

## Greatest Task of Eventful Career Is Facing Hoover

Fight of His Life Lies Before Him—Will He Be Able To Reunite Republican Factions Is Question of the Hour

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Kansas City—The wounds of the conflict are still throbbing, raw and red, as this is written. The Republican convention of 1928 has gone home; the Hoover standard floats over the field. It is too early yet to measure the cost of his victory and to appraise his prospects of November success. The former was overwhelming; and given time the torn factions may heal and become as one behind the standard bearer in the fight to come.

Certain it is that the convention named a magnetic gentleman of great personal charm and winning ways. His friends point to his record and boast that he has never yet made a failure of anything he has undertaken. It would indeed be hard to convince a single one of his subordinates in Washington that he would fail in the task ahead. They admire and love him with a feeling akin to idolatry. To them "the Chief" is a superman.

Herbert Hoover today faces the greatest task he has ever undertaken. The relief of stranded Americans whirled in the vortex of war 3,000 miles from home and friends; the feeding of Europe's starving millions; the administration of this nation's foodstuffs when we, too, jumped into the seething pit—these were works to test the mettle of a giant. They called for a genius in organization and efficiency.

The work ahead calls for no less a genius. Behind Herbert Hoover today is a party but recently torn by discord; a rejected compromise with agriculture, one of the bulwarks of that party; sore and suffering rivals the chief of whom, Frank O. Lowden, has publicly proclaimed that the party platform is inadequate with respect to one of the main controversies of the hour; and, too, the coolness of Eastern leaders and business interests who will be called on in large measure to finance the campaign.

These are outstanding potentialities of trouble in the camp over which Hoover today is chieftain. And ahead lies a fight with one of the greatest vote-getters of any day or time—another man who has never made a failure, his friends declare, of anything he has put his hand to. The fight between these gladiators will be hot.

All that Herbert Hoover possesses of genius in organizing and peace-making will be required of him in drilling the army on which he relies. He may succeed in the task. It lies within the realm of probabilities that the Republican party will become again a reunited party as the active campaigning nears. It lies, too, within the realm of probabilities that the opponents of that party themselves will be torn by factional strife.

The convention here was singular in some respects. Singular, for instance, in its defiant and somewhat contemptuous challenge to its opponents. "Bring on your man," exclaimed Chairman Moses; "we'll welcome him to a bloody grave." Singular in the unexpected withdrawal of Lowden, and its reaction upon the delegates. "Our man is no quitter," exclaimed the orator who placed Curtis before the convention.

Singular, too, the convention has been with respect to the veiled assaults on Hoover. "Our candidate is not a citizen of the world," exclaimed the West Virginian who nominated Goff; "Our candidate voted Republican in 1918." And from one of the dead Willis's Ohio supporters who nominated Coolidge: "The man I nominate didn't forget to vote in 1900."

Singular, again, in the fiasco at the door of the convention hall when the police had to be called to clear out, not a gang of hoodlums, but a gathering of grim men from the farms, self-appointed spokesmen of one of the chief elements on whom the party has relied on election day. These men were Republicans with a grievance, real or fancied, led by men of parts.

The Hoover camp is wondering tonight how real and widespread is the farmers' resentment. They wonder if the corn and wheat belts are, in reality, aflame with anger, or sullen with resentment; whether it is that, or whether the ruralists at the convention and those who tried to force their way in constitute but a tiny minority, noisy and speaking only for themselves.

Looking over the agricultural plank in the platform the wonder is that the convention was expected, in any quarter, to do otherwise than it has done. How could the delegates ignore the achievements and record of the administration of Calvin Coolidge who twice vetoed a McNary-Haugen bill? To refrain from endorsing what Coolidge has done in the agricultural situation would be tantamount, his supporters claim, to disapproving what he has done.

And what hope of success could be entertained by a party failing to en-



Miss Ella Van Huesen, who as "Miss Chicago" competed in the Galveston, Tex., Pageant of Pulchritude, and was selected from a dazzling array of national and international beauties as the "Beauty Queen of the Universe."

