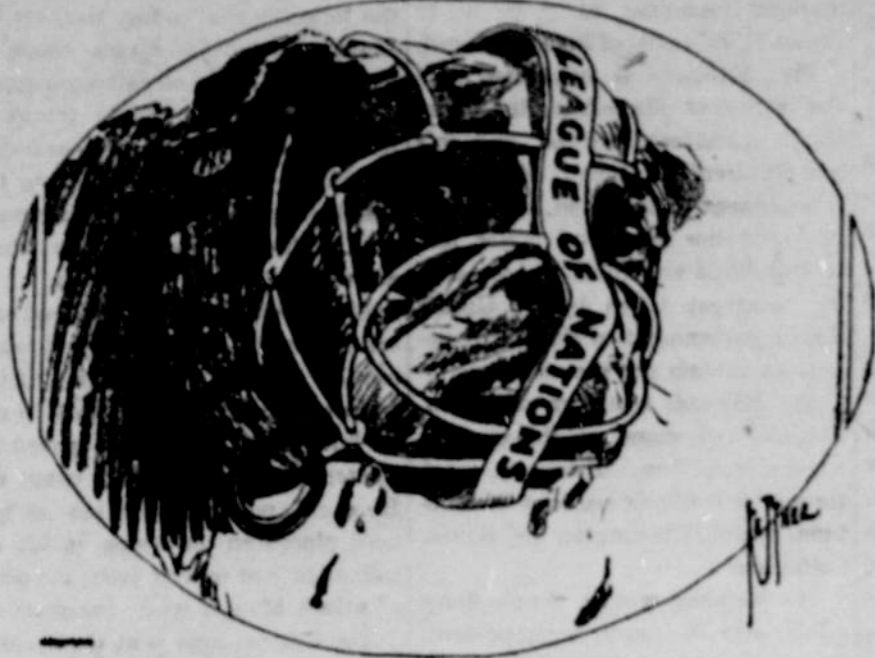


## He Has Had His Day



### LEAGUE FULFILLS AMERICAN IDEAL

Herbert Hoover Says Democracies Replaced Autocracies at Our Bidding.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION CHIEF.

Urges Ratification on Ground That Peace Treaty Will Collapse Without League of Nations.

Herbert Hoover is so deeply concerned over the opposition to the League of Nations in the United States that he has let himself be interviewed at length on the League situation. In a talk with the New York Times correspondent in Paris, the Food Administration Chief asserts that having caused the League idea to prevail America cannot abandon it. We cannot withdraw, he says, and leave Europe to chaos. "To abandon the League Covenant now means that the treaty itself will collapse."

Mr. Hoover's wide acquaintance with conditions both here and abroad, his reputation as an administrator, a man of great affairs who deals with facts, not theories, make his statement one of the most important contributions to the recent League discussions.

"There are one or two points in connection with the present treaty," said Mr. Hoover, "that need careful consideration by the American public. We need to digest the fact that we have for a century and a half been advocating democracy not only as a remedy for the internal ills of all society, but also as the only real safeguard against war. We have believed and proclaimed, in season and out, that a world in which there was a free expression and enforcement of the will of the majority was the real basis of government, was essential for the advancement of civilization, and that we have proved its enormous human benefits in our country."

**American Ideas Have Prevailed.**  
"We went into the war to destroy autocracy as a menace to our own and all other democracies. If we had not come into the war every inch of European soil today would be under autocratic government. We have imposed our will on the world. Out of this victory has come the destruction of the four great autocracies in Germany, Russia, Turkey and Austria and the little autocracy in Greece. New democracies have sprung into being in Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Czechoslovakia, Greater Serbia, Greece, Siberia, and even Germany and Austria have established democratic governments. Beyond these a host of small republics, such as Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan and others, have sprung up, and again as a result of this great world movement the constitutions of Spain, Rumania, and even England, have made a final ascent to complete franchise and democracy, although they still maintain a symbol of royalty."

"We have been the living spring for this last century and half from which these ideas have sprung, and we have triumphed. The world today, except for a comparatively few reactionary and communistic autocracies, is democratic, and we did it."

"A man who takes a wife and blesses the world with several infants cannot go away and leave them on the claim that there was no legal marriage."

"These infant democracies all have political, social and economic problems involving their neighbors that are fraught with the most intense friction. There are no natural bound-

aries in Europe. Races are not compact; they blend at every border. They need railway communication and sea outlets through their neighbors' territory.

"Many of these states must for the next few years struggle almost for bare bones to maintain their very existence. Every one of them is going to do its best; to protect its own interests, even to the prejudice of its neighbors."

**Governments Lack Experience.**  
"We in America should realize that democracy, as a stable form of government as we know it, is possible only with highly educated populations and a large force of men who are capable of government. Few of the men who compose these governments have had any actual experience at governing and their populations are woefully illiterate."

