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Mr. Hoover Named

President Calvin Coolidge meant "No" in the famous "I do not choose to run" statement given out a year ago in the Dakota Black Hills.

He did more. He named his successor in the Republican presidential sweepstakes held last week in Kansas City. Herbert Hoover was picked, not by the delegates but by Calvin Coolidge who also selected Senator Curtis for vice-president.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Hoover is the outstanding member of the Coolidge Cabinet. He represents Mr. Coolidge's type and stands for Mr. Coolidge's policies. He has a colorful career of activity. His career makes good "press copy".

Aside from the clean-cut declaration in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment and rather fulsome commendation of President Coolidge and his administration, the Kansas City scribbles credit for all the good things in the world to the protective tariff.

"Oil" in all its forms is carefully taboed. It looks as if Governor Smith would be the democratic nominee at Houston.

Looks like a lively campaign but the winner will be an outstanding American—safe and sane.

Pests

"Public Safety", the magazine issued by the National Safety Council in its current issue calls attention to an automobile pest who usually goes unnoticed in the public prints—the driver who, coming up to a red light at a street intersection, manages to stop his car squarely in the middle of the cross walk, forcing all pedestrians to walk out around him.

The only driver who ever lands in that position is the careless one—the inconsiderate one. It isn't a hanging offense, of course; but it does cause a terrific wear and tear on the tempers of people who are trying to cross the street at the time. It would be a good thing for every motorist to watch the lights a little more carefully. The cross walk is for pedestrians, not waiting autos.

Add another pest: the motorist who drives within an inch of the safety zone for waiting street car passengers.

"On the Air"

How far we have traveled in the last few years is told in the following short editorial in a secular contemporary:

One of President Wilson's favorite battle cries was, "open covenants openly arrived at." He did not have in mind the broadcasting of national conventions; nevertheless, the principle for which he contended is recalled to mind when 50,000,000 radio fans are enabled to "listen in" on the proceedings at Kansas City.

The elaborate hookup of broadcasting stations, including WJAM of Rochester, by which everybody who has a receiving set becomes, for all practical purposes, a part of the audience of a national convention, is an object-lesson of the progress made by radio. Eight years ago next November station KDKA of Pittsburgh broadcast the election returns. Four years ago stations in Cleveland and New York, respectively, broadcast the proceedings of the Republican and Democratic conventions. This year some forty stations, strung together, bring the convention at Kansas City, and next week will bring the convention at Houston, within range of every section of the country.

It is an open secret that the end is not yet. Four years from now, it is a safe prophecy, radio will carry not only the sound of the voices of speakers at the national conventions, but will reproduce pictures as well as all that takes place.

Some time it does not seem time for Newburg College to have a first commencement, but it did have its last.

Set of the Sail

The Rochester "Times-Union" tells much homely truth in the following caustic editorial:

Thousands of boys and girls are being graduated from schools and colleges. If precept is valuable they will soon have the world at their feet. Advice at commencement times is plentiful, and cheap as dirt. Like dirt it contains the snags of growth and the promise of harvest. No counsel at this time is more fundamental than that which has been expressed by a poet in the following figure:

One ship drives East, and another West, With the selfsame winds that blow.

It is not the gale, but the set of the sail.

That determines the way they go. The set of the human sail is in one's purpose; intention. Roosevelt at 21 told his sister he meant to "live life up to the hilt until he was 60." That was his purpose. Nobody disputes the fact that he fulfilled it. Purpose in a youth makes him his own second creator. A great objective brings a singleness of aim into all that we do. Said Browning, "He who keeps one end in view makes all things serve."

This is the "set of the sail." What the force of the wind is to the shipman's ambition, aspiration, appetites are to him. Combined they create the power of will. We have our national heroes and national traitors. What distinguishes one from the other? Not his ambition. Not his emotion. Not his aspiration. Nothing but the set of his sail.

