

Herbert Hoover's Challenge

HERBERT Hoover yesterday set himself square with a world into which some petty doubts have been cast by political propagandists and opponents.

He struck out squarely and brilliantly on issues that will establish the fighting ground of his party and which will prove challenge to lesser men seeking high office.

There is no equivocation in what the republican candidate said. There is small room for debate about his pronouncements of policy. Straightforward talk about adequate tariff comes naturally into the program woven from the gems Hoover gave to thoughtful people everywhere.

Agricultural enterprise gains assurance from the fair, strong stand taken in the acceptance address. Mr. Hoover is pledged by his own word to make agricultural relief a foremost consideration of his administration and promises a solution. From Hoover's lips that statement comes as a warranty of prompt, effective action, for Hoover is a man of action and a man of his word.

He goes beyond the pledge of mere relief for agriculture, for he gets at the very heart-root of the farm problem in his wholehearted pledge to undertake the reorganization of the marketing system of the nation upon sounder lines.

Hoover finds no middle ground on the prohibition question. There a small-bore politician would have taken advantage of a delicate situation and would have straddled the first handy fence. Not so with Herbert Hoover. He says:

"I do not favor repeal of the 18th amendment. I stand for the efficient enforcement of the laws enacted thereunder."

Choose your measure in the prohibition circus, but grant that you admire a man with the fortitude of character to stand before a mixed and nationwide audience and say in a dozen words just exactly what he means. Hoover will oppose with all the might of a strong mind and heart any tampering with the 18th amendment.

In this peaceful, happy, progressive nation there are few great points at issue. On these few Herbert Hoover has built for voters in every precinct in the United States a platform to stand upon and to vote upon. His address will rally to his banner those who join with him in the declaration that "the presidency is more than an administrative office. It must be the symbol of American ideals."

Great, Growing Seed Industry

THE Salem district, the land of diversity and the country of opportunity, has many strings to its industrial bow; many things there are which we can grow or do better or to better advantage or with less expense and at greater profit, than can be grown or done in other sections and cities.

And by no means the least of these is represented by the various lines of what the writer is pleased to call the seed industry. It is really many industries—and is used as subject matter for today's slogan pages.

Great progress has been made in the past few years, and more rapid strides are being made now than at any time in the past in this industry in the expanding Salem trade district.

Red clover seed goes over the topmost top this year, with more than \$500,000 crop. With the help of sheep and lime, it will run to a million soon. Some of the other clovers may top this figure before long.

We grow the kale seed for the whole United States; the onion seed and sets for most of the territory west of the Rockies, and some of the country beyond.

And we have the only district in the United States where vetch seed is produced profitably; with immense possibilities; we supply the best milling oats in the country—the heaviest. In rye grass we are making a great start. And in string bean seed and many kinds of garden and flower seeds.

In bulbs there is a world of promise. This city is the pioneer in this industry. Luther J. Chapin, then county agent, said several years ago: "The Willamette valley is well adapted to the production of high class seeds, not only the more common farm crops, of grains, but also of flower and garden seeds. The various types of soil, several of which may be found in a very limited area, and the usually dry summers, adapt this locality to the production of high priced flower and garden seeds."

At the time, that was like a voice crying in the wilderness. But not now. Note what high college authorities say in this issue. We are, so far, touching only the fringes of opportunity in this field. We must gain volume, and continuous supply. O. Dickinson, a pioneer seedsman, demonstrated in the long ago that the Salem district was like a place set apart for producing high quality garden and flower and grain and grass seeds. He grew and marketed them.

The industry brings new money, from long distances; converts our sunshine and showers and soil into gold dollars.

Here are opportunities for big business. Men of vision are needed. Leadership is called for. This is no pent-up Utica. It is a broad and rich field, promising golden harvests for the planting and reaping and assembling and marketing of a vast seed tonnage, covering a range that cannot be compassed by any other section under the bending skies the wide world over.

Salem is a seed center by divine right. Nature set it apart for that distinction.

How About Pigs' Knuckles?

THE Department of Agriculture has just presented a fact, or an alleged fact, that is highly disturbing.

It reports that the ancient and odorous dish, sauerkraut, is not really of German origin at all. It was invented, says the department, somewhere in Asia; probably in China.

This is a paralyzing thing to say. Sauerkraut a Chinese dish? You can no more associate it in your mind with land of mandarins than you can think of whipped cream as a staple article of diet for the ancient Vikings. Something is wrong. The department, rest assured, must have been misinformed.

