

## HOOVER TOWERS ABOVE ALL CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT, SAYS NEW YORK WORLD

Unyielding Champion Of Human Rights And Responsible Government And An Administrator And Executive Of Highest Order Combines Loftiest Principles Of Both Republican And Democratic Parties And Opposed Only By Greedy Politicians Of Both Parties For Selfish Purposes.

(From the New York World.)  
In the judgment of the World the best equipped and best qualified man to succeed Woodrow Wilson as president of the United States is Herbert C. Hoover.

We should be glad to support Mr. Hoover as the democratic candidate for president on a platform that represented the historical principles of the democratic party. We should be glad to support him as an independent candidate on a platform of progressive liberalism. We should not hesitate to support him as the republican candidate on a platform representing the kind of government which Mr. Hoover has exemplified in his public career.

**Chief Objections.**  
Among the democratic politicians the chief objection to Mr. Hoover is that he has been successively a republican and a progressive, but has never affiliated with the democratic organization, although he was appointed to office by President Wilson and was the most distinguished of all the president's lieutenants during the war.

Among republican politicians the chief objection to Mr. Hoover is that he never was an organization republican and that in the fall of 1918 he had the independence and courage to urge the election of a congress that would work harmoniously with President Wilson. If the country had followed Mr. Hoover's wise and practical advice it would not today be the victim of a deadlocked government which is virtually unable to function.

**Arguments in Favor.**  
The partisan objections to Mr. Hoover are arguments in his favor. The American people are tired of professional politicians and disgusted with party politics. The old party lines have broken down so far as the rank and file of voters are concerned, and in respect to principles both parties are bankrupt. Although the spirit of partisanship has rarely been more bitter or more brutal, and never since secession has it been more inimical to the welfare of the country, the battle of these warring politicians is a fictitious conflict.

Mr. Taft was Mr. Wilson's opponent for the presidency in 1912; yet in so far as fundamental questions of government are concerned it would be difficult to detect any important differences between Mr. Taft and Mr. Wilson. Mr. Hughes was Mr. Wilson's opponent in 1916 and it would be equally difficult to detect any important differences between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Wilson. They might disagree about this policy or that policy, but in so far as their public utterances of the last three years are an index to their political principles, these differences would be personal rather than partisan in any true sense.

**What's the Difference.**  
And if one wished to carry the parallel further he might well ask what there is to distinguish a democrat like Attorney General Palmer from a republican like Speaker Sweet of the New York assembly. Both of them have set forth to establish a new doctrine of Prussianism which is a veritable crucifixion of the spirit of American institutions.

Abraham Lincoln declared in his first inaugural that—  
"This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it." The Palmer and the Sweet are seeking to set up a wholly opposite theory, which is that the government no longer belongs to the people, but that the people belong to the government, and have acquired a subject status under which their most elementary rights and liberties can be denied whenever the government itself undertakes to regard those rights and liberties as sedition or inimical.

**Party Lines Political.**  
It is needless to say that when democrats and republicans can unite in the advocacy of such a construction of the powers of government under free institutions and when democrats and republicans can unite in resisting such an invasion of American traditions, party lines have become artificial and party adherence has degenerated into a mere matter of prejudice, habit, self-interest and cynicism.

This is not a year for partisan candidates in any sense in which that term has previously been employed in politics. Party labels there must be, because the party label has been established by law; but when the republican national committee is forced to offer a prize for a platform, it is ridiculous to pretend that there is anything which resembles a genuine cleavage of public opinion along party lines on the question that confronts the country. What is going on is merely the maneuvering of ambitious politicians who are waiting to see which issues are expedient and which are not.

**Destiny of Principal.**  
Although the two parties are destined of principle, they still retain some of their former characteristics, and Mr. Hoover combines the best of these characteristics in both parties. The republican boast, and not without reason (if the record of the Sixty-sixth Congress can be ignored for the time being), that they represent efficiency in the administration of government. Mr. Hoover has proved himself one of the greatest administrators of all time. His achievements are among the miracles of the war, and when Europe speaks of efficiency it no longer speaks of it in terms of Germany but in terms of Hoover.