East and West they cruise, these figures on history's pages. Liberator and demagogue! Saviors and tyrants! Benefactors and destroyers! Successes and failures! It is all a matter of direction. Some set their sails for easy ports. Some set out on high quests. That is about all there is to it. And that is about all the commencement advice simmers down to. What more need be said?

How Dry, How Moral?

Georgia has been the Mecca of bigots. It produced Tom Watson. It had the Klan national headquarters. It used to have a Congressman named Upshaw who now finds it more profitable in dollars and cents to be a peripatetic lecturer on the beneficent effects of the Volstead Law and orate against Governor Smith. Recently, Mr. Upshaw let it be known that if Governor Smith is nominated in Houston, he will vote the opposition ticket.

Whereupon Mr. Joseph E. Travenent sent the following letter to the New York "World":

William Upshaw, who used to represent a Georgia district in Congress has recently been crusading in Kansas. He would like to have "the dry West and the dry South to form a political and moral alliance" against the wet East.

Just how dry and how moral is Georgia? According to the annual report of the Prohibition Bureau 25,000 illicit stills and 3,000,000 gallons of liquor were seized in Georgia by Federal officers during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927. This means a still for every 120 persons and more than a gallon of liquor for every man, woman and child in the State. During the past forty years nearly 500 persons were lynched in Georgia. During the same period a total of six persons were lynched in the wet Eastern States.

Food For Thought

Simon Michelet, widely-known statistician, of Washington, furnishes these figures in which there is food for thought and a moral:

By the last fully-checked census there were in the United States 27,061,880 men and 26,759,952 women over 21 years of age. That is 53,821,832 citizens of voting age. In the Presidential election of 1924, the first following this enumeration, the total of ballots cast was 29,091,417. Only 52 per cent. of the citizens of the United States voted.

Democracy is the political system in which government is directly exercised or controlled by the people collectively.

Abraham Lincoln said democracy was the government of the people, by the people, for the people. He said "the people," not a minority, certainly not a select few. And if democracy is to continue, the people must not surrender their control.

Baseball can return to the center of the news stage after Houston convention adjourns.

While it is assured that the Rochester street car stock and assets likewise those of the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation have not heard a hint of lower rates and better service.

Being city manager, even at \$20,000 a year has its drawbacks if one is supposed to be the speaker at school commencements.

We'll know pretty quick whether Meyer Jacobstein is to continue as an educator in public or private life.

William Allan White's idea is that the American people will know that as ice plant until March 4, 1929, and for four years thereafter Salsan a glorified madding machine.

Bluff Called

Senator Heelin in Washington said he had been informed that there would be an effort on the part of "Governor Smith's Roman Catholic friends" to prevent his speaking in New York State.

Governor Smith called Heelin's bluff by dispatching the following letter to Major John A. Warner his son-in-law by the way, chief of the New York state police:

"Announcement has been made that Senator Heelin of Alabama is to speak in Albany county outside of the city of Albany. It is our duty to take every reasonable measure to assure to him his constitutional right of free speech. I therefore direct you to see to it that he and his meetings are fully protected and that all who desire to hear him shall be enabled to do so without interference. I ask the people of New York to co-operate with the Governor in offering to the Senator of a sister state full opportunity to say anything he desires without interruption or discourtesy."

Shall we revive the torchlight parades, or shall we leave the campaign to the radio, the camera and the adding machine?

"Another Papal Plot" unearthed by the Catholic Telegraph of Cincinnati: Senator Heelin should expose the telephone and telegraph companies for erecting crosses along highways, using them under the subterfuge they are to support wires. Clearly it's a Romanish plot.

Being a master plumber does not disqualify Harry Braham from being a master politician.

On commencement day the graduate thinks of "positions". A few months later a "job" looks pretty good.

Possibly, we are just as well off that there was no congressional re-apportionment. If it is postponed a while, New York state may lose still more Congressmen.

It is well to reiterate: Vacation location should depend on the nearness of a Church.

