

## Hoover or the Bosses.

From the New York World.

Mr. Hoover's latest statement in regard to his presidential candidacy as a republican embraces two outstanding paragraphs:

I had no expectation that my entrance into this situation would be welcomed by a type of person who conceives that fitness for office, patriotism and citizenship depend upon placing the sheer partisanship above national interest or who requires years of demonstrated participation in work with mechanical politicians. I cannot assist these people with explanations trying to prove that I belong to their class.

Some people of this sort feel great trouble of mind that in a letter addressed to a friend last year I expressed my alarm at the then growing partisanship and pressed the need for unity of action between the legislative and executive branches of the government while we were still faced with the problems of war. It was obviously my duty as an important war official to support the president without thought of any political interest to myself from the day I entered the administration until I left it, and I put no qualifications upon or apologies for loyalty to one's chief in office.

Thousands of excellent republicans in every section of the country will applaud these words, but to the elder statesmen, the bosses, the contributing interests, and especially to the party as organized and led in the United States Senate, they are as hard a saying as has ever been addressed to them.

In most places the choice of delegates to the national convention is in the hands of "mechanical politicians" whose sheer partisanship rarely yields to any other influence. Wherever and for whomsoever they are operating they are conducting their campaigns by the main strength of money and organization. A candidacy, like that of Mr. Hoover, arising from the spontaneous approval of the people, they belittle and do not understand.

Putting no qualifications upon and offering no apologies for "loyalty to one's chief in office" in dealing with the problems of war, Mr. Hoover illustrates a kind of republicanism which we believe to be widely prevalent, but which in official republican circles was sunk without trace when the present congress met, almost a year ago. In the presence of a distracted world eager for some assurance of peace and justice, republicans at Washington have seen no need for unity of action except in the partisan sense, and they have obeyed no call to duty that rose above their personal and political ambitions and jealousies.

Mr. Hoover's appeal therefore, goes over the heads of republicans mechanically organized and financed and is intended to reach the rank and file. If our primary system were in any respect the reform its authors promised, there would be little doubt of the Hoover movement, but the Hoover movement, by its leader's own direction, resolves itself into a demonstration of the popular will in the presence of a convention already packed, perhaps, by dependable representatives of standpatism or blatant reaction.

In this way the one candidacy having voluntary and devoted support and owing nothing to the favor of mechanical politicians will be presented at the convention with nobody in its advocacy but the people and with every adherent of the old order protesting or doubting. Declaring himself a republican, Mr. Hoover at the same time pronounces hostility to the group that rules the party. The issue is plainly stated. It is Hoover or the bosses.

## LANE'S DAUGHTER AN APRIL BRIDE



Miss Nancy Lane.

Miss Nancy Lane, daughter of Franklin K. Lane, former secretary of the interior, is to be married to Phillip Kaufman, also of Washington, April 24. She is very popular in capital social circles.

### Lodge, Wilson and Treaty.

From Milwaukee Harold (German). If the clumsy work of Versailles is rejected so far as America is concerned, certain senators ought not to take too much merit to themselves. Politics were their main point of view. That the treaty of Versailles does not mean anything else but a diabolical scheme for bringing about new wars was a matter of indifference to them if they did not even find it advantageous. All that they were out for was to pick a hole in the coat of Mr. Wilson because they did not want him to get the benefit of having founded the League of Nations and because he did not take them—certain senators—earlier into his councils. Thus even Senator Lodge never uttered one syllable of criticism of the terms of peace. It is indeed great luck for Germany that Senator Lodge did not play a role in the Paris negotiations as a representative of the United States, besides President Wilson. Lodge would surely have fulfilled all the desires of the French and would not only have conceded the left bank of the Rhine but possibly the right one as well. The retention of the territory to the left of the Rhine was assured to Germany from the beginning is due to the fact that Wilson did not want to abandon his principles before the world completely and that he resisted in Paris the demands of the French militaristic party with Marshal Foch at the head, and frustrated an annexation of the right bank even if he could not prevent the temporary occupation of the left bank.

### Gold Mines Ask Subsidy.

From the New York World. The mint price of gold is \$20.67 a fine ounce. It has no other price in this country, and this price is a mere figure of speech created by law. Its value in relation to other commodities is entirely another thing. Hence the present demand of the gold miners for a bonus or subsidy from government to stimulate their production, which is declining—declining because an ounce of gold will now buy only about half the labor or food or mining material it would buy before the great war.

Their proposition is what might be called "nervy." It is to impose a tax of \$10 an ounce on all gold sold for use in manufactures and the arts. The proceeds of this tax of \$0 per cent. on the mint price would go to the miners as a bonus to stimulate production. This would operate to increase the inflow and reduce the outgo of the monetary gold supply.

It is all written down in a bill introduced in the House at Washington by Mr. McFadden, of Pennsylvania, and is said to have the endorsement of the American Bankers' Association.

