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HOOVER.

Every great crisis in history produces a great man. Out of the Revolution came Washington. Out of the War of 1812 came Andrew Jackson. Out of the Civil War came U. S. Grant and Robert E. Lee and the man who will live as long as the American nation, Abraham Lincoln. Out of the Spanish-American War came Theodore Roosevelt and General Leonard Wood. Great men will come out of the war with Germany. Already some are coming. The sun of their lives is slowly rising and brightening the way for others to follow. One of these is Herbert C. Hoover who has just been appointed American food administrator. Thousands have already asked, Who is Hoover?

When the World War broke out Hoover was unknown. Little is really known of him today by the general public. He was first brought into public notice by his masterly management of the Belgian relief fund. Those who saw what he was doing to save the war-ridden Belgians from perishing began to point to him as the man of the hour. Last spring when the relations with Germany were getting near the breaking point, Mr. Hoover was brought to this country in an advisory capacity with regard to the conservation of the food supply. And now every person who reads the daily papers is familiar with the name of Hoover. It is seen almost as often in the public prints as that of Woodrow Wilson.

Herbert Clark Hoover was born in Iowa a little over forty years ago of Quaker parentage. His people were poor and at an early age young Hoover had to get out and hustle for himself. But he had a wonderful reserve store in the possession of an aspiration to succeed in the world. He was bent on becoming an engineer. The achievements of John Hays Hammond and others in the mining engineering world had a wonderful fascination for him. He wanted to do big things in many lands. But, unlike thousands of other boys who are eager to get out of school early in life, he realized that to do the things which he wanted to do required an education. But how was he to get it? He had no money and no influential friends. But he had an ambition that reached out and found a way. He finally found himself at Leland Stanford Junior University. He was willing to do any honorable labor that would place him a little nearer his coveted goal. It is related of him that while a student at the University he worked as a laundry agent to procure means to carry on his studies. But he did not mind this. He saw himself a great engineer and anything that would help him he hesitated not to do, provided it was honorable. This is a point in his career that should never be forgotten or lost sight of.

In course of time he graduated from the University and was ready

to go out into the world of engineering which had such a drawing fascination for him. He did geological surveys in Arkansas and the Sierra Nevada. He became a mine assistant in New Mexico. Next he was general manager of the Morning Star mine in California. Step by step he went on from one big position to another until after only a few years the former Iowa barefoot boy became in succession the confidential consulting engineer of mining corporations in different parts of the world. He went to Australia and then to China. Everywhere he went it was to fill a big position with some of the richest corporations in his chosen line of activity.

Then he was brought to London for consultation by the heads of international enterprises. People began to talk of him as a John Hays Hammond or a Cecil Rhodes. His genius for organizing and managing big things was recognized on both sides of both oceans. And the once poor boy who was willing to work at menial jobs to get money to carry on his studies now becomes one of the big men of the world. Into Belgium he went, carrying aid to thousands who had almost given up hope. His fortune which had run into the many millions now is open to those in need and he spends it for the unfortunate whose all had been swept by the ravages of war.

In all his work he has had the sympathy and help of his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, whom he met, loved and won while they both were students at Stanford where they both received the A. B. degree. She has been his constant helper and sympathizer. One never thinks of Hoover as a man of culture in the highest sense. He is generally thought of as a man of action, and as a man who does things. But he is more than that. He is a man of culture and the finer things of life appeal to him. It is said that he and his wife are now engaged on a translation, compilation and elucidation of that monumental technical Latin treatise known as "Georgius Agricola De Re Metallica." This work was published in the London Mining Magazine in 1912 and founded on the First Latin edition of 1536.

As food administrator in the present great crisis, his closest friends have not the slightest doubt that Hoover will fail to rise to meet every exigency. He is a silent man whose life and actions count for what he is. Actions and not words are what counts after all. Let everybody watch Hoover.

FAIR PREMIUM LIST IS READY.
Big Preparation for the Johnston County Fair.

The management of the Johnston County Fair Association is planning one of the most elaborate County Fairs ever held in this section of the State. A most attractive Premium List consisting of 112 pages with a pictorial cover has just been issued from the press. More premiums have been offered for prizes this year than heretofore and more entries open to the public.

Besides the prospects for a bigger and better exhibit, the management has already made preparations for a much larger Mid-way than ever before seen in the County. They have secured for the Fair several good first class shows, several free acts, consisting of a Lady High Dive, an 18-piece Victor Band, 30 odd concession stands, a Russian Act to do performances in front of the grand stand and an Aeroplane. Contracts have been executed with Carnival people to show at the Johnston County Fair, also with the other Fairs in the Eastern Carolina Circuit, which comprises Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Kinston, New Bern, Tarboro and Smithfield.

From all indications, the Johnston County Fair will be as good as that of any County in Eastern North Carolina. The management of the Fair expects to have an Aeroplane like the ones used in observation work and in active fighting in the European War to fly from Tarboro to Smithfield on the first day of the Fair, make several flights around town and alight in the Fair ground. This feature alone will no doubt bring larger crowds to the Fair this year than ever seen here before.

The big Mid-way, which will contain several riding devices, shows and concession stands, which will have the appearance of a small city within itself, will furnish amusement and gaiety for the crowds of children and old folks.

TO OUR SOLDIER SONS.

