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Hoover at Portland

THE address of former President Hoover in Portland Wednesday night was another effective thrust at the new deal, treating this time more particularly of its practices than of its underlying philosophy.

In forcing inflation, in increasing the cost of living, in effecting a reduction in real wages through devaluation of the dollar, in tolerating monopolistic practices through NRA, in promoting planned scarcity, and in threatening the system of orderly liberty through representative government, the new deal, Hoover challenges, does not in the ultimate provide the average man or woman with the finer, better and happier life.

The former president was in fighting trim; he emphasized the points he drove home with thumping the table before him. At times his face lighted up as some bit of humor flashed. Hoover's speeches are his own. Ben Allen, who accompanied him as associate, says that the president digs out his speeches himself. He has persons who do research for him to verify every fact and figure which he uses; but the composition is Hoover's own. He has shortened his sentences in order to bring his ideas better "into focus".

A point which Hoover drove home with telling force was his division of greed into greed for money and greed for power.

"The lust for power is infinitely the worse. The greed for money can be curbed by law, but the greed for power seizes the law itself for its ends."

He quoted from Roosevelt's message to congress a passage which reveals the greatest danger which any centralized government creates,—the building up of "new instruments of public power". Roosevelt himself admitted that "in other hands" these instruments "would provide shackles for the liberties of the people".

Another idea which deserves the thoughtful consideration of the American people is that much of the so-called recovery is enjoyed by the speculative classes. The Statesman has previously developed the same point,—that is a period of instability, of monetary changes, etc., the ones who thrive the most are the speculators. They leap cleverly from crest to crest, while the masses are caught in ebb tides and troughs.

While the former president did not hesitate to use his spurs he held his address to the "mold of courtesy, good humor, hard hitting, and above all to the intellectual honesty which Lincoln kept in all his fateful years" which he defined as the standard which ought to prevail in the debate over the great issues of the day.

Hoover is keeping the debate to those issues. The spokesmen for the new deal are trying to divert public thinking by condemning Al Smith or Hoover, which is not the question before the country today.

Townsend Inquiry

THE house of representatives is assuming the aggressive on the Townsend side of the business. This is considerable. At the Townsend convention last summer the organization admitted having received over \$600,000 from the grandpas and grandmas who made that investment in bringing to pass the \$200 a month apiece for all over 60.

Regardless of the sincerity of many of the humble followers of Doctor Townsend, there are men in the upper levels who keep their eye on the Main Chance. It may be a fat job with the privilege to own and drive Pierce Arrow cars. It may be the chance of being swept into a lucrative public office. Or it may be just a small bore job of being district organizer or lecturer.

It is probable that for a time the Townsend leaders will be busy preparing their expense accounts and reports for the scrutiny of the inquisitors. They will then have less time for putting congressional candidates on the spot. We doubt if they uncover any big time graft. But when a mushroomed organization can spend a half a million dollars in the space of a comparatively few months there is bound to be many of the we-get-ours type to share the distribution.

Warning Repeated

THE federal reserve advisory board repeated its warning to the federal reserve board that the materials are at hand for vast credit inflation. We are using printing presses to create credit through printing government bonds which immediately are lodged in the banks, private investors being unwilling to buy them in the blocks in which they are emitted.

One trouble now is the government must keep interest rates down in order to float vast bond issues at low rates. The accepted way to put brakes on credit expansion is by raising interest rates. That is where the federal reserve board is handicapped because now it is the tool of the treasury. Inflation has already started. There still is time enough for application of controls. History shows however that political bodies are generally too timid to put on clamps to harness inflation, until the bubble bursts of its own over-expansion.

The Great Game of Politics

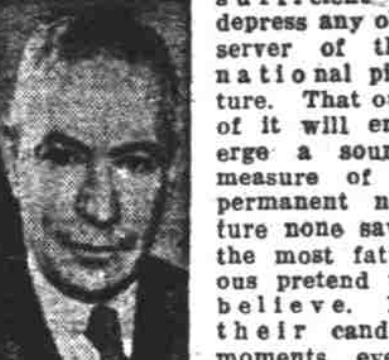
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Mixed With Politic

Washington, Feb. 13.

THE mess in congress over finding a substitute for the late AAA, recently killed by the court, is sufficient to depress any observer of the national picture.



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deal agricultural salvationalists cherish no such notion.

The original AAA was jammed through to meet a crisis, in face of warnings that it was unsound, legally and economically. No great bill was ever enacted with less real consideration. Its popularity with the farmers was largely due to the steady flow of federal checks which followed agreements to cut down production.

