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THE SPEECH AND THE MAN

AN acceptance speech such as Secretary Hoover delivered today has probably never been delivered before in the history of this country.

This was to be expected, for a man of the Hoover type has never before been a candidate for the Presidency.

Mr. Hoover represents an entirely new departure in American politics. He has never held an elective office, he is neither a lawyer, nor a politician; he is essentially of the engineering business-man type, and he attacks the problems before him from that standpoint.

Sincerity, extreme earnestness, a consecration of spirit, so genuine as to be at times genuinely moving, and an utter absence of the slightest demagogic appeal, these seem to us to be the most striking characteristics of this very unusual address.

It is interesting in this direction to note that following his nomination Mr. Hoover offered the services of three professional journalists to write his acceptance speech for him.

This incident is so well described by that veteran Washington correspondent, T. R. B., in "The New Republic," that we quote it herewith:

I know that no less than three splendid speeches were written for him by three perfectly splendid writers—or so they think. After reading them all Herbert threw them away and wrote his own.

And it's true. To those who have always associated political speeches with spread-eagle oratory, glittering generalities and intriguing word pictures of the New Paradise (which will come if only enough people vote for the speaker) this unpretentious, business-like effort to appraise the problems that face this country and outline their solution, probably seems long and dull.

But it will not seem dull to those who are eternally sick of the time-honored clap-trap that the professional politicians hand out—the soaring phrase, the Hallelujah appeal, that old familiar stonied in black and white which places all the virtues on the speaker's side and all the vice on the shoulders of his opponent.

To them, and to us, this address is extremely interesting and it absolutely confirms our original faith in Mr. Hoover, not only as a man supremely fitted for the Presidency, from the standpoint of ability, but even more important from the standpoint of personal character.

What is really the keynote of this acceptance speech, its salient characteristic? Is it the program for farm relief, the sane and eminently sound view on Prohibition and the proper remedy for its abuses, the intensely human interest in child welfare, and the retention of this growing and extremely rich country, as a land of equal opportunity for all?

Excellent, all of them, but the distinguishing, outstanding thing, is none of these.

No. The big thing about this speech, to our mind, is the way in which it reveals the character of the man. We don't believe many people can read this speech, or any considerable part of it—and not be convinced, that whether they like his views on Prohibition or don't like them, whether they believe his scheme for farm relief will solve the farm problem or won't solve it.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

As one goes from that quaint but entirely appropriate opening about the radio, through the discussion of farm relief, prohibition, religious tolerance, etc., to the final appeal to the Conscience of America, there is gradually built up, word by word, and phrase by phrase, a clearer and stronger picture of the man.

There he is, no master of the poetic phrase, no orator with the silver tongue, no magnetic spellbinder stirring the emotions of the crowd—just a plain citizen, extremely earnest and extremely capable, but so genuinely consecrated to the task before him, so passionately determined to give, if called upon, the best that is in him and all that is in him, to make this country a

better place in which to live, that by sheer spiritual power, by downright strength and nobility of character, he rises to the plane of the presidential greatness.

It is that picture that remains and will remain, long after the words and phrases of this acceptance speech have been forgotten.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

THE GRADUATION SPLURGE

When the cadets at Annapolis in West Point receive their commissions as officers in navy or army, the relatives and friends in attendance always give the last man, the man with the lowest standing in the graduating class, a great hand.



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It is all very well to make a ceremony of the bestowal of degrees earned by years of college or university study. It is fitting enough to set aside a day of celebration for the men and women who have won their way into their chosen profession.

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Rippling Rhymes

(By Walt Mason)

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PENNSYLVANIA IS HIT BY STORM: LOSS IS HEAVY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 11.—Reports from storm-swept areas in Pennsylvania indicated today that crop and property loss from yesterday's flood, hail and fire would reach well into six figures.

The eastern portion of the state was the most seriously affected. In Lancaster county, where tobacco is one of the principal crops, hail riddled the larger plants over a wide area and the two-hour storm wrought havoc to the crops in general.

During a severe electrical storm, accompanied by a cloudburst, lightning struck the automobile of Mrs. Charles Kaden, a local housewife, on the highway near the town of Pottsville.

Two firemen, John and Harold McFalls, answering a call, had a narrow escape when their automobile was swept away along with a bridge over which they were driving.

From Pottsville came word that in the wake of the storm was left a trail of damage aggregating thousands of dollars.

