then consent to do so. But English pride must be reckoned with.

Judging by the fact that President-elect Harding has invested in eleven suits of clothes there is to be no shirt-sleeve diplomacy in his administration.

Ex-Governor Cox attributes the direful results of last November to human nature. It is a convenient excuse. But it was certainly an exhibition of something of that sort when Cox was elected chief executive of Ohio in three elections. And perverse human nature, at that.

Has it ever occurred to you that the present outbreak of youthful criminality is in large measure due to the desire to get pleasures, luxuries and good clothes without working for them?

"What is the matter with making a place for General Prosperity in the Harding cabinet." Exchange. It has been made. The whole cabinet, in team work with President Harding, will provide the place—and the result, too.

Of course, it is all right to favor "incomparably the greatest navy," but it costs a lot of money and it is a question whether the lack of such a navy or spending the coin will contribute most to sending that creeping feeling down the spine of the taxpayers.

The policy of Herbert Hoover in great constructive plans to foster and build up our commerce at home and abroad; to make of the department of commerce something more than a swivel-chair bureau milling around in the doldrums—

The forthcoming tariff law, framed with an idea of giving protection to American labor, industry and capital; as well as to provide revenues for our federal expenses—

The encouragement of agriculture in this country by placing the credit of farmers where it belongs; the highest in the world. Yes; no doubt Republicans will be put on guard, to carry out these policies and these measures. They should be, for even a protective tariff law cannot be made fully effective by simply writing it into the statute books; its administration must be sympathetic.

That phase of the matter, however, was not in the mind of the editor. And if the Republican party shall fail to meet in the highest degree all its pledges, then it were well to have an opposition party thoroughly organized. Ours is necessarily a government by parties. Any republican form of government is. We cannot get away from it. We do not want to get away from it. The Statesman therefore welcomes the efforts of Mr. Purdy and Mr. Bryan and all the rest of the faithful in their efforts to reorganize the Democratic party—though it will need a lot of reorganizing in order to take off the curse that must attend it on account of its many failures of commission and omission under the administration that is unfortunately going out after tomorrow night.—Ed.)

STILL ON THE JOB. (Los Angeles Times.) William Jennings Bryan is once more anxious to reorganize the Democratic party. He essays this so often that it may be asked whether he undertakes it as a sport or a business. But, be it as it may, the Democratic party is almost always in need of reorganization and there stands Bryan—like Horatius at the bridge—ready to meet all comers or fill any breach.

The Nebraska plays with the party much as would a sleight-of-hand man. First he disorganizes it and takes it apart. He wants to see what makes it tick. Having picked it to pieces and left its bleached ribs on the shore, he goes forth once more with his monkey wrench and a needle and thread and poses as the apostle of reorganization. He will show the party can be put together again.

It is like assembling a jig-saw puzzle. In the present case he makes it plain that the reorganization must be in the interest of no candidate. Of course, if the situation demands an eloquent Nebraska for the leadership, that is another matter, but it must be understood that the reorganization is to be around a set of principles and not a man—especially a man like James M. Cox. To make his meaning plain, Col. Bryan is at pains to express and expound the principles to which he refers. Mr. Wilson had only 14 points in his plan to make the world safe for democracy; but Col. Bryan has 22 planks in the platform in which he hopes to re-establish the Democratic party in America.

Above all else the Democracy must be freed from any domination on the part of the wets or of Wall street and must have for its backbone the great middle class of the country. Thus far there wouldn't seem to be much need for poor old Democracy. The Republican party seems to better fill the bill and the great middle class has no call to switch its vote. But Colonel

James R. Angell, NEW YALE LEADER. Dr. James Rowland Angell, director of the Carnegie Foundation and formerly acting president of Chicago university, who was recently elected president of Yale, succeeding Dr. Arthur Hadley, who resigned a year ago. Dr. Angell is the first man not a member of the university faculty to be elected president of Yale.

Bryan now goes a bit farther. He would at once call the nations of the earth together and, after a few bright and impressive remarks by the foremost citizen of Nebraska—who now has his home in Florida—there would be an agreement for a bone-dry world, a dismemberment of armies and a dismantling of navies. Military training would be forbidden and the battle-axes should be beaten up into pie tins. Any man in the world carrying a more deadly tool than a safety razor would be sunk without trace.