A Modern Youth Movement

HOSTS of fathers and mothers have quit their job and the consequence is their offspring are going straight to the devil," said Warden Fogarty, the other day, in discussing the Cook county jail. According to the warden negligence on the part of the parents has made a "youth movement" toward crime.

The warden's figures show that more than 1,000 boys between seventeen and twenty-three years of age are confined in the county jail. They make about seventy per cent of the fourteen hundred prisoners with which the jail is crowded. The inadequate quarters in the jail makes it impossible for the warden to segregate these boys, so they mingle more or less freely with the old and hardened criminals.

For many years Warden Fogarty has made it a custom to interview every man committed to the jail. From the information thus gained he lays the responsibility for youthful wrongdoing mostly upon the parents. He holds that a large number of parents are lazy and indifferent and, therefore, their boys are in jail rather than in school or at work.

Those who know the situation, largely agree with the warden that responsibility for the waywardness of the youth of our day must be placed, for the most part, upon the parents.

The above is taken from the Congregationalist, Boston.

The greatest crime that is being committed in Chicago, assuming that the facts are as stated, is being perpetrated by the county made up of the city of Chicago—

In herding more than 1000 boys with "old and hardened criminals."

The people of the United States are giving too little intelligent attention to the handling of youths charged with and convicted of crime. The reclamation machinery is inadequate or entirely wanting.

The expenditures of the people of this country made in the handling of persons charged with and convicted of crime, make up one of the greatest of all expenditures—if not absolutely the greatest, when the indirect costs are considered. There is room here for the exercise of the highest statesmanship.

And courses in penology and criminology ought to be maintained in all higher institutions of learning; and every person handling any phase of this great business ought to be a trained man or woman—from the policeman to the occupant of the highest judicial position.

Hoover's Old Home

THERE is much more of reason than of rhyme in the suggestion from the Salem Ad club that the old Salem home of Herbert Hoover be brought to new and splendid usefulness as state headquarters for the Hoover presidential campaign.

Such a plan would bring honor to Salem, of course, but more than that, it would give a touch of kindly sentiment to the whole election campaign. After all, Hoover is, to a degree, one of the old home folk and Salem may well be proud of having fostered him, even briefly, in the formative years. Years when the foundations of manhood, vision and accomplishment were being moulded in the fine environment afforded by the family of Dr. H. J. Minthorn.

The obvious merit in the plan offered by the Ad club will appeal to republican party leaders, as well as to others who will appreciate the tribute implied in such fitting use of the boyhood home of a president.

Nothing but the most complete and abundant success can be expected for the Antarctic expedition of Commander Bird, now that he's decided to have the teeth of his dogs examined and repaired before he sets out.

Pawnee Bill and Shakespeare

By Bruce Catton

PAWNEE BILL, whose private name is Maj. Gordon W. Lillie, admits that he doesn't get any kick out of Shakespeare.

The picturesque Oklahoma frontiersman visited New York the other day, and reporters who interviewed him happened, somehow to mention Shakespeare. Pawnee Bill recalled that he bought a set of Shakespeare some time ago and took it home to give it a trial. He dipped first into Romeo and Juliet; but when he had read half of it he chucked the book across the room. Since then the set has been unopened.

But Pawnee Bill added that he likes to read, nevertheless.

"Now, when it comes to books about early western history, I'm there," he said. "I think people should study that sort of thing a whole lot more. Americans should be interested in the early history of their own country."

To our way of thinking, Pawnee Bill has good sense. The loves of the Capulets and Montagues are apt to seem rather far away and unreal to a modern American; but the story of the winning of the west springs from the native soil. It is, unquestionably, one of the greatest romances ever told. Reading about it and soaking in it do more for real, sturdy Americanism than all the tricks the hundred-percenters ever devised.

There is not, really, any story quite like it. Nothing has ever happened quite as spectacular, as amazing, as the transformation of the North American continent during the past century. Pawnee Bill was right. People should study that sort of thing a lot more. There is real meat in it.

And the fact that it's all intensely interesting isn't the only reason for recommending it. The story of pioneer days has a moral: it is an object lesson in courage, democracy, industry, vision. The men who won the west were ardent individualists, faithful lovers of freedom. They knew what their job was and they were willing to spend their lives on it, working and fighting to bring reality to their dreams.

It is a great story. Absorbing it will make your Americanism sturdier and finer.