Thus the avowed object and admitted consequence of this bill is greater monetary inflation when what the country particularly suffers from and what the federal reserve board is working against

with all its power is an existing and intolerable monetary and price inflation.

The gold mine interests are imitating the silver mine interests of 20-odd years ago. They are raiding the power of government for its special favor to a special interest. They will have to be headed off. They won out of that other cheaper money struggle an exclusive monopoly of the monetary demand for metal. Is that not enough?

### The Small Town.

William Pelley, in People's Magazine. Is there a better chance for success and thorough enjoyment of life in an average American small town, meaning the town of from 5,000 to 15,000 people, than there is in the great overcrowded cosmopolitan centers? I believe there is, absolutely. I base my contention on the fact that I am a city man, born and bred. I was 23 years old, married, and had two children before I deliberately turned my back on the "maddening throngs of the brick-and-asphalt canons" and moved to a smaller town. And never for a moment have I regretted the change. Neither was it because I had made a failure in a big city that I did so, for I had not.

And visiting now and then some of my cronies of the old days and observing how they live and how they have fared, I contend that the joke is on them. I am enjoying life in a way which they will never know and cannot understand. Underneath their rattle I detect a note of wifeliness and envy. I have something they have not. I have the ordering of my own life, the opportunity to enjoy the world as I go through it. They think they have these things. I know they have not. Else they would not do to me as they do when I visit them or they visit me in return. And they are not broken down failures, either. By worldly standards many of them are successful. But they are chained to their successes as to a wheel. They are living the life of gold fish in a globe. And they cannot escape. They do not possess themselves; the city and what it stands for possesses them. And they live paid hearers for their success than I have for mine—for which they received no commensurate return.

### Bryan's Answer.

W. J. Bryan, in The Commoner. During the last few weeks I have received an increasing number of letters asking me to become for the fourth time a candidate for the presidency. As it is impossible to make personal answer to these letters, I give this one reply to all. I recognize it to be the duty of his country in peace or war. Therefore, if the situation became such that my nomination was actually demanded, as in time of war a soldier's life is demanded on the battlefield, I would feel it my duty to consider it, but I hope no such situation will arise, and I do not now see any probability that such a situation will arise. For 30 years I have taken so active a part in public life that the demands upon my time have, to a large extent, denied me the pleasures of the fire and the companionship of my family. I have been rewarded as few public men have been—not with office, which is the least of rewards—but with the satisfaction of seeing nearly every reform I have advocated written into the unreplicable law of the land, and now I see my peace plan made the chief cornerstone of the League of Nations. This is reward enough for any man. Who could desire more? I desire quiet and rest, and look

### What Mexico Sold Us.

From the Los Angeles Times. The states included in the League of the Southwest are Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah; having a combined area of more than 1,000,000 square miles—a third of the United States proper and considerably larger than all that part of our country east of the Mississippi river. With the exception of Oklahoma we acquired the greater part of this territory from Mexico, paying for it the sum of \$15,000,000; although, according to historians, the total cost to us, including the expense of the war, Mexico's debts assumed and the Gadsden purchase, was about \$30,000,000. While much of the area included within the league is semi-arid and some of it strictly arid, it is a region of almost boundless natural resources.

### Powder Puff Age.

From the Birmingham Age-Herald. "Do you suppose the suffragists will 'snuff' any of our party leaders when they get the ballot?" asked the old-fashioned politician. "I hardly think so," replied Mr. Dubwalte. "I hardly think so, but I've heard several belligerent ladies say they had hats out for certain statesmen who opposed the ratification of the suffrage amendment."

## NAMED AS EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVE ON RAIL LABOR BOARD



Bert M. Jewell.

Bert M. Jewell, who has represented railroad employes in different capacities since 1907, has been nominated with A. O. Wharton to serve on the railroad labor board. During the time Wharton served on the railroad administration's wage adjustment board Jewell acted as president of the affiliated unions.

### Says Wood is Sound.

From the New York World.

Two distinguished physicians, in the most remarkable document yet put out on behalf of any presidential candidate, testified to the mental and physical soundness of Gen. Leonard Wood. Dr. Harvey Cushing of the Peter Bent Brigham hospital of Boston who performed the operation, described a "perfectly benign tumor," of which the general "has since had no symptoms whatsoever." Dr. Alexander Lambert corroborated Dr. Cushing, announcing that the removal of a tumor (which had affected General Wood's left side) was complete; that there was no danger that the general would become insane from it, and that there had been no mental deterioration of any kind. It was the late Colonel Roosevelt's sister, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, General Wood's loyal supporter, who took the initiative in offering this evidence publicly, through Dr. Lambert, at an overflow meeting at her home. Her drawing rooms were jammed to the doors with fashionable and wealthy women in the Wood following when, without preamble, Mrs. Robinson said:

Our first speaker is one who has, perhaps, the most important message to give about the man-whom both he and I so ardently desire to see president of the United States. Several things are constantly said about General Wood, as things have been said about other candidates, in the light of handicaps. One of the things brought home to me essentially is that many people appear to feel that his health is not what it should be. So I have asked his friend and my friend and the friend of Colonel Roosevelt to tell from his physician's standpoint of his fitness to be president of the United States.

