

HOOPER OUTLINES REASONS FOR NOT GETTING IN RACE

Writes Club Boosting Him That He Wants To Remain a "Common Citizen"

BUT READY TO SERVE IN CASE HE'S CALLED

While Before War He Was Progressive Republican Both Great Parties Have Objections; Believes In Campaign For Issues, Not Men; Is Against Machine Methods

New York, March 9.—Herbert Hoover, in a letter received tonight by Ralph Arnold of Los Angeles, New York representative of the "Hoover President's Club," of California, declared he was not seeking public office, that his "ambition is to remain a common citizen," but that he believed he, "like every other citizen, should always be ready for service when really called upon."

Mr. Hoover's letter followed the action of a group of prominent Californians residing in this city in appointing a committee to go to Washington to ask Mr. Hoover to make known his position. Asserting that while "such proposals are indeed a great honor, I feel that I can not alter the attitude that I have consistently preserved," Mr. Hoover's letter continued:

Objections to Both Parties. "First, I am an independent progressive in the issues before us today. I think that at this time the issues before the country transcend partisanship. It is well known that I was a progressive Republican before the war, and I think rightly, a non-partisan during my war service. The issues confronting us are new and the alignment upon them has not yet been made by the great parties. I still object as much to the reactionary group in the Republican party as I do to the radical group in the Democratic party.

Doesn't Want Office

"Second, I am not seeking public office, and, consulting my own personal inclinations I do not want public office. I cannot prevent any citizen or group of citizens from agitating that I should take public office, but I cannot conscientiously participate in any organization to that end. "I belong to a group which thinks that the American people should select their own officials at their own initiative and volition and, that resents the manufacture of officials by machine methods. I feel sure that if I entered the race for nomination to the Presidency, and undertook to solicit and spend the cost of propaganda and organization this would be in itself a negation of the right American instinct, because of the obligations that it implies. I thoroughly believe, that I like any other citizen, should be ready for service when really called upon, but to go out and try to persuade the public to call me is opposed to my every instinct.

Promote Issues, Not Men

"Third, I hope to have the affection of my countrymen, but my ambition is to remain a common citizen, ready to engage in team-play with any group or organization and leadership that may be the objective of the common interest and maintenance of good issues in the form that I believe are to the public interest and benefit. I, of course, believe in party organization, but it must be for the promotion of issues, not of men. I am not a straddler on any issue. I spend most of my time agitating for issues that I believe in. It is the privilege of all of us to hold our own views and it is our duty to express them when called upon to do so. But no man can be so arrogant as to assume that he can dictate the issues to the American people, or to the great parties they support.

Fourth, you and your friends have urged that I should undertake to organize propaganda for myself as representing issues, by entering into competition for nomination by a great party. Aside from the reasons mentioned above, this implies entry upon a road of self-seeking, whereas my view is that I should agitate for the issues, not for myself. You rightly say that joining sheer organizations without issue is simply office-hunting, without regard to public service.

"Finally, I am not so ignorant as not to realize perfectly well that such a course does not lead to nomination to the Presidency, but I would not be myself if I started out on a path of self-seeking to obtain any office."

Only Article 10 Is Now Left For Senate's Action

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words "to interfere in controversies between nations, whether members of League or not" be stricken out.

In these negotiations both Senators Lodge and Hitchcock refrained from taking an active part, but friends of the Republican leader declared they felt certain he would give his assent to the substitute. Mr. Hitchcock, on the other hand, was represented as unwilling to accept the proposal.

DECLINES TO BECOME A MEMBER SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson today asking that his nomination as a member of the shipping board be withdrawn "in view of the circumstances that have arisen in connection with the board's fuel supply."

IMPORTANT TOPICS AT CHAMBER MEET

President and Vice-President To Be Elected; Mayor To Talk On Schools

The election of the president and vice-president of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year will be the outstanding feature of the regular meeting of the chamber membership at a 1 o'clock luncheon-meeting Friday at the assembly room. Howard White is now president of the organization.

At this meeting Mayor T. B. Eldridge will address the members in regard to plans for the enlargement and improvement of the public school system of Raleigh. This address will include plans which have been recommended by Superintendent Howell after a careful survey of the school facilities. The question of a bond issue will probably be discussed at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

The election of the president and vice-president will complete the selection of the officials who will guide the destinies of the Chamber of Commerce through the year beginning April 1. The board of directors—15 of them—have already been selected. Each of the five departments are represented by three members on the board.

