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Herbert Hoover—Out of the West

By JOHN TWEEDDALE OF TORRANCE

Slowly the curtain rolls back from the great stage of national presidential aspirations, and discloses a galaxy of party stars such as has not illuminated the political horizon for many years.

Standing in the center of the group, head and shoulders above all others, is a figure, upon whose well beloved face the eyes of the vast audience is regardfully fixed, for from it shines the sub-time light of resolute integrity, candor, justice and modesty.

Like unto the golden eagle of the purple hills, this cautious guardian of the people's rights sits on the rocky heights of long experience and with sleepless vigilance watches the intricate maneuvers of scheming financial and political rings in their indefatigable but futile efforts to subsidize governmental funds for private gain.

Slowly, with preordained conclusiveness the mighty searchlight of public approval is turning upon this man of the west, Herbert Hoover, and as its bright rays reveal, in letters of gold, the story of his service to mankind in general, and the people of our own venerated land in particular, his ascension to the presidential chair becomes a certainty.

Totally unlike the average solicitous candidate for higher political honors Herbert Hoover walks the broad highway of public approval, unafraid and undisturbed by the barrage of poisonous darts laid down by the enemies of honest government, for upon his shield is emblazoned a coat of arms representing verity, equity and law, and above it there is no stain, for his motto is "honor."

Along the political pathways of today trudge many an office seeking charlatan, their knapsacks ready to unslung at the first public watering trough they come to, and braying vociferously all the while of their love for the registered voter. Ever and anon, one or more of these sycophants gains high public office, and immediately proceeds to stand the so-called "common people" up against the wall and metaphorically "frisk" them out of house and home.

All such political mountebanks will receive from Mr. Hoover a polite but firm invitation to avault, and woe betide any who may hesitate in their going.

When the mighty Teapot Dome gusher blew in with a roar that was heard from Maine to California, and sprayed "black gold" promiscuously over the national capital, not so much as one drop of oil found a resting place on the spotless scutcheon of Herbert Hoover.

On this day, far out on the storm tossed waters of the sea of national politics, the mighty ship of commerce steams slowly and laboriously against the mountainous waves of special privilege, across its bow lie the foam flecked breakers of "dodge" rule, from which project the tentacle-like arms of the cephalopod of Tammany Hall.

At its stern are visible the jagged rocks of a powerful capitalist group, and as the murky waters roll back, a slippery surface gleams in the sunlight, and red-eyed demons of the omnipotent dollar watch with greedy impatience as the great vessel moves steadily and safely through the dangerous shoals.

Vainly do they watch, for on the bridge stands Herbert Hoover, master statesman, and never once in all these long years of service did the firm hand waver, or the clear eyes grow dim. Thus will the great ship America ride the waves in the years to come, with Mr. Hoover at the wheel.

A GARDEN EDITORIAL

By FRED C. McNABB Plant Now for the Legion Flower Show in July

Elderly people have a more patient outlook on life than the youngsters. This is particularly true in gardening. You may see an old man of 80 hopefully planting a young tree. The older the gardener grows the more he turns to the slow-growing things. Despite this fact annuals are plants for the very young and the very old. Annuals are for the young and more impatient gardener who wants quick results and display. They are the best introduction to gardening for children who can see them develop and bloom before interest has time to wane.

Annuals are plants that bloom in the first year from seeds and the plant dies after one season. Tender annuals must be sown in spring, April to June, and hardy annuals may be sown in either spring or fall, October to May.

The following are suggested for planting now and during the next two months: ASTERS, American Beauty and California Giants, AMARANTHUS, BALSAM, BARTONIA, CALENDULA, CANDYFUFT, CENTAUREA—commonly known as Sweet Sultan, COSMOS, LARKSPURS, AFRICAN MARIGOLDS, EVENING SCENTED PRIMROSE, PAINTED DAISIES, PETUNIAS, SAL-PICLOSSIS, ALL POPPIES.

I am going to give you today the first installment on Zinnias. Planting of these may begin in earnest now. There is so much to be said about the Zinnia and I might devote considerable time to it, for it is one of our leading California's summer flowers. In fact, they might be termed the aristocrats of the summer garden. They are a strictly hot weather flower, and therefore, should be planted in full sunlight, and if there is any spot in your garden that is too hot to grow other plants successfully, you will find that the Zinnia will thrive in that particular place.

In comparison with a few years ago, we have many more distinct types of Zinnias, and one of the most recent introductions is the Dahlia Flowered type, with its cupped petals and cupped flower, which give it a distinct and novel appearance. The flowers of these often measure six to seven inches in diameter. They grow on good stems, the plants are of branching habit and produce an abundance of blooms over a long blooming season. Many of you will remember that this Zinnia, the Dahlia Flowered, was awarded the gold medal by the Royal Horticultural Society of England, and as Californians we should consider this a compliment for the Dahlia Flowered Zinnia was introduced by a California seedman.

Some of the varieties that you should know are as follows: Buttercup, a deep creamy yellow; Crimson Monarch, the largest red; Dream, a deep lavender; Exquisite, a light rose with a deeper center; Illumination, a large deep rose; Oriole, an orange and gold; Polar Bear, a large white; Old Rose, lovely color as named; Golden State, a deep orange and one of the nicest ones.

Zinnia seeds should be planted in warm soil. If the soil is cold very often the seeds will decay and never grow. They may be planted in the open ground where the plants are to remain or they may be sown in flats and transplanted, but in sowing in flats be careful not to get seeds too thick. It is always well to have them far enough apart that the plants may be removed from the flat without disturbing the roots.

DAHLIAS. This is Dahlia planting time and for best results remember that you should plant dahlias in an open, sunny location. After your soil is prepared set the stakes, then dig your hole and plant the tuber with the eye end about two inches from the stake. Place the tuber in a horizontal position with the eye up. Cover to a depth of about three and one-half inches in heavy soil, and four or five inches in light soil. If the soil is moist and in good condition at the time of planting, it will not be necessary to apply water until after the sprout shows through the surface. Watering before the sprout shows through makes it more difficult for the tender growth to reach the surface. The soil should be left loose if possible. I will tell you more about Dahlias later. I would like very much for you to have my bulletin on cultural directions for Dahlias, just drop me a card at 750 South Spring St., Los Angeles, and I will see that one is sent to you.

GLADIOLUS. No garden is complete without these wonderful flowers which are at their best in the lighter loam soils near the coast. Good sized bulbs planted during the next two or three weeks should be at their best by the middle of July. Colors and combinations to suit all tastes may be had in Gladiolus. