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## Hoover's Acceptance

If President Hoover in his acceptance speech did nothing else, he sounded the knell of prohibition by abandoning his support of what he was pleased to call the "noble experiment" four years ago. Whether he was inspired by hope of retaining the conservative but wet east or whether his desertion of a futile effort rests on sincere conviction, he takes a stand in advance of his party by demanding a change—instead of resubmission.

Mr. Hoover's last official utterance on prohibition was in his message transmitting the Wickersham report to congress—a message that gave a false impression of the investigation as it was not in accord with the facts. In it he said:

The commission, by a large majority, does not favor the repeal of the 18th amendment as a method of cure for the inherent abuses of the liquor traffic. I am in accord with this view. . . . I do, however, see serious objections to, and therefore must not be understood as recommending, the commissions proposed revision of the 18th amendment which is suggested for possible consideration at some future time.

In the republican national convention, Mr. Hoover used his personal influence and that of his cabinet and federal office holders who comprised its majority, to defeat a wet plank calling for repeal of the 18th amendment, and the adoption of a straddle plank calling for resubmission of the amendment. It was designed to placate the dries and hold the wets.

In his acceptance speech, Mr. Hoover frankly repudiates the dry cause, to which he owed his election, admitting it an ignoble failure. He declares:

It is my belief that in order to remedy present evils a change is necessary by which we reassume a proper share of initiative and responsibility which the very essence of our government demands shall rest upon the states and local authorities. That change must avoid return of the saloon.

It is my conviction that the nature of this change, and one upon which all reasonable people can find common ground, is that each state shall be given the right to deal with the problem as it may determine, but subject to absolute guarantees in the constitution of the United States to protect each state from interference and invasion by its neighbors, and that in no part of the United States shall there be a return of the saloon system, with its inevitable political and social corruption and its organized interference with other states.

Mr. Hoover has borrowed the democratic platform rather than the republican, for after advocating repeal the democratic plank declares:

We urge the enactment of such measures by the several states as will actually promote temperance, effectively prevent the return of the saloon and bring the liquor traffic into the open under complete supervision and control of the states.

We demand that the federal government effectively exercise its power to enable the states to effectively protect themselves against importation of intoxicating liquors in violation of their laws.

The democratic platform is frank and explicit. It openly advocates repeal, and provides the machinery for it, demanding that "congress immediately propose a constitutional amendment to truly representative conventions in the states called to act solely on this proposal." It also favors the immediate modification of the Volstead act to legalize beer.

Mr. Hoover dodges the issue and is still indefinite. He seeks the dry vote by attacking the democratic position, while appealing for the wet vote by endorsing it.

Mr. Hoover however, has given the prohibition cause its final blow by admitting its failure and futility. Both candidates are now pledged to a change, the one definitely, the other indefinitely. The pressure of public opinion is recognized by the president even though it compelled a complete about face and reversal of his four year policy.

## BANCROFT STARS WITH GIBSON IN 'LADY AND GENT'

Two "wise eggs" who were too wise . . .

That in brief, is the story of "Lady and Gent", George Bancroft's latest starring picture, which shows at the Warner Bros. Edinore theater Sunday and Monday.

Pettie Wynne Gibson, latest Hollywood "find," who is soaring to stardom in her own right, plays opposite the virile Mr. Bancroft, and Charles Starrett, James Gleason, John Wayne and Joyce Compton have other leading roles.

Bancroft and Mrs. Gibson are cast as a couple of self styled "big timers" who dwell on the shady side of Broadway, battling merrily with each other and with any one else who crosses their path.

The uneven tenor of their lives becomes even more uneven when Bancroft's best friend suddenly dies, leaving a 12 year old son alone in the world. Just what their responsibilities to the lad are they sit down to consider.

And they reach a conclusion that produces results as whimsical as they are radical.

"Lady and Gent" was written especially for Bancroft by Grover Jones and William Slavens McNutt. Stephen Roberts directed.

