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## "THE VALUE OF HIGHWAYS"

"Rome was only as great as her highways, a keen minded historian has pointed out. He was right," says the Grand Forks, North Dakota Herald.

"As the roads spread the power and prestige of the nation spread. The Alps were scaled, the territory now occupied by the French republic was covered with a network of hard surfaced highways, and all roads led to Rome.

"The old roads of Caesar's day were built as military roads, of course, but they were used for purposes of the hour and served their end.

"In the United States hard surfaced roads are not needed primarily as military roads, but we are living in the age of the automobile and nobody is going back to the horse and buggy. We travel by motor and move our supplies to a considerable extent by motor. The state with poor roads is behind the times and not abreast with the needs of the age. Progress depends to a considerable extent upon roads and so long as we burn gasoline and travel on rubber this will continue to hold true.

"Is the United States, or any state within the United States, only as great as its highways? An affirmative answer may be a trifle harsh and a bit overdrawn, but at that it would not miss the mark a great deal."—Manufacturer.

## The Increasing Non-Voting Class

Organizations on political party lines called "get-out-the-vote" clubs, are being pushed for the November election.

In six states the last chance to register is already past and in 37 states registry rights expire 30 days before election.

In a few states there is permanent registration for property owners whose taxes are paid—Indiana has repealed its registration laws.

In many states registered voters lose their rights if they omit voting a certain number of times in each biennial period.

The enormous volume of state and federal laws relating to naturalization, registration, primaries and elections proper, have all tended to increase the non-voting class.

Doing away with manhood suffrage and increasing the obstacles, difficulties and voting requirements cause uncertainty and chaos with the result that in many in-

stances a minority of voters control election results.—Manufacturer.

## THE CITY CAUCUS

Next Monday night the city council will, among other things, set a date for holding a city caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for the elective city offices. If the ticket named at that time does not meet with the approval of many, they may take the same action as was done two years ago and nominate another group.

There is not believed to be much competition at present for the elective city jobs, only one of which, the treasurer, is accompanied with any remuneration, and that is small. Under the council system of government it is necessary to do things this way, and it evolves upon public spirited citizens to take their turns at this civic duty. One must, however, be a taxpayer.

Some of the councilmen have stated that they would rather not serve again, and they can not be blamed for this attitude. There are plenty of others in Vernonia who are capable of serving in this capacity, and there should be plenty of candidates for two full tickets. We hope this will be done as an added incentive to draw a large vote at the November election.

## THE FLOWER SHOW

Many folks attended the flower show Saturday, and some folks are susceptible to hay fever. But no voice has been raised in opposition to this most worthy of new Vernonia institutions.

The response to the call for exhibits exceeds all expectations of the Garden club, and flowers were so crowded in the small room in the Joy theatre that they did not show to the best advantage. Those who attended were delighted with the showing and many predicted a bigger and better show next year.

By using a large hall for display, and presenting a pageant in connection, with perhaps a parade, the Garden club could charge admission to the show and in that way defray their expenses, pay small prizes, and still have money left over for civic improvement.

This organization is to be highly commended for the work they are doing in improving the appearance of the town, and we understand their membership is not limited.

It is a shame that more football games are not scheduled earlier in the season, when we have the best weather. Teams are not in good practice yet, but it is as fair for one as for the other.

Start now to make plans for next year's flower show, and be sure to plant some phlox, the Vernonia flower.

Only about three weeks remains in which to register. Do it now.

## BUTLER ATTACK IS COSTLY TO G. O. P.

### Educator's Repudiation of Hoover Swings Many Votes to Smith.

The unqualified repudiation of Herbert Hoover by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, and President of the Carnegie Endowment Foundation for International Peace, has proved, political observers say, one of the most staggering blows suffered in the present campaign by the Republican forces.

Although many prominent Republicans have renounced allegiance to their party since Hoover's nomination, none, it is conceded, has influenced so many votes.

A highly esteemed leader in Republican party affairs since 1887, Dr. Butler has attended every Republican national convention for 40 years. In 1912, following the death of Vice President Sherman, who had been renominated, Dr. Butler became the Republican candidate for Vice President. He was one of his party's most prominent candidates for the nomination for President in 1924.

The reaction to his ringing disavowal of the principles enunciated by Hoover in his acceptance speech was immediate and nation-wide. His bold and unequivocal declaration that he could not support a candidate who admitted himself to be in favor of the "continuance of the present reign of lawlessness, debauchery and Government-made crime" brought thousands of letters of congratulation from other dissatisfied Republicans.

In a scathing letter, addressed to the editor of the New York Times, Dr. Butler declared he wished to dissociate himself "quickly, publicly and completely on positions on two of the three most important questions now before the American people that were taken by Mr. Hoover in his speech of acceptance."

### Noted Authority

Dr. Butler, who has long been in demand by learned bodies as a speaker on questions relating to international relations and the promotion of world peace, ridiculed Hoover for his "wholly false argument" that the squandering of enormous sums on naval armament would cooperate in the maintenance of peace.

"The contrary is now the well-demonstrated fact," asserted the educator. "Mr. Hoover dismisses with a few perfunctory words the truly remarkable treaty just now to be signed by ourselves and all the great powers of the earth pledging renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy." He added that Hoover's position was mere "swagger."

