

## MAN INVENTS TOO FAST TO KEEP UP WITH EFFECTS ON OWN LIFE, PROBE REVEALS

Fails to Adjust Himself to Social Changes Brought by New Devices, Is Claim; Benefits Great, However, Says Hoover Group.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Man invents faster than he adjusts himself to the social effects of his inventions, President Herbert Hoover's committee on recent social trends found in its study of invention's influence upon social life.

The development, for instance, of the skyscraper and the apartment house have tended to take industry out of the home and concentrate it in the factory.

But the committee finds child labor was a result of failure of society to adjust itself rapidly enough to the new industrial development.

### Tells of Radio's Effect

The report sets forth the effect of numerous inventions in an interesting chain. It lists 150 distinct social effects of the radio, telegraph and telephone and of radio broadcasting. Among them are:

Standardization of diction and reduction of dialects.

The contralto voice has become more highly favored because it transmits better.

Interest in sports increased.

Brokerage offices on ships have been made possible.

Radio police patrols have speeded detection of crime.

Letter-writing to radio religious speakers has given a new opportunity for confession and confidence.

New occupations such as that of amateur have been created.

Legal questions as to rights to the air have been raised.

Standardization of milk by short waves has been developed so milk can be kept a week.

Additions have been made to the language such as a "a baby broadcasting all night."

### Other Striking Examples

The report goes into less detail but perhaps even more strikingly, into examples of the effects of other inventions.

"Thus the mechanical stoker for engines" it says, "increases the amount of coal going under a boiler, which permits a more powerful locomotive, which increases the length of trains, which makes the distance a passenger carries his baggage greater, which increases the number of porters, which contributes its bit to the status of the Negro."

"Or, the automobile replaces horses, which diminishes livery stables, which in turn reduces the number of flies, which lessens somewhat the communicable diseases."

"Again the can opener is said to have aided the woman suffrage movement, through an enchantment similar to that following the mechanical stoker and the automobile."

### Problems of Adjustment

The report points out that more than 400,000 inventions were patented in this country between 1920 and 1930. Their total social effect was tremendous.

"Invention is creating a new material environment, which is itself changing swiftly," the report says, after reviewing the subject of invention. "Humanity must adjust itself to this material culture as it changes. Invention thus causes for man problems of adjustment."

"Instead of comparing the attention given to social and mechanical invention," the report says in another place, "it might be well to ask first whether society wishes to encourage mechanical invention and natural science at all."

### Encourage Social Science

The question appears either absurd or academic, yet the changes which many conservatives object to are the result of invention. And even radicals have suggested declarations of war on invention until society catches up.

"Technology seems to change sooner than do social institutions. Society hardly will decide to discourage science and invention, for these have added knowledge and have brought material welfare."

"And as to the difficulties and problems they create, the solution would seem to lie not so much in discouraging natural science as in encouraging social science."

**CITY COUNCIL AGAIN NAMES ROPKEY HEAD**

Five Ordinances Passed, Four Under Suspension of Rules.

Speed and unanimity marked the meetings of the city council Monday night when it re-elected its president and vice-president and passed five ordinances, four of them under suspension of rules.

Ernest C. Ropkey was renamed to the presidency and Leo F. Welch vice-president for the fourth successive time.

Three ordinances were for temporary loans totaling \$200,000 in the health department and a fourth for a \$469 appropriation for the safety board.

The fifth ordinance called for installation by the New York Central railroad of a danger signal at Tibbs avenue and Tenth street.

**DEMOCRAT INSTALLED WISCONSIN GOVERNOR**

First in 40 Years Takes Over Office at Madison.

By United Press

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 3.—The first Democratic Governor Wisconsin has had in forty years was inaugurated here Monday when Albert G. Schmedeman was sworn in office.

Chief Justice Marvin B. Rosenberg of the supreme court administered the oath as Schmedeman, accompanied by Senator Robert La Follette, stood in the state capital rotunda.

The Democratic Governor in Wisconsin was George W. Peck, author of "Peck's Bad Boy," who was inaugurated in 1891.