To you fortunate ones who are about to go forward to that long battle line where the armies of autocracy and oppression are facing the armies of the free, congratulations and Godspeed!

You go, not as reluctant victims of misfortune or fatal chance, but rather as our chosen ones; the pick and flower of our manhood, whole of body, sound in mind and spirit—what all of us would like to be. And we who are too old or too weak, or in some other respect unfitted to go in body, shall go with you in spirit. We know that we ask much of you, and we expect much, for we expect things in keeping with our great traditions—things born of the spirit of Nathan Hale; but we know that we shall not be disappointed.

In imagination and in sympathy we shall be there with you on the firing line, and at home we shall do all that we can to make you comfortable and content. We shall pray that you may return in safety, but even more fervently we shall pray that your courage may not flag or the edge of your determination be dulled.

You are to fight in the noblest cause in which man ever took up arms, and for a nation the most generous in all the world to her soldier sons. You go with her blessing, for she trusts you; and be sure that whether you return or not she will hold your names in honor and grateful memory until the end of time.—The Youth's Companion.

FARM NOTES.

Farming in this section without sowing cowpeas in the corn and everywhere else they can be placed will always mean poor land and poor farms.

Many farmers, it seems, would rather send their money to South America for ammonia in the form of nitrate of soda than to get this ammonia by raising plenty of cowpeas. It would be much easier to grow the peas than work out the money to buy the soda.

Have you saved plenty of melon seed for next year? Last spring a farmer near here needed some melon seed late in the season and when he could not get them in town he tried seventeen of his neighbors before he found them. It seems that several of his neighbors forgot to save any melon seed last year.

If Farmers Could Raise Corn.

Corn crops are much better than usual this year, but still many of them are far from what they should be. Only a few of the farmers have learned to grow corn to the best advantage.

Mr. J. A. Vinson, of Clayton, says we plant plenty of corn every year, but it fails for want of proper cultivation. As it is, much of the land is practically idle and the guano used for the corn is wasted. He thinks many of the farmers could do better, but just will not do their best. Grass takes the corn crops and few if any peas are sown in many of the corn fields. If we all could grow corn we could pay debts; if we could all grow corn we could keep more live stock; if we could all grow more corn we could live independently.

Taking Care of Collards.

Collards, in most places in the South, make an important part of the garden. Most people have them and now is a time when they need special attention. They need manuring and plowing, but in plowing them it is not necessary nor best to throw up beds of dirt about them. Level cultivation is as necessary for collards as for other crops. If you have bedded up your collard rows you can take cotton plows to them now and by giving them another plowing you can level them. If worms are on your collards they can be destroyed with ordinary builder's lime. It should be scattered over them after a rain or when the dew is on the collards. To destroy the bugs which are so sure to ruin the collards, it will be necessary to go over them once to three times a week and pick them off by hand and destroy them.

Made a Fine Wheat Crop.

Mr. R. J. Hill, of Beulah township, was here yesterday and gave us a call. Mr. Hill is a believer in growing the home supplies on his own farm. This year he harvested 85 bushels of wheat from a little less than two and a half acres.

Five of the farmers of his community have joined in and purchased a threshing outfit. They not only threshed their own grain crops but threshed for their neighbors also. The past season they threshed 2,700 bushels of wheat and 1,132 bushels of oats. They also threshed ten bushels of rye.

We are glad to have this report from Mr. Hill and we hope to have reports from other farmers who have raised and threshed their own small grain.

The Red Cross.

"The Red Cross—a small neat stain where blood has been; The Red Cross—that whispers hope to fighting men; The Red, Red Cross that bears its simple grace, In colors of the heart, within a firm embrace."

"I firmly believe," said Henry P. Davison, "that through the Red Cross we can not only render a service to our allies, to those who are today fighting for us, but we can bring forcibly to our own people a sense both of their obligation and of their opportunity. And I believe that the men and women of this country will in a not far distant day, rejoice in sacrifice, real sacrifice."

A Delayed Marriage.

On yesterday at the office of Mr. Ed. S. Sanders, City Clerk and Justice of the Peace, he spoke the ceremony that united in marriage Mr. J. A. Sills, of Selma, whose age is given at 55, and Mrs. Mabel O. Bryant, of the same section, aged 38. It is said that the license purchased yesterday for this marriage was not the first. Several months ago they procured license, but for some reason the marriage did not take place. When they were ready to marry it was found that the license was out of date, so another license was purchased and the knot tied.

CAME TO MY PLACE SUNDAY.
September 2nd, one male hog, color black, marked crop and slit in left ear and two half moons under right ear. Owen can get him by paying expenses. D. T. Creech, Pine Level, N. C., Route No. 1.

REPAIRS FOR McCORMICK AND
Walter A. Wood Mowers at Roberts Atkinson Co., Selma, N. C.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—
Setter bird dog, male, white and brown spotted. Reward. Sam T. Honeycutt, Smithfield, N. C.

FARM HAND WANTED TO BEGIN
work at once. Will pay twenty dollars per month and board. E. B. Sanders, Benson, N. C., R. No. 4.

I HAVE FOR SALE A MILK COW
with four months old calf and another cow which will be ready for milk by about October 15th. Price \$75.00 each. D. A. Austin, Benson, N. C., Route No. 4.



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the man past middle age who has succeeded, beyond his own expectations;

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