

Hoover Plunges In

THE do-little age made a sudden shift to a do-much age on March fourth. Herbert Hoover has plunged right into his job. With Rooseveltian directness and assertiveness he has taken hold of affairs. He began really talking to press representatives and telling them something. He is cutting down the reception to the hoi polloi from once a day to twice a week and later it will be once a week. The president has something else to do than wiggle the hands of several hundred curious tourists every day.

As to major questions Hoover has been quick to act. He dried up the oil well wildcatting so quickly that Senator Walsh, arch-foe to the Fall lessees, sets up a cry of stifling western development. He is punching up the agencies of law enforcement and planning on a thorough survey of its ramifying leads and questions. He ordered the openings of the treasury books on tax refunds of \$20,000 and over which will half satisfy the muck-rakers.

And he has come to grips with the Indian question. Commissioner Burke, who escaped indictment only when his superior officer, Secretary Work appealed to department of the justice attorneys, will step out and Hoover promises drastic changes in Indian policy. The Indian problem has always been a nightmare. For a long time rank politics prevailed in appointments. Scandals have been periodic over Indian lands and tribal and other funds. Hoover plans a study of the subject by trained sociologists. The Woodrow Wilson experts were only a grade better than politicians, but we believe Hoover will be a better picker of his experts and try to include a few with common sense. Anyway as one writer says of the new program: "Friends of the Indians feel assured that the Indian bureau will cease to be a combination of reform school, poorhouse and confidence game, and become a social experiment under expert direction."

The new president is setting a swift pace, but one wholly characteristic of him. There is bound to be movement and action and public interest in this administration.

Marion County's Playground

IT is good news that the forest service is opening up the area along the Breitenbush to summer home sites. It is just in the past year or so that this country was opened up for recreational development along this line. The rangers last fall started replanting tracts for this purpose and the work will be finished this spring. This will give Marion county a real resort all of its own, within easy access of Salem so far as distance goes.

What remains to be done to make this playground readily accessible is for the county to spend some money on the road above Detroit toward Breitenbush springs. The forest service and the resort company have spent about \$48,000 in establishing the grade. An additional six thousand dollars or so is required to put on gravel and make the road a year-round road.

This certainly would be an investment the county will be justified in making just as soon as possible. This is the gateway to the Mount Jefferson country. This road will eventually connect with the sky-line road about Mount Hood, forming a wonderful loop highway. Most important of all, it will make the wonderful recreational and health region of the Breitenbush within easy access from the valley cities.

The forest service reports that the travel to Diamond Lake grew eleven-fold in four years after highways were improved. The Breitenbush area only lacks road improvement to become highly popular both for summer homes, for camping, hunting and fishing trips.

Sterilizing the Unfit

A YOUTH and a girl escaped a year ago from the school for the feeble-minded here. They made their way to a shack in a remote district in Linn county. Parents of the young man protected them and drove away officers who came to apprehend them. Last week they were captured and returned to Salem. Meantime they had become parents of a child now a month old. The baby is to be put into a home.

But what can be said of the heredity of the infant, and what of its future? Over and over again biological law repeats itself. The unfit propagate the unfit. The laws of heredity are sure. It may be put down that the infant will be of low mentality, that it too may soon become a state charge.

The safety of the race lies in the sterilization of the unfit. Left to breed their kind they multiply freely, and society has to take care of the burden of incompetence and criminality. Institutional costs become oppressive where the population of defectives is permitted to increase without restraint. Eventually, we believe, most every state will provide for the segregation and the sterilization of the mentally unfit, as a measure of social protection.

The Remer Bill in New York

THE New York legislature is having another round in the battle over the question of removing the ban against giving out information relating to birth control. The Remer bill now being considered would permit doctors to give such information to married persons. This is now prohibited and results in the diffusion of much unscientific and dangerous information.

Quite a lot of support for the measure has been obtained, particularly from women's organizations. On the other hand some religious groups oppose it. The Catholic organizations and periodicals have taken strong stand against the bill, a position they have consistently held. And John Roach Straton, militant fundamentalist of the Baptist persuasion takes the same stand. Additional support was claimed in the result of a questionnaire submitted to members of medical school faculties in New York, the vote being eight to one in favor of the Remer bill.

