

# PENNEY SEES MR. HOOVER AS FARMER'S HOPE

### Says Smith Fails to Grasp the Situation and Doubts His Competence.

### HE REMAINS A DEMOCRAT

But Chain Store Owner Opposes Party Nominee—Calls Secretary Sincere and Competent.

J. C. Penney, president of one of the largest chain store organizations in the country, declares that, although he has been a life-long Democrat, he will support Herbert Hoover for the Presidency.

In his declaration Mr. Penney enthusiastically supports Hoover's stand on farm relief, which, he declares, is a matter of business and not of mere laws.

"The well-being of the country rises above partisan issues," said Mr. Penney in a formal statement, "and, while I shall remain a Democrat in the affairs of my state, which is Florida, and have no intention of becoming a Republican, I have a feeling which amounts to a deep conviction that the opportunity to have Herbert Hoover as President is one that we should take.

"Two very important questions are before us—farm relief and prohibition. In the farm question I have an interest as keen as that of any farmer, for of our stores, which number more than a thousand, a majority are in the farm districts. Their prosperity depends on the prosperity of the farmer. I started my first store in Wyoming, and for years all of our stores were in the Western and Middle Western states.

**Knows Farm Problems**  
"I know that country; I was born and lived in it. I know farming and farm problems. For some years I have given a great deal of time and money to studying ways and means of making the farmer more prosperous. I have a tract of 120,000 acres in Florida, on which more than a hundred farm families are working at problems of production and distribution in a business way under the supervision of a well-rounded staff of agricultural experts. Our farmers are making money.

"I have noted that in sections, such as parts of Wisconsin, where the farmers maintain herds of blooded stock they earn profits, whereas the farmer who has poor stock does just as much work and gets no return. This shows in our store incomes. And so I have a demonstration herd of Guernsey cattle, which I take around the country myself in order to teach the lessons of economical production. We are likewise working on beef cattle and sheep.

"The farm problem is not a new one to me, and I am not in it for amusement. In the light of my experience it seems to me that few men have ever shown so slight a grasp of the situation as did Governor Smith—if his acceptance speech is to be taken as his best effort. His lack of understanding is fundamental. He simply does not know what it is all about, and after giving a few unimportant and misleading figures he simply says that he will try to get someone to help him solve it by law.

**Doubts Smith's Confidence**  
"We have had solutions by law through the years, and we narrowly escaped destruction by law in the McNary-Haugen bill. The farm is a business enterprise and must be brought to that level by the leadership of a man who understands both business and farming. That man is Herbert Hoover. He can do for farming what, as Secretary of Commerce, he has done for business and can put it once and for all on a firm foundation. His proposals are direct, comprehensive and wholly practical. He does not just weep on the farmer's shoulder.

"I am a dry. I am in absolute accord with Hoover's stand on prohibition. It is a noble experiment. Entirely aside from the moral aspects of prohibition, I trace to it much of our national prosperity. Governor Smith's proposals are entitled to weight, but I am wholly against them. I will not vote for a wet.

"In short, while I do not doubt Governor Smith's sincerity in his various pleas for election, I more than doubt his competence to grapple with our national problems. I doubt neither Hoover's sincerity nor his competence. And therefore I am going to do all that lies in my power to help towards his election."

**First Girl in 300 Years**  
Toledo, O., Oct. 4. (AC)—Norma Jean Merritt, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Merritt, is the first of her sex born into the Merritt family for 300 years.

**Quite Particular!**  
London, Oct. 6, (AC)—A hen owned by Postman Terry of Epping makes its way to the kitchen of his home, turns out the cat and dog, seats itself on the armchair and lays its eggs.

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# Mr. Ford Paints a Picture



### HUSBANDS ARE GUESTS AT CIVIC CLUB DINNER

Husbands of members of the Springfield Women's Civic club were guests at a dinner at the chamber of commerce Tuesday evening.

This was the first meeting of the group for the fall season. Meetings were suspended during the summer vacation months because many members were away from the city.

Mrs. W. W. Walker, president, announced that the full program of work for the club will be resumed at once. She appointed committees last week.

### SPRINGFIELD MAN WILL FIGHT TWO NEW BILLS

Harry C. Jackson of Springfield a member of the board of directors of the Farmers' Union, has been appointed to represent this organization in the League in Opposition of the Water and Fish Bills, according to word received here.

He was appointed by H. R. Richards, The Dalles, president of the union.

Frank Fay Eddy of Eugene is compiling figures for use in combating the bills which would close the McKenzie, Deschutes, Rogue and Umpqua rivers to further commercial development.

