

## HOOVER PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN, SAYS HIS CLOSEST FRIEND

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Herbert Hoover was declared Wednesday night by Julius Barnes, his close associate and friend, to be a "progressive Republican" who "will never allow himself to be a candidate for office nor allow his friends to make an effort in his behalf, unless there shall be such indisputable evidence of such spontaneous and universal popular demand that it will overwhelm his present resolution not to enter politics." Mr. Barnes, who is director of the United States wheat corporation, was the principal speaker at the annual dinner of the National Wholesale Dry Goods association.

Referring to reports that Mr. Hoover might be a Democratic presidential candidate, Mr. Barnes said:

"As a lifelong Republican, I am assured to believe that only one development could place him on the Democratic ticket, in spite of all that has appeared in the recent press. I believe that could come about only if overconfidence in their own political prospects blinds the Republican party to adopt a nonprogressive platform, and to nominate candidates of reaction.

"With his intense earnestness of purpose and his sincere desire to further the social progress of our people by the preservation of equal opportunity, it is conceivable that the liberal minded voters of all parties may then insistently demand such a leadership as his for the expression of right social and political ideals.

**Fee of Reaction.**  
"The partisanship of Herbert Hoover extends only to insistence on the maintenance of equality of opportunity in this country and to the support of the party exemplifying that ideal. That door of opportunity must be made to swing easily on the hinge of efficiency. It must not be slammed in the face of worthy aspirations by the gusts of reaction, nor wrenched from its hinges by reckless and impatient hands."

## Clara Sweitzer Heads State Optometrists

Miss Clara Sweitzer, a local optometrist, was elected president of the Indiana association of optometrists at the closing session of that organization's meeting in Indianapolis, Wednesday. Other officers of the organization are: A. M. Keck, of Odon, first vice-president; S. Callahan, of Terre Haute, second vice-president; H. E. Woodard, of Indianapolis, secretary, and W. E. Haseltine, of Kokomo, treasurer.

## Red Birds, Undeterred by Snow, Presage Spring

Who said this was winter? Some citizens announced Thursday that red birds were singing lustily in the trees about their houses.

Of course everybody knows it is a red bird habit to trot around this time o' the year but still it gives the folks a "spring" feeling.

## The Farm and the Farmer

BY WILLIAM R. SANBORN

**NOTE AND COMMENT**  
Fred G. Lock, owner of Crescent V. ranch at Palacios, Texas, claims the unique distinction of owning the only "sacred bull" in the United States. This bull hails from India and was formerly kept in an Indian temple, the priest of which was defrocked for assisting in smuggling the bull out of the country, against the laws of the state. It is said that a Mr. Borden imported this animal at a cost of \$75,000, which is doubtful, but at any rate circus men have offered a whole lot of money for this show attraction.

The farmer's wife should cheer up; there is no real substitute for eggs. The U. S. department of agriculture states that "egg substitutes are of no aid in baking". Most of these egg substitutes are essentially starch or powdered cereals, sometimes artificially colored, we are told. The fact that each package is supposed to take the place of a lot of eggs and sells by the ounce at about \$1 per pound does not seem to add goodness or value to these concoctions.

Miss Helen Seeger, formerly of Purdue and now of Indianapolis, has been appointed secretary to Frank N. Wallace, state entomologist.

Preble county tobacco growers who are offered 22¢ for some mighty good cigar leaf will be glad to know that their brethren in Connecticut are getting from \$4 to \$4.50 per pound for "shade-grown wrappers", the bulk of late sales being at the top figure, with some growers figuring on getting \$8 per pound later on.

## Audience is Pleased With Cartoonist's Work

About 200 persons witnessed the cartoon exhibition by J. Bell Tiernan in the Grace Methodist church, Wednesday evening. His clever cartoons and humorous monologue kept the audience pleasantly entertained. Miss Francis Owens played several numbers on a piano while cartoons were being drawn.

Preceding the main event of the evening, the orchestra of the Grace Methodist church gave several numbers. The orchestra was under the supervision of Ralph Sloane, high school supervisor.

The new government of Finland is planning to make Lake Ladoga, which has an area of 700 square miles, accessible to seagoing vessels.