Morgan Wallace, James Crane, William Halligan, Billy Butts, Frank McHynn, Sr., Charles Crapewin and Frederick Wallace appear in minor roles.

## SEEK WATER IN LINCOLN COUNTY

The Atlantic Western company of Portland made application to C. E. Stricklin, state engineer, for permits to appropriate water from five different sources for industrial use in Lincoln county. The requests include:

Three second-feet of water from Johnson creek 10 second feet of water from Spencer creek and the south fork of Spencer creek; six second feet of water from Wade creek; five second feet of water from Coal creek and five second feet of water from Moloch creek, all tributaries of the Pacific ocean.

The state game commission requested appropriation of 25 second feet of water from Steamboat creek, tributary of Umpqua river, for fish culture work in Douglas county.

George H. Thomas of John Day was also among those asking large amounts of water. He asked permit to take 10 second feet of water from Canyon creek, tributary of John Day river, for mining in Grant county.

## SALEM TRUCKMAN HAULING WHEAT

Peter Janzen, 21st street this city, has three of his trucks operating between Arlington in eastern Oregon and Portland hauling wheat. Janzen, who was in Salem today, stated that he has 17,000 sacks to haul, all from one ranch. He has three trucks operating, the three of them averaging eight tons a load or 24 tons for the haul.

three, taking them 185 mile a trip into Portland. The wheat was sold for 60 cents a bushel. Janzen said despite proximity of river boats and the railroad he can beat the competition with his trucks both in price and speed of delivery and by buying all his gas in Portland instead of at the other end of the line he can make some money. In addition he hauls gasoline back from Portland for the farmers and makes a little extra profit.

## MONOCLES RULE GERMAN CABINET

Berlin (AP)—The appointment of Franz von Papen's "monocle cabinet," mainly composed of members of the nobility, has called the public's attention to the influence of the old privileged classes.

There are certain branches of the administration in Germany where the preponderance of the nobility never has been seriously challenged, despite the revolution in 1918, which abolished all dynastic and feudal privileges. Outstanding among such traditional domains of the nobility are the army and the foreign service.

Although most of the republic's foreign ministers were simple citizens, their staff remained resplendent with aristocratic names. Thus, of Germany's nine ambassadors, one is a count, two are barons (the third, Baron von Neurath, has just left his London post to assume the ministry), four are noblemen and only one has no "von" to his name.

It may also be recalled that many of the lesser envoys belong to the nobility, especially those serving in countries where diplomatic service is most coveted among the career men.

## PREMIER HERRIOT GETS PROPERTY

Paris (AP)—Because Edouard Herriot, French premier, never has owned an inch of ground in the territory of his ancestors, the deputy from the Vosges, Marc Rucart, asked the Republican association of Epinal to buy a small piece of ground surrounding the place where the premier's parents and relatives lived and died, and make him a present of the deed for the property.

The request has been granted and the association has purchased at Verment, near Senones, a plot of land, the deed for which soon will be presented to the French premier.

## COME FROM ALASKA

Scotts Mills—Miss Lila Brougher, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brougher, arrived here Thursday from Sitka, Ala., where she is doing government nursing. Miss Brougher will be here only a short time as her vacation is limited.

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## ROOSEVELT NOT TO LET COURTS DELAY DECISION

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 13 (AP)—Prospect of a bitter legal battle today overshadowed all developments in the two sessions of the ouster hearing against Mayor James J. Walker with Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt accepting service of a writ delaying his decision until after Friday.

The hearing was adjourned yesterday until 1:30 p. m. Monday. The writ, which may be the entering wedge in lengthy court proceedings, challenges the governor's power to remove Walker. Specifically it directs the governor to show cause next Friday why a writ prohibiting the hearing and removal of Walker should not be issued.