## Langston Decides Not to Run Again

Fountain will be the next Lieutenant-Governor. Major Langston, who was second in the three-cornered race, finally decided to withdraw without a second primary. He assigned as a reason the fact that the smallness of the vote to be expected in a second primary would not indicate the will of the people as a whole.

His withdrawal removes the necessity of a second primary in the state, and has been followed by the withdrawal of second men in some county races. For instance, R. G. Fry, second in race for sheriff in Moore, withdraws in favor of C. J. McDonald, who ran only 54 ahead of Fry. But Wake and Durham are to have second primaries, though in Durham R. O. Everett withdrew in favor of young E. C. Brooks for a seat in the house. In Wake there are six men in the race for the House, three to be chosen. Miss Nell Battle Lewis is one of the six. Miss Carrie McLean over in Mecklenburg, who was a member of the House two years ago, was beaten this year, and unless Miss Battle shall be elected in Wake, the General Assembly will again be without a woman member.

There is no more voting for Chatham folk till next November.

dorse the record of its man now in office? And if that record were endorsed, how could the endorsing convention embody in its platform a leading principle to which he was opposed? Would it not have been self-stultification? So runs the argument of those who stand foursquare behind the agricultural plank.

The Hoover forces were in full control of the party machinery from the day the vanguard of the convention met to hear contesting delegations. They swept with full power to their predetermined goal. Tonight they are jubilant. Not so, however, some of their erstwhile rivals. They gave full voice from the speakers' platform more than once to gloomy forebodings and near-prophecies of disaster in November. At times the convention took on the appearance of a gathering on the defensive.

This, too, was singular. It was the first time in 16 years that a Republican national convention adjourned without uniting all its factions. It is not too late to unite them yet; not too late for Hoover to lead the Grand Old Party to a glorious victory. But the task ahead appears infinitely harder than it has been, and the going will be tough. There is little prospect of a third party, but considerable prospect of squalls ahead in the near future.

When Herbert Hoover was a child, his biographers record, he was once given up for dead. His little body had been laid out, ready to prepare for burial. A relative hovering near, saw the flutter of an eyelid. And they brought him back.

Those who wring their hands now for the Republican party may well consider this event in the life of their standard bearer. Those who are laying him out for political burial would do well to observe him closely. One of the most powerful and magnetic men of the age is their leader. And he is full of resource and vitality. Further, he has never yet failed.

## IT IS HOOVER Helm's New Book

Secretary of Commerce Nominated on First Ballot—N. C. Swings to Him.

One of the agonies is over. The Republican convention has labored and brought forth its candidate for the Presidency and a platform strongly endorsing prohibition enforcement, but leaving the farmers in the lurch. Upon adoption of the anti-McNary-Haugen farm relief plank, Governor Lowden withdrew his name, not caring to be a candidate on such a platform. The farmers of the west who had come in droves upon the scene to demand a favorable farm plank got poor comfort, none at all, or a slap in the face.

The North Carolina delegation, with the exception of Bramham, Harris and Duncan, voted for Hoover. Those three would not vote for him even when Lowden had withdrawn. The North Carolina vote made the number sufficient to nominate and the rest of the roll call was merely heaping unneeded votes upon the victorious candidate. The nomination was made last Thursday night.

The scheming for a vice-presidential candidate then began. It resulted in the nomination of Senator Curtis of Kansas.

## Boys Competing In Corn Test

Eight boys of this county will compete in the one acre corn growing contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau. Prizes amounting to \$500 will be given to the boys in the central district of North Carolina who grow the largest yields of corn on one acre. In addition to this, state-wide prizes will be given. Each acre of corn entered in the contest must be on upland ground, and a hundred pounds of nitrate of soda must be used as a side dressing when the corn is knee high. Following are the names of the boys who will contest in this county:

Ike J. Bynum, Moncure, N. C., R. F. D. 2; Chas. W. Lutterloh, Pittsboro, N. C., R. F. D. 2; Gordon Marshall, Pittsboro, N. C., R. F. D. 2; Ben Rose Strowd, Bynum, N. C., R. F. D. 1; Curtis Duncan, Siler City, N. C., R. F. D.; Wrenn Buckner, Siler City, N. C., R. F. D.; C. Culbertson, Siler City, N. C., R. F. D. and Robert Teague, Siler City, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

