

Full Text of Hoover's Inaugural Address

WASHINGTON—(UP)—Following is the text of Mr. Hoover's inaugural address:

"My countrymen: This occasion is not alone the administration of the most sacred oath which can be assumed by an American citizen. It is a dedication and consecration under God, to the highest office in service of our people. I assume this trust in the humility of knowledge that only through the guidance of Almighty Providence can I hope to discharge its ever increasing burdens.

"Our Progress" "If we survey the situation of our nation, both at home and abroad, we find many satisfactions; we find some causes for concern. We have emerged from the losses of the great war and the reconstruction following it with increased virility and strength. From this strength we have contributed to the recovery and progress of the world. What America has done has given renewed hope and courage to all who have faith in government by the people.

"In the large view, we have reached a higher degree of comfort and security than ever existed before in the history of the world. Through liberation from widespread poverty we have reached a higher degree of individual freedom than ever before. The devotion to and concern of our institutions are deep and sincere. We are steadily building a new race—a new civilization great in its own attainments. The influence and high purposes of our nation are respected among the peoples of the world. We aspire to a distinction in the world, but to a distinction based upon confidence in our sense of justice as well as our accomplishments within our own borders and in our own lives. For wise guidance in this great period of recovery the nation is deeply indebted to Calvin Coolidge.

"But all this majestic advance should not obscure the constant dangers from which self government must be safeguarded. The strong man must at all times be alert to the attack of insidious disease.

"Government Relation to Business" "The election has again confirmed the determination of the American people that regulation of private enterprise, and not government ownership or operation, is the course rightly to be pursued in our relation to business. In recent years we have established a differentiation in the whole method of business regulation between the industries, which produce and distribute commodities on the one hand, and public utilities on the other. In the latter, because we substantially confer a monopoly by limiting competition, we must regulate their services and rates.

"Co-Operation by Government" "The large purpose of our economic thought should be to establish more firmly stability and security of business and employment and thereby remove poverty still further from our borders. Our people have in recent years developed a new and greater capacity for co-operation among themselves to effect high purposes in public welfare. It is an advance toward the highest conception of self government.

"Education" "Although education is primarily a responsibility of the states and local communities, and rightly so, yet the nation as a whole is vitally concerned in its development everywhere to the highest standards and to complete universality. Self government can succeed only through an instructed electorate.

"Enforcement of 18th Amendment" "Of the undoubted abuses which have grown up under the 18th amendment, part are due to the causes I have just mentioned; but part are due to the failure of some states to accept their share of responsibility for concurrent enforcement and to the failure of many state and local officials to accept the obligation under their oath of office zealously to enforce the laws. With the failures from these many causes has come a dangerous expansion in the criminal elements who have found enlarged opportunities in dealing in illegal liquor.

"Hereditary" "Women, in my opinion, are different than they used to be." "How's that?" "There's my daughter, for instance—she's taking up law, whereas her mother always lays it down."

"Chance to Get Even." "From Passing Show. Tradesman: Now, look here, I've had enough of this. When are you going to settle this account?" "Fuglist: Afraid I can't do it at the moment, but I'll let you have a course of instruction in boxing in exchange."

"RICE CAKE" "A small quantity of ground rice added to the flour you use for making cake will give you a lighter cake." "Q. Who is the king of Hungary?" "A. Hungary has no king at the present time, even though the country is a kingdom, ruled by regent, Nicholas Horthy de Nagybanya. It has been suggested that the logical king of Hungary is Franz Joseph Otto, son of the ex-empress Zita of Austria-Hungary."

to execute and enforce the laws of the country. I propose to do so to the extent of my own abilities, but the measure of success that the government shall attain will depend upon the moral support which you, as citizens, extend. The duty of citizens to support the laws of the land is co-equal with the duty of their government to enforce the laws which exist.