The Chamber of Commerce will soon enter upon a year that is expected to be an important 12-month period in the history of Raleigh's development along lines of greater opportunities. The Capital City has made wonderful strides in the past ten years, it is pointed out, but the next ten years will be the most important period for a citizenship that has long desired to make Raleigh the leading city of the State. Hence, a large attendance of the members is urged for Friday in order that the Chamber of Commerce may lay the plans for a new regime that will make added history of the Capital City.

APPEALS FROM SEVENTH IN SUPREME COURT

Case of Merchants National Bank v. W. J. Andrews Is Argued

With appeals from the seventh judicial district, embracing Wake and Franklin counties up for argument, the Supreme Court yesterday heard arguments on the appeal in the case of Merchants National Bank vs. W. J. Andrews, involving two notes aggregating \$15,460.70 and interest from July 8, 1919. This amount, the plaintiff is seeking to recover from the defendant and judgment in the lower court was in favor of the plaintiff.

Argument in the case was presented yesterday by R. W. Winston for the plaintiff and by Manning and Kitchin for the defense.

Other cases argued yesterday were Wynne and Gray et al. vs. Greenleaf Johnson Lumber Co., from Franklin County argued by Jones & Bailey and Ben T. Holden for the plaintiff and by W. H. Ruffin, W. R. Ruffin and W. H. Yarborough for the defense.

Harris vs. Turner Allen et al. from Franklin, argued by W. H. Ruffin and W. M. Person for the plaintiff and B. T. Holden, W. H. Yarborough and White & Malone for the defense.

Green and Land Co. vs. Ruffin and Strickland from Franklin, argued by W. H. Yarborough, B. T. Holden, for the plaintiff and W. M. Person and N. Y. Sulley for the defense.

Greenleaf Johnson Lumber Co. vs. Valentine et al. from Franklin, argued by W. H. Ruffin for the plaintiff and W. M. Person for the defense.

Roe et al vs. Journequin, from Franklin, argued by W. H. and T. W. Ruffin and W. M. Person for the plaintiff and W. H. Yarborough for the defense.

PULLEN TOSSERS WIN FROM "Y" JUNIOR FIVE

The Y. M. C. A. Juniors last night lost to the Pullen Memorial quint in an interesting game on the "Y" courts by a score of 24 to 30. The Pullen tossers outwitted and outplayed the Juniors who never had any opportunity to capture the lead. The victors showed training and superior teamwork.

The lineup:

Table with 3 columns: Juniors, Position, Pullen. Names include Goodwin, R. F., Young, L. E., Kooser, Bogwell, Manning, C., Williams, R. G., Terrell, L. G.

Summary: Field goals—Young 3, Mason 2, Fowler 4, Chappell 5, Bagwell 2, Solomon 2, Paul goals; Young, 2 out of 3; Crow, 2 out of 6; Manning, 2 out of 3; Fowler, 2 out of 3. Substitutions: Mason for Williams, Crow for Young.

SPEAK AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE TONIGHT

Rev. Stanley Harrell, pastor of the First Christian church of Durham, will speak at the First Christian church here tonight at 7:45, the prayer meeting hour, in behalf of the Men and Millions Movement of the Christian church which has for its object the raising of two million dollars. Mr. Harrell is one of the "Firing Squadron" of speakers with which the movement is being carried on.

CHARLIE NIXON EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO FRIENDS

Charlie Nixon, whose arms were broken when he was knocked down by an automobile last Friday on Glenwood Avenue, is reported as getting along nicely. He expects to be out of bed in a week or so. Mr. Nixon wishes to thank the many friends who sent him fruits and other good things to eat during his illness, and also to express appreciation for the calls made to ask about him.

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FIGHT STEALING OF TRADE MARKS

Frequent Instances of Piracies Experienced in South America

Buenos Aires, Feb. 12.—(By Mail.)—Dispatches from the United States stating that the American Manufacturers Export Association had launched a fight against "trade mark" pirates in various foreign countries, including Argentina, were read with interest by the American business colony here which is aware of frequent instances of this sort of business meanness.

Americans are far from holding Argentines alone guilty of the practice, for the stealing of trade marks has been done here even by Americans from their own countrymen. It is said, as well as by Europeans from America. The remedy against it, business men say, is for the American manufacturer to register his trade mark with the government without delay, otherwise when he attempts to enter this market he may find that some unknown individual or competitor in the same line of goods has anticipated him.

