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### WHOSE BUT HOOVERS?

REPUBLICANS have too long sat silent under shafts of slander and abuse directed against President Hoover.

It was natural, perhaps, for the Democrats to seek to make what political capital they could from the conditions prevailing during the Hoover administration. That is the usual and natural course of politics and is entirely within the bounds of reason and propriety.

But for the Republicans to show the white feather and do as so many of them have done in failing to stand up for their leader in the White House is not to their credit.

We are beginning to see the light, it seems. Republicans are waking to the fact that in Hoover the party has a President in the White House whom future generations will recognize as being in the same class of greatness as Washington and Lincoln.

In the entire history of the Union there has been no President except, perhaps, the two mentioned, who have had their souls tried by greater responsibilities, or whose hearts have bled under more grievous hurts than has been the case with Herbert Hoover.

And no President ever carried the great load with more patience, courage and wisdom than has Hoover during these last trying two years of world disaster.

His policies have been wisely enacted into law through the cooperation of the leaders of both the great parties.

Republicans are rallying to their leader with the knowledge that to Hoover acting almost alone, is due the credit for the initiation of the policies which have been enacted into law and which now are exerting their stabilizing effect on business and industry.

Hoover, fortunately or unfortunately, is not the type of man to indulge in the spectacular. Simple, earnest and sincere, he depends entirely on the force of clear thinking for his leadership. He has not the striking, magnetic personality of a Wilson or a Roosevelt and does not attempt to sway the multitude by appeals to the popular fancy.

Long before the presidential election rolls around, the country will be found again firm in its faith in this great intellect which is at the head of our government. The nomination and reelection of Hoover to serve another term as President of the United States is clearly forecast in the political horoscope.

### BLANTANT BLANTON

BLANTON, we observe, is back again in the House of Representatives after having given that body a grateful rest of two years.

What provokes this observation is the characteristic Blanton protest he made against the President because U. S. warships were sent to China to protect the lives of Americans. It makes, apparently, no particular difference to Blanton which side he protests on, just so he is protesting.

But we can't help thinking what a perfectly wonderful protest the blantant Texan would have made had the President failed to send the warships to China.

### RUM SUSPECTS IN MUNICIPAL COURT

Arrested and charged with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor during a raid Monday on the premises at the rear of the Owl club John Rose and Ethel Taylor appeared before Judge Morse in municipal court Tuesday.

Both pleaded guilty, and Rose was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or serve one day in jail for each \$20 of the fine. Sentence on the Taylor woman was deferred until this morning.

### WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON  
WASHINGTON—Many unfavorable remarks have been flung in recent years at the architectural style of the old State, War and Navy building.



REED SMOOT

I remained for that great architect of tariffs, Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, to deal the unkindest cut of all. "I never saw so many jim-cracks and spizzingtums put upon any other building I ever saw in the world," the senator said.

That "spizzingtums" hugely delighted Senator Norris. He kept toying with it for half an hour. Searching dictionaries for a possible clue to what Smoot had in mind, the Bystander found an obsolete word, "spiss," which found place only as a footnote and which might explain.

It apparently means or once meant "thick, crowded, compact, dense." Maybe it should be "spisseringtums."

CONTRAST  
Certainly the building is a bit cluttered up compared to the classic Grecian outlines of the treasury or the new government structures like the palace of commerce.

Product of the architectural genius of a one-time chief of army engineers, it is so solidly built that it would take a 42-centimeter gun to beat it down.

It has about it a vague, haunting reminder of that celebrated monument in French Indo-China to a forgotten people, the Angkor-wal.

Yet there is something about it that makes the probable early modernization of the building to give it a new facade of classic outline with stone columns a sad event to an old-time Washingtonian.

That well worn American "victory way" along Pennsylvania avenue, passing the treasury, then the White House, then the gray old jumble of the State, War, Navy building will not be the same thereafter.

Reed Smoot's eye is attuned to neat rows of figures. His is a precise mind. Probably he shares engineer Hoover's reported aversion to the four-square pile of masonry just north of the White House because it is so out of keeping with the rest of modern Washington.

SENTIMENT  
Yet the Bystander can well understand the objections of senate veterans like Norris or Jones of Washington to see this last touch of American architectural Victorianism, this link in stone with the gay '90s, vanish forever.

It will cost \$4,000,000 to do that face-lifting job on the old building. That may save it for a time. But it will not long survive as so many generations have known it.

The post office department, too, on lower Pennsylvania, is to go. The whole scheme of Washington the beautiful requires that. But it is more a reminder of the best brewery period in American architecture. It looks like a brewery gone dry, and will not be much missed by anybody.

