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### THE HOOVER ACCEPTANCE

FOR two things the Hoover acceptance speech is remarkable. It explains, more than any previous utterance, the Hoover philosophy of government. It clarifies, for the first time, the Hoover attitude on prohibition. For the rest, it is a very clear, methodical, and even modest explanation of the Hoover policies in combatting depression. It is the best, by far, of the many Hoover statements. In it, the President seems to have shaken free of the political advisers who have sought always to have him conceal his personality in ambiguities. In the acceptance speech, we seem to have Herbert Hoover, himself, at last, talking to the people quite plainly and earnestly. It is a speech which will create confidence in the man and his administration.

The prohibition statement is, of course, the most startling announcement, and the one which will be most discussed, although not the most important. Hoover favors a modification of the 18th amendment but not complete repeal of federal supervision of liquor distribution. By federal law, the saloon must be barred throughout the nation. The rest, he would leave for the states to handle by local option with support from the federal forces to guarantee the results of local choice. As a program, it is a sensible "step down" from what we are attempting now. Neither extreme dries nor extreme wets will be satisfied with the Hoover scheme, but it will appeal to many thoughtful people for this very reason. Mr. Hoover does not seem to be "catering for votes." He speaks the decision of a man who has reached a conclusion on a difficult issue after long and careful deliberation.

The Hoover "philosophy," as it is revealed in the acceptance is much more interesting and important than the prohibition stand. Hoover opposes extreme centralization of power at Washington. He sees the federal government mainly as an agency for co-ordinating the activities of state and local government and for providing them support in time of need. The whole reconstruction program is built on this concept. In effect, says Hoover, "government should begin at home." Though promising that the national government will correct and prevent abuses, Hoover glorifies the tradition of "individual freedom," and he is clever in setting it out in contrast with the "dictatorships of class and mass" to which other peoples have succumbed. The Hoover position is historically correct. The question is whether in the light of modern economic groupings, divisions of functions in old geographic and political lines can be sustained.

As to world problems, the conservatism, the "traditionalism" of Hoover is ever more apparent. He is intensely "national." He is for "protective tariffs." He opposes debt cancellations—except where (by hints) there may be trade preferences in exchange. For world peace, he places main reliance in "mechanisms" such as the World Court, the Kellogg Pact, proportionate arms reductions. Though he speaks of the impossibility of "national isolation" in these days of world interchange, his policy calls for a maximum isolation and for faring forth only well armed.

First defense against the blows of world-wide economic confusion; then counter-attack (presumably the President has in mind the five-day week and similar social reforms). Always resistance to hysterical changes which would violate the traditional ideals of the republic. That is Hoover policy. Even those who believe that many of the old traditions and concepts will have to be altered to meet the changing times will concede that Hoover policy has been a bulwark against many follies which might have aggravated hard times.

The Hoover policy, as it is now clarified, offers various certainties. The question before the voters is whether to take a ship carpenter or let the pilot steer through the storm.

### JOBS FOR YOUNG MEN

IN the Mail Bag the other day, we printed a thought-provoking letter from a young man, Norman Kabler, of Creswell, who bemoans the lack of opportunity for very young men. You see a group of youths basking in the "old swimming hole," writes Mr. Kabler, and you think they are supremely happy. They are not. They would much rather be at work, but there are no jobs for "mere boys." Ahead lies a ghastly dread of a drifting future.

We think of the jobless mainly as "old men." Much has been said as to the cruelty of an industrial system which "discards a man at 40." We have a youth problem also. There are no more frontiers to absorb the bold youth displaced by economic crowding. On the desk is a U. P. dispatch from Washington estimating "hoboes under 21" at 200,000. Yuma, Arizona, alone reports feeding 6000 boy wanderers between Nov. 1 and March 15. Kansas City estimates 1500 daily. Mere boys, many of them with high school or even some college training, are learning "life in the jungles."

It is a situation which doesn't "laugh off." The stronger and more adventurous will find outlets perhaps in foreign countries, hazardous occupations. Many with special skills and talents will find special employments. Some will surmount all difficulties by sheer perseverance and mastery of some trade or profession. Too many will be demoralized and become either "floaters" or criminals.

A mechanized civilization has narrowed down the "years of opportunity." Reforms such as the shorter working day and the shorter working week which would spread opportunity for employment are difficult to achieve and slow in coming—though they will come. The competition of women in employment is not a problem easy of solution.

What can youth do? In spite of the large numbers of "educated" who can't find work, we would stress the importance of education, if for nothing else than understanding the complex nature of the world in which the individual must struggle. More than ever before thoroughness and mastery of knowledge are important. Modern industry is hard

on those who have only "half-knowledge." It is hard on those who are dull or lazy or too easily contented.

There ARE opportunities—for those who are alert and for those who are not satisfied with merely clinging to the payroll. In every field of industry and science and art there is opportunity for those who have the instinct of exploration.

An advancing social order in time will find useful work even for those of middling ability, but the wise youth will spend many of those bright moments by the swimming hole figuring how his own talents can be put to use without waiting for society to discover them.