"The question of General Wood's health," said Dr. Lambert, "has come up at odd times for a long time. I knew him before and after the Spanish-American war—after his lameness, after his operation—and was his medical adviser for a number of years. From my professional knowledge of his condition I told General Wood he must come out frankly on this question; that the truth never hurt any man. To refresh my memory I wrote Dr. Harvey Cushing, of Boston, who did the operation.

"When General Wood was in Cuba," said the doctor, "his desk was immediately beneath the large knob of a chandelier. Jumping up in a hurry he struck the middle of his head on the knob of the chandelier. Though he was hurt he thought nothing of it and continued to work for health and enjoys his memory I wrote Dr. Harvey Cushing, of Boston, who did the operation.

"It was later that the cyst developed and years before the general attributed the trouble in his left leg to any serious cause, when Dr. Cushing's operation brought him full relief. Dr. Lambert was at pains to explain how the cells of the right hemisphere of the brain control the motor activities on the left side. He then read Dr. Harvey Cushing's statement of the operation, which was subsequently sent to Senator Penrose. Dr. Cushing wrote:

"At the operation a cyst was removed from the foot center of the right hemisphere. It had been there many years. It was a perfectly benign tumor and he has since had no symptoms whatsoever. The stiffness and awkwardness of the left foot, which were there before the operation, will be permanent. His mentality, however, was not affected in the slightest and, so far as any one can tell his physical condition, he is in absolutely perfect health and enjoys such health as few of us have ever enjoyed. He is the most vigorous and sound human being, physically and mentally, that I ever saw.

"In plain words," said Dr. Lambert, "a cyst was taken out of the general's head about the size of a mandarin orange and it didn't bother him any more than a broken leg. There is no danger of his becoming insane from it. There has been no mental deterioration of any kind.

### Diamond Imports Climbing.

From the Topeka Journal. As a means of throwing further light on the high cost of living it may be cited that our importations of diamonds from Paris increased from \$3,000 in 1913, to \$3,149,000 in 1915. We doubted our importations of all kinds of hides and skins increased from a little more than \$1,000,000 in 1913, to \$16,000,000 in 1915. Of imitation stones there was also a notable increase, the importation of 1915 being \$32,000, as compared with \$2,500,000 in 1913. Genuine precious stones increased more rapidly than imitation, for in 1913 the importations were \$43,000 while in 1915 the purchases from Paris alone had jumped to \$5,000,000.

### Joy Killer.

From the Dallas News. Our idea of a pessimist is a person who can't admire orange blossoms for thinking of the lemon crop.

### The Hypocrite.

From the Houston Post. "I find that my husband has been having the office boy call me by such and such a name. That's a nice way to fool his wife, I must say! He's been playing billiards all the time." "How is it that you didn't recognize the voice?" "I'm so busy playing bridge every day that I've been, getting the cook to answer the phone."

## Another Royal Suggestion

# COOKIES and SMALL CAKES

From the NEW ROYAL COOK BOOK

WHEN the children romp in hungry as young bears, here are some wholesome, economical delights that will not only be received with glee, but will satisfy the most voracious appetite in a most wholesome manner.

### Cookies

1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
2 eggs  
1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract or  
grated rind of 1 lemon  
1 cup flour  
3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder

Cream shortening and sugar together, add milk to beaten eggs and beat again; add slowly to creamed shortening and sugar; add nutmeg and flavoring; add 2 cups flour sifted with baking powder; add enough more flour to make stiff dough. Roll out very thin on floured board; cut with cookie cutter, sprinkle with sugar, or put a raisin or a piece of English walnut in the center of each. Bake about 12 minutes in hot oven.

### Cocoa Drop Cakes

4 tablespoons shortening  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup flour  
3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder  
1/2 cup cocoa  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Cream shortening; add sugar and well-beaten egg; beat well and add milk slowly; sift flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa in mixture; stir until smooth, add vanilla. Put one tablespoon of batter into each greased muffin tin and bake in moderate oven about 20 minutes. Cover with boiled icing.

### Orange Cakes

4 tablespoons shortening  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
1 egg  
1/2 cup flour  
3 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon orange extract  
grated rind of 1 orange

Cream shortening; add sugar slowly, beating well; add milk a little at a time; then add well-beaten egg; sift flour, baking powder and salt together and add to mixture; add flavoring and grated orange rind; mix well. Bake in greased shallow tin, or individual cake tins, in hot oven 15 to 20 minutes. When cool cover with orange icing.

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