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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

Hoover's Birthday

The President was 55 years old Saturday. He has the respect and admiration of the mass of his fellow-citizens, who wish him continued health and service in his high office.

If Mr. Hoover, like others, looks backward on birthdays, he may be justly proud today of his record. From his boyhood, begining in poverty on an Iowa farm, working through college in California, mastering the profession of engineering in far places of the earth, controlling food and supplies during the war, later administering relief of tens of millions in Europe, then eight years building up the commerce department and stimulating foreign trade, and finally a successful struggle against Republican bosses for nomination resulting in election as President—it is the record of a man who knew what he wanted and got it.

When he took office four months ago, he was better equipped by training and experience than any of his recent predecessors. Therefore, much was expected of him by the nation and by the world.

He has not shown himself to be the super-man some expected. But he has demonstrated that he is a strong man, capable of hard work, incisive thought and vigorous action.

As President he has reformed White House press regulations, started a clean-up of the Indian bureau and justice department, reversed the reactionary Mellon policy on tax refund secrecy, initiated a prison reform program, called a special session of congress for agricultural relief and appointed a federal farm board, organized a commission of prominent jurists and experts to investigate not only prohibition, but all crime and law enforcement, postponed cruiser construction, and begun negotiations for an international naval reduction agreement.

Judged by any standard, that is a remarkable record.

It is not the whole story of course. He has been unable to keep his party in the house of representatives from passing "the worst tariff bill in history," though the senate is reported more amendable to his moderate tariff campaign pledges. He has not recognized Russia. He has made some appointments from the reactionary wing of his party.

But it would be unreasonable and unfair to expect the President to remake his party or the government overnight. His problems are very difficult. He is not a miracle worker.

Already he has accomplished much in four months. In four years he will achieve more. And in his work of reformation the President will be supported by the people, who have put their faith in him.

Indian Victims

It appears that President Hoover's new Indian commissioner, Charles J. Rhoads, has about the hardest job of any in the new administration.

Senator Wheeler of Montana has returned to Washington from an investigation trip with a senate committee which went into Indian reservations in five northwestern states. His indictment of conditions was sweeping.

The Indians are dying of tuberculosis without adequate hospital or medical care, he said. They are turned out of poor schools with about a fourth-grade education, and many are able only to relapse into idleness on the reservation.

Their funds, both tribal and personal, have been spent by their guardians without accounting, he said. They have been forced to pay for irrigation projects which have done them no good and are financial failures. Those trying to farm are fighting conditions which experienced white farmers find impossible.

The main cause of these conditions, Wheeler said, is that the Indian bureau long has been a haven for political hacks. These hacks must be cleaned out, he said, and he expressed confidence that Rhoads would do so. Most of us have faith that Hoover has picked a good man for this job. A job well done in the Indian bureau would be a blessing, not only to the Indians, but to the entire country.

Higher Money

It is too early to gauge the full effect of the federal reserve board's action in increasing the rediscount rate in New York from 5 to 6 per cent.

The board also lowered the bankers' acceptance rate from 5⅛ to 5⅛ per cent. Apparently the board hoped, by raising the rediscount rate, to make it more difficult to get funds for speculation. By cutting the acceptance rate, the board sought to make credit available for legitimate business.

This is a new policy which must be tested to determine its effectiveness. As always happens when the board takes decisive action, there is disagreement among bankers, economists and others on the wisdom of what has been done.

The board has been criticised in some quarters for the suddenness of its action, and in others for not having acted sooner. The board was loath to act directly, and hoped by warnings and pressure to avoid a violent dislocation on the stock market like that which occurred Friday.

The decision to increase the rate came at a time when brokers' loans had established a new peak for all time, and when it became apparent that only drastic action would curb the upward trend.

The board has a duty to see that there is available an ample supply of credit for legitimate business and industry. If the absorption of funds by the stock market endangered these, it was up to the board to do something about it.

Already the stock market has regained much of the losses which followed the board's announcement. The violence of the collapse was an indication of the extent to which speculation had gone. The recovery was an indication of the fundamental soundness of the country's prosperity.

There were losses, of course, and as always the small speculator was the greatest sufferer. This is unfortunate, but there has been no lack of warning.