U.S. Gives Holy Childhood Assn. 5 Million Francs

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 16.—Announcement is made by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. F. Staelman, C. S.S.P., national director of the Holy Childhood Association, that a total of 23,800,000 francs was collected by the Association during 1927, with Germany first and the United States second largest contributors. The report was made at a recent meeting in Paris at which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene Merio, director general of the Holy Childhood, presided. One of the functions of this body is the distribution of funds collected, subject to the ratification of the Sovereign Pontiff.

As the value of the franc fluctuated between 4 and 5 cents during the past year, the sum realized approximates a million dollars. The amounts contributed by the various countries, computed by the various currencies, computed in francs, are as follows: Germany, 5,421,261.65; U.S.A., 5,383,324; Italy, 1,800,767.90; Netherlands, 1,732,588.60; Belgium, 1,417,088.70; Spain, 954,946.65; South America, 846,067.91; Switzerland, 736,110.57; Ireland, 620,000; England, 400,000; Poland, 382,180.40; Oceania, 133,285.20; Malta, 109,535.90; Asia, 110,381.48; Scotland, 108,600; Portugal, 73,188; Luxembourg, 67,574.40; Africa, 64,786.85; Hungary, 43,174.56; Denmark, 39,939; Czechoslovakia, 28,401.65; Monaco, 10,144; Ile de Ozo, 10,000; Norway, 3,023; Ju-go-Slavia, 3,000; Greece, 956; Albania, 500.

Since his election as Director General in 1923, Monsignor Merio has greatly extended the A. association and increased its revenues. The Holy Father has honored him in a signal way several times among other distinctions, he holds the diploma of chaplain of the Pontifical Knights, Almoner General of the Order of Malta, Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, Commander of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and Officer of the French Academy.

First Catholic Hospital Unit Opened In India

Rawal Pindi, India, June 4.—The first hospital of the order of Catholic Medical Missionaries has been opened here and is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Besides caring for the sick, the staff, all of whom are women, will conduct a three year training course for native girls. One member of the staff is a physician and surgeon.

Rawal Pindi belongs to the Apostolic Prefecture of Kashmir and Karistan and lies in the extreme northern section of India.

The order of Catholic Medical Missionaries is composed entirely of women and was organized by Dr. Anna Dangel especially for the care of Mohammedan women. The headquarters of the order are at Brookland, D.C., and its members are physicians, dentists, pharmacists and nurses.

Protestants Spread Tracts On Mexico In Public Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

San Francisco, June 12.—Protestant propaganda, appearing in leaflets issued by the Committee on World Fellowship Among Children, and the World Friendship Project between the Children of America and the Children of Mexico, the latter sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of New York, was distributed among pupils of the public schools here last week by Joseph M. Gwin, superintendent of Common Schools for the City and County of San Francisco.

Noting that since the time when the Committee on World Fellowship Among Children sent the "Friendship Dolls" to Japan last year, inquiries have been made concerning its plans for this year, that organization's pamphlet says:

"It is now planned that the children of America will send 'Friendship School Bags' in 1928 to the children of Mexico. The instruction leaflet enclosed gives full details.

"Please note that the bags will be distributed by the Department of Education of the Mexican Government on Mexican Independence Day, September 16. Since San Francisco is near to Mexico, the committee has allowed us until July 30 to ship the bags, though the earlier it is done the better.

Library Cooperating

The San Francisco public library will cooperate by distributing 5,000 copies of the reading lists on Mexico (second enclosure) through its branch libraries. Teachers may help by suggesting books for home reading by whole families as well as by assigning school work which will arouse and increase interest in Mexico.

"The bags may be sent by schools, classes, or individuals. Address inquiries to Mrs. Paul Raymond, 90 Santa Monica way, San Francisco. Telephone Sunset 4035."

The reading list distributed by the Free Library is entitled "Books on Mexico," compiled by the Committee on World Friendship among Children, 289 Fourth avenue, New York. The books for children contain not one book that will give a proper idea of the work of the Catholic Church in Mexico, but several books written from the Nordic Protestant viewpoint, as: "Mexican Play Hour" by the Board of Foreign Missions, Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.