It is not necessary in Argentina for the person who registers a trade mark to be the actual manufacturer of the goods. That is, anybody can register a trade mark, first come first served. Once registered, the mark can, of course, be used by no one else, and if it has been pirated, the rightful owner either has to sell his products under a new trade mark or buy off the pirate.

There are reported to be certain individuals who almost make a business of appropriating trade marks of foreign concerns in order to extort a price for surrendering them to the owner. They watch particularly for advertising in newspapers and magazines of foreign concerns whose products they judge are likely to find a market in Argentina; if they find a likely trade mark not registered, they see that it is done in their own names and then wait. They also watch for the expiration of trade marks—the period is ten years. There are known to be instances in which concerns have thus left their trade marks to a pirate as the result of neglecting to have them renewed.

Argentina has yet failed to ratify the Pan-American Trade Mark Convention, under which a central agency for the ten Southern Republics of America would be established in Rio Janeiro for the trade marks. A trade mark registered there will be good in all other South American countries signatory to the convention and will save time, expense and trouble. The Argentine administration is known to be anxious to have the treaty ratified, but Congress has failed to act. It is reported that President Irigoyen is preparing a special message to Congress urging that there be no further delay in the matter.

AUSTRIA PLANS BIG LEVY ON ITS FORTUNES

Divided Into Two Classes, Those Made Before War and Those After

Vienna, Feb. 20.—(By Mail.)—The Austrian government expects that its plan for an enforced levy on wealth as prepared for submission to the National Assembly will yield from 3,000,000,000 to 12,000,000,000 crowns. It is the product of Finance Minister Reich.

The Vienna press has been predicting that it will bring to a crisis the relations between radical and conservative elements in the Parliament and country. Under this measure fortunes would be divided into two classes: Those which existed before the war and those acquired during and after hostilities. The former would be given an exemption of 15 per cent. Fortunes of under 15,000 crowns would be free from taxation. Beginning at that figure, however, a gradually increasing levy is provided for, commencing at five per cent and attaining a maximum of 65 per cent. On small fortunes an exemption of 1,000 crowns for each member of the family is made from the total. One third of the levy is payable in cash and the remainder in the interest bearing third issue war bonds.

Compulsory contribution of wealth has been before the government in one form or another ever since its formation, but nothing tangible has resulted. The capitalist and bourgeois classes oppose it by every means in their power. The financial proposals, together with the reorganization of the army, are generally thought to be the crucial test of the coalition government. The latter question again brings the two principle parties into direct conflict. The Social Democrats advocate a kind of national militia or Volkwehr, while the conservatives demand a standing regular army to be composed largely of the officers of the old army.

May Force Pappy Planting

Foehow, Feb. 10.—(By Mail.)—Reports have been received recently from Fukien province telling of an organized movement to force Chinese farmers to plant poppy for the production of opium. It is charged that this project is being directed by the military authorities. The farmers, say the reports, have been notified by this society, that they will be fined according to a fixed scale for planting opium, and official circulars on the subject are said to be so worded as to deny the fact that grave consequences await all those who fail to become subject to the fines and so aid revenues of the province.

Orvis Brod. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, March 8.—The cotton market was higher today under the influence of buying chiefly for trade account. Preliminary report of the National Ginners' Association indicates 9 per cent acreage increase, and this, together with the outlook for improved weather over the belt, induced realizing. This realizing sent prices off from the top with final quotations being slightly under last night. While general sentiment is largely bullish, the market appears somewhat reactionary.

Leave For Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Vaden have gone to Honolulu, Va., for a visit of several days.

GREAT BRITAIN TO INCREASE SUPPLY

Five Million People In England Dependent Upon The Cotton Industry

London, Feb. 22.—The decline in the world's supply of cotton will jeopardize Britain's great cotton industry unless the quantity can be increased, says the American Chamber of Commerce, in London. In the cotton industrial districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire, the American Chamber understands, 600,000 people are directly dependent for their living on cotton, while, indirectly 5,000,000 are dependent on it.

The main dependence of Great Britain's cotton industry is admittedly on supplies of American cotton, and as the chamber points out, within the past five years, for various economic and climatic reasons, the American cotton acreage has considerably decreased while her consumption has increased. British experts have estimated that if the yearly American crop should drop below the average, say, of 15,000,000 bales, of 500 pounds each, of which Britain normally absorbs 450,000 bales, the Lancashire trade would have to resort to short-time working. Given a continuance of the same shortage conditions they say all manufacturing machinery would ultimately cease. In view of this opinion, the estimated drop this year in American cotton to 11,000,000 bales, is giving rise to much serious thought in Britain's trade circles.