Not Snobbish

The British Labor party has accepted the application for membership of the Earl of Kinnoull, to whom politics is a new interest, the young earl having attracted attention hitherto only by his motoring exploits and his matrimonial affairs—his second wife being the daughter of Mrs. Kate Merrick, London's night club queen.

Unlike the Rusisans, there is nothing snobbish about these British socialists. They never turn up the nose at a lord, nor turn his lordship's down on the headsman's block. The more gentlemen of wealth and leisure the MacDonald men have on their side, the better off they think they are.

Why not? They are not inconsistent, for their entire program is designed to obtain wealth and leisure for all.

Exit the Sliding Scale

Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, chairman of the finance committee, has decided to abandon his attempt to include a sliding scale sugar duty in the pending tariff bill.

This is good news. A sliding scale would have been a price-fixing device for the benefit of a small group of producers at the expense of all of us. It would have established a vicious system which might have been extended to other soil products and even manufactures.

Smoot's plan was condemned by the various groups interested in sugar. In addition to its other faults, witnesses who know the sugar business said it was impracticable and would lend itself to manipulation.

So this probably is the last we shall hear of the sliding scale.

Now if the finance committee will lower the unjustly high sugar duties carried in the house bill, as there is some indication it may, the public will have real cause to be thankful.

The Golf Cup Passes

The so-to-speak ornamental prize cup is passing. Instead we have silver bowls which hold ice for mother's tea or father's ginger ale, its inscription recalling on each festive occasion how father broke a 72 and won the country club championship.

Or we have a small silver chest which serves as a cigaret box and reveals, each time a guest lifts the lid, how daughter Marjorie carried off first honors in the swimming meet. It is not surprising that Americans should have grown tired of trophies which could serve only as dust catchers.

The Massachusetts Conscience

A sore conscience is like a sore tooth, it aches and aches.

And the unlucky who would reproach us for our misdeeds usually are received gruffly.

A Boston committee which wishes to observe the second anniversary of the electrocution of Sacco and Vanzetti, Aug. 23, has been refused a license for a hall, not only by public authorities, but by the owners of all adequate private halls.

Can it be that the Massachusetts conscience is aching?

Shakespeare says there are seven ages in man's life. It's just as well he didn't go into details about the ladies.

Don't worry about the bandits—they'll stick up for themselves.

Let us consider today the floorwalker—he puts his heart and sole into his work.

An endurance record, it seems, is something that doesn't endure.

Among the newer fashions for men are red shoes. Probably this is meant to match the vogue in noses.

Why can't men wear a couple of straps over their shoulders all summer like the girls?

If a still is not used for unlawful purposes it is legal in Georgia. That sounds reasonable.

Lots of people who put their trust in riches keep their riches in trust.

Balm and bomb are spelled differently, but often have the same effect.

There are two uses for every brick. You don't have to throw every one you touch.

David Dietz on Science

Plants Require Oxygen

No. 432

THE processes of life require the expenditure of energy. We eat food to acquire a fuel supply which can subsequently be burned up with the aid of oxygen which we breathe, to supply that energy.

The process is known technically as metabolism. Metabolism is a characteristic of plants as well as of animals.

We already have examined in detail one-half of the metabolism process. As we have seen, the plants manufacture carbohydrates, fats and proteins, utilizing for that purpose the carbon dioxide of the air and the water and soluble salts in the soil.

The other half of the process is the utilization of these foodstuffs.

The foodstuffs — the carbohydrates, fats and proteins — are used by the cells of the plant in three processes, known technically as respiration, assimilation and growth.

Respiration is the process by which the cell obtains the energy which it requires to accomplish growth, movements and repairs.

Fundamentally the process is the same as that which goes on in animals. We breathe in oxygen which accomplishes the necessary oxidation.

The plant uses oxygen for the same purpose.

Respiration takes place in all living cells of the plant and it is necessary, therefore, that all be supplied with oxygen.

The leaves and stems of the plant obtain their oxygen directly from the air.

The roots receive their oxygen from the air which is in the soil.

The reason many plants do not thrive well in wet soil is not due to the excess moisture so much as to the lack of oxygen.

The reason the farmer cultivates his field is to allow more oxygen to penetrate the soil.

Respiration is just the opposite to photosynthesis in many ways.