He criticized Hoover for "accepting the formula of that paid band of agitators, lobbyists and persecutors which calls itself the Anti-Saloon League," and asserted that it is "quite obvious that Mr. Hoover has no conception of the real problem by which the country is faced."

"That problem," averred Dr. Butler, "has not to do with liquor, not with social experiments, good, bad or indifferent, but with the structure and functions of the Government of the United States."

Accusing the Republican candidate of "hypocrisy" and "contradiction" which "would be comic were it not so unspeakably tragic," the educator declared: "No one can be in favor of the principles upon which our Government rests, or of the Constitution itself, and at the same time in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment, because the two are absolutely contradictory." "Literally millions of Republicans throughout the country," Dr. Butler asserted, are "in full agreement" with him.

## HOOVER FARM STATEMENT CALLED "CLEVER DELUSION"

"A very pretty Christmas tree for the American farmer, covered with glistening tinsel and little Christmas bells, but without presents—in other words, a clever delusion."

That is how Herbert Hoover's statement on Agriculture is described by William Hirth, of Columbia, Mo., publisher of the Missouri Farmer, and

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chairman of the Corn Belt Committee. Mr. Hirth adds:  
"Mr. Hoover's message to Agriculture constitutes a lot of cleverly put together bunk that will not fool the thinking farmers of this country. When he admits that after eight years of uninterrupted power the Republican party has failed to meet what he now says is the 'most urgent economic problem in our Nation' he is caught in his own bear trap—how can he confess this indictment against his party in one breath, and then have the nerve to ask the farmers for his vote in the next?"

## NORTH CAROLINA FOR SMITH, SAYS DANIELS

RALEIGH, N. C.—Declaring that Governor Smith's acceptance speech "rings true upon the fundamentals of Democracy," Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson Administration, predicted that "North Carolina will continue in the Democratic column."

## Active Worker



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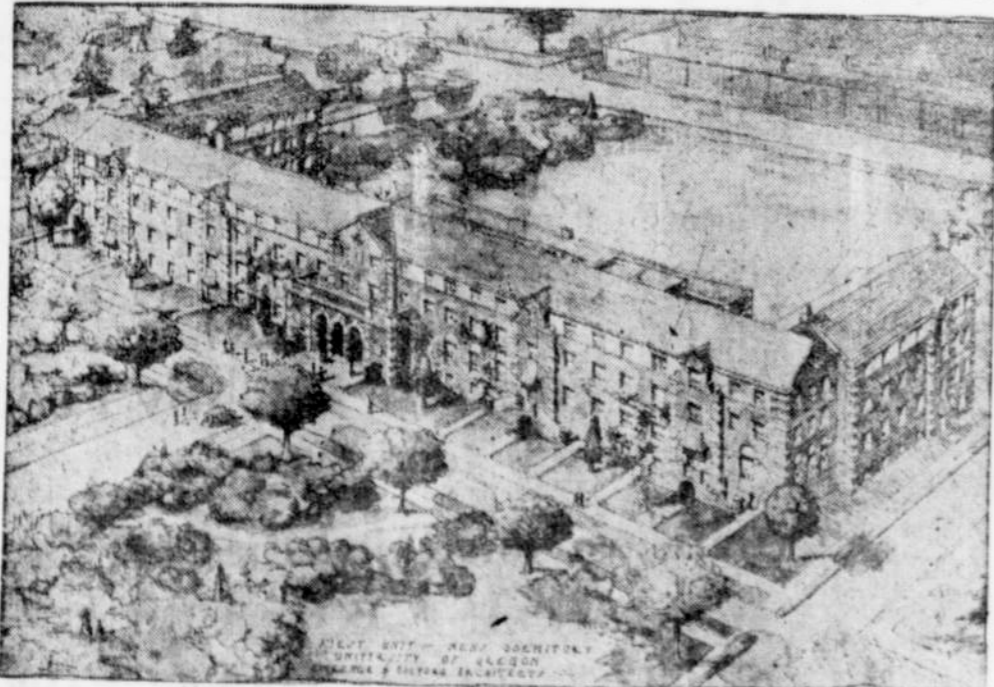
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## New University of Oregon Dormitory Is Called "Real Home" for Students



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—"A Real Home!" This is the expression used by a prospective student and his parents, who had just inspected the new dormitory for men at the University of Oregon, a modern, fireproof structure that will house 278 students. Work on the building, which is declared to be the finest dormitory in any institution on the Pacific Coast, is practically completed, furnishings have been purchased, and every room will be ready for occupancy when first year students report September 24. Reservations are already pouring in for rooms in the new dormitory, and a

booklet describing it and giving all details has been prepared. This will be sent to any student or prospective student on request by the University registrar.

The dormitory will be divided into six separate units, each of which will have its own living room. In this way student organizations for participation in athletics and for social affairs can be formed. Each unit is so constructed that only two men occupy each room. In these are found two study tables, easy chairs, rugs, dressers and ample closet space. Sleeping rooms are sep-

arate, and are so arranged that but four men are allotted to each. This means that every student has privacy and quiet for study and rest, essentials to good work.

The attractive halls are centrally located, just a step from the class buildings. The dining room, where all students will dine, is one of the attractive features of the structure.

Many new features will be found in this home for men students, and both students and parents who have looked over the structure are enthusiastic in their praise for its utility and beauty.