With a view to making the empire self-supporting, a committee representing the British Empire Cotton Growers' Association has suggested to the Board of Trade that funds, approximating \$100,000 a year for cotton-growing within the empire, should be raised by a levy on the cotton industry of the United Kingdom; and, that the government assist the colonies and protectorates by guarantees to provide railroads, waterways, harbors, etc.

The American Chamber, says there seems little doubt that the suggested annual levy of \$100,000 would be easily raised among the Lancashire cotton interests.

TWO FAMOUS TREES ARE NOMINATED FOR PLACES

Washington, March 9.—"The Great Tree on Boston Common" and "The Green Tree Hotel" at Le Claire, Iowa, the most famous trees on the Mississippi River were today nominated for a place in the "Hall of Fame for Trees" being compiled by the American Forestry Association.

The Great Tree on Boston Common is nominated by J. Collins Warren, of Boston, who sends a complete history of the tree which was blown down in a storm February 15, 1918, the centennial of the year in which the colonists gathered around the tree and started for Lexington to give battle to the British.

"The Green Tree Hotel" at Le Claire, Iowa, is nominated by J. B. Barnes, who as a boy, palyed leap frog beneath the branches of this tree with one Willie Cady afterward known to fame as "Buffalo Bill." The historic elm is well known on the Mississippi River because to the river men, reports Mr. Barnes, "it was the waiting place of men out of a job and looking for a trip. Therefore they give it the name of 'The Green Tree Hotel.' It is considered to be 120 years old.

Other nominations for the Hall of fame include the De Soto Oak at Tampa, Florida, from which De Soto started for the Mississippi and the West; the Octopus Tree in Charles City Co., Virginia, nominated by Meade Ferguson as the largest and oldest tree in the state; the two oaks at Marlinton, W. Va., marked in 1751 by General Andrew Lewis, the tallest tree in the Balkans at Podgoritzan, nominated by the Red Cross which had headquarters near it during the war.

WAGE DEMANDS OF COAL MINERS ARE PRESENTED

New York, March 9.—Demands which anthracite mine workers of Pennsylvania have asked operators to incorporate in the new wage agreement to be drafted to take effect April 1, were formally presented to the mine owners today and a sub-committee of practical men was named to negotiate the new contract.

This committee will meet at the Union League hall here Thursday morning to begin its work. The general committee of miners and operators which met today to begin the negotiations adjourned to meet at the call of the sub-committee.

While unofficial opinions were expressed by operators that the increase in wages asked by the miners would mean a rise in the price of coal to the consumer, if granted, no official comment was issued by the mine workers as to the effect the demands would have upon the industry.

Each side admitted that no definite decision would be reached until the award of the bituminous coal commission in the wage demands of the soft coal miners is handed down at Washington.

Assistant Forester Quits

Washington, March 9.—Albert F. Potter, associate forester, resigned today following the resignation yesterday of Henry S. Graves, chief of the forestry service.

ARTHUR E. DICKS WILL HEAD LOCAL ELKS AGAIN

Elected Exalted Ruler For Second Time; Unusual Custom of Antlered Order

For the second consecutive time Arthur E. Dicks was elected Exalted Ruler of the Raleigh Elks last night at a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the lodge.

The re-election of an Exalted Ruler has occurred only twice in the history of the Raleigh organization. The rotation custom generally prevails in Elkdom. The Raleigh lodge, however, honored Mr. Dicks again because absence in France prevented him from serving his entire term.

Other officers named last year for the ensuing year are: L. M. Parker, Esteemed Leading Knight; S. M. Smith, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Charles B. Farmer, Lecturing Knight; Frank P. Wall, Secretary; F. T. Dicks, Treasurer; R. O. King, Tiler; A. E. Dicks, representative to Grand Lodge; H. H. Bates, alternate; J. R. Chamberlain, trustee for three years.

VALUATION SUPERVISORS CONFER WITH COMMISSION

Highly satisfactory progress in the work of adjustment of property, both real and personal, under the provisions of the new State Revaluation Act, was reported yesterday at a conference of district valuation supervisors with the State Tax Commission. Every district in the State except one was represented at the meeting. Different phases of the work were discussed and new problems explained to the supervisors. The meeting was one of the regular conferences between the supervisors and the commission.