In photosynthesis, carbon dioxide and water are combined to produce carbohydrates. The energy of sunlight is used. Oxygen is given off as a by-product of the process.

In respiration, carbohydrates, chiefly, although some fats and proteins as well are oxidized. Energy is released as a result. The by-products of the process are carbon dioxide and water.

M. E. Tracy SAYS:

Dr. Eckener Has Sold the World on Dirigibles; a Disaster in Asia Would Set Them Back Twenty-five Years.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Advertising leagues and associations of the world open a four-day meet in Berlin.

The meet doubly is significant. It marks not only the twenty-fifth birthday of the International Advertising Association, but the tenth birthday of the German constitution.

Advertising and constitutional government bespeak the effect of American influence.

Ours was the first republic of the modern world, and ours was the first country to recognize the value of advertising.

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Unified World

THIS meet is significant in other ways.

If it shows how advertising has come to play a part in commerce, it shows how commerce has broken down national barriers.

The world is being unified economically much faster than it is politically.

Nothing new in that, because economics always has led statecraft.

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Germany's Comeback

GERMANY'S come-back is the most amazing aspect of the postwar period.

It will be remembered that when German representatives complained of the harshness of the Versailles treaty, especially, in connection with regard to disarmament, President Wilson said that the German people would find it much easier to recover with their soldiers back in civilian life and their government relieved of the enormous military budget.

That is one of the few prophesies that have come true.

As a military power, Germany may be weak, compared to what she was before the war, but as an industrial, scientific and economic power, she is making a rapid recovery.

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Zep Sold to World

HAVING crossed the Atlantic four times, the Graf Zeppelin prepares to circle the globe—A great venture in advertising—but one wonders whether it is not more courageous than wise.

Why take chances that might spoil a perfectly splendid demonstration?

Dr. Eckener has sold the world on dirigibles.

A disaster in Asia would set them back twenty-five years.

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Row at the Hague

THE Hague conference spends a couple of days to determine whether one delegate insulted another, and, after deciding that he did, to make him offer a technical apology.

That is one trouble with conferences.

In nine cases out of ten they spend more time smoothing out wise cracks than in discussing what they were called to consider.

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Snowden's Apoplexy

IN this particular instance Philip Snowden, British chancellor of the exchequer, characterized what the French minister of finance said was "grotesque and ridiculous."

The interpreter had sense enough not to translate the words literally, so that M. Cheron, who did not understand English, left the conference without ever realizing he had been insulted.

Some of his colleagues, who did understand English, were good enough to spoil the interpreter's diplomacy, whereupon M. Cheron rushed to M. Briand, French premier, and demanded that Mr. Snowden be made to apologize.

Then there was a meeting of French, Belgian, Italian and Japanese delegates which resulted in a decision that the conference could not overlook the incident.

Baron Houtart of Belgium was delegated to call on Mr. Snowden and acquaint him with what was expected.

Mr. Snowden offered the explanation that when he said "grotesque and ridiculous," he referrerd to M. Cheron's speech and not M. Cheron.

Baron Houtart conveyed this message to the assembled delegates, but they found it unsatisfactory, and he returned with demands for a more explicit apology.

Then Mr. Snowden said that the words he used were not regarded as offensive in the English language, and that he did not realize that they might be so regarded in French.

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Spoiling the Young Plan?

NOW that that wrinkle has been ironed out, let's hope that the Hague conference will get down to business.

It would be unfortunate, indeed, if the Young plan, which was worked out with so much patience and skill, were to come to grief, because a bunch of diplomats and politicians can not discuss it, without getting mad.

If that is impossible, it would be a good idea to adjourn The Hague conference and assemble another group of business men to straighten out matters.

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Trouble Enough

IN this connection Premier MacDonald showed good sense in conferring with the governor of the Bank of England and Mr. Lamont.

The problem to be solved largely is economic.