Wind and rain likewise uprooted trees and flooded sections of York county.

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ELLENSBURG HAS A \$250,000 FIRE IN 10 MINUTES

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Aug. 11.—Fire from an explosion in the grain and hay warehouse of the Constock Harbison company in 10 minutes early today burned over the length of nine and two city blocks in the warehouse district adjoining the Northern Pacific tracks, resulting in loss estimated at approximately \$250,000, which is only partially covered by insurance.

Approximately a dozen warehouse buildings were destroyed while nearly 20 homes and other small structures were partially burned.

The three Ellensburg fire trucks, with every foot of hose from the fire department, railway company and warehouse district, fought against a strong wind which shifted from west to north and threatened not only lumber mills and the railroad yards but the business district of the city as well.

PATTERSON CALLS SPECIAL ELECTION FOR CONGRESSMEN

SALLEM, Ore., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Governor Patterson today called a special election to be held November 6, to elect a representative in congress from the second congressional district to fill out the unexpired term of N. J. Sinnott, who recently resigned to accept the office of judge of the court of claims, with headquarters in New York city.

Mr. Sinnott's term would have expired on March 3 next year. Nominations for candidates to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Sinnott will be made by the congressional committee of the second congressional district.

Reports received here indicate that the republican congressional committee will nominate R. R. Butler of The Dalles, while the democratic non-congressional committee will nominate Walter M. Pierce. Both of these men were nominated at the primary election to succeed Mr. Sinnott, and their names will appear on the ballot of the general election in November.

Break Ground for Normal LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 11.—Ground was broken yesterday for the Eastern Oregon normal school on a hill in the residential section of La Grande overlooking the city and the Grande Ronde valley. Dynamite is being used to hasten excavation.

E. LESLIE'S Master Quick

Our well-plumbed heart with pride does throbb, because we're always on the job.

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By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—But This Will Always Be a Mystery to Mutt



Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Ferry

Mr. Hoover, the high ace of the Republican party, was officially notified today of his nomination for the presidency.

An upstate candidate for the legislature demands that "all voters who take a drink, cast their ballots for my opponent." It is predicted, if his advice is heeded, he will not get over 40 votes, counting his own.

AND SO WILL WE (Shelby Journal) If the thief who has been stealing musical instruments will report to us, we will gladly give him the names and addresses of several persons whose instruments ought to be taken from them.

Begin your Christmas work now. August clearance sale on all art needle goods.—(Grants Pass Courier.) It's about time.

What the autoists need is a phone pole they can drive through.

The jigador brigade of Oregon has removed two captains from their very becoming uniforms.

FIFTY-FIFTY STUFF (Coos Bay Times) The men accused of the murders no doubt are at fault, but there is also some blame to be placed upon the victims.

It is a wonder some of the snappy talkers among the clever girls, would not say "and how," once in a while.

A continuation of the present Prohibition enforcement policy is prohibited. As everybody knows, it is a dandy, with plenty of flourish, and slight results. It is satisfying to the drys, and not too rough on the wets. Occasionally a bootlegger is caught through his own carelessness, and there is general regret.

J. M. Hayes is in a High Point hospital at present, but the hope is for no serious purpose.—(Huntington Notes.) A nice way to say it.

The President is wearing a ten-gallon hat on his fishing trips, and there have been no pictures printed to date of the state senator. He showed up several times last year on the front pages thus accounted, and the consensus of local opinion was that the chief executive looked worse than Jim Grieve in a sombrero.

The Ben Harder bank has installed a confaption which enables customers to drop their sundulicks through a hole in the wall, instead of shoving it under the door.

SINGING From time immemorial persons have derived great pleasure out of singing, yet it is surprising how few today practice the art publicly.

The chief trouble is that so many people will never dream of going to a golf course without clubs or sitting down to a bridge table without cards handed themselves at the start by trying to sing with their mouths closed.

124 Wets Arrested in July. SALEM, Ore., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—State prohibition operatives participated in 124 arrests for violation of the state prohibition laws during the month of July, according to a report prepared here today by George Alexander, state prohibition director.

Fines imposed in the cases aggregated \$9,950, while jail sentences totaled 1,770 days. The officers destroyed 6,361 gallons of mash and 425 gallons of finished liquor. Twelve stills were seized and five cars were confiscated.

WHERE DOES THIS BOZO COME FROM? WE'LL SOON KNOW.