Invite Palmer To Visit Gastonia To Make Address

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enough to attract more than casual attention. It is generally said that Mr. Clark will make an announcement within the next week.

Clark Still Running. An interview he authorized last Sunday, his 70th birthday, quoted him as saying that the boys who are counting him out of the race on account of his age better do some more counting. He referred to Clemenceau and other notables as examples of the fighting ability of statesmen at three score and ten and then some.

Big Fight in Georgia

Going back to Mr. Palmer's candidacy, it is having a big inning in Georgia where the two leading papers of the State are already in a death grapple over their favorite. Clark Howell's Atlanta Constitution is booming Palmer with all the traditional booming power of that paper while the Atlanta Journal is whooping it up for Hoover in every edition.

The fight in Georgia, which is being staged in advance of any scrap in other Southern States because Georgia is to hold a preferential primary in April, gives much promise right now of resulting in the sending, or the going, to the San Francisco convention of two separate delegations, each claiming the right to cast the Georgia vote.

It is all due to the fact that Hoover's

Get \$34,000 When Safe Is Cracked at Oxford Office

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about town in a direction leading away suspicious of such proceedings he wished to find out what the men were doing and followed them. In the face of later events the theory that they were doing this as a blind to lead the officer away from the scene of operation is justified.

The men were careful not to exceed the speed limit and were particularly abt making street crossings and turns in accordance with traffic regulations. About 4 the car was driven towards the postoffice and out of town, but as the

THIEVES BELIEVED TO HAVE STOLEN AUTOMOBILE

Franklinton, Mar. 9.—Between midnight and day this morning thieves broke through an iron gate, which was secured by a strong chain and padlock and pulling the staple from its fastenings, entered the garage of Mr. S. C. Vann and drove his 1918 seven passenger Cadillac touring car away. Five strangers were noticed on the streets yesterday and up to a late hour last night. The stolen car was traced out the Oxford road for six miles this morning. It is believed that the culprits who blew open the safe in the postoffice at Oxford this morning are the same

grams have been sent to 30 towns in the State, Virginia, Washington and Baltimore describing the car. Mr. Vann offers reward of \$100 for capture of the thieves and return of the car.

PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN FOR INDIGESTION. CHEW A FEW—END STOMACH DISTRESS! At once! Indigestion, Heartburn, Gas and Dyspepsia, caused by Acid Stomach is relieved. Buy a box! Eat meals without fear! Read "Common Sense Rules Regarding Stomach" in package.

Special Today \$1.95 Values From \$6.00 to \$10.00. Just 150 pairs in this lot. Included are Kids, Calf Skins, combinations and two tones. Sizes range from 2 1/2 to 5. They are worth from \$6.00 to \$10.00. Eyesight Dim? If your eyesight is dim, your vision blurred, if your eyes ache, itch, burn or feel dry, get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. From your druggist, dissolve one in a fourth of a glass of water and use to bathe the eyes from two to four times a day. Bon-Opto has given stronger eyes, clearer, sharper vision and relief to thousands. Note: Doctors say Bon-Opto strengthens eyesight after a week's time in many instances.

Hudson-Belk Co. "RALEIGH'S LEADING DEPARTMENT STORE" The Season's Newest Ideas in Women's and Misses' DRESSES. Silk Dresses AT \$37.50 AND \$44.75. Women's and Misses' Taffeta Silk Dresses Values \$35.00. Black Taffeta Silk Dresses at \$24.95 up. "Blackshire" Gowns at \$29.50, \$37.50 to \$59.50. Complete Line Women's Dresses. Fashionable dresses built correctly on women lines. Overskirt, tunic, and striking ruching trimmed models. Taffeta and Georgette crepe sleeves. Materials: taffeta silk, crepe de chine, crepe meteor. at \$44.75, \$49.50, \$59.50. Afternoon Dresses of Georgette. Gibbon band and ruching self material trimmed. Also beaded and embroidered models. Colors: Orchid, Peacock, Delphine, Copen, Salmon, Flesh, White and Tea Rose. at \$25.00, \$29.50, \$35.00. Evening Gowns of Taffeta Silk. Evening gowns of taffeta silk and maline. Colors: Orchid, Rose, Black, Mains, Peacock and Green.

Most of the cooking sister gives us comes in a red and yellow box from the grocer - says Bobby. They're POST TOASTIES.

Don't Fail to Hear America's Greatest Humorist INRVIN S. COBB The Greatest Literary Treat of the Season. Raleigh Auditorium, Wednesday, March 10, at 8:30 P. M.