

HI JOHNSON AND HOOVER AGREE ON ONE THING!

Both for Construction of Boulder Dam, West's Biggest Project.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Senator Hiram Johnson and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, for years leaders of two conflicting schools of political thought in California, once rivals for the presidency of the United States, today stand united in asking Congress to construct the West's biggest project, the Boulder Dam in the Colorado River.

Johnson is concentrating his entire effort at this session on passage of the Swing-Johnson bill for construction of the dam.

Herbert Hoover was one of his strongest witnesses before the Senate Irrigation committee. As an internationally famous engineer, and as president of the Colorado River Compact Commission, Hoover's verdict on the Colorado River carries weight.

Hoover told the committee that a high dam at Boulder canyon to control floods, store water for irrigation, provide a domestic water supply for Los Angeles, and furnish power for the development of the Southwest is the one immediate need of this generation in the Southwest.

While he supports the contention of States in the upper drainage basin of the river that no dam should be built until the Colorado River compact, allocating water among the States, is signed by Arizona and California, Hoover expressed confidence that ratification is not far off.

"I doubt if there was as much emotion among the thirteen original States over ratification of the Constitution as there is among western States over water rights," said Hoover.

"And yet the thirteen States all ratified within eleven years. It is only three years since the compact was completed."

Boulder dam has stepped to the center of the stage in the Senate and is generally recognized, for the first time, as a national problem of first magnitude.

RESERVE BANKS ARE DISCUSSED

Woollen Says Rechartering May Be Retarded.

The attempt to inject the question of amendments may retard rechartering of Federal reserve banks is the belief of Evans Woollen, Fletcher Savings and Trust Company president, writing in the December issue of the Hoosier Banker.

Discussion arose after publication of an article by the Secretary of the Treasury last spring. Charters expire in 1934.

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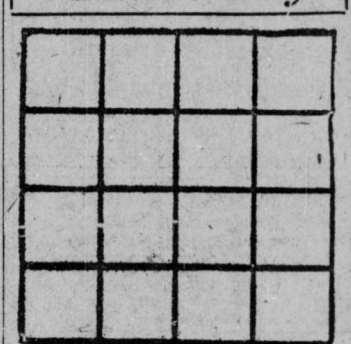
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Tons of dried locust are shipped from South Africa to Holland for the extraction of the oil which is extensively used for lubricating airplane engines.

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COLE BLEASE TELLS WHAT HE'D DO IF--

Senator Would Like to Control Congress to Legalize Beer.

Times Washington Bureau.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Imitating the late Senator Watson of Georgia, Cole Blease, the senator from South Carolina who came to Washington with the reputation of a fire-eater, has started a weekly paper, "Blease's Weekly." It is published in Anderson, S. C., but will have a Washington circulation, as every senator and representative is on its mailing list.

The first issue was received recently by members. It occasioned a good deal of interest, mixed with some amusement. Its main feature was a blast against the Volstead act.

"If I Controlled" Spread clear across Page 1 is a statement by Senator Blease, beginning, "If I Controlled Congress."

"I would change the Volstead act so we could have a pure beer... I do not see how anybody could be opposed to good, pure beer, for it is a health drink."

"I would abolish the Andrews partisan political machine for the enforcement of the Volstead act and leave enforcement to the United States officers and officers of each State. I use the word, Volstead here because everybody who has any sense at all knows we have no such thing as prohibition. The only people who have prohibition is the poor devil who has not the money to buy liquor."

"Democrats Slipping" Blease also declares for prison sentences for speculators in cotton futures and for Federal Jim Crow laws.

Another feature is a denunciation of the Democrats in Congress. "They endorse the Republican tax bill, they endorse the Republican reorganization plan, they endorse the Republican tariff and the Republican plan for enforcement of the Volstead act, and it seems to be an old-time Democrat they have just about yielded all they ever fought for, including State's rights, white supremacy, et cetera," he declares.

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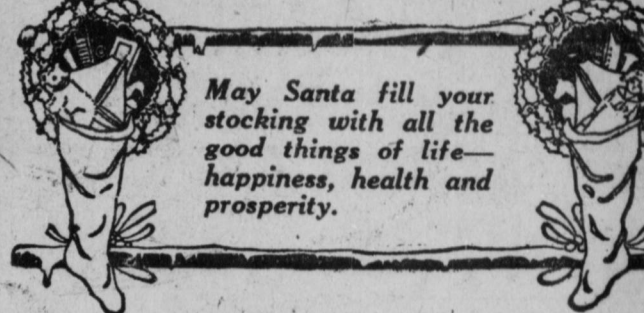
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