Collegiate Campaign Coat



Collegiate stickers are just dandy places to demonstrate how your political affections stand. In the opinion of Miss Carroll Wells of Kansas City, University of Kansas co-ed. She is a 100 per cent Republican, and has put these stickers on the back of her raincoat so that everyone can know her position.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

Say it with seeds—

Send them to the far corners of the earth in ever larger volume. Even now, bulbs and seeds are sent to every state and all the civilized countries from Salem, Oregon.

We have only scratched the surface, only hit the high places. Big as our seed industry has become, we have made only a fair start.

Some people with the inferiority complex thought, when the bulb industry was started here, that it was a fad. Not many think so now. The cousins of the same people thought the automobile was a fad, less than 30 years ago.

The Waldo Hills loop, to be finished next month, will be popular. It will give opportunity to tour that famous and rich pioneer district over paved highways. The shades of the Waldo Hills first settlers, if they can look down

from their places in the fields of asphalt beyond the stars, must be made happy over the sight.

Mrs. Leta Estelle Syfan, an employee in the service department of the Georgia Power company, Atlanta, Georgia, is the first woman employee of a gas company to receive the McCarter Medal for saving life by the prone pressure method of resuscitation from gas asphyxiation. Those who were at the Salem Rotary club luncheon on Wednesday know what the prone pressure method is. It is common sense applied to saving life. It beats the pulmotor or any other mechanical device.

If you've ever talked to a man smugly conscious of his superior righteousness, you understand why Cain did it to Abel.

The electricity consumption of the United States has increased 70 per cent in the last eight years. We are letting the juice instead of George do it.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talk From the Statesman Our Fathers Read

August 12, 1908

Some difficulty is being experienced in securing full crews for the wheat harvest in this section.

The Marion county commissioners' court has added July bills showing a total expenditure of \$8,393.33. Just \$4,622.97 was spent on roads and highways.

The fourth Pacific coast Indian institute will be held in Newport August 17-23, with many from Chemawa planning to attend. The

Chemawa Indian band will furnish music.

Straw hauling for the Lebanon paper mills is on, and will last about 30 days, with nearly 4,000 tons to be put away.

Bert F. Savage, formerly of Salem, is at Lewiston, Idaho where he has a position in the news department of the Morning Tribune.

Col. E. Hofer of Salem will give an address at the annual Pacific Coast Indian institute.

Swim Marvel in Marathon



SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Mary Wiggins, the west's latest swimming marvel, thinks she has a good chance to win the coming 20-mile Toronto-marathon swim and is now training at Los Angeles for the event. She's a lucky girl, made so from years of training as a swimmer, and a former Florida diving champion and holder of numerous other titles. She's also a movie actress, being now employed by a company as a stunt girl doing hazardous diving and swimming.

Bourbons Bring Pressure Upon Smith Opponent

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 11—(AP)—Attorney General Charles C. McCall of Alabama, today notified H. L. Anderton of Birmingham of his dismissal as assistant attorney general, following publication in the Montgomery Journal today of a statement by Anderton expressing opposition to Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, democratic nominee for the presidency.

In a letter to the Birmingham attorney in which the attorney general notified him that his tenure of office would terminate 30 days from today, McCall declared that he did not desire to have affiliated with him in his official capacity as attorney general of Alabama one who advocated the defeat of the democratic nominee for president by suggesting a split in the ranks of the democratic party.

Array of Stars Visible at Bend

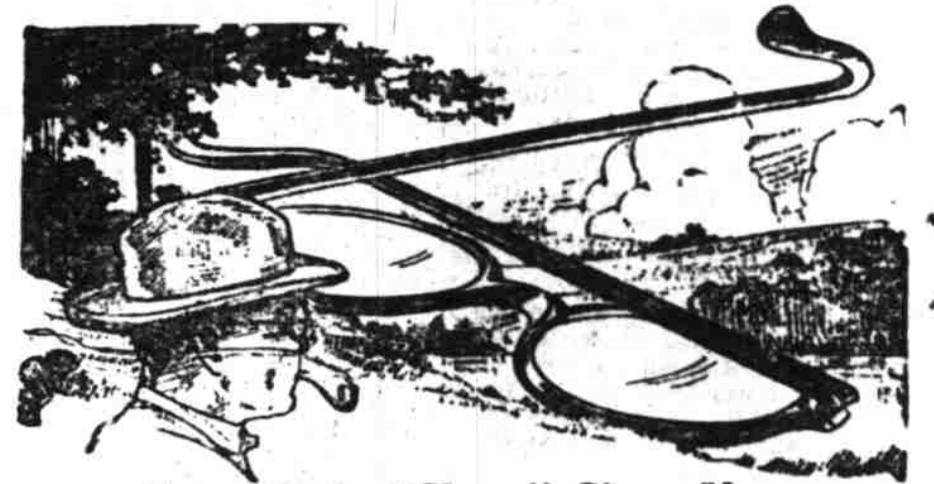
BEND, Ore., Aug. 11—(AP)—The Persids swarm of meteors entertained the people of central Oregon with a splendid show shortly before daylight this morning when a huge ball of fire exploded into a mass of flaming flaming spray. Many Bend residents witnessed the phenomenon.