If the democrats cannot successfully challenge the republican claim to superior administrative ability, they have honestly claimed that except for the brief period when the party organization had become a chattel of the war-holding oligarchy the democratic party has been the great champion of individual rights and the liberator of the people. It is essential to the party of the Hill of Rights and of the constitutional

guarantees of freedom, the unpromising assertion of which was never more needed than it is today. In spite of the Southern Prohibitionists and the reactionary practices of Attorney General Palmer and Postmaster General Burleson, the individual Democrat, who is a Democrat on principle, has not lost their characteristics. The instincts of the great mass of Democracy still tend to keep it a party of the common people, not in the sense of the demagogue but in the sense of Thomas Jefferson. They are still struggling whenever the opportunity offers and a free play of Democratic sentiment is permitted by party organization, against those centralizing tendencies that are turning the Government of the United States into an autocracy of bureaucrats.

If Mr. Hoover is a Republican in respect to administrative capacity, he is a Democrat in respect to decentralization and human rights. The argument for his nomination does not stop there. One of the great organs of British Liberalism, the London Nation, recently declared that Mr. Hoover was the ablest man that the war had produced. Of the men who were without high reputation when the conflict began, there can be no question that he is the most commanding figure that emerged out of this welter of the nations. Such ability is not to be held lightly as a time like this. The American people are going to need it, and need it badly.

**Candidates inadequate.**  
Most of the candidates who have thus far announced themselves, Democrats and Republicans alike, estimable gentlemen though they may be, are so inadequate, in view of the issues that the next president must meet, that their aspirations are little short of ridiculous. Men who have no conception whatever of what is going on in the world and no understanding of the problems that must be met are boldly offering themselves for an office for which even the best mind and the strongest talents are hardly adequate.

Of all the men whose names have been mentioned, The World believes that Mr. Hoover alone measures up to the presidency in the fullest sense. It is not a happy state of affairs in which the American people find themselves, but it is an inevitable state of affairs in view of the political practices which they have tolerated during the last twenty years. They allowed Mr. Bryan to club every Democrat into submission who was not at heart a Populist, and they allowed Mr. Roosevelt to put the Wall Street brand on every Republican who would not meekly endorse "My Policies." The result of it is that the blood of both the political parties was seen impoverished, and in the course of the contests between the right wings and left wings of both organizations, men of ability who might well have aspired to a political career have sought some other means of service.

**Wilson An Accident.**  
Woodrow Wilson, of course, was a political accident. He obtained the Democratic nomination in consequence of the bitter conflict between the Bryan Democrats and the Ryan Democrats, and slipped into the White House because Theodore Roosevelt was determined to destroy William Howard Taft for the offense of insubordination. He has maintained himself not because of the love and affection in which he is held by the politicians of the Democratic Party, but by the sheer power of the most penetrating and dominant intellect ever known in the White House. When a venomous partisanship that could not deal with him on a place of mental equality succeeded in breaking him down, nervously and physically, the American people suddenly discovered that they were without leadership and that their Government had ceased to operate.

Unless his successor is equally capable of achieving the leadership of the country by force of ability, character and conviction there will be no leadership, and throughout the period of reconstruction we shall have nothing better than an imitation Government manipulated by the managing politicians of the party that happens to carry the elections.

**Rights in Jeopardy.**  
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the very verge of anarchy, and on the other hand conservatism has joined hands with Bourbonism to destroy liberty in order to maintain the extreme individualistic theory of property rights. Between these two greedy groups of fools and fanatics, there is a great middle ground which is held by the vast majority of Americans and which they will continue to hold under competent leadership, but competent leadership there must be, and no man better embodies it than Herbert C. Hoover.

He has worked with his hands, and he knows from personal experience the point of view of the man who works with his hands. He has been a director of labor, in great enterprises and he knows from personal experience the responsibilities and difficulties of the director of labor. He knows the economic condition of the world better, perhaps, than any other American, and economic understanding is now a vital element in government. He knows the diplomacy and the politics of Europe as few Americans have ever known them. Moreover, he knows them at first hand, as he knows conditions in the Far East at first hand, and such a knowledge is essential to any intelligent direction of the foreign affairs of the United States.

**What Hoover Represents.**  
Those Americans who want a business man for president can find him in Mr. Hoover, who has brilliantly managed one of the most successful business undertakings known to history. Those who want a progressive in the White House will find in him an instinctively democratic progressive. Those who want administrative ability will find in him administrative ability of the highest order which has proved itself on three continents. Those who want an unyielding champion of human rights and a responsible government under law will find in him a candidate about whom they need have no misgivings.