### Mission Group Meet

The Women's missionary society of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. H. K. Phillips on A street last night. Regular business session was followed by refreshments served by the hostess.

To Leave for Portland—Mrs. W. A. Lambert and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cole will leave Friday for Portland for a few days' visit.

Tillamook People Visit—Mr. and Mrs. Todd Abrams of Tillamook were guests last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Abrams of this city.

### MRS. HUNTLY ELECTED TO HEAD GROUP SIXTH TIME

For the sixth time since the organization of the auxiliary to the American Legion here, Mrs. M. B. Huntly was elected president of that group at a meeting last night.

She was also awarded the past president's pin for having already served five terms in this office. Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah, only remaining charter member of the auxiliary, presented the pin in behalf of the group.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. F. B. Hamlin to succeed herself as vice-president; Mrs. William Vasby, secretary; Mrs. I. M. Peterson, treasurer and Mrs. D. W. Morse, chaplain.

### ODD FELLOWS PLAN FOR HOMECOMING OCTOBER 24

Plans for homecoming of the Springfield I. O. O. F. lodge were made at a meeting of the order last night, according to Oswald Olson, district deputy grand warden.

October 24 is the anniversary of the establishment of the local lodge and this date will be used for the homecoming event. Former members of the Springfield order will receive a special invitation to attend the homecoming.

### BIRTHDAY DINNER HELD FOR HELENE RICHMOND

A dinner party honoring Helene Richmond on her twenty-first birthday anniversary was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Richmond on Willamette Heights last night.

Those present were: Miss Doris Girard and Miss Dorothy Girard, Elaine Archambeau, Darlene Waite, Lucille Richmond, Mrs. Mary C. McGill, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond and the guest of honor.

### HERBERT J. COX HURT CAR LEAVES HIGHWAY

H. J. Cox received injuries to his head and body when his car went off the road several miles this side of McMinnville last Monday evening. In passing another car his machine went into the ditch and upset.

Although he was badly shaken up and bruised, Mr. Cox was not seriously injured. The car was demolished. No one was with his at the time of the accident.

He was not pinned underneath the overturned car as was reported in other papers.

### THREE RAIL CROSSINGS ELIMINATED BY WORK

After eliminating three railroad crossings on the Pleasant Hill road east of here, Samuel and Neef, contractors, have announced that their work it done.

The crossings eliminated were: One just beyond Hill's station, one half a mile further east and the other at Fall Creek station. Two sections, totaling one and a quarter miles in all were re-constructed.

Because the structure of the land was found to be more or less freakish work was delayed. The contractors asked for a 45-day extension in the contract from the county and were granted it. The work started on May 2 and an average of 20 workmen have been busy at the job since that time.

### Frank Sidwell to Head 4-L Chapter

Reveices Highest Number of in Field of Seven Nominees; Tyson, Nysten Chosen

Frank Sidwell was elected president of the Springfield chapter of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen in a poll taken at the Booth-Kelly lumber company mill Monday, it was announced today by John King, secretary.

Mr. Sidwell was chosen from a field of seven nominees for executive offices in the order. He received the highest number of votes.

W. P. Tyson was elected vice-chairman upon receiving the second highest number of votes and Thorwald Nysten became third member of the conference committee upon receiving the third highest number of votes.

**Two are Re-elected**  
Other candidates, Roy Carlton, E. S. Michels, Levi Neet and W. E. Neilson, each received a large number of votes also.

Mr. King was re-elected secretary and Ed Kester was re-elected treasurer at the meeting at which candidates for the other positions were nominated. At this same meeting George Cox was elected a member of the board of trustees and Roy Carlton was named delegate to the district convention at Toledo, Saturday. His

name will be considered at the convention as a member of the district board for the next two years.

### LADIES OF G. A. R. MAY GIVE UP THEIR CHARTER

Possibility of surrendering the charter of Iuka circle, Ladies of the G. A. R. of this city, was discussed at a meeting of a few members of the group Tuesday afternoon.

At the first meeting of the fall season not enough members were present to form a quorum. Mrs. Bert Doane, president, will call a meeting of the chapter later, to vote on whether the charter shall be given up or not. It is pointed out that only a few persons eligible to membership in the organization live here now.

### Aid Sponsors Dinner

The Ladies Aid society of the Springfield Methodist church gave a hot dish lunch at the church yesterday noon. At 2:30 o'clock the regular business session of the organization was held. Several visitors were present.

**McIntosh Leaves**—Alex McIntosh, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pirrie, who for several years has been associated with his uncle in the cement contracting work, will leave tonight for his parents' home in Schulyer, Nebraska. He is uncertain as to whether or not he will return here.

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