Robinson Tells What Is Wrong With Mr. Hoover

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 11—(AP)—Senator Joe F. Robinson, democratic nominee for vice president, listened to the speech of acceptance of Herbert Hoover

in his apartments in the Arlington hotel today surrounded by a few friends.

"I had the privilege of hearing the acceptance speech by Mr. Hoover over the radio," said Senator Robinson. "It is to be noted that Mr. Hoover, speaking for his party, admits the distress of agriculture, the necessity for relief. He makes no definite proposal.



See whole "Show" Since You Have "Bought a Ticket"

ONCE under the "big tent" we all like to stay till the "windup." Take a good look at the "show of life." See it as it really is—you won't get a "rain check." Good eye glasses go a long way toward giving you the right "view" on life.

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Clough-Huston Co's History of Salem and the State of Oregon

THE so-called "Oregon Question" which we mentioned in our last sketch concerned itself with the question of the boundary between the United States and Canada, and involved the right to a considerable bit of territory.

The land involved was bounded on the west by the Pacific, on the east by the stony, Rocky mountains, on the south by the parallel of 42° N. Lat., and on the north by the parallel of 54° 40'.

The Beginnings

of a country, a state, a city or a firm are interesting, because upon the foundation laid in the past depends the present structure.

We take pride in the years of service we have behind us because we feel they point to what our future shall be.

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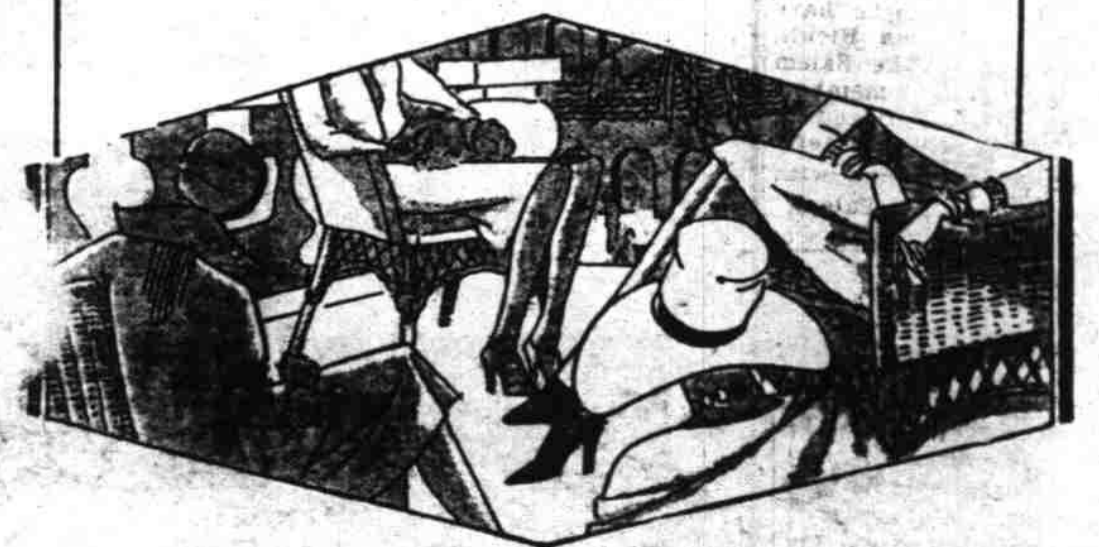


Fashionable Footwear



Newest shoes show a tendency toward fancy leathers; those of the repilian family as well as kid with rich suede trim.

In modes for business, street and dress wear.



The Price Shoe Co.

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