"Service of Goodwill" "No greater national service can be given by men and women of goodwill—who, I know, are not unnumbered—of the responsibilities of citizenship—than that they should, by their example, assist in stamping out crime and outlawry by refusing participation in and condemning all transactions of illegal liquor. Our whole system of self government crumbles either if officials elect what laws they will enforce or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil of disregard for some law is that it destroys respect for all law.

"National Investigation" "I propose to appoint a national commission for a searching investigation of the whole structure of our federal system of jurisprudence, to include the method of enforcement of the 18th amendment and the causes of abuse under it. Its purpose will be to make such recommendations for re-organization of the administration of federal laws and court procedure as may be found desirable. In the meantime, it is essential that a large part of the enforcement activities be transferred from the treasury department to the department of justice as a beginning of more effective organization.

"Seek Peace Throughout World" "They fall to see that the idealism of America will lead it to no narrow or selfish channel, but inspire it to do its full share as a nation toward the advancement of civilization. It will do that not by mere declaration but by taking a practical part in supporting all useful international undertakings. We not only desire peace with the world, but we desire peace throughout the world. We wish to advance the reign of justice and reason toward the extinction of force.

"Lauds World Court" "The permanent court of international justice, in its major purpose, is thus peculiarly identified with American ideals and with American statesmanship. No more potent instrumentality for this purpose has ever been conceived and no other is practicable of establishment. The reservations placed upon our adherence should not be misinterpreted. The United States seeks, by these reservations, no special privilege or advantage but only to clarify our relation to advisory opinions and other matters which are subsidiary to the major purpose of the Court. The way should, and I believe will, be found by which we may take our proper place in a movement so fundamental to the progress of peace.

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sufficient leadership from a single group or class.

"If we would prevent the growth of class distinctions and would constantly refresh our leadership with the ideals of our people, we must draw constantly from the general mass. The full opportunity for every boy and girl to rise through the selective processes of education can alone secure to us this leadership.

"Public Health" "In public health the discoveries of science have opened a new era. Many sections of our country and many groups of our citizens suffer from disease, the eradication of which are mere matters of administration and moderate expenditure. Public health service should be as fully organized and as universal as public education, and should be incorporated into our governmental system as is public education. The returns are abundant and infinitely more in reduction of suffering and promotion of human happiness.

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to human progress. We wish only for the maintenance of their independence, the growth of their stability and their prosperity.

"Record Encouraging" "While we have had wars in the Western hemisphere, yet on the whole the record is in encouraging contrast with that of the other parts of the world. Fortunately the new world is largely free from the inheritances of fear and distrust which have so troubled the old world. We should keep it so.

"It is impossible, my countrymen, to speak of peace without profound emotion. In thousands of homes in America, in millions of homes around the world, there are vacant chairs. It would be a shameful confession of our unworthiness if it should develop that he have abandoned the hope for which all these men died. Surely civilization is old enough, surely mankind is mature enough so that we ought, in our own lifetime, to find a way to permanent peace.

"Peace can be contributed to by respect for our ability in defense. Peace can be promoted by the limitation of arms and by the creation of the instrumentalities for peaceful settlement of controversies. But it will become a reality only through self-restraint and active effort in friendliness and helpfulness. I covet for this administration a record of having further contributed to advance the cause of peace.

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"There is no short road to the realization of these aspirations. Ours is a progressive people, but with a determination that progress must be based upon the foundation of experience. Ill-considered remedies for our faults bring only penalties after them. But if we hold the faith of the men in our mighty past who created these ideals we shall leave them heightened and strengthened for our children.

"Conclusion" "This is not the time and place for extended discussion. The questions before our country are problems of progress to higher standards; they are not the problems of degeneration.

"In the presence of my countrymen, mindful of the solemnity of this occasion, knowing what the task means and the responsibility which it involves, I beg your tolerance, your aid and co-operation. I ask the help of Almighty God in this service to my country to which you have called me."

