

Hoover's Boyhood Days In Salem Reviewed In Brief



1—Grandma Mary Minthorn, Herbert Hoover's grandmother; center—Pacific Academy student body at Newberg. Cross mark indicates Herbert Hoover, who was a student at the academy in 1885 when 11 years old. 2—Dr. H. S. Minthorn, Hoover's uncle, who was president of Pacific Academy and who now lives in Newberg. 3—Mrs. Louise Hale, Richard of Portland, who was office associate of Hoover's with the Oregon Land company at Salem. 4—Mrs. H. S. Minthorn, 5—Home of Grandma Mary Minthorn in Salem. 6—Mrs. Mary Miles Morrison, who taught Hoover Latin and English in 18—Herbert Hoover, 11—Herbert Hoover, aged 12. 12—Herbert Hoover, aged 17. These two photographs (copyright Everybody's) show Hoover at the beginning and close of his residence in Oregon.

—Courtesy Oregon Journal.

By Will Carver.
In 1891, Herbert Clark Hoover left Salem. He had studied and worked and saved during his hurried boyhood here, but had not attracted extra attention.

What the man has accomplished, nearly every citizen in the United States knows. Hoover had made good in his chosen profession in the years preceding the war. He left Salem fired with the determination to become a mining engineer and as a member of Stanford's first class graduated with high honors. After graduation Hoover went into the mines of the Sierra Nevada district and worked in various capacities. Finally, by dint of much perspiration, an engineer of international repute who later introduced the Young man to the mining work.

Success Comes.
After this, Hoover's ascent up the ladder of success was sure and steady, the beginning of the world war finding him with a world-wide reputation as an expert in metallurgical matters and with personal interests in English and American mining concerns. In August, 1914, Hoover was preparing to return to Europe, after having rendered valuable service to his home city of San Francisco by aiding in securing European representation at the Panama Pacific exposition.

However, he was called upon to abandon his plans to return to the United States and without hesitation he took charge of the organization for the temporary relief of thousands of Americans, whose letters of credit were worthless because of the war. Hoover bent all efforts in assisting his countrymen to return to the United States.

His services as chairman of relief work in Belgium, and later as United States food administrator in top well known to require repetition.

Of Quaker Family.
When Herbert Clark Hoover came to Salem in 1885, he had been in Oregon for two years, having spent that time at Newberg, where his uncle, Dr. H. S. Minthorn, had been head of Pacific College, the educational institution which had recently been established by the Friends of the church. Herbert with his brother, Theodore, and sister, Mary had come to Newberg from West Lincoln, Iowa, where their parents had died a few years previous to the children's arrival in Oregon.

Joe Hoover, the father of the three children had been a blacksmith in the little town town. He had "prospered" in Iowa with his parents, who were members of the Quaker community that established West Lincoln. Minthorn Hoover, before her marriage to Joe Hoover, had been the "lady of the Minthorn family." Her mother, Mary Minthorn, was a woman who valued education, and when, although a widow, had waged a successful fight in educating her children. Her sons graduated from the university of Iowa, and Hulda had been sent to a private school and later to the same university from which her brothers graduated.

Determination Seen.
Friends and relatives of Herbert Hoover relate that before Hulda Minthorn became the wife of Joe Hoover, she realized that devotion to education had deprived her of a practical knowledge of housewifery. In order to prepare herself for her duties in the

household of her future husband it is not exceptionally brilliant, so far as ready advancement was concerned. Several times he failed in his tests but his sturdy plodding style brought him out a winner in the end.

Willing to Work.
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Death Straps.
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School Children Daniels Denies He Canvass City In Quest of Relief

With 200 suppliant voices of high school boys and girls, entering every office, shop, and home everywhere in the city the campaign here for \$2000 for relief of sufferers in the Near East was given a big boost Friday. With student bodies each assigned districts in which to solicit the high school children, undaunted by the inclemency of the weather, started out to systematically cover the city.

A similar program is being carried out in each city in the United States, it is said. Details of the local campaign were formed by Campaign Manager J. F. Hutchason. Up to a late hour this afternoon no reports of the progress of the students had been made at headquarters for the drive.

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Daniels Denies He Said Japanese A Menace to America

Washington, April 2.—Chairman Paige of the senate naval committee, made public today a letter from Secretary Daniels denying reports published in some newspapers that the secretary had told the committee yesterday that Japan was a menace to the United States.

"I am moved to write you," said Mr. Daniels, "because this publication conveys the impression that he calculated to give a friendly nation a view of the attitude of the secretary of the navy and your committee that is wholly at variance with the attitude of your relations with all countries on the Pacific were most friendly and cordial and that I did not believe any nation mentioned the United States and was sure the country would adopt no policy based upon antagonism to any power in the Pacific."

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Soldiers' Will Is Held To Be Legal

Tacoma, Wash., April 2.—Miss Ruth Vignas, daughter of Rev. Joel Vignas of Auburn, is named sole beneficiary and executrix of the estate of Grover T. Porter of San Diego, Cal., in a will filed today by Miss Vignas his fiancée. Porter was a private in Company E of the 34th infantry of 31st division and was killed in France September 27, 1918.

New Building Now Under Way To Be Occupied As Shop

Construction of a large one story concrete-brick building was started Friday at Perry street across from the Marion hotel. This is on the Max Buren property and the new structure will be an extension to the building owned by Mr. Buren on the Perry and Commercial street site.

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