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FOR PRESIDENT
HERBERT HOOVER,
of California.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT
CHARLES CURTIS,
of Kansas.

FOR U. S. SENATOR
P. LEE GOLDSBOROUGH,
of Baltimore.

FOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS
LINWOOD L. CLARK,
of Baltimore.

NEW STANDARDS OF GOVERNMENT

As the American people ponder and weigh the statements and ideas offered by Herbert Hoover in his various utterances, they must be impressed by the idea that he represents a movement to place the government of this country on a far higher standard than ever before.

It has been the fault of politics in this country, that it has accepted a lot of incompetence. In spite of the intelligence of the American people, they fail to give due attention to politics, consequently they get a lot of things put over on them. A great many people obtain public positions who are not fitted to hold them. As a result a great deal of poor work has been done in the public services of the country, the states and municipal governments.

Mr. Hoover comes before the people as probably the world's greatest efficiency engineer. It has been his job to take business organizations and make them work with perfect system and effectiveness. He has a genius for improving systems of human effort. He eliminates waste, he removes friction, he promotes co-operation.

When he gives his attention to any situation in business or industry, he straightens out its kinks, makes it operate better, produces more results. It will be a marvellous thing for the country if we can put this man at the head of the government and give him full power to stop the losses and wastes and mistakes of our industry.

Yet we find that while he has this marvellous gift for organization, he is full of enthusiasm for human betterment. He has a passion for social service. If elected he will throw himself with his whole heart into the problem of producing better living, business, educational and social conditions for the American people. His administration ought to mark a great advance in human welfare.

THE LABORS OF THE STUDENTS

A sharp line of division runs through the young people of Westminster as they return once more to their books in public school, or the higher educational institutions they may attend.

One class of children and young people learn easily. It comes naturally to them to get a lesson. In one or two readings, they have the gist of it.

Then there is the larger class of children who learn only with effort. Some of them are dogged and persevering youngsters, who will always manage to get their lessons, even though they have to dig for them. But there is a large class to whom the printed page seems an enigma. They read those blurry sentences over and over again, and they can not get the significance of them. Their heads ache, they get discouraged. They drop out of school at the earliest opportunity. Sometimes this failure has irritating and exasperating effects that lead to serious trouble.

The bright students do not need much advice, except to behave themselves in their leisure hours and not to be satisfied with mere superficial learning.

The more laborious and duller students need a lot of sympathy and help. Teachers are always willing to assist them. When a teacher lacks time to look after the needs of backward children, that teacher is carrying too heavy a burden, which needs to be lightened somehow.

Making a poor start in school is much like getting into debt in running a family. The more you get behind, the worse you are off. A few lessons missed, and the student gets so much behind the class that he fails to understand what the teacher says, and he becomes discouraged. Every effort should be made to help the youngsters who are trying to learn, but find the lessons hard. A little help right along will make a world of difference to a young person's future.

A LESSON FROM POLITICS

Business men can learn much from the results obtained by the politicians. For instance, take the methods by which the politicians get out the vote at elections. Suppose that the national conventions had simply met, nominated their candidates, adopted their platforms, and then adjourned. Suppose that no committees had gone to work to arouse interest in the campaign, that no rallies had been held, no radio talks given, no political movies shown, no publicity inserted in the newspapers. Suppose the campaign had simply been put up to the voters without further agitation. What would have happened?

It seems probable that the vote would not be half what it will be next November. It would probably be very much less than half. The politicians have to carry on a prolonged and exciting campaign, in order to wake the voters up and arouse their attention.

The same principle applies in the business world. The politicians who should do nothing to arouse the voters, are much like the business man who takes no active steps to draw in trade.

Just as the election vote would probably fall off from a half to two-thirds or three-quarters, without some form of agitation, so business is likely to fall that much short of what it might be, if there is no active pushing and advertising of it.

Attention has to be aroused to win any considerable support for any effort, whether it is getting votes for a candidate for office, or getting customers for a business. The political campaign which arouses the voters wins at the polls, and the business that attracts the attention of the people through advertising wins success.

PUTTING THE BEST FOOT FORWARD

One of our citizens remarks that while away on a motor trip this summer, he passed through a certain town which in his boyhood was noted as a down and out kind of place. It was a place where no ambitious person would want to live.

He went on to say that on his return home a short time ago, he passed through this old town which was once so seedy. He was surprised to find it appearing as a nice country village. The houses were well repaired and painted, and a new air of prosperity had come over it.

The same contrast would hold true of hundreds of villages in Maryland. Automobile travel has had a most remarkable effect. It has distributed a lot of money through these communities, paid down to people who run automobile garages, gas stations, repair shops, etc, also to people who sell food, refreshments, vegetables, etc.

Still more than that, it has suggested to people that they are under constant inspection from strangers. The people in any town go around to different places and they see improvements being made, and they go home feeling that their own home place must look better, and they get out and make improvements.

All this applies to our conditions here in Westminster. Our community is being inspected every day by hundreds and thousands of motorists who pass through our streets. If they find some disagreeable looking spots, an unpleasant impression of the town is created. But our citizens commonly take pride in putting the best foot forward, and making their homes and business places attractive for the world to look at as it rides by. If we have any ambition to keep up with modern life, it is up to us to make a handsome looking town in every detail.

WAR RENOUNCED

Fifteen leading nations of the world have sent their representatives to a historic meeting at Paris, where they have agreed to a treaty by which these countries, if they ratify it, will renounce war as an instrument of national policy. If they keep this agreement, this event will be one of the most famous of history.