The presidency of the United States is a varying office, its constitutional qualifications are fixed and rigidly defined, but its other qualifications change with circumstances. After this war it can never again be safely made a refuge for a parochial politician of negative character who owes his nomination to the fact that the managing politicians of his party think well of him as a dispenser of patronage and that so far as the rest of the country is concerned, there is nothing to be said against him.

**Hoover Towers Above All.**  
In point of ability, in point of experience, in point of capacity to deal comprehensively with the new problems of reconstruction, Mr. Hoover towers above all the candidates who have been brought into the contest. There are no arguments against him except the arguments that are spawned out of the stagnant waters of professional politics. For itself, The World does not care whether Mr. Hoover calls himself a Democrat or a Republican or a Progressive or an Independent. He is the kind of man that ought to be president of the United States, and he is the man The World intends to support for president of the United States regardless of all the artificial barriers of a debased and discredited partnership.

### Beekeepers Association Opposed to Tourists Bees

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 3.—Members of the Riverside County Beekeeper's association have gone on record against tourist bees.

By this is meant that becomen of this county object to the presence here during the winter of colonies of bees from the middle west, where beekeepers have formed the practice of sending their honey-makers to Southern California when food grows scarce at home.

Riverside beekeepers seek state measures to prevent middle western beekeepers from feeding their bees here at the expense of the local colonies.

Eugene J. Keller of Astoria, a senator has been elected president of the Agricultural club at the Oregon Agricultural college.

## BALLOT TITLES ON 7 MEASURES ARE PREPARED

Ballot titles to seven of the eight referred measures to appear upon the ballot at the special election next May have now been prepared by Attorney General Brown. Five of the measures involve constitutional amendments, the official ballot titles of these reading as follows:

**Restoring Capital Punishment.**  
Purpose: To restore capital punishment by providing by constitutional amendment that the penalty for murder in the first degree shall be death, except when the trial jury shall, by their verdict, recommend life imprisonment.

**Blind School Tax Measure.**  
Purpose: Providing for erection and equipping in Portland an institution for the teaching to the blind the arts and trades deemed advisable by the state board of control; providing a tax levy for 1921 of 1-6 of a mill for erection and equipment, and an annual tax levy, commencing in 1921 of 1-25 of a mill for maintenance, on assessable property in the state and providing that proceeds from the sale of finished products be turned over to the general fund and allowing a certain fixed sum as compensation for labor to such inmates to be paid out of the general fund.

**Limitation of Four Percent State Indebtedness for Permanent Roads.**  
Purpose: To amend section 7 of article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon so as to permit of the creation of debts and liabilities including previous debts and liabilities for the purpose of building and maintaining permanent roads to the amount of four per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state of Oregon, instead of two per cent as now provided by law.

**Crook and Curry County Bonding Amendment.**  
Purpose: To amend section 19 of article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon so as to permit Crook and Curry counties to issue warrants to evidence their involuntary debts and liabilities, and issue bonds to an amount not to exceed two per cent of assessed valuation of all property in the county to fund such warrants, when such bonds shall be authorized by a majority of the legal voters of the county voting on the question at any general or special election, and the county court shall each year thereafter levy a special tax to pay the interest on said bonds and retire the principal thereof at maturity.

**Successor to Governor.**  
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senate governor until such disability is removed, or until such vacancy is filled for the unexpired term of outgoing governor at ensuing general biennial election; of, if both governor and president of senate are unable to discharge gubernatorial duties the speaker of house of representatives shall in like manner become governor until disability removed, or until vacancy is filled at such election.

Two of the measures to be voted on at the May election are proposed laws, the ballot titles for which read as follows:

**Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Educational Aid Revenue Bill.**  
Purpose: Providing for a two tenths of one mill tax for educational financial aid to soldiers, sailors and marines in addition to that now provided by law, and submitting the question whether such taxes shall be levied each year in a sum in excess of taxes levied therein against the amount due year plus six per centum thereof.

**State Elementary School Fund Tax.**  
Purpose: To levy a two mill tax upon all taxable property, commencing with the year 1920 and annually thereafter, for the support and maintenance of public elementary schools; to credit each county with such tax levied therein against the amount due from the county on state taxes and

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to distribute the amount so credited among the several school districts of such county in proportion to the number of teachers employed in the elementary grades in each district and providing said tax is not to be deemed within the constitutional six per cent limitation of section 11 of article I of the constitution of Oregon.

The official ballot title for the measure providing additional revenue for the three state schools has not yet been completed by the attorney general.

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