The Agent spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the communities of Gum Springs, Silk Hope, Rocky River, Mount Gilead, Lanesville, Orange Chapel and White Cross, in the interests of dairying. A new cream route is beginning operations in the communities of Orange Chapel and Lanesville and it is hoped to extend this route to points near Pittsboro. That farmers in this county are becoming more interested in dairying is evidenced by the fact that during the past three years, four new cream routes have begun operations, with a consequent increase in dairy cows. During this summer, it is planned to place, if possible, 25 registered Jersey Bulls in this county and possibly some registered Jersey heifers.

In office Saturday and first Mondays. N. C. SHIVER, Co. Agt.

## Robeson Co. Wants Elections Reformed

The following resolutions adopted by the Robeson County convention are suggestive. They strike at the root of considerable bad practice. Chatham saw the evils of the absentee law two years ago and that was repealed for this county. Robeson wants to follow suit as the resolutions indicate.

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Democratic party in convention assembled in Robeson county on this the 9th day of June, 1928:

(1) That the members of the General Assembly from Robeson county be and hereby they are requested to have enacted into law at the 1929 session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, an election law, commonly known as the Australian ballot law, to apply to all primaries that may hereafter be held in Robeson county.

(2) That in such act such clauses be incorporated therein as will prevent the use of money by or in behalf of any candidate for office except for newspaper advertising, stamps and postage.

(3) That every safeguard be incorporated in said act that will enable every man or woman, whether rich or poor, to have an equal opportunity at the polls in any primary that may hereafter be held in Robeson county."

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## HUMBUGGING THE FARMER

Now in Process of Publication

Those who have followed the notices published in the Record for the past few weeks, regarding the forthcoming book "Humbugging the Farmer," written by William P. Helm, Jr., our Washington correspondent, will be interested to know that the manuscript is now in the hands of the publishers and should be off the press within a few weeks.

It is understood that the publishers, in order to gain a certain price advantage by printing the first edition of the book in great quantities, have decided upon a thirty days advance sale of the first edition to gain volume, and are passing on to those who take advantage of the sale a good portion of the saving thus secured. Notice of the advance sale of Humbugging the Farmer appears on page six of this paper.

## EDITORIALS

When told the other day that Hoover would be nominated, Al Smith said, "He should not be hard to beat." With the disaffection of the western farmers, who got cold comfort at the hands of the Republicans, Hoover really should not be so hard to beat, but Smith is the only man in the Democratic party that has a smattering of a chance to do it if nominated. No other candidate would ever appeal to the imagination of the voters of the country.

The people of North Carolina have a show a-coming if Smith should be nominated. It will be more interesting than anything else we can imagine to see what Senator Simmons and his bunch of Smith vilifiers will do. Of course, they will swallow him, but the interest will attach to the effort to make the process seem pleasant and that of tuning up for a hurrah for the Democratic candidate. Withal, Josephus Daniels has not forgotten, it seems, the possibility of Smith's nomination, and has not entangled himself so completely in anti-Smith propaganda as to make it quite so difficult for him to switch over and hurrah for the Tammany man. But even his plight, in view of the almost assured nomination of Smith, is by no means an enviable one.

If the Smith men at Houston should manifest the same spirit that the Hull men in the fourth district convention did, they could easily overcome the lack of a two-thirds vote by simply repealing that party rule and allowing a majority vote to nominate. But not even the bitterest opponents of the Governor expect them to do it, which is essentially a confutation of their blab about the unscrupulousness of Smith and his supporters.

The Record would add its tribute to the many being paid the late Chas. A. Brown, long associated with this paper, and later with the Siler City paper. He was a unique character, possessed a quaint sense of humor, and should have devoted his life, it would seem, to the editorial rather than the mechanical end of the newspaper business. He had many friends in Chatham county who regret his passing. But he has lived a useful life, was active up to the last few weeks before his death, and has gone without the experience of years of decrepitude. The Record extends the sympathy of Pittsboro and other Chatham friends to his good wife. A brief sketch of his career appears in another column, taken from the Raleigh correspondence of the Daily News.