**CROUP**  
Spasmodic croup is usually relieved with one application of  
**VICK'S VAPORUB** YOUR BODYGUARD - 30¢, 60¢, \$1.20

## SIR JOHNSTON, LADY FORBES ROBERTSON ARRIVE FOR ANOTHER STAY IN AMERICA



Lady Forbes Robertson and Sir Johnston photographed on deck of liner.

Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes Robertson have returned to the U. S. again, partly on business and partly on pleasure. Sir Johnston is a well-known actor, art critic and journalist. Lady Forbes Robertson was a resident of Oakland, Cal., prior to her marriage in 1900.

## Modern Business Women Discarding Wedding Ring

(New York Evening Sun.)

In those dark ages when the cave man was something more real than the hero of a Broadway melodrama, when the cave was unquestionably women's sphere, marriage we are told, was little more than an adventure in wife catching, and the wedding ring was worn as a symbol of the wife's captivity.

Now, of course, we are more enlightened. When Mr. Bernard Shaw and other wise men tell us that marriage is merely the consummation of husband catching, (devoutly to be wished!) the question naturally arises, Should not the modern husband wear a wedding ring as a symbol of his captivity? Of course, some of them do. Fair minded gentlemen everywhere are realizing the justice of the contention, and the double ring ceremony is coming more and more into vogue.

On the other hand, however, many modern business women are discarding their wedding rings entirely, regarding them as a symbol of bondage unworthy of an autonomous individual—voter and a bread winner. The time is happily past when a wife is merely her husband's chattel, "his household goods," to quote our friend Petruchio.

### Merely an Episode.

Nowadays marriage is apt to be merely an episode in the life of an ambitious business woman. She asks for an afternoon off; is married and returns to the office the following day; such an instance occurred only recently in a New York office. Another young woman not long ago had the courage to start off on her honeymoon with neither wedding nor engagement ring—they simply didn't appeal to her was the reason she gave for leaving them at home. Had she but known it, she was following an old Jewish custom, for the elaborate Jewish wedding rings of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were used only during the ceremony and then were laid away and carefully preserved by the family.

Small wonder, if they really were as cumbersome as descriptions of them suggest! Sometimes they took the form of a plain old filigree band, but quite frequently, in place of the bezel, the model of a house was attached—a house with high gabled roof and enameled tiles, with open windows, and sometimes even a movable weather vane!

The old Romans, we are told, first made use of the ring as a marriage symbol. Usually made of bronze these rings were given at the time of the engagement—"an earnest of faith." During the middle ages the practice continued and the "fede" ring, bearing the device of two right hands clasped, became especially popular. The same form of embellishment was frequently used on the "gimmel" rings of the period, unique affairs composed of two hoops wrought so exactly alike that when combined they appeared to be but a single circlet. The outside of these rings is usually convex and elaborately ornamented, while the inside usually bears some sentimental inscription. Picture the romantic possibilities—the missing heir identified, the distressed ramsey delivered or the pledge redeemed! No wonder they figured largely in the romances of the times.

**"Posy" Rings Fascinating.**  
Particularly fascinating are the English wedding rings of the seventeenth century. The "posy," or "poesie," ring with its engraved verse or motto, was especially favored. Although as early as the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries these "posy" rings were used, at that time the engraving was usually placed on the outside, while later it was almost invariably in-

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## Board of Works Orders Traffic Signs Off City Streets; Approves Franchise

Upon the request of Mayor Zimmerman the board of works voted Monday to dispense with all the right and left traffic signs in the city and the red lights, used at night.

Board member John Peltz voted against dispensing with the traffic signs, taking the stand that the signs were essential to the protection of pedestrians.

However, the majority favored the removal and ordered the street department to take them in immediately. "Although the traffic signs have been taken up, vehicle drivers will still be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the traffic ordinance," said Mayor Zimmerman. "All violators of the ordinance caught will be fined."

Approval of the franchise of the Land-Diks company, subject to ratification by the city council, was made. The city attorney will draw up an ordinance.