### GREETINGS TO A VISITOR

DR. GEORGE FREDERICK ZOOK, president of Akron university, distinguished educator, is in Oregon. There is a possibility that Dr. Zook may be invited to be the chancellor of the new unified system of higher education in Oregon. There is no certainty that Dr. Zook will be the chancellor. In fact, there is no certainty that he will want to be the chancellor.

Dr. Zook's position is a bit like that of the bridegroom going to meet the bride's family. Taking charge of a great state educational system is a life work and it is just about as serious as marrying. It is necessary not only to endure the bride but a whole raft of uncles and cousins and miscellaneous relatives.

As this is written, we are told that Uncle Joe Dunne, up in Portland, has been making quite a fuss about the distinguished visitor. Nobody but "an Oregon man" shall have "our Nell," says the Senator. We hope Dr. Zook will not be offended by Uncle Joe's manners. Uncle Joe really should remember that Dr. Zook has something to say in this matter. After all, Uncle Joe is only one member of the family, and if he's rather blunt, it's just a way we have out here.

Most of us are very anxious to get a first class man for chancellor, and most of us have no prejudices against "furriners," because when you come to think of it, most of us in Oregon (or our daddies or granddaddies) came from somewhere. The man who can give us the leadership we are needing will have a most cordial welcome here.

In any event, we hope Dr. Zook has a pleasant visit in Oregon. We hope he carries away a good impression of us and of our schools and of what we are trying to do here. If he is moved to want to be our chancellor, it will be undoubtedly because he wants to be an Oregonian. There is no ambition higher.

### BUSINESS MOVES CAUTIOUSLY

BUSINESS is moving cautiously to take advantage of the promised economic upturn. Profit taking has destroyed most of the gains made in the last week by stocks and bonds and securities. Commodity prices are holding their gains more firmly, but business is not inclined to take recovery for granted. Further proofs that the industrial storm is over will be necessary to restore the confidence which three years of depression have shaken.

The most hopeful signs of recovery are not in the statistics of the so-called experts but in the reports of buyers returning from central markets. Buyers report not only advancing prices but actual difficulty in filling orders. One Eugene merchant, just back from San Francisco, predicts a 25 per cent increase in clothing prices before we are many weeks older.

Manufacturers as well as merchants are "down to the boards." Rather than take chances on public demand they have under-estimated it. An actual shortage of supply in many lines is an omen of fall and winter activity that may bring relative prosperity.

There can be no complete recovery, however, unless ways are found to spread employment and consequently buying power. The Hoover movement to bring about a shorter working week is the most hopeful activity in this direction. There are many, however, who feel that there are limits beyond which it is impossible to stabilize industry by purely national action. As they see it, world trade must be restored before there can be any long run prosperity.

It is not correct to say that business depends on political policies, but in the next year or so, business is going to be influenced powerfully by national policies shaped at Washington.

### SMALL BOYS AND MR. HILL

"IF I'd been Ralph Hill, I'd a socked 'em." "Ya would not. You'd a been thrown out of the race and out of the Olympics and you'd a had the whole country booing you instead of this guy from Finland."

"I'd a socked 'em anyhow, after it was all over." "Ya would not. You wouldn't be big enough anyhow, and besides, after he'd give you his medal how could ya?"

"I'd a rather won the race than have the medal." "What'd you say, Skinny, which would you rather have, first place in the 5000 meter Olympics or the Finn's medal?"

"I'd rather be a hero like Ralph Hill." "You're crazy."

"Who's crazy?"

"It ain't crazy to be a gentleman, ever. Look at what all the sport writers said about it."

"I bet Wildcat Pete would a socked 'em."

"Wildcat Pete, ya! That's rascal." You're supposed to sock 'em when you rascal."

"Ya ain't supposed to sock 'em too too hard, though. I don't see why Hill couldn't just kick 'em on the ankle."

"Sportsmanship's the main thing, though. You ain't a sportsman, are ya?"

"Who ain't a sportsman? I wasn't the one that crabbled when Lefty socked that ball into the river the other day, was I?"

"Anybody would crab to lose his ball."

"Hill wouldn't crab. You said so. The important thing is to be a gentleman."

For the weekend, our best suggestion is an early start and a long drive up the South Fork of the McKenzie or around the Coast loop from Florence to Reedsport and home through the new tunnel.

South Carolina is going to grow fireproof trees. That may suit South Carolina but what we need in Oregon is a fireproof camper.

"Words of Praise Pour in on Hoover," says a headline. Mr. Hoover should tell 'em to say it with votes in November.

### "Acceptances" Speeches of Every Day Life



### WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E. PALMER—  
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JAY FRANKLIN, noted political writer: "Every thinking American realizes that there is no longer any real difference between Republicans and Democrats, that campaign promises are never kept in their entirety, and that neither party can divest itself of its economic and geographic ideas pledged to political action."

Edmund B. Chaffee: "There is a sin which I venture to assert has done more harm to the human race than any other. It is the sin of living without work. When I use the expression, 'living without work,' I use this expression merely for brevity. I mean the urge within all of us to get away from the stress and strain of working to supply our own economic wants by shifting the burdens to the backs of our fellows. Out of it grow our gigantic social ills, poverty, imperialism and war."

