

WE HAVE WITH US—

The Various Presidential Aspirants of 1928, Republican and Democratic

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ASHINGTON, April 13. — A beard got Herbert Hoover his first big job and started him on the road to wealth.

That story is one of the most interesting in the whole career of the secretary of commerce, now a candidate for the presidency.

Hoover had worked his way through Leland Stanford university—with an income derived from

his laundry-gathering service, other private enterprises and vacation earnings—and graduated in engineering.

Leaving school, he worked as a laborer in a Sierra mine, to gain experience, before he got a job with Louis Janin, a famous mining engineer on the Pacific coast. Janin told Hoover he needed a clerk who could operate a typewriter and Hoover accepted the place. Then Hoover hurried to his lodgings to spend the next four days learning how to operate a typewriter.

Hoover did not remain a clerk very long. His ability as a mining engineer was pronounced and his reputation and income increased.

For two years he traveled all over the west as an expert on Janin's staff. Janin recognized him as a budding genius and treated him accordingly.

In 1897, when the west Australian gold boom was at its height, a great London mining firm asked Janin to recommend to them an engineer capable to handle new

and a method of extracting it perfected, there still remained the task of organizing the mine and putting it on a systematic, businesslike, dividend-producing basis. Rather a large order for a young man of 23, but Hoover succeeded so well that in two years he was famous throughout the mining world and was drawing a large salary.

Thus began Hoover's 20 years as a mining engineer in all parts of the world. He traveled far and wide—Australia, Russia, China, Korea, Burma and other remote spots—installing American methods and machinery. He lived a



Hoover built dams in the mud for his sons.

properties for them. The salary was \$7,500 a year. Janin picked Hoover, and Hoover started for London to talk to his new bosses.

Janin had one worry, however. The conservative Britishers had insisted that their man be at least 35 years old. Janin, in his recommendation, had said that Hoover was just 23; he hardly felt he could add more than 10 years to the young man's age. So Hoover, en route to London, grew a beard.

On his arrival he was greeted by his new employer with the remark:

"How remarkably you Americans keep your youth! You don't look a day over 25. How the devil do you do it?"

Into the rich west Australian mining region Hoover went, hunting for new mines and developing old ones. It was a desert country, barren and windswept, where water was found only in small springs that were miles apart. The temperature seldom went below 100, even at night.

Thousands of men were working feverishly. They lived in corrugated iron shacks, got along with little water to drink and none at all to wash in.

It was a long way from the home office and Hoover could not ask for advice or instructions when in doubt. It was up to him to decide every question for himself, and lose his job if he decided wrong.

After the ore had been found

rough, open life in jungles and deserts and built up a rugged constitution that today accounts for his excellent health at 54.

His wealth grew to a fortune, and at 40—when the World War broke out and he turned his attention to it—he sold all his holdings, invested in securities and retired from business, to live on his income.

But the call of the engineer is still strong within him. Washington still remembers that during the food administration days—when Herbert Hoover, Jr., and Allen were much younger than they are now—their father used to take them and other children to Rock Creek park and build dams for them in the little streams. The man who then held the nation's food supply in the hollow of his hand sloshed around in rubber boots, got all muddy and sloppy and enjoyed it immensely.

Hoover was in China on a mining job when the Boxer rebellion broke out. With him was his bride, to whom he had been married in California—by a Catholic priest who had dispensation to marry Protestants—just before he sailed. They were in Tientsin when the uprising flamed and the Chinese attacked.

Hoover took an active part in organizing the Americans for defense of the city. He managed to save the life of a wealthy Chinese coal mine owner, one Chang Yen Chow, whom the inter-allied relief forces were on the point of executing as a Boxer sympathizer. Fearing seizure of his property, the canny mandarin signed his mines over to Hoover's company, a sort of trustee. They were developed to the vast benefit of all concerned.

In 1902 Hoover was called to London and made a partner in the great mining company that had sent him to Australia. He had not been there long before an employee absconded with a huge sum, leaving various customers and creditors very much in the lurch.

The senior partner was away at the time. The firm was not legally liable, but Hoover promptly announced that the firm would make all losses good. The senior partner was indignant when he heard of it and hastened back to London to tell Hoover that, for his solicitude, he could have the job of cleaning up the debts. Hoover did it, and by 1906 everything was squared.

Hoover then went into business for himself. He opened mines in Burma, China, Korea, Australia, Russia and the United States. His wealth grew; had he remained in that job for the rest of his life he probably would have amassed one of the great fortunes of the world, comparable to those of Mellon and Morgan.

But fate had it otherwise. In 1914 the World War broke out, changing the whole course of Hoover's life and thrusting him into world-wide prominence. He ceased to be a mining expert and for the next six or seven years he served the world.

Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of four articles describing Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, and the fifth in a series of presidential campaign portraits written for The Guard and NEA Service by Robert Talley. The third article on Mr. Hoover will appear tomorrow.

Tomorrow — Feeding Europe's hungry millions.

Oakridge

OAKRIDGE, April 13.—(Special).—Earl Walker has been recommended for district deputy president, and Jess Flock delegates to I. O. O. F. grand lodge at Roseburg in May.

A petition is being circulated for Mr. Holt, Sr., for justice of the peace in Oakridge and her would undoubtedly make a good one.

Dale Russell was an Oakridge visitor over the week-end, coming over from Lowell where he is now living.

Mrs. Pike returned home the first of the week from Springfield where she assisted with her singing in the revival services held there.

Mrs. Hazel Trosell will leave the first of the week for southern Oregon to make her home with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. S. Stephens were week-end visitors in Eugene.

The grade school will give a dance at I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening to raise money to finish paying for the piano purchased for the school. Both old-time and jazz music will be

furnished during the evening. The revival services are attracting good-sized audiences. This is the last week of the meetings, as they are expected to close Sunday night. The road grader was put in use this week on the streets smoothing out a few bumps. Some gravel would help considerably as the rain keeps all the ruts and holes in the road operating at all times. The High Prairie road, especially, needs considerable work done at once in the opinion of most of the people of Oakridge. The Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. L. Hills last evening. Mrs. O. Nelson was guest of the club for the evening. Lunch was served at a late hour by the hostess. Special music was a part of the Easter services at the church, Sunday. A large audience was present at the morning service.

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Alvadore
ALVADORE, April 13.—(Special).—Mr. Frost hurt his back a few days ago and is taking treatments in Eugene. Harold Drew is ill. He has a touch of the grippe. A number of the young folks of Alvadore went to Junction City to charter a party. They also called on Tommy Fisher and gave him a little racket. Leland Drew returned from Portland, having been gone since Saturday.

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