An agreement supplementing the original garbage contract will be prepared by the city attorney and Denver C. Harlan, counsel for F. E. Slick, garbage contractor. The agreement will have Slick perform the duties heretofore done by the superintendent of the crematory, whose position will be vacated. Slick will do this without any additional consideration.

The board authorized Market Master Hunt to attend the ninth annual convention of the State Weight and Measure Association in Indianapolis, May 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Upon the request of Edward Holman, city park superintendent, the board ordered J. P. Dillon, light plant superintendent, to place lights at the foot and bottom of Roosevelt hill, in Glen Miller park, for the safety of coasters. The lights will be put up immediately.

**BULGARIA'S "VALLEY OF ROSES."**  
The "Valley of Roses" Bulgaria, where 7,000 acres of trees are under cultivation for the distilling of attar of roses, yielded in 1910 5,500 pounds of rose leaves.

**SOME DIFFERENCE.**  
In the British Isles there are 363 persons to the square mile, while in Australia, 1½ is the average.

**A Lazy Liver**

Causes a great deal of trouble, bili-

lousness, constipation and sick

headache. Do not put up with it;

correct it at once by taking

**Hood's Pills**

Made by C. L. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

## FAMOUS SOPRANO RECOVERS VOICE LOST FOUR YEARS



Lucrezia Bori.

Word comes from Milan that Lucrezia Bori, the Spanish lyric soprano who lost her voice in 1915 in the midst of her triumphs with the Metropolitan Opera company, has recovered it again after four years of self-enforced silence. She is planning a tour in 1920-1921.

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## A Big, Quick Clean-Up Sale

for FRIDAY and SATURDAY

We are getting ready to invoice and have selected all short lots of merchandise that we are going to clean up in the next 2 days regardless of cost or value.

### Clean-up of Clothing

12 Suits worth \$22.50;	
choice .....	\$15.00
22 Suits worth \$35.00;	
choice .....	\$22.50
10 Suits worth \$40.00;	
choice .....	\$28.50

All Boys' Suits at Big Discount.

### Clearance of Men's Odd Pants

56 Pairs, worth \$3.50;	
choice .....	\$2.98
97 Pairs, worth \$5.00;	
choice .....	\$3.95
68 Pairs, worth \$6.50;	
choice .....	\$4.95
1 Lot \$1.50 Knee Pants;	
choice .....	99c

### CLEAN UP OF ALL SHOES

67 Pairs Men's \$5.00 Work Shoes;	
choice .....	\$2.98
43 Pairs Men's \$6.00 Work Shoes;	
choice .....	\$3.99
72 Pairs Men's \$7.00 Work Shoes;	
choice .....	\$4.95

1 Lot Children's \$3.50 Shoes;

choice .....

84 Pairs Men's \$7.50 Dress Shoes;	
choice .....	\$4.99
63 Pairs Ladies' \$7.50 Dress Shoes;	
choice .....	\$4.99
47 Pairs Boys' \$4 and \$5 Dress Shoes;	
choice .....	\$3.45

2.48

### CLEAN UP OF HATS AND CAPS

150 HATS .....	\$5.00, \$3.95
123 HATS .....	\$4.00, \$2.99

1.50

.99c

### CLEAN UP SPECIALS FOR THE WOMEN

15 Ladies' Dresses worth \$12 and \$15; choice .....	\$8.95
17 Ladies' Dresses worth \$25 and \$30; choice .....	\$19.85
23 Ladies' \$10 Silk Crepe de Chine Blouses .....	\$7.50
28 Ladies' \$6 and \$8 Waists, choice .....	\$4.95
43 Ladies' Hats worth \$7 and \$10; choice .....	1/2 Price
3 Doz. Ladies' \$3 Flannelette Gowns, choice .....	\$1.99
5 Doz. Ladies' \$2 and \$2.50 Muslin Gowns .....	\$1.50
All Ladies' and Children's Cloaks at .....	1/2 Price
\$1.50 Silk Hose, all colors, choice .....	99¢
50 Doz. Ladies' 25c hose, all colors, 3 pairs .....	50¢
14 Doz. Ladies' \$1.50 Underwear at .....	\$1.00
16 Doz. Ladies' \$2.50 Underwear at .....	\$