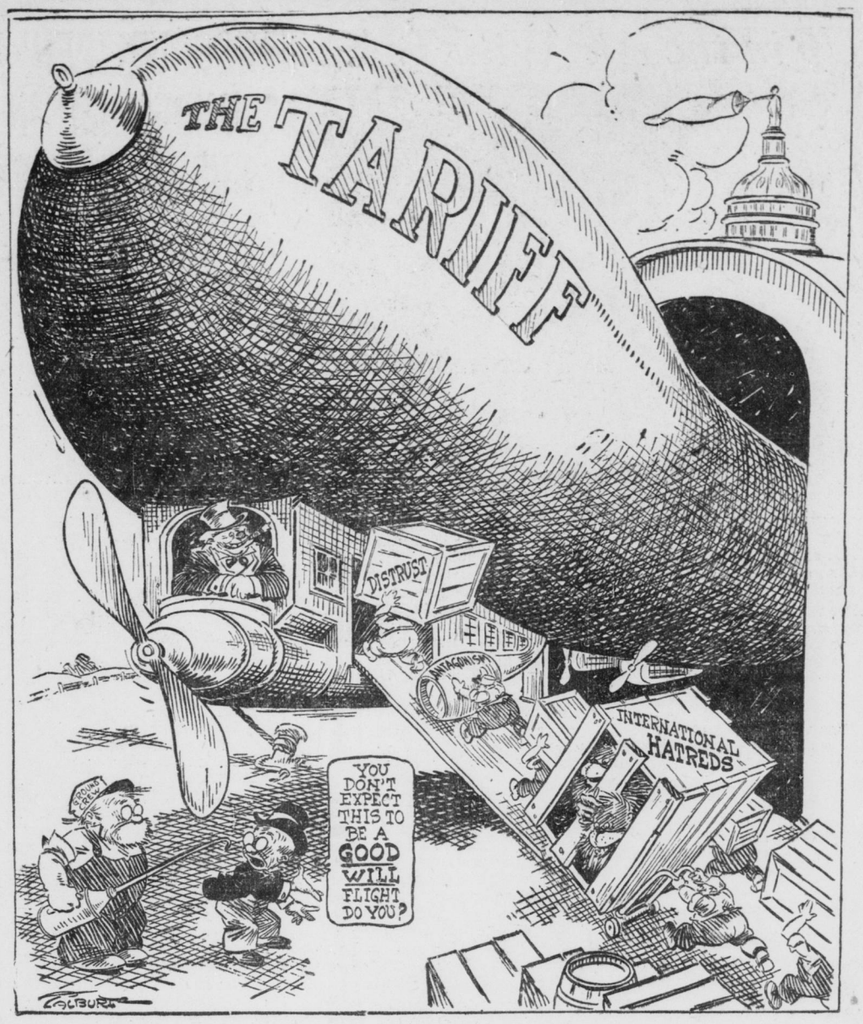
Like all problems, it can be seized upon by politicians to make trouble.

The people of this generation have had trouble enough. What they want now is readjustment.

When is Father's day celebrated?

There is no federal statute designating Father's day. However, the third Sunday in June is generally observed throughout the United States.

Another World Flight Getting Under Way



DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

'Window' Air Is Best for Health

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine.

THE human being must have a supply of air fulfilling certain minimum conditions or he will die.

Even a century ago it was believed that air could carry some mysterious agent of destruction which was called miasm. It was believed to be a poison gas that arose from marshes.

As human beings in a room breathe the air and exhale the materials developed in the body the composition of the air in the room gradually changes. Whereas the normal air is almost wholly oxygen and nitrogen the breathing of the human being gradually adds to this carbon dioxide and slightly increases the amount of nitrogen, while the oxygen is being considerably decreased.

At the same time the humidity changes through the evaporation of moisture from the body; the temperature is brought nearer to that of the body, and occasional germs and droplets of moisture from the body containing germs get into the air.

In the past great importance was attached to the chemical changes that take place; to the increase in carbon dioxide and to the lessening of oxygen.

We now know that the amount of carbon dioxide produced and the amount of oxygen removed are not significant, since the former is not sufficient to poison and since the latter is quite sufficient for sustaining life in the vast majority of cases.

The oxygen in the air must fall below 13.5 of an atmosphere before the breathing center is affected. Frederick has pointed out that the Mt. Everest expeditions of 1922 and 1924 showed that after acclimatization, men can live for days at an altitude of 23,000 feet, where the oxygen pressure is 9.5 per cent of an atmosphere and can perform muscular work at 28,000 feet.

The physiologist Dubois asserts that if the oxygen gradually is reduced at normal pressure the majority of men will not faint until the percentage falls to between 6 and 9 per cent, though some weaker individuals die before this percentage is reached.