MR. HENRY WALLACE, the honest-minded secretary of agriculture, himself expressed not only distrust but detestation of the direction. It is, however, easy to understand that with the stream of checks flowing, the farmers should have warmed toward Mr. Roosevelt and their support of him becom his chief political asset.

FRIENDLINESS, in that case, might easily turn into resentment. Therefore, following the court's decision, the job was first to provide for an appropriation large enough to send out the fall checks, which the president had promised, and second, to find an acceptable legislative proposal to "carry on".

THERE seems slight doubt that the taxes to raise \$500,000,000 will be passed under the administration whip, but no one can possibly tell what sort of bill will emerge. Doubts of both the practicality and the constitutionality of the administration plan have arisen.

VARIOUS republican plans will be proposed as amendments, some based on the Hoover suggestions, some on those of Governor Landon. A disposition is being shown in both the house and senate committees to write bills of their own.

Unlike other infectious diseases, whooping cough cannot be spread directly. By this it means that the disease can only be passed on to others by contact with the one who actually has the disease.

Twenty Years Ago

February 14, 1916

Eight persons died in New York today from cold which registered two degrees above zero.

Warning Repeated

February 14, 1926

General contractors of Eugene declared "open shop" last night, the first organized move of its kind in the city.

Ten Years Ago

February 14, 1926

Better than a home a day has been attracted by Salem builder in February, building permits reveal.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The city of Stayton and its trade district have interesting history:

(Continuing from yesterday:) Resuming the text of the letter of Mrs. G. F. Korinek: "While the family were crossing the plains Rev. Jeter married five couples and also preached a funeral sermon."

"Rev. Jeter organized the Baptist church here (the land for the church having been donated by W. H. Hobson and Uriah Whitney, with the proviso that the building was to be used as a meeting place for the Masonic lodge, until such time as a lodge hall was built.)"

"The Jeters are well known throughout church circles in Virginia. A cousin of Mrs. Stayton, J. B. Jeter, in collaboration with Richard Fuller, prepared a Baptist song book which was printed in England. Her grandfather, Rev. Jeremiah Bell Jeter, was well known as an early day author of religious books."

"When Mrs. Stayton was a little girl back in Missouri some Union soldiers came past her father's farm and stole a riding mare and saddle, a rifle and fowling piece. Her grandfather, living with them at the time, remonstrated and one of the soldiers spoke to him insultingly. The mother told the soldier he should be ashamed for speaking so, to an old man. About six weeks later they got the mare back, but nothing was ever seen of the saddle or guns."

"Mrs. Anna Stayton and her brothers and sisters went to school in a small school house on the 'Uncle Perry' Darby place west of Stayton. Another cousin, Mrs. Sarah, the oldest of the children, married Thomas Darby; Anna, the next, married Drury E. Stayton; Matilda married Joseph L. Brown of Dallas, and Blanche married Alfred Goin of Jefferson, Mo. Her grandfathers, Rev. Martha Williams of Linn county, and James B. who also lives here, married Lilly Bates, also of Linn county."

"For many years Elias Jeter operated the Buena Vista ferry, starting around 1899. Later he worked as a contractor and build-

er in Portland. He often visits his sister here. "The Staytons had been here for several years before the Jeters came, Drury Smith Stayton coming from Missouri with an immigrant train in 1852. His donation land claim comprised the present O. V. Meyers farm and the Theo. Minden farm, between Stayton and Sublimity."

"He built his first home near where the O. V. Meyers house now stands, later building a fine large house on the Stayton-Sublimity road. This house was torn down about ten years ago, when Mr. Minden purchased the property and erected a modern home on its site."

"Drury Stayton at one time owned the whole block where the Women's club house now stands on Second street on the west and where Stayton's business section is now located on the east. This block was in his townsite of six blocks, laid out in 1878. (The plat filed Sept. 27, 1872.) Later this block was sold to Dr. McCauley, early day physician in this section. The house was destroyed by fire several years ago."

"The Drury S. Staytons had nine children: Gabriel, who married Selecta Gardner, sister of A. D. Gardner, sr.; Moses, who married Sarah E. Thomas, better known to local people as Betty and who died last year; Tommy, who married a Bitten girl from the Sco county; Drury E., who married Anna Jeter; Govie, who remained unmarried; Lattie, who was killed in a train wreck in Eastern Oregon. The young man, who was an engineer, was making his last run, as he was about to board the ferry when he was struck by the train. He was killed on the west side of the Bay, the trip itself would have taken about fifty minutes. Allowing him time to conceive the idea of murder, to secure his car and a gun, and to drive to the ferry wharf, he would have arrived at Connie's apartment at just about nine-fifteen."