Attorney Loftin, of Wayne, appointed to defend Larry Newsome last winter, who did not suffer his client to go to his death after such a trial as that at which he was convicted and sentenced, deserves the gratitude of the people of the state. His persistence in the face of frowns from his neighbors, which resulted in a new trial here this week, has done much toward putting an end to legal lynchings in North Carolina, an end greatly to be desired. No more, it is to be hoped, will an accused be rushed to trial while the blood of the people is boiling and a citizen's rights to a fair trial be for-

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## Victors!



George C. Carson and his wife, of Los Angeles, won a sweeping victory against the Anaconda Copper Company of Montana. The court has opened the way for Carson to collect royalty payments of \$20,000,000 for ore refining methods he invented.

## Last Rites Are Held For Veteran Printer

Charles A. Brown, Who Died In Raleigh Saturday, Was Oldest In the State

## LAST JOB IN SILER CITY

(Correspondence Greensboro News) Raleigh, June 17.—Colonel Chas. A. Brown, oldest printer in the state according to number of years of service, one of the founders of the publication that has become the Raleigh Times, and member of the staff of the Chatham News, of Siler City, was laid to final rest in Maplewood cemetery, Durham, just as the sun was sinking in the west this afternoon.

A brief funeral service was held at 3 o'clock today at Brown's funeral home here. Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist Episcopal church, was assisted by Rev. E. L. Hilliard, pastor of Central Methodist Episcopal church. A mixed quartet from Edenton Street church sang several hymns at the service in Raleigh.

A considerable number of out of town persons were present for the final rites, which were, just as the old printer would have had them, exceedingly simple. Among the many lovely floral designs was one from the Raleigh Typographical union. Mr. Brown had been a member of this organization for 39 years. At the time of his death, he was an honorary member.

Those serving as pallbearers were the following members of the Raleigh Typographical union: Lawrence E. Nichols, H. G. Harrington, Colin G. Shaw, Edgar Wicker, T. O. Faucette and E. B. Nelson.

The dean of North Carolina printers died at the home of his sister here in the early afternoon Saturday. Death followed an illness of five weeks with a complication of diseases.

Although 76 years old February 5, of this year, Colonel Brown stuck to his post on the Chatham News until he collapsed in his final illness. He began his career as a printer in Raleigh at the age of 10. His newspaper work led him through plants in all parts of the United States east of the Mississippi, and his death removes a type of printer familiar in the decades of the past from the newspapers published in Chatham. Colonel Brown spent two years of his early life as a hobo or tramp printer. For the past 18 years he has been connected with the two weekly newspapers published in Chatham county. Since April, 1925, he has been contributing editor of the Chatham News, which is published at Siler City. He also served for a brief time on the mechanical force of the Greensboro Daily News before it was known under that title.

At the Fourth Educational Graphic Arts exposition, which was held in New York city last September, Col. Brown was awarded a handsome certificate on which his name was inscribed and a bronze medal in recognition of his long years of service in the printing industry. He was the only Tar Heel to receive an award. Colonel Brown was listed among the 20 oldest printers in the United States.

The deceased was a native of Raleigh, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown. He worked on several of the modest newspapers published in Raleigh during the civil war days and often recounted events in the state capital during those turbulent times. In 1879, he and his father and Will Utley founded the Raleigh Times under the name of the Evening Visitor.

In the same year he married Miss Mary Hardie, of Raleigh. Two children, who died in infancy, were born to this union. Mrs. Brown died in 1890. He was married to Miss Ada O'Neal, of Durham, who survives, in 1892.

Two brothers and three sisters survive, as follows: Ed S. Brown, Raleigh undertaker; W. M. Brown, of Raleigh; Mrs. Frank Lumsden, Mrs. Florence Kirkland and Miss Annie Brown, all of Raleigh.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A second-hand robe of political righteousness. Apply to Editor Josephus Daniels.