The sensation associated with bad ventilation is not due to the chemical composition of the air. The most important considerations are temperature and humidity.

To maintain itself comfortably the body continuously must lose heat since it is continuously producing heat. It loses heat by evaporation of water from the surface.

The most important influence in promoting the loss of heat is the amount of water in the air that surrounds the body (characterized as humidity) and the rate of movement of the air. The movement of the air disperses the envelope of hot humid air that surrounds the human being between his clothes and his skin.

Frederick, in common with most ventilation engineers, favors a good supply of fresh air from an open window rather than air brought in by ventilating systems.

He points out that a person who has lived continuously for weeks and months with a fan supply, however adequate, and however satisfactory in regard to chemical and physical conditions, invariably experiences a prompt tonic effect on breathing the open air.

IT SEEMS TO ME BY JOE WILLIAMS

Joe Williams, sports editor of the New York Telegram, is "batting for Heywood Broun" while the latter is enjoying a vacation.

NOT that it may of any tremendous interest to any one, but I have no favorite author unless it be Katherine Brush (a swell-looking mama), no favorite artist unless it be Gene Ahern (the sire of Major Hoople), and no favorite writer unless it be old Colonel Joe Williams, (not a bad guy any way you take him), but I do have a very, very favorite waiter, old Pete Hurley.

Old Pete was the head barkeep and the commander-in-chief of the Flying Widge at Jack's place in Sixth avenue. I can well imagine that Old Pete and Jack's have been the topic of many a journalistic piece, but to me it is still a beautiful fantasy, a make-believe paradise, one of those things you only hear about.

I have just come from a comparatively somber institution, where Old Pete is waiting on tables, where the atmosphere is charged with a stiff decorum and where the flutter of the militant knuckle is nothing short of a blasphemy.

"So you never was in Jack's in the old days, eh?" said Old Pete. "Well, you ain't never lived." (Imagine telling me that, a guy who has been in Mobile, Ala., on Mardi Gras night!)

"There never was a place like it, I'm telling you."

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First Ukulele

OLD PETE stopped to mop a perspiring Irish brow and there was a glitter in his eye that reflected the glory of another age.

I proceeded to sip my onion soup with what I hoped was a minimum of lyrical accompaniment. Then Old Pete said:

"All the newspaper men in town used to hang out there. That fellow Broun you are working for (I took this to mean Uncle Heywood) was there a lot of times. And Irvin Cobb, a fat fellow if you never heard of him; Odd McIntyre, Charley Van Loan, Tad, Damon Runyon, Bill McGeehan, Hype Igoe, and all them fellows.

"Every night almost they'd come in and hang around and once in a while buy something. I remember Igoe used to have a funny looking contraption he called a ukulele, the first I guess New York ever saw, and he'd line everybody up at the rail and go marching through the place singing 'My Little Gray Home in the West.'

"And the funny thing about that ukulele Igoe had, we'd put it in the icebox every night to cool it off or something. Yes sir, we'd put it right in there with the lamb chops and the loins of veal, but it didn't seem to help the tunes any."

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Women at Jack's

OLD PETE paused to wait on two healthy-looking dowagers who had come in unescorted and whose order was cornbeef and cabbage.

"Get that, cornbeef and cabbage, for a couple of dames," he snorted "I remember when Lillian Russell used to come to Jack's and if you offered her a menu she'd fight you."

I wanted to know something about the standout ladies, to use a charming descriptive, who used to frequent Jack's.

"Well, there were a lot of them. I suppose I remember Evelyn Nesbit best. She was in there often. I think Harry Thaw and Stanford White met at Jack's for the first time." (For the benefit of the children who were born before Columbus outsmarted Isabella on the egg gag, Mr. Thaw married Miss Nesbit and shot Mr. White, who was at the time a well-known pen-and-ink person, and a designer of alluring penthouses.)

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John L. Legend

OLD PETE wanted to know if I ever knew Frank O'Malley, a reporter on the Sun.

"Well, not so long ago, Frank wrote a story about me and Jack's, and in it he said that one night the Flying Wedge—a battalion of warlike waiters—threw John L. Sullivan out of the place.

"Well, Frank was just trying to kid somebody. John used to come in the place, but he was always the perfect gentleman. I never saw him hit anybody with anything but his fist all my life.