GOES TO FUNERAL  
E. S. Sheppard, U. P. engineer and Mrs. M. E. Sullivan, will leave today for Los Angeles to attend the funeral of Helene Horden.

MRS. HARMON ILL  
Mrs. Harley A. Harmon is confined to her home suffering from a severe cold.

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### MESQUITE NEWS

Alfred Frehner will be back from St. George today where he has been for an operation.

Mrs. Bill Young is going to visit her parents in Fallon, Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Leavitt have been visiting relatives here the past week. Mrs. Leavitt has returned to Las Vegas and Mr. Leavitt will go to St. George for treatment this week.

Mrs. Melissa McElroy from Kallispell, Montana, is here visiting with her sister, Mrs. Annie Abbott.

The Virgin Valley high school gave a dance at Mesquite Friday night. The school orchestra under the direction of Mr. Farr furnished some excellent music.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Abbott have been here visiting relatives for some time.

The boys and men of Mesquite are having a scalp hunt to get rid of injurious rodents and sparrows. The town is divided in two "camps" by the highway. The losers are to give the winners a free dance February 5. The town is also giving the boys a big dinner the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Reber

spent the weekend in Mesquite and Bunkerville.

Mr. Rulon Jones and Mr. Robert Bunker of St. Thomas were interesting speakers at the Sunday meeting here.

Laurel Leavitt and companion went to Littlefield Sunday as home missionaries.

Twelve persons from here spent a session in the St. George temple this week.

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### MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By UNITED PRESS  
NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (U.P.)—The Japanese attack on China is the first warfare of serious proportions the tabloid newspapers have had to deal with. They came into being after the end of the World war.

Manhattan's three tabloids—The Daily News, the Daily Mirror and The Graphic—are stressing the potential danger that exists for the United States in the present conflict.

Today's edition of The Daily News carried the front page headline: "U. S. Drifting Into War," and in smaller type: "See Editorial on Page 22." This editorial occupied the entire page, save for a cartoon. The cartoon depicted President Hoover and Secretary Stimson standing in front of a house, on the steps of which was a painted lady labeled "Winna War." In a window of the house are "Fannie Famine, Patsy Pestilence and Dimples Death." The caption over the cartoon says: "Come on in and bring some of the boys. The girls will put on a show for you."

The editorial declares in part that "the best we can hope to get out of it will be a return to the present situation—for everyone except the dead. The worst we can expect will be the loss of the Philippines and Hawaii, the smashing of our sea power on the Pacific, and one or more Shanghai-style raids on our Pacific coast."

Today's issue also contains pictures of the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-05, stressing the horrors of that engagement. John T. McCutcheon's war cartoon of 1914—"Gold and green are the fields in peace; red are the fields in war. Black are the fields when the cannon cease; and white forevermore"—is reprinted.

The Daily Mirror accentuates the shocking aspects of the present conflict: in its pictures and devotes two or three pages daily to war dispatches. Editorially the Mirror castigates the Japanese for their "merciless" treatment of China, adding, "Let us stop this foolishness of diplomatic notes and build up our navy before it is too late."

The MacFadden-owned Evening Graphic, giving over four or five pages to war dispatches, demands that the American air forces be increased that "the decisive battles of the future are going to be fought aloft." The Graphic points out that "Japan might land ships loaded with airplanes at Mexico."



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### SUITS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Otto Henninz vs. Emma Henninz, divorce. Married in San Bernardino February 28, 1926. Complaint alleges five years' separation. Ham & Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff.

Mary Thomas Parker vs. Edwin Benjamin Parker, divorce. Married in Woodland, Miss., June 6, 1920. No children or community property. Complaint alleges non-support. Salter & Marshall, attorneys for plaintiff.

## NO MORE HORSE-LAUGHS

REMEMBER what our school books taught us about the lives of inventors who lived many years ago? How often we used to read, "He went on with his experiments in spite of the laughter of his friends, and the ridicule of his neighbors."

How different is the modern state of mind! The age is remarkable for its keen awareness of progress . . . the eager willingness of most of us to accept new things, and better ways. The skeptical person is the exception—expectancy is the rule. If we read about an invention that will wash the middle of our backs, we say, "Fair enough; tomorrow there will be an automatic way to keep our noses powdered."

New things and better ways are announced regularly in this paper . . . in the advertisements. Every day you may be expecting something that will make your life easier, pleasanter, more healthful. Possibly a new electrical contrivance, or a car that's easier to drive, or a new idea in breakfast foods. Follow the advertising columns . . . and sooner or late you'll get the good news. People who make it a point to know what's going on read the advertisements every day.