The show cause order is returnable before Supreme Court Justice Ellis J. Staley. Roosevelt informed Supreme Court Justice Harold J. Himman, who issued the writ, that he would not hand down any decision until after Friday. Thereafter, however, the governor let it be known that legal arrangements will not be allowed to hold up a declaration on the mayor's fate.

The court order which may cause powerful political repercussions was obtained by Sidney S. Levine, attorney representing George Donnelly, secretary of the Bronx chamber of commerce. Argument behind the writ is that the home rule amendment to the constitution takes from the governor the power vested in him by the original clauses of the constitution which assert he may remove a mayor.

Should Justice Staley dismiss the writ next week, appeal might be taken. If the appellate division sustained a dismissal the possibility of carrying the question to the court of appeals remained open. Action along these lines would result in a delay of many months.

Yesterday's session of the hearing was marked by bitter argument and legal bickering. John G. Curtin, Walker's attorney, and Roosevelt clashed several times. But in the end the mayor was forced to capitulate in transactions involving nearly \$300,000.

They included: A letter of credit for \$10,000 signed for by the mayor, but paid by J. Allan Smith, a promoter of the Equitable Coach Co., a concern seeking a city wide franchise.

An overdraft of \$3,000 on the same letter of credit. Receipt by Walker of nearly \$250,000 from Paul Block, publisher, as the profits from a joint broker, account operated by Block for the benefit of the mayor.

The mayor's defense briefly was: The letter of credit was arranged by the late Senator Downing; that

he paid \$3,000 towards its purchase and that the credit was used to pay the general expenses of a European party, of which he was a member.

That the Block account was a joint one, the mayor being liable to any losses which might occur.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Aug. 13 (AP)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt sought rest and solitude at his country estate here today, wearied by the ordeal of Mayor Walker's hearing.

Roosevelt's schedule for today called for meetings with several state department officials and a drive to his cottage in Dutchess county.

Tomorrow he will meet Speaker John N. Garner, his running mate. The two are expected to discuss general campaign plans and to outline speaking engagements. Representative Sam Rayburn, of Texas, will accompany Garner.

The governor also planned to lay a cornerstone in Peekskill, then return to Hyde Park, thence to the executive mansion in Albany.

## APPEAL FILED IN SCHOOL TUITION CASE

The expected notice of appeal in the case of M. Weinacht against O. D. Bower, sheriff, was filed in circuit court late yesterday afternoon by James G. Heitzel, attorney for Weinacht. Appeal is to the supreme court from a decision of Judge Lewelling in which he held valid the county high school tuition fund law and this also validates the high school transportation fund unless Lewelling is reversed by the supreme court. Judge Lewelling in handing down his decision sustained a demurrer to the Weinacht complaint and dismissed the case.

It is likely that efforts will be made to have the supreme court advance the case on its docket because of its public importance and also because the high school districts of the county are left at sea as to what they can do the coming school year until they know whether the high school tuition and transportation funds will be available for expenditure.

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## CAMPER FINDS PLANT MISSING OVER CENTURY

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. (AP)—A specimen of plant life, lost for 125 years, was rediscovered here when a widely known naturalist accidentally pressed the button of a flashlight. It was disclosed here upon the return of a botanical expedition from the surrounding mountains.

This root, commonly known as "alum root," with the botanical name of Henckera, was discovered here in 1817 by the German botanist, Pursh. The plant was taken to Germany, where it was transported in his collection.

A few days ago, Dr. Edward T. Wherry, of the University of Pennsylvania, leading an expedition in search of the lost alum root, passed through White Sulphur Springs, where it was first discovered.

Upon the return of the expedition today it was disclosed that while camping at night in the mountains, the noted naturalist was arranging his camp equipment by the light of a small cooking fire, when his hand accidentally struck the bottom of his flashlight, casting a beam of light into the darkness.

Dr. Wherry advanced into the brilliantly illuminated circle, and calling his companions with a shout of joy, placed his hand on the elusive plant which has been lost to science since 1817.

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