It is all so deliciously simple that it is a wonder nobody ever thought of it before. Furthermore, it is deemed that no presidential term shall exceed six years—thus making it impossible for any ambitious or opinionated Wilson to succeed himself. Under this ruling Col. Bryan would have been president for 18 years if he had obtained all he ran for, but under his platform this doesn't count, and after his valuable experience as a candidate he would be the logical leader on the platform he has so thoughtfully provided. A man can run forever, but he can be president but once.

By the time Col. Bryan gets his reorganization of the Democratic party well under way the leaders of that faith will be unable to speak to one another and the rank and file will continue to vote the Republican ticket. Col. Bryan is one of the best assets the Republican party ever had.

THE MOST UNKINDEST CUT OF ALL. The Oregon house has passed a bill which denies the admission of feeble-minded people from other states. This cuts off the only excuse a good many people have had for going there.—Los Angeles Times.

But that is not what the house had in mind. One of its members had heard that a large immigration from California was headed this way—and he was afraid our institution for the feeble minded might not be big enough to accommodate them.

Bits for Breakfast. Busy days in the fields. The tractors enable many farmers to make tracks that cause a day's work of the old time to look like a chore. Spring fever in the Salem district takes the form of sending its victims into the gardens, orchards and fields. The Statesman has daily evidences that its campaign for more poultry in the Salem district is having results; for both more and better.

Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of the Navy Denby, the heavy weights of the new cabinet, can assume, without extra effort the function of symbolizing their country's power. Mr. Taft declared in jest recently that no gentleman can weigh over 300 pounds. The country is not furnished with exact weight of either Denby or Weeks; but it is assumed that they are gentlemen, under that definition; but with a close squeak for each.

It is a familiar exhibit of the Darwinian that human blood and the blood of certain anthropoid apes is so similar as to be indistinguishable. The claim then of Dr. Abrams of Stanford university that he has been able to determine so close a relationship as that of father and son by blood tests is rather startling. There will be general sympathy, however, with the desire of Dr. Delezenne of the Pasteur institute in Paris to be shown; even though he is not from Missouri.

An inventor announces a patent arrangement in a lamp that will enable it to burn 94 per cent air. Nothing especially new about that. We have had hot air ever since the first Bryan campaign. If oratory were money the savings banks would be full.

NEW JOBS ARE TO BE FILLED. Legislature Makes Positions And Olcott Uses Appointive Power. TAX BODY IS SELECTED. State Board of Aeronautics Created to Regulate Aviation. Names Eliminated. Doubtless the most important appointments to be made by the governor are the three members of the tax supervising and conservation commission for Multnomah county. The bill as first passed named Fred W. Mulkey, L. J. Goldsmith and R. L. Sabin for the commission, but this part of the measure was found defective by the governor and to make the correction it was necessary for the legislature to strike out the names. The governor, however, promised he would appoint his three men named in the bill. The measure does not carry the emergency clause and will run the legal course of 90 days before becoming effective. It was introduced by Representative Gordon of Multnomah.

Under Kereff's house bill No. 37, the governor is to appoint, within 30 days after the effective date of the act, a state board of aeronautics of five members. The duties of this board will be to regulate the practice of aviation in Oregon and license aviators. The members of the board will serve without pay, but will receive mileage and expenses when attending meetings. The board will have authority to employ a secretary outside its membership.

To Name Examiner. Under house bill No. 143, introduced by the committee on health and public morals, there is created an examiners' examining board of three members, of whom one shall be appointed by the governor, one by the state board of health and one by the state funeral directors' association.

House bill No. 185, by Overturf, increases from 10 to 20 the number of special policemen the governor may appoint for any railroad operating in the state, on the request of the railway officials, the officers to be paid by the company. Ultimately the governor will have the appointment of the Port of Portland commissioners.

Courts to Appoint. Among offices created by the recent session that are not to be filled by gubernatorial appointment are those of county meat and herd inspectors in Polk and Coos counties, the officials to receive not to exceed \$10 a day as compensation. The first is under house bill No. 8, by Bennett, and the second under house bill No. 234, by Powell. The two officials will be appointed by their county courts and their duties mainly will be to aid in the eradication of bovine tuberculosis.

Under senate bill No. 20, by Staples, providing for regulation of feed stuffs, a number of deputies doubtless will be appointed by the state food and dairy department. Staples has another bill that has been signed by the governor making the dairy husbandry department of Oregon Agricultural college a dairy bull registration board.