Richard C. Cabot, M. D., nationally known doctor and teacher of Social Ethics in Harvard: "The Wets complain of bootlegging, of riches and power in the hands of criminals, of the bribing of officials and the corruption of those who ought to enforce the law. But who corrupts them? Who gives the criminals power to corrupt? Of course, it is the wets. They shoot holes in Prohibition and then complain that it isn't bullet proof."

Thomas Nixon Carver, Economist, Harvard University: "For months these 'Crusaders' for booze did not see where their argument was leading them, and now they are trying to wiggle out of it. But it is too late now for them to get out under the pot which they have dug for themselves. Under their plan, unless people drink more than they are drinking at present, it would not take any more time to produce the liquor than it does now. If it didn't take any more time than it does now, the unemployment situation wouldn't be helped at all."

T. Swann Harding: "As Dr. Edith

Elmer Wood said, 'Some day America will inevitably awake to the cost of bad housing. The wanton wastefulness of it will trouble the American sense of efficiency. As a progressive manufacturer ruthlessly scraps obsolete machinery so will the up-to-date town scrap its obsolete dwellings.' Smaller and far poorer countries are doing this. Bankrupt Austria has done it. The city of Vienna has found governmentally constructed and leased buildings a sound investment."

Frank H. Simonds, Foreign Editor of "Review of Reviews" since 1914: "The advent of Hitler to power in Germany will multiply the obstacles to any economic or financial improvement in Germany because it will accelerate the flight of German capital from the mark. Far from encouraging necessary foreign loans, it will intensify the eagerness of the unhappy lenders of the past to recover their capital. Hitler has promised his followers national health, wealth and happiness. But his coming can only accentuate poverty."

George Soule, writing in August issue of "Harpers": "Are We Going to Have a Revolution?" says: "It looks as if we had begun to float on a revolutionary tide, but were still far from its flood. Prophecy of this sort is extremely uncertain. . . . But of one thing I am sure. As long as people wait for the downtrodden and the helpless to produce a revolution, the revolution is far away. Revolutions are made not by the weak, the unceasing, or the ignorant, but by the strong and informed. They are processes, not merely of decay and destruction, but of advance and building. An old order does not disappear until a new order is ready to take its place."

Ernest H. Wilkins, president of Oberlin College: "Religion consists of the willing and cooperative consciousness of the interrelations of all life and of the creative spirit which moves through all life, together with the activities which follow from such consciousness."

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

#### FIRE SERVICE, ETC.

EUGENE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—You have expressed exactly what I think of the compromise plan of limiting the fire department of the city going farther than five miles. I am backing you to the limit. I believe that we should answer the call of any town or village of the county within a radius of twenty miles. If volunteers are needed to go with the equipment I am willing to offer myself as the first volunteer when the truck answers the call of another city. You just beat me to it and made the first protest. I come second.

It is the same paper I noticed a picture with its caption that I believe should be protested. The picture was Tuesday's Side Glances. I quote the caption: "Four o'clock—The boys back at the office are dropping down to the 'Speck' for a couple beers just about now." Mr. Editor, the picture itself was all right if another caption was used but I did not think that you were interested in teaching your children and other men's children scorn for all by such insidious suggestion as that caption was. I did not think that the Guard stood for such stuff.

Why fault a law that can be repealed, if ever it can, by such tactics? I sincerely believe that you did not realize the harm such suggestions do. It is for this reason that I am writing this protest to you. I respectfully ask that you consider such captions and their harm before you print them. I do not ask you to not print such but leave it to your sense of fair sportsmanship not to use such unfair methods as those captions are in defiance of law.

Sincerely yours,

C. MADISON LANDAKER

LIFE'S SHIP

If you make a little slip, hang on! Now don't you lose your grip. Hang on!

Life's ship cuts lots of capers; It may throw you in the breakers. So take a firmer grip. Hang on!

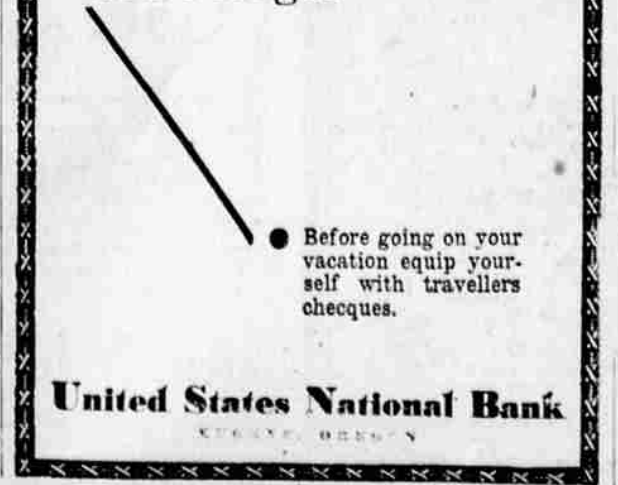
Life sometimes is a glimmer, hang on! May have made your bank account thinner. Hang on!

Life isn't all glory. I am here to tell the story. So take another grip. Hang on!

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