Perhaps some of them will not keep it. But any nation that breaks it is going to get into difficulties right off quick. No nation is likely to lend money to such a country, and no nation should be willing to trade with it or to provide it with supplies. It would seem as if any country would do some very serious thinking before it encounters this hostility.

But if these nations are sincere in signing this agreement, they will show their honesty by taking in the near future some decisive steps to reduce their military and naval armament. Great armies and navies are not necessary, if the nations mean to live up to this compact.

One way to cut down the number of bootleggers would be to compel them to drink their own stuff when they are captured.

When asked whether he is wet or dry the diplomatic candidate will answer "yes and no."

THE YEAR OF STUDY

The school and college students of Westminster are about beginning one more year of work. It is a big date in their calendar. It is a wide open door of opportunity. The future of a youth is usually either made or broken in the school days.

The young people do not take up school as reluctantly as in former days. Instead of the dry as dust lessons of former years, the tasks are made interesting. Teachers are trained to make them seem vital to young people. As a result the students do not rebel from them nearly as much as formerly. The belief is commonly held among the students that lessons should be studied and learned, which is a great help.

But the problem of distractions and counter interests comes up. The student may enter school with the full purpose to learn, and the conviction that he should learn. But a hundred things come up to interfere. There are the excitements of athletics, the fun of social life, the dances, the shows, the entertainments. Modern youth has infinite opportunities to have a good time. Before the first term is half over, the original purpose is too often forgotten. The student may be so engrossed with the fun of life that all his resolutions of study have evaporated, and too many of them simply go through the motions, until some sharp warning comes that on that basis they are headed for trouble.

The student needs to realize clearly that the loss of the good results from the years of study leaves gaps that will probably never be filled. One may learn a great deal from study after leaving school. But as a rule the people who leave school without learning the lessons they should learn, have suffered a permanent loss, which will never be made up.

These are golden days of opportunity. They never return, young people of Westminster. Make the best of them. You'll never be sorry.

COMMUNITY CAUSES

When the organizations of Westminster arrange their programs for the coming season, they should not omit to include subjects relating to the development of our community. Our churches, fraternal societies, clubs of various kinds, etc, should consider themselves as rallying centers in which the people of Westminster can unite to push ahead the progressive causes of the community.

Opportunities should be given for discussion of local causes. When there are public movements that should be put through, these various organizations should mention and commend them, and frequently give a little time to speakers who will advocate them. These societies and associations can help accomplish a great many gains for our community.

TRAIN CAMPAIGNING

Both candidates seem inclined to cut out speechmaking from railroad trains as much as possible. It is not surprising that they are disinclined to this method of approaching the voters. It is mighty hard to put into a five or ten minute speech the reasons why a person should vote thus and so.

By the time a man has started on such a speech, the whistle blows for the train to start, and he gives a most fragmentary and incomplete impression. The tendency is for him to say the same thing over and over again, so that the idea spreads that he has no original ideas. The deeper a thinker a man is, the less he could arrange his thoughts for this superficial discussion. The candidates would better do most of their discussing over the radio.

HAS A JOB ALREADY

It has been stated that John Coolidge, son of the president, has a job to begin work at this fall. If so, this is characteristic of the thrift and industry of the family. But it is the general rule now, that the sons of men in the most prominent position, and of the largest wealth, go to work. There are not many who start on a career of idleness.

This country has not much use for any leisure class, except for those who for good reasons are not able to work. It likes to see everyone doing something useful. The son of the statesman or millionaire is happier to be making his own place in the world, rather than accepting something handed to him as a gift.

THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

The first section of Richard E. Byrd's Antarctic exploration party has set sail from New York on its long and arduous trail into the cold and silent space of the earth. It will be no picnic party, and these men face an experience calling for all their energy and endurance.

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This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Md., letters testamentary on the estate of

CHARLOTTE A. JORDAN,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated to the subscriber on or before the 11th day of March 1929, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 10th day of August, 1928.

WILLIAM F. JORDAN,
8-10-5t Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

CHARLES A. DORSEY,

late of Carroll County, Maryland, deceased, under the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1912. All resident or non-resident creditors of the decedent are hereby warned to exhibit their claims against said decedent with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated to the subscriber, and to file the same in the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, on or before the 28th day of March, 1929; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

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THERE MAY BE A DEFICIT

A treasury deficit of over $94,000,000 is predicted for the fiscal year ending June 30, by the federal bureau of the budget in its annual report. This is the first time since the war that the government has positively predicted such a failure of revenue to equal expenses.

The American people clamor to have their taxes reduced, and then they clamor for all kinds of costly improvements. The employes of the government demand more pay and seemingly are entitled to have it, and hundreds of good propositions seem to need government money. Our people can not have all these things, without producing the money from somewhere. If we want to keep the taxes down, many propositions which look good will have to be turned down.

INTELLIGENT SERVICE

One of the best features of trading in the stores of Westminster is the intelligence of the service that the customers of these stores obtain. Our stores have made it their aim to attract a fine class of young people to work for them. They offer positions attractive to intelligent young folks, and then they train these salespeople how to sell goods well.

They train salespeople to give reliable information about their goods, so that they assist customers in making judicious purchases. They encourage them to be generous in giving time to customers, so that people are not hurried into making wrong decisions, and getting stuff that will not be satisfactory. Purchases made under these favorable conditions are more likely to be satisfactory.

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