Books Untruthful

Books for adults contain no book portraying truthfully the work of the Catholic Church in Mexico. The leaflet issued by the World Friendship Project between the Children of America and the Children of Mexico, which bears the same name and addresses as above, proposes the sending of "Friendship School Bags" to Mexican children by American children.

In this leaflet it is stated: "Great emphasis is being placed by Mexico on universal education. This is the new popular enthusiasm of the entire people. This project should be the culmination of a program of study of the country and its people. The educational value of the plan rests largely with the directors of children's work and with the mothers in the home.

"The main value of this Friendship School Bag project lies in the opportunity of educating tens of thousands of American children in international thinking and in goodwill toward Mexico."

Four Sisters Die in San Francisco

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

San Francisco, June 14.—Sister Mary Agnes Cahill, Sister Anne of St. Joseph of the Notre Dame Sisters, Sister Mary Joseph of the Holy Family Sisters, and Sister Mary Immaculate of the Immaculate Conception Academy, died here during the week.

Sister Mary Agnes was long a teacher in California, and celebrated her golden jubilee as a religious in 1925. Sister Anne of St. Joseph of the Sisters of Notre Dame, died almost at the beginning of her career as a teacher. Sister Mary Joseph was one of the first Sisters of the Holy Family, of which she was assistant general for many years. She opened the first day home in the city in 1878. Sister Mary Immaculate was a Dominican Sister of St. Dominic's having taught 40 years in the schools of the order in California and Oregon, and later in the Immaculate Conception academy in this city.

George Eastman is a virile, versatile man at 73 years of age.

Bishop McConnell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, transferred from Pittsburgh to Brooklyn, is one non-Catholic who fought the Klan tooth and nail, and he was never found in the Calles corner either.

The American Federation of Labor does not do itself much good in condemning Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, because the Governor is not ready to accept willy-nilly the Child Labor constitutional amendment in precisely the form approved by the A. F. of L.

ST. ANTHONY WORKS WONDERS FOR HIS CLIENTS.

"The sea obeys and letters break, And lifeless limbs thou dost restore, Whilst treasures lost are found again, When young or old thine aid implore."

These words, composed by St. Bonaventure, Minister General of the Franciscan Order, shortly after the death of the Wonder-Worker of Padua, have been schooled down the centuries since by millions of Catholics.

The Best Known Shrine of St. Anthony in America is that of the Graymoor Priory of the Atonement. By participating in the Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, thousands upon thousands of the Clients of the Paduan Wonder-Worker have obtained their petitions. Hundreds of testimonials like the following are received at Graymoor every month:

Mrs. J. C. Park Hill, Ontario.—"Enclosed is an offering to St. Anthony in thanksgiving for the recovery of a watch under rather extraordinary circumstances. While working in the field, the watch was lost, and had been ploughed under. Two weeks later when the field was being worked again, the watch was found, and it was not hurt in any way from the exposure. St. Anthony is good to his clients."

J. H. D. N. E., Canada.—"I had lost quite a large sum of money, and could ill afford the loss. After searching in vain for days, I invoked the aid of St. Anthony, and found the money. St. Anthony works quickly."

J. A. H. Hono, Texas.—"I am a little boy twelve years old, and I want to tell you that I received a big favor through St. Anthony."

Careful—"Some time ago I wrote asking your prayers to aid me in the recovery of my voice, my husband's recovery to health, and his conversion to the Church. I made a novena to Blessed St. Anthony, and I want to thank him for the wonderful reply to my prayers. My voice is so much better that I was able to give a concert yesterday; my husband has completely recovered from a terrible nervous breakdown and has a position which he has held now for two months; and, best of all, he made his First Communion on Christmas Eve. His conversion is well-nigh a miracle, because he was brought up to hate and despise Roman Catholicism, and as late as last summer still hated the Church."

A new novena begins every Tuesday, hence the name, Perpetual Novena. There is always one in progress.

Address your petitions to ST. ANTHONY'S GRAYMOOR SHRINE, Drawer 5, Peckskill, N. Y.