In view of the present state of society we believe the present prohibitive legislation on this subject is antiquated and ought to be supplanted by laws such as the Remer bill. Facts are facts and in this age ought to be faced in a thoroughly scientific manner.

Science and Superstition

A MEDICAL arts building is being erected in Spokane, to be occupied largely if not exclusively by doctors and dentists. Most every town has one or two such buildings, but the Spokane building will be unique. It will have no "13th floor". Numbers will run 12, 14, 15, so no doctor will have his office on the "13th floor".

What a concession to superstition. In a building dedicated to science and the housing of the most numerous profession of scientists in the country, the silly belief in "unlucky thirteen" is to cause the building owners to try to fool themselves and everybody else by dropping out 13 from the floor numbers. Now what can a doctor with offices on the 14th floor of this building say to a patient who wears asafetida about his neck, or a charm to ward off disease? What can he say about medicine men and witch doctors?

We think we are enlightened, but we balk at number 13, walking under a ladder, letting a black cat cross ahead of us. The ignorant people back at York, Pennsylvania, who killed a man while trying to get a lock of his hair to bury eight feet under a chicken house in order to break a spell deserve some pity for their ignorance. The same cannot be said of the Spokane doctors who will not have their offices on the 13th floor of their medical arts building.

It seems a hardship that talkies have displaced hundreds of musicians whose work was in theatres. The only redeeming feature is that the playing of saxophone artists will be curtailed.

"Just My Speed!"



They Say ...

Expressions of Opinion from Statesman Readers are Welcomed for Use in this column. All Letters Must Bear Writer's Name and, Though This Need Not be Printed.

C. P. O. Box No. 1234, Shanghai, China, Feb. 8, 1929

Dear Editor,
I have written you several times and sent you paper idols. Now I am sending you a copy of my Chinese Christian Almanac and will tell a bit about it. It is in true Chinese style with the pages double because Chinese paper is thin. The paper is imitation Chinese paper. It is bound by hand and on the edges instead of at the folds of the paper as are home books. You should begin to read at the end—back of the book and read down instead of across and from right to left instead of from left to right and, Chinese fashion, tell others what you read. You may think this is all backward but the Chinese did it first so they will say that our method is all backward. This book is known all over China, in more than ten thousand places. Well known, as I have been preparing and publishing it for twenty-six years. I will tell you how I came to do so.

For years, as I itinerated through the cities and country of China, often there came a call for a book not in my list. I asked my helper, "What is that book the Chinese ask for so much?" He said, "What book?" I said, "They call it a 'Wang Lih'." "That is an Almanac." "Well, the next time you see a Wang Lih, buy it. I wish to see what it is they are so crazy after." He bought a copy. I found it contained lucky days and unlucky days, when to get married and when not, when to build a house and when not, all kinds of superstitions, and assistance in gambling, fortune-telling, etc. I said, "What a pity Chinese cannot have something worth while when they get an almanac!" Later, as the call continued year after year, I prepared a useful almanac giving daily Bible verses, prayermeeting topics, C. E. topics, S. S. lessons, anti-foot-binding and anti-opium articles, and messages showing the Way of Life and also much general information. I requested the Tract Society to publish it. They printed 5000 copies and, against my ad-

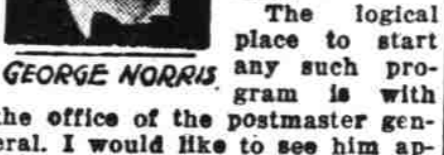
Present and Future."
The following Sunday at the same hour Portland Post American legion will present their initiation ceremony over the radio. The entire personnel of the post officers will take their regular parts during this broadcast.

Who's Who & Timely Views

More Government Efficiency Urged

By GEORGE W. NORRIS
Senator From Nebraska

(George William Norris was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, July 11, 1861. He worked out for farmers summers and attended school during the winters, then taught school before attending Baldwin university, Ohio and Indiana normal schools. He later studied law at Valparaiso university and was admitted to the bar in 1885. Moving to Nebraska in 1885, he served as prosecuting attorney for three terms. From 1895 to 1902 he was judge of the fourteenth Nebraska district. Serving in congress from 1903 to 1912, he was elected senator in that year and is now in his third term which terminates in 1931. He is a Republican.)