Talk about throwing him out? Say, you'd just as soon try to throw him out as you would eat arsenic, and no fooling!

"Talking about fighters. All of 'em used to hang around Jack's. Ketchell, Nelson, Driscoll, Sharkey, Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Corbett, Welsh, all of 'em."

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What was the last book that James Oliver Curwood wrote?

"The Black Hunter" (1926). He was 49 years old when he died.

U. S. AND SPAIN END WAR

Aug. 12

ON AUG. 12, 1898, hostilities between the United States and Spain ceased when plenipotentiaries of the two nations signed a peace protocol in Paris.

The treaty was signed about two weeks after the Spanish government, realizing the hopelessness of a struggle which had become unequal, made overtures of peace through the French ambassador, M. Cambon, who had acted as the friendly representative of the Spanish interests during the war.

Under the terms of the treaty, Spain relinquished all claims of sovereignty over and title to Cuba, and ceded the Philippine islands, Guam and Porto Rico and several other islands in the West Indies to the United States.

The United States agreed to pay Spain $20,000,000 within three months after the exchange of the ratification of the treaty.

Immediately after signing of the treaty, President McKinley issued a proclamation suspending hostilities and on Aug. 18, the muster-out of 100,000 volunteers, or as near that number as was found to be practicable, was ordered.

REASON

By Frederick Landis

Nature Is an Uncontrollable Bootlegger and It's Difficult to Put the Old Girl in Jail.

PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER DORAN is too innocent for this world if he believes that cider can be trusted, for it has been violating the confidence of men ever since Adam plucked that first Rambo.

When you put the jug in the pantry Monday morning it may be as soothing to the interior as cream to a blistered back, but just let it breathe a little and by Thursday evening it will kick like an old Springfield rifle.

Nature is an utterly uncontrollable bootlegger and it is very difficult to put the old girl in jail.

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The wife of the president of the American Telephone Company got a divorce because he worked too hard to keep his social dates with her.

If you don't work at all they get you for failure to provide and if you work all the time they get you for concentration.

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Edward Hillman, rich young gentleman of Chicago, marries Marian Nixon, motion picture actress.

Raw material of another golden wedding.

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Immigration from Mexico declined last year on account of the war south of the Rio Grande, but now that the hunting season is over they will come again.

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HERE'S tradgedy—years ago the two sons of Mrs. Romona de Nunez of Venezuela came to New York to seek their fortune and after working hard and saving they sent money to their mother to bring her to her new home.

As the steamer entered New York harbor, where the sons stood waiting, the mother paced the deck in great excitement, then suffered a cerebral hemorage and died.

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Mabel Willebrandt tells the world that she made that Ohio speech after twice protesting to the campaign committee that she didn't want to do it.

The woman who gets up in front of an audience and tells it things, not backed up by her heart and soul—well, she's not exactly the fine feminine influence we visualized back in the days when we fought for woman's suffrage.

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It will deflate the value of stowaway common if Germany takes the halo from this young gentleman who obtruded himself upon the Graf Zeppelin and hands him a zebra suit on his return to the fatherland.

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THE rise in the price of wheat upholsters the political situation of President Hoover, for in politics it is the condition that counts, not what caused it.

We recall one evening in Washington when the late Champ Clark dolefully observed: "We would have carried this election, but this great corn crop ends us."

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Speaking of crops and statesmen reminds us of the time the late Tom Reed was campaigning in Iowa with Congressman Lacey, head of the agricultural committee.

Riding through the country, Lacey turned to look at a farmer who was using a large roller, and he inquired casually: "What is that?"

Reed turned on him scornfully: "You're chairman of the agricultural committee, yet you don't know what that is! Why, that's what they raise mashed potatoes with."

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The real hick is the person who thinks that the corectnes sof things is determined by the size of the place where the things are.

Daily Thought

Deliver me not over into the hands of mine enemies; for false witnesses are risen against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.—Psalms 27:12.

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CRUELTY, like every other vice, requires no motive outside of itself; it only requires opportunity.—George Eliot.

How high is the Eiffel tower in Paris, France?

One thousand feet.

Society Brand

Tropicals

Priced for Disposal to Quick Buyers!

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$50 Suits $39 | $65 Suits $49

DOTY'S

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