"We know the murderer must have left by nine-thirty. Making close connections with the return boats he would have got back to his hotel between 10:15 and 10:30. All that remained was to check with his garage about the car and with the hotel as to the time of his return."

Ain't it Grand to Have a Steady Feller!



"HIGH SCHOOL TRAGEDY" By MAXINE CANTY

CHAPTER XXXII

Naturally, my father's attitude was important to me. He considered the possibility that Bruce was the murderer very seriously. I could see, and the possibility that he would come to trial as assured. It did seem as if the police would have to go so far as to press a complete case against him. Bruce's own words, he had established a motive, fear and anger and infatuation. He had given the immediate cause in Connie's pitiful little note. He admitted that he had no alibi."

"I had watched the papers closely for any break about Bruce. Nothing happened. Dad said that O'Brien was questioning him. He was surprised himself that no charge had been lodged against him. On Friday, O'Brien asked me to stop at the office after school, and I learned part of the reason for the delay. He had wanted to investigate another angle."

"When you and I visited Mrs. Sardon, Miss Julie, your bright eyes saw a thin spot in the ceiling. Atwater went up there and found out that it covered an unused register in Miss Sinclair's living room. The register is open from the upper apartment, but covered with the ceiling paper from the lower. A relic of the days before steam heat was installed."

"Does that mean anything, Inspector?" "He shook his head. "Probably not. But I decided before proceeding against anyone else to inquire a little more closely about Perkins. We've had him here on the grill all day. All we've got out of him is that he was in love with Miss Sinclair."

"What do you think so?" "I thought she was extraordinarily beautiful; the jade green was the shade of her eyes, and her skin was of transparent whiteness; the gold coat was like the light of her hair."

"How did you take that?" "Perkins!" "I—I guess I was jealous." "You know you were. You flew into a rage, didn't you?" "Then she said some wild things." "Then she asked you to leave?" "Yes."

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Health

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D.

WHOOPING COUGH is one of the most widely prevalent and contagious diseases. It is especially common in children. Usually the child contracts the disease before the tenth year.

No doubt you will be astonished to learn that in 1934 this disease caused more deaths among children than diphtheria, scarlet fever combined, and typhoid fever combined. It is dangerous in early childhood and especially so in infancy.

Whooping cough is a dangerous disease because of its complications. More than three thousand infants die each year from broncho-pneumonia which has followed whooping cough.

While the children were quite small Drury E. Stayton had a severe illness and doctors said he would not recover. "Mrs. Stayton realized it was up to her to provide the living for the family. As a little girl she was interested in millinery, designing hats from leaves and flowers. She had for some time made her own hats and those of her daughters."

"What was more natural than that she should open up a millinery shop? So with her sister Matilda as a partner, they established their millinery store. She ran this store for 25 years. During that time she and her sister sold out and she 'trimmed' two years for the new owner. Later she and her daughter, Matilda bought the store back and operated it until about 1917."

Drury Stayton did not regain his health and lived for twelve years, a victim of lingering consumption, as it was called in those days. (Continued tomorrow.)

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

PROPOSES ROAD FUND CHANGES

To the Editor:

In regard to the millions of dollars collected by the state for automobile licenses and gasoline tax, it would seem in fairness to everyone that this money might be usefully employed and no longer be a burden to the state.

There are two ways to accomplish this that would be reasonable and fair. First let the state highway department take over all county roads for improvement.

Second, allocate to each county from the highway fund a percentage of road mileage in each county exclusive of roads now improved. Either plan would put many men to work, improve many roads and save the state a great deal of money at heavy expense by the counties, such as school bus routes, mail routes, cream trucks, some roads are in use by all this traffic.

We are all proud of our paved highways, but unfortunately some of us have to travel many rough, muddy or dusty miles to get to them. We all pay the same license fee and gasoline tax.

Yours for better roads, H. G. SEELY.

Missionary Is Heard

At Songfest Staged at Domaschofakys' Home

PIONEER, Feb. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Domaschofakys entertained the "sings" at their home Sunday. After the bountiful dinner Mrs. David Barytce, a missionary on furlough from Bolonga,

Africa, told of her work in the jungle. Fred Curtis favored with a guitar solo. The next "sing" will be held the second Sunday in March at the Carl McBee home.

Blue Birds Arrive

DAYTON, Feb. 13.—Many blue birds were seen flying about in the sunshine here earlier this week.