"They will require a generation of actual national life in peace to develop free education and skill in government."

"Unless these countries have a guiding hand and referee in their quarrels, a court of appeals for their wrongs, this Europe will go back to chaos. If there is such an institution, representing the public opinion of the world, and able to exert its authority, they will grow into stability. We cannot turn back now."

"There is another point which also needs emphasis. World treaties hitherto have always been based on the theory of a balance of power. Stronger races have been set up to dominate the weaker, partly with a view to maintaining stability and to a greater degree with a view to maintaining occupations and positions for the reactionaries of the world."

"The balance of power is born of armies and navies, aristocracies, autocracies, and reactionaries generally, who can find employment and domination in these institutions, and treaties founded on this basis have established stability after each great war for a shorter or longer time, but never more than a generation."

"America came forward with a new idea, and we insisted upon its injection into this peace conference. We claimed that it was possible to set up such a piece of machinery with such authority that the balance of power could be abandoned as a relic of the middle ages. We compelled an entire construction of this treaty and every word and line in it to bend to this idea."

"Outside of the League of Nations the treaty itself has many deficiencies. It represents compromises between many men and between many selfish interests, and these very compromises and deficiencies are multiplied by the many new nations that have entered upon its signature, and the very safety of the treaty itself lies in a court of appeal for the remedy of wrongs in the treaty."

**Benefits of the League.**  
"One thing is certain. There is no body of human beings so wise that a treaty could be made that would not develop injustice and prove to have been wrong in some particulars. As the covenant stands today there is a place at which redress can be found and through which the good-will of the world can be enforced. The very machinery by which the treaty is to be executed, and scores of points yet to be solved, which have been referred to the League of Nations as a method of securing more mature judgment in a less heated atmosphere, justifies the creation of the League."

"To abandon the covenant now means that the treaty itself will collapse."

"It would take the exposure of but a few documents at my hand to prove that I had been the most reluctant of Americans to become involved in this situation in Europe. But having gone in with our eyes open and with a de-

termination to free ourselves and the rest of the world from the dangers that surrounded us, we cannot now pull back from the job. It is no use to hold a great revival and then go away leaving a church for continued services half done."

"We have succeeded in a most extraordinary degree in imposing upon Europe the complete conviction that we are absolutely disinterested. The consequence is that there is scarcely a man, woman or child who can read in Europe that does not look to the United States as the ultimate source from which they must receive assurances and guardianship in the liberties which they have now secured after so many generations of struggle."

"This is not a problem of protecting the big nations, for the few that remain can well look after themselves. What we have done is to set up a score of little democracies, and if the American people could visualize their handwork they would insist with the same determination that they did in 1917 that our government proceed."

### OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

#### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

The Anti-Compulsory Vaccination league has been formed at The Dalles. A new 100 room hotel is projected at The Dalles if sufficient inducement is assured by local capital.

All wooden bridges in the city of Salem are to be painted white in furtherance of the civic pride movement.

The convention of the Eastern Oregon Christian Endeavor society was held in the Christian church at Pendleton.

Senator McNary has introduced a bill in the senate to throw open the Klamath Indian reservation to settlement.

Roseburg will vote in May on a proposition to issue between \$300,000 and \$500,000 bonds for a municipal light plant.

Mrs. Margaret Montelth, who has resided in Albany continuously for 68 years, has celebrated her ninety-first birthday.

The \$6500 deficit of former Sheriff Gellatly of Benton county has been made good to the county by two of his brothers.

The Veterans Lane County council has been organized at Eugene. It will consist of representatives of all patriotic bodies.

The annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants association convened in Astoria Monday for a three days' session.

With a large exhibit and attendance, Albany's second annual automobile, truck and tractor show was held Friday and Saturday.

Trustees of the Klamath Falls Presbyterian church have placed an order for a pipe organ to cost \$4000 to be installed in August.

N. Michels, recently discharged from the eastern Oregon state hospital, was killed when he threw himself in front of a train near Echo.

Voters of Eugene will ballot in May on a proposal to expend \$22,000 for the

purchase of an aviation field as a base for the forest patrol.

Clyde Beckett, a native Oregonian and 55 years a resident of Polk county, died at his home in Salem following an attack of influenza.

An adult man cannot adopt another adult man in Oregon, according to a decision of Attorney General Brown, in response to an inquiry.

E. L. Smith of Hood River, an 82-year-old pioneer, is the last survivor of the republican convention of 1860, which nominated Lincoln for president.

Scottish Rite Masons at Baker are preparing for a local reunion the latter part of April, at which all degrees up to and including the 32d will be conferred.