GEORGE NORRIS
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I AM considering introducing a bill in the next congress with a view to revising the laws governing the appointment of cabinet officers in order to take some of these positions out of the category of political appointments and bring about greater efficiency in handling the government business. The logical place to start any such program is with the office of the postmaster general. I would like to see him ap-

pointed say for 10 years. The length of the term might be lengthened or shortened, but the important thing would be to fix the term so that it would not expire with the term of the president who appointed him.

In our opinion, the position of postmaster general is not one that should be affected by the policies which may change with changing administrations.

Further, there is no reason why the senate should be called upon to pass on thousands of postmasters each year. The postmaster general should have this power without requiring confirmation of such appointments by the senate.

The plan of long-term cabinet appointments without reference to presidential terms, might well be extended also the office of the attorney general, and, possibly, to the secretary of interior and the secretary of commerce.

It should not be applied to such an office as that of the secretary of state or to the heads of the departments of war and the navy, however, in my opinion.

The secretary of state has to carry out foreign policies, and that is a function of the president. I would not interfere with that office nor with the heads of the army and the navy.

but the postal routes in many provinces have been made impassable because of fighting and bandits. So the almanac's publication and distribution have had to be cut down greatly; but we wait for better times when I hope even greater good can be done through this instrumentality. Pray for peace not only because of the almanac; but for the sake of the innocent little children who inevitably suffer more than others in wars and fightings. I have a special place in my heart for these little Brownies as I have about 800 of them in my Ragged Sunday schools. Through the help of kind friends at home I gave more than \$90 "valer" kiddies a fine treat on Christmas day. We had a tip-top time! Kindest regards and best wishes for a Prosperous Year for you.

Yours in Christ's glad service,
(REV.) H. G. C. HALLOCK.

To the Editor:
This is my contribution as requested by "Toothy Movies". There once was a shimmering shining, black snake. His tail was a wiggler, his head was no fake. His heart ever flopping, his blood running cold. My own darling Otto, you must not grow old.
—Don Lutz, Salem, Oregon.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. Hendricks

He is an alarmist—
This Sir George Paish, British economist—

Who says "we are threatened with the worst financial crisis in history." Sir George is a free trader, and he was speaking to the national free trade conference at Manchester, England.

"We are drinking, and making merry, for tomorrow we die," declared Mr. Paish. The fact is, the British people for several generations before the World war were drinking at the stagnant pools of the Cobdenites, and this came near to causing the downfall of their empire—

For while they were causing their government to adhere to free trade standards, in order to give their workmen cheap bread and butter and sugar and other necessities, they were thus contributing to the upbuilding of their rivals, while their own natural resources were lagging behind. They paid the price of their "drinking and making merry" in that long period with the frightful costs of war and losses of prestige.

Sir George would like to frighten the United States. His alarmist propaganda is more for foreign than home consumption. Uncle Sam, for one, will refuse to be scared; and likely this will be true of all the other countries that are competitors of English manufacturers and merchants.

There are no free trade nations left. Sir George's town country is practicing the rules of high protection; in many lines her rates of duty are much higher than those of the United States. Take the case of sugar, for instance, which with subsidies and protective rates enjoys greater protection than the present price of that staple on our Atlantic seaboard; nearly three times the protection enjoyed by the growers and manufacturers in our own country.

Sir George and all his Cobdenite cohorts may as well ring off in their efforts to scare Uncle Sam and his nephews.

The United States is granting asylum to political renegades of Mexico, and the appearances are that the "generals" from that country who have been in rebellion will need it. The Mexican au-

REBECCA'S AFTER-THOUGHT

YESTERDAY, Rebecca Mason, in the parlor by herself, Broke a handsome china basin, Placed upon the mantel-shelf

Quite alarmed, she thought of going
Very quietly away,
Not a single person knowing,
Of her being there that day.