## New Hope Bridge Open to Public

Grading on section of Highway 90 Preliminary to Paving Nearing Completion—Pittsboro-Siler City Section Being Cacinized.

Highway 90 is fast becoming a real highway in Chatham county. The great fills at the big new concrete bridge across New Hope creek, or river, have just been completed and the bridge is open to the public. For months forty men and fifty odd mules have been busy filling up the great ravines at each end of the cement structure. Thirty thousand cubic yards of earth have been required to do the work, which has been done under contract by Lavenber Brothers at a price going way up into the thousands of dollars.

The grading of the section of 90 from Pittsboro to the county home, preliminary to paving, is almost completed and the paving will be done in the next two or three months it is presumed. Also the section of highway 90 between Pittsboro and Siler City is being cacinized, if that is the name of the crushed rock and bitumen treatment. With the completion of the paving of the county home section and the surfacing of the Siler City highway, highway 90 will be a real highway through the greater part of Chatham county, and will save travelers from the western section of the state many miles in going to Raleigh. The opening of the New Hope bridge and the Pittsboro-county home section, the route to Raleigh from Pittsboro will be nearly ten miles shorter than the route by way of Moncure.

Seaforth is the only burg on the highway from Pittsboro to Carey, and should soon be on the map. Mr. E. D. Thraill has a good store there which should do a considerable business in gasoline and oil, as the highway is not yet jotted with filling stations.

In addition to the three projects mentioned on highway 90, Chatham is getting a section of hard surface on highway 50, an extension of the Lee county project from Carroll's filling station to Lockville bridge. The extension will reach from Lockville bridge across the Haw River cludes only ten points in this state.

## COAL COMPANY WANTS LOWER FREIGHT RATES

Carolina Coal Company Asks for Revision of Intrastate Schedule

(News and Observer) Representatives of the Carolina Coal company, of Cummock, yesterday appeared before the State Corporation Commission in an effort to secure a revision and reduction of the North Carolina intra-state freight rates on coal. Representatives of the railroads, the respondents, appeared in opposition.

The coal company was represented by A. A. F. Seawell, W. H. Crawley and C. M. Reeves. Railroad representatives were Thomas Hume, representative to the general freight agent of the Norfolk-Southern, C. L. Hinant, assistant general freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, F. H. Behring, commerce agent of the Southern, and T. C. Maurer, commerce agent of the Seaboard Air Line.

The Carolina is the only North Carolina coal company that distributes coal generally—the Erskine-Ramsay mine selling its entire output to the Norfolk-Southern. The revision was asked on the ground of expansion of production which will allow the mine to compete with out of state mines for North Carolina business. At present the coal schedule by which the company ships includes only ten points in this state.

## MONCURE NEWS

Prof. H. G. Self was leader of the Epworth League service last Sunday evening. He made a talk on "How We Should Observe the Sabbath Day," and it was enjoyed very much.

We are very glad to state that Mrs. J. E. Bryan, who has been very ill and who is in the hospital at Sanford, is just a little better than she has been, but is very sick yet. Her many friends here wish her a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry to state that Mrs. Queen Farrell is very sick, but it is thought that she is a little better today (Monday).

Mrs. Laura Canady and little son of Beaufort are visiting her mother, Mrs. J. E. Bryan, who is very sick. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bryan of boro are also visiting his mother, Mrs. J. E. Bryan.

Miss Catherine Thomas has just returned from a visit to a friend in Durham.

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty will meet in the Juniors hall Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Bryan of Tallahasse, Ala., reached here last Wednesday to see his mother, Mrs. J. E. Bryan.

The Highway Engineering Construction company has completed the Lee county link of route 50 and are now pouring concrete on the Chatham side.

Mrs. Otis Bridges and Mrs. L. D. Isenhour of Sanford were visitors at Mrs. C. C. Thomas' Saturday. Miss Ruby Seats, the sister of Mrs. H. R. Forline, is visiting friends in Virginia this week.