Charles H. Maddix, deputy collector of customs at Astoria, was accidentally killed while he was replacing the underpinning of the house at his ranch at Fernhill.

Squirrels have become such a nuisance in the Clatsop section of Clackamas county that the farmers have appointed Albert Gassler to distribute poison grain.

Ankeny grange of Jefferson has adopted resolutions lauding Governor Olcott for vetoing a large number of bills passed at the extra session of the legislature.

A movement has been started in Albany to raise \$50,000 for the construction of a community center as a memorial to the returned soldiers of Linn county.

Broccoli in Douglas county is heading up well, but the cold nights are holding it back enough so that the heads will be of large size and of excellent quality.

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, left Salem Saturday for Chicago to attend the annual convention of the national society for vocational education.

It has been decided at Salem to install warning signals at the railroad crossing at the intersection of Capitol and Union streets where several accidents have recently occurred.

Definite steps have been taken by Lane county Post No. 3, American Legion, Eugene, to place before the voters of Lane county the proposition to build a soldiers' memorial to cost \$20,000.

There were three fatalities due to accidents in Oregon during the week ending February 12, according to a report prepared by the industrial accident commission. The victims were: John O. Foster, logger, Coquille; Henry Sylvia, logger, Sequim, Wash., and Fred Withrow, sawyer, Linnton.

The secretary of the interior has rejected the appeal of Dr. J. F. Reddy of Medford, which was taken from a decision of the war mineral relief commission awarding Dr. Reddy approximately \$86,000 for his efforts to supply the government with chrome from a Siskiyou county, California, property, during the war.

The Enterprise Irrigation district has filed application with Percy Cupper, state engineer, for certification of bonds in the sum of \$40,000, with which to install a pumping system necessary to obtain water for the lands included in the project. The district is in Klamath county and it is proposed to obtain the water from the United States reclamation canal.

A county-wide community and trade week is to be fostered by The Dalles business men.

The forest service has sold 7,000,000 feet of timber in Lane county above Oakridge at \$1.75 per thousand for Douglas fir, license cedar and red cedar and 50 cents for hemlock and other timber.

The Astoria Port commission and county court will cooperate in the construction of a road from the southern end of Eleventh street along the beach to a connection with the Nehalem road at Williamsport.

The entire Houghton building at The Dalles has been leased by persons interested in the establishment of a new bank for The Dalles and it is probable the institution will be in operation by May 1.

Plans for a public auditorium for The Dalles received definite impetus when the chamber of commerce directors voted unanimously to place the question before the voters at the next city election, May 18.

W. A. West, for the past three years deputy clerk of the Oregon supreme court, has resigned and will leave March 1 for Klamath Falls where he will associate himself with C. F. Stone in the practice of law.

Carl Shoemaker, state fish and game warden, is urging remedial legislation to keep Oregon streams stocked with fish. He predicts that in the near future it will be necessary for every county to have a hatchery.

Members of the La Grande Ad club are congratulating themselves on being able to increase the population of the city to 6500 through a cleanup committee, which gathers up those missed by the census enumerators.

About 25 community meetings will be held in Linn county in the next few weeks, at which farm bureau work for the remainder of this year will be planned. S. V. Smith, county agricultural agent, is arranging the meeting.

Of the 73,516 voters in Multnomah county who have registered to date, 52,149 have registered as Republicans and 17,331 have registered as Democrats. The Socialist, Prohibition and other parties claim the remaining 4036 voters.

Prospects for a prune crop this season are good wherever the trees were not killed by the December freeze, according to D. F. Fisher and C. A. Reed, federal fruit experts who passed several days in the Marion county orchard districts.

Following their purchase of a downtown business site at a consideration of \$6500, W. L. and T. M. O'Donnell of Bend have announced that they will commence the construction of a \$50,000 theater with a seating capacity of 1500 within a month.

The state board of control has employed W. C. Knighton, former state architect, to prepare plans and specifications and to supervise the construction of the new building at the state home for the feeble-minded. The structure will cost approximately \$40,000.

Fifty-nine martin skins and nine tank, brought into Bend by Bob Llewellyn, represent a cash valuation of not under \$2000 and is the richest take of furs marketed there in years. Llewellyn is a veteran trapper and has been wintering in the Davis lake country.

### LINN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS BEING DISMANTLED



Elsewhere in this issue of The Tribune is a small local ad in which much of the lumber in the grand stand, stock stalls, buildings, etc., is offered for sale by the now owner, Jesse L. Rodgers. Much of the fencing, stalls, track, etc., were constructed by volunteer labor. The Linn County fair in Scio was successful. It built up the stock interests and generated better farming. If our Albany friends work as energetically as the people of Scio have in the past, the Linn County fair will continue to be a success. Let's hope it will