Education Plank Of N.E.A. Turned Down By G.O.P.

Advocates of a Federal Department of Education Suffer Threefold Rebuff—Religious Advocacy of Prohibition

By Frank Hall (Staff Correspondent N. C. W. C. News Service)

Kansas City, Mo., June 14.—Advocates of a Federal Department of Education with cabinet posts suffered a sweeping defeat in the platform adopted by the Republican Party at its National Convention here today.

It was a threefold rebuff made all more pointed by the fact that it was administered by the party of two members of Congress sponsoring the scheme, as incorporated in the Curtis-Reed bill.

First, despite the fact that the National Education Association, chief proponent of the Federal Department of Education and other proponents had a spokesman here with a plank already prepared, who strongly urged the resolutions committee to insert it in the platform, no such plank was inserted. Second, the party dropped from its platform the plank added in 1924, advocating creation of a Department of Education and Relief with a cabinet post. Proponents of the Curtis-Reed bill have consistently pointed to this plank as at least partly obligating the Republican Party to give education a cabinet post, and an N. E. A. representative at the hearing here urged it as one of the strongest reasons why the party should insert an outright Department of Education plank in its 1928 platform. Third, the party adopted a new plank, which has not appeared in former platforms admonishing against efforts "to have the federal government move into the field of state activities," and declared that such efforts "never will have the support of the Republican Party." This plank is taken to apply directly to such movements as that represented by Curtis-Reed bill for a Federal Department of Education.

Education Not Federal Obligation

The new plank, headed "Home Rule," after declaring that federal government should be zealous in respecting and maintaining the rights of the states and upholding "the vigor and balance of our dual system of government," enumerates certain "well-defined federal obligations," but does not include education among them.

It then continues: "The effort which, however, is being continually made to have the federal government move into the field of state activities has never had, and never will have, support of the Republican Party. In the majority of the cases, state citizens and officers are most pressing in their desire to have the federal government take over these state functions. This is to be deplored, for it weakens the sense of initiative and creates a feeling of dependence which is unhealthy and unfortunate for the whole body politic."

"There is a real need in the country today to vitalize fundamental principles. There is a real need of restoring the individual and local sense of responsibility and self-reliance. There is a real need for the people once more to grasp the fundamental fact that under our system of government they are expected to solve many problems themselves through their municipal and state governments and to combat the tendency that is all too common to turn to the federal government at the easiest and least burdensome method of lightening their own responsibility."

After her appeal Mrs. Bagley scattered throughout the committee's room a large attractive folder containing the plank urged by N. E. A. and arguments in its favor. The 1924 plank, which the convention today wiped out, was quoted to strengthen the plea.

Mexican Colonists In Kansas Will Have A Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Salina, Kan., June 12.—The efforts of the Rt. Rev. Francis J. Tiel, Bishop of Concordia, to care for the ever increasing number of Mexicans in his diocese will be crowned on June 17 with the dedication of the new Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, situated in the heart of a large Mexican colony here. The next step will be the dedication of the Bishop himself and will have as its pastor the Rev. Gabriel Perez, A. R.

Other colonies of Mexicans, of approximately 40 families, are to be found at Herington, Junction City, Abilene, Goodland and Kanopolis, but there are, over 700 Mexicans comprising the Salina colony. The last Confirmation class numbered 280.

The rapid influx of Mexican laborers and their families into this diocese has brought with it the problem of caring for the spiritual welfare of these people. The railroad shops, centers and junctions have been the commercial magnet for the immigrants. Bishop Tiel has taken a direct and personal interest in the solution of the problem. One young priest has been helped by the Mexicans in his efforts to master their language. During the past two years, the Augustinian Fathers of Topeka have cared for the Mexican missions, and in cooperation with the Bishop, have provided Spanish speaking priests who are acquainted with this particular field of mission work.

Father Perez has heretofore been the priest in charge of Mexican spiritual affairs for the diocese and on Pentecost Sunday presented a large class of children for Confirmation at Herington. Delegations from nearby missions attended the services and formed part of the class.