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O'CONNOR CASH GOES TO STATE

Numerous Claimants Fail to Establish Rights to Shoemaker's Estate

HASTINGS—(UP)—More than 15 years of litigation in which thousands of dollars was spent by claimants to the estate of John O'Conner, supposed poverty-stricken cobbler, will end this week so far as Nebraska courts are concerned. A hearing will be held at which the property and securities valued at about \$125,000 will be turned over to the state.

One set of the nine sets of claimants to the estate still has a case pending in the United States supreme court which is expected to be cleared in a short time. John O'Conner was virtually unknown in Hastings where he started in the cobbling business in the early days. Though hundreds of thousands of words have been heard from the witness stand or read from depositions taken in all parts of America, Ireland, and other foreign lands, no one knows a bit more about the real John O'Conner than they knew at the time he died.

They know that O'Conner was a cobbler, that he lived frugally in the back of his shoe shop on First street, that he prescribed heavy cowhide boots for the growing child that he was of medium build, and that he had black hair and a long black mustache, and that he never talked about himself, his family if he had one, or the places he had seen before he came to Hastings in the early days.

Departing, O'Conner left behind him two farms, some business property, and a number of negotiable securities of gold bond worth. The men who were intrusted with the estate have taken much care of it that the value has increased.

NEBRASKA RANKS WELL IN VALUE OF ITS EXPORTS

WASHINGTON—(UP)—The state of Nebraska ranks 34th in the list of 48 states for exports of merchandise, with a total value of \$2,992,072 during the second quarter of 1928, as compared with \$3,812,294 in the corresponding period of 1927, according to figures made public today by the department of commerce.

Lard valued at \$78,416 ranked first in order of value among the commodities sent from the state to foreign markets during the three-month period. Exports of oleo oil were valued at \$456,383; bacon, \$285,567; hams and shoulders, \$245,830; wheat flour, \$138,089; sausage casings, \$118,547; hides and skins (except furs), \$118,390; and machinery, vehicles and parts, \$86,195.

Fresh pork, pickled pork, canned and other meats, oleo stock and other edible animal products, inedible animal pills and greases, corn, textiles, wood and paper, nonmetallic mineral products, metals and manufacturers of metal, and chemicals and related products were included among the diversified commodities, exported from the state during the three months.

FUNERAL HELD FOR WINSIDE FIRE VICTIM

WINSIDE—(Special)—The funeral services of Henry Wacker, victim of a kerosene explosion, were held at the Theophilus Evangelical church, Rev. R. Heckman, of Tilden, Neb., was in charge and interment was made in the church burial grounds, near the grave of Mr. Wacker's father.

Sunday, March 3, the day of the accident was the only day for six weeks that Mr. Wacker had not worked at his trade of plumbing. During the recent cold weather he had been working night and day in the sleet, the snow, and the bitter cold, picking and digging the frozen ground, thawing pipes to furnish the people of the community with water. No matter how bad the weather nor how hard the work he was ever cheerful, happy and content.

UNUSUAL CHECK IS ACCEPTED BY BANK

HUMPHREY, NEB—(Special)—The largest check, as far as dimensions are concerned, that was ever written in Nebraska is believed one cashed by the Commercial National bank of Columbus. Felix Uhlman paid a bet on the weather, made with Oscar Nastrom, by making out a check on the bank on a piece of board. It was put through without question.

COSTA RICA MAN VISITS AT OLD WAYNE, NEB., HOME

WAYNE—Perry Girton, who had been away from Wayne for 27 years has returned here for a visit. Mr. Girton lives in San Jose, Costa Rica, and is one of the owners of 26 theaters. He was 17 years old when he left Wayne and so many changes have taken place that he recognized only one person, Charles Reynolds. He is a son of Ellis Girton, of Wayne.

Since leaving here, Mr. Girton has been in the picture business in Honolulu, Alaska and the West Indies, before locating in Costa Rica.

MUST SIGN WARRANTS FOR THEIR LIQUOR RAIDS

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