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CAMERA BIGGER 'PERIL' THAN DOCTOR'S KNIFE



Norma Stephens

Braving an operation for removal of a peanut from a lung tract, little Norma Stephens, 23 months old, today displayed her first emotion when she was face to face with a camera.

Here she is shown puckering up for a good cry while the photographer pleaded with her to "give a smile."

She is in Riley hospital for children. The operation for removal of the peanut was staged Friday by hospital surgeons. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stephens, Winchester.

## Special Committees to Direct Pythian Affairs

### Groups to Be Named to Aid Lodges in Conduct of All Endeavors.

Special committees will direct entertainments and programs of Knights of Pythian lodges in Indiana for the next few months.

Members of the committees will supervise arrangements for each lodge session, including business meetings, ritualistic ceremonies, entertainments, social and civic endeavors. Attendance and membership committees will co-operate with the special groups.

The twenty-seven districts of the state are grouped in nine divisions, each division being assigned to the resident grand lodge office. Carl R. Mitchell of Indianapolis, grand keeper of records and seal, has charge of organization plans in Marion, Johnson, Morgan, Monroe, Owen, Putnam, Hendricks and Montgomery counties and is making a series of official visits to the lodges of this territory.

Meetings scheduled for this week include LaSalle Lodge No. 54 at La-

dog, Wednesday night, and Acton Lodge No. 385, Acton, Thursday night.

Lodge activities in the three districts are supervised by Robert Fendley of Greenwood, H. I. Clemmer of Spencer and W. F. Compton of Russellville, district deputies. The three districts will join in a page rank meeting at Cloverdale Jan. 17, at which a class of more than fifty new members will be initiated.

### READY FOR TAX SPLIT

County Auditor to Divide \$9,504,134 Between County Units.

County Auditor Charles Grossart announced today that November tax collections totaling \$9,504,134 are ready for distribution to taxing units. Distribution will be made as follows:

To the state, \$1,036,151; Marion county, \$1,107,251; city, \$3,003,778;

school city, \$3,073,763; tuition, \$6,668; Franklin township, \$24,646;

Perry township, \$9,237; Pike, \$24,588; Washington, \$37,125; Wayne, \$128,341; Warren, \$65,638; Lawrence, \$4,687; Decatur, \$25,137, and Center, \$9,002.

### County Auditor Seeks Post

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## LEGISLATORS CHARTING PATH FOR SESSION

### Draw Lines for Patronage Fight; Platform Bills Being Drafted.

While members of the joint legislative committee were drawing bills redeeming Democratic platform pledged and were wrestling with the tax problem, lines were being drawn today for the patronage fight at caucus Wednesday night.

Aspirants for various legislative posts arrived in the city today to campaign for pledges. Members of the house and senate also were on hand to urge their appointment to various committee posts.

The four-day gap between convening of the assembly Thursday and the inauguration Monday of Paul V. McNutt as Governor, and M. Clifford Townsend as Lieutenant-Governor puts Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush in charge of the senate. Present plans call for adjourning Thursday noon until Monday morning.

**Speaker to Be Named**

In the forenoon session Thursday the formalities of electing a Speaker, and certifying the election of McNutt and Townsend will be carried through by the house of representatives, which then will adjourn, Speaker Earl Crawford declared, No bills will be welcomed.

The house will be called to order by Frank Mayr Jr., secretary of state, and the members will be given the oath by Walter E. Treanor, chief justice of the supreme court.

Crawford then will be elected Speaker formally.

Bush will convene the senate. Judge Michael Fandier of the supreme court, will deliver the oath. Organization of the senate will be begun by electing Anderson Ketchum of Greensburg, president pro-tem.

Upon completion of the organization the members of the senate will meet with the representatives to hear Governor Harry G. Leslie's valedictory.

**Heller Seeks Post**

Dick Heller of Decatur, principal clerk of the house in the regular and special sessions, and director of the state Democratic publicity bureau and Ned Phelps of Kokomo, former member of the house, seek the senate secretaryship.

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