But Rebecca recollected
She was taught debit to shame,
And the moment she reflected,
Told her mother what was done;

Who commended her behavior,
Loved her better, and forgave her.
—Elizabeth Turner (7-1848)



thorities claim these "generals" are merely highwaymen and bank robbers.

So we are likely to have on hand a bunch begging for the benefits of political asylum against the urgent protests of Mexico—and in spite of demands that they be given up, for the purpose of standing them against a stone wall and shooting them.

The indications are that Mexico will be disposed to be lenient with their followers, but will demand the death penalty for all the leaders of the revolt.

Thus all the fun is being taken out of war below the Rio Grande.

"While the poultry industry is a little slow in getting started in putting a quality canned product on the market, we may go fast once we get going. The salmon canning industry has paved the way so that there is now little sales resistance to a high quality canned poultry or meat product." So says the U. S. Egg and Poultry Magazine. Here is a pointer for those who would build chicken canneries in Salem, and turkey canneries, too. They are coming.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read
March 21, 1904
The state board of education granted a state teacher's certificate to Miss Greta Phillips of Salem and a state diploma to Miss Ida M. Yoder of Hubbard, both on examination.

The Independence lodge took the banner for the largest number of new candidates initiated at the Maccabee convention held here last night. More than 500 Sir Knights were in attendance, with 136 initiated. Pratum was awarded a beautiful cake for team work.

A. F. Marcus and J. J. Daly of Portland and George W. Shand of British Columbia, have purchased the Salem Iron Works of A. Bush at a consideration of \$10,000.

A spirited and interesting game of bowling was enjoyed by the women of the Illabee club, the losing team to be entertained this evening with an oyster supper.

Editors Say:

WE'RE PROUD OF THEM
For the first time in Oregon's history, one school has won both the football and basketball championships.

Breaking loose in the last half of Saturday night's title game with Astoria at Willamette university, Medford's basketball players crashed through to win the Oregon title by an overwhelming score, just as Medford's football players tore through all opposition to roll up steamroller scores and capture the football title.

Before Medford left for the basketball tournament, sports authorities who had never seen the local team play predicted that the local squad would get as far as the finals, and was a favorite to win the title. Confidence in the ability of Medford athletes and Prince Callison, their coach, was behind the predictions.

The News joins the rest of Medford in congratulating the players and the coach who have made the

local high school "the school of champions."—Medford News.

Legion Broadcast On Next Sunday; Hotchkiss Speaks

The regular weekly program of the Americanization Committee, Department of Oregon, American Legion, will be heard over KEX radio, Sunday March 24, at 4 p. m. On this occasion Colonel Clarence R. Hotchkiss will speak on the subject "Americanism, Past,



"WHO should make a WILL?"

EVERYBODY, man or woman, who feels responsibility for the future happiness and welfare of others should make a Will. Everyone owning property and whose death would affect others, should make a Will.

The best way to avoid a division of your property which might work undesired hardships on your family, is to make a Will... immediately!

What YOU do...

Consult with our Trust Officers. Their suggestions will be helpful to you in your "Estate-planning." Then have your attorney draw your Will, naming the United States National Bank as Executor. In this way you give your heirs the benefit of the experience and knowledge of the entire organization of this bank.

What WE do...

We will act as your executor. Your Will then may be left with us for safe-keeping, if you so desire, without cost to you. We will care for all details and insure the uninterrupted functioning of every clause. Your Will is the most important document you will ever sign.

Answers to Common Questions about Wills

Executors Fees

Executors' fees are fixed by law with reference to value of property handled and service rendered. Thus the services of the specially trained, responsible, skilled and experienced Executor, such as this bank, cost an estate no more than those of some one lacking training, skill and experience.

Why this Bank as Executor?

Because, in naming us you will be sure your estate will have business-like management, and you are appointing an Executor who is permanent, experienced, responsible, impartial and always accessible.

Do I Need a Lawyer?

Yes. Will-drawing requires a lawyer. There is no greater fallacy than that "anyone can write a Will." Its formal clauses should be framed by one who knows the law. Have your attorney draw your Will.

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