Boards Authorized. Under senate bill No. 59, by Bell, election counting boards may be appointed at the discretion of the county courts in each precinct at the usual rate per diem paid election officials.

Under the new fish commission a number of deputies will be appointed by that board. The secretary of the state highway department is clothed with authority of first assistant state highway engineer by house bill No. 319, by the committee on roads and highways, but does not receive additional compensation. The act is for the purpose of enabling him to handle vouchers and do other work of the engineer in the absence of the latter.

House bill No. 113, by the committee on insurance, and house bill No. 82, by Wells, are remedial measures to strengthen the powers of the state insurance commissioner in his additional work as state fire marshal and state real estate commissioner. They do not add to his salary.

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EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE. About the T. A. and Other School Societies. Editor Statesman: Amusements and social life are a part of the education of young people—something they have a right to enjoy within proper bounds. The girls composing the T. A. club are representative young women and it is hard to believe that they intentionally injured certain girls during a recent initiation, which has resulted in embarrassing publicity to all concerned. One fact stands out, however, and cannot be denied. There was a deplorable lack of judgment shown, and it would seem that it were time for the parents, teachers and school authorities to take a hand in regulating matters. It is expecting too much to suppose that a number of girls ranging in age from 15 to 18, can be permitted to go out at night on such a mission without the counsel and oversight of some older person. So long as the club is composed of high school girls and is organized under the jurisdiction of the high school, what is being done is the business of the high school faculty. It is their right as well as duty to regulate such societies, and if they cannot regulate them, to discontinue them. Parents and school boards will do well to back them up in this. Personally, I do not favor initiations into these societies on school nights. It unfit the young people concerned for school duties the day following, if they are kept up late. Amusement of any sort whatever, should be over by 9 o'clock on school nights. A responsible faculty member should be present at each meeting, and his or her counsel should be accepted by the members. I am not opposed to clubs and societies under proper regulation, but somebody must be held responsible for their oversight, and such societies should understand that they are to exist only so long as they meet with the approval of the high school faculty and community. The young people can understand that violence is not permitted in adult society; that such infractions are dealt with by public sentiment and by the law. None of us is self-governed except insofar as our actions are acceptable to the group or society in which we live. There should be no humiliations in student coming under constituted authority. We all do that and the fact that it is the parents, the school faculty and the school board who constitute the court of appeal instead of the civil authorities, shows regard and solicitude for the best interests of our young people, rather than any reflection on their ability to govern themselves.

As to the student body being held responsible for the actions of a few misguided individuals in the T. A. or other club that meets outside of school hours, the idea seems absurd. I believe the morale of the student body to be high, on the large. The students are wide awake, and their prowess in basketball, essay contests, and debate, places Salem high well toward the head of the list in these achievements, with all the other schools of the state. I know something of projects assigned and worked out by various individuals and classes, and the results were truly remarkable, in that they showed independent thinking and ability to discover facts and adapt material. I have been present at student body meetings, and it was a matter of comment at the time that although a large degree of liberty was permitted on these occasions, a noticeable respect was shown for the school authorities. As soon as the principal, Mr. Nelson, took the floor, instant silence followed, and what he had to say was always given respectful attention. This respect I have often seen lacking in schools that were governed by a one-man rule. All in all, I am proud of our schools and have confidence in the good intentions of the majority of those composing the student body. The schools

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FUTURE DATES. March 27, Sunday—Easter Day. March 28, Monday and 29, Tuesday—Inter-tribal basketball tournament. March 30 and 31, Friday and Saturday—State convention of D. A. R. hall of representatives. March 12, Saturday—Triangle debate among Willamette, McMinnville and Pacific. March 20, Wednesday—Dual debate between Menzies College of Sioux City, Iowa, and Willamette. April 8, Friday—Dual Women's debate between W. S. C. and Willamette. April 22, Friday—Dual Debate between Willamette and Whitman. March 4 and 5, Friday and Saturday—Basketball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene. March 18—Herbert Leon Cape, lecturer at Salem Armory. April 15, Friday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem. April 16, Saturday—Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene. May 2 to 6 inclusive—Annual conference of Evangelical Association. May 26, 27 and 28—Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Walla Walla. October 1, Saturday (tentative)—Football, Willamette vs. O. A. C. at Corvallis. November 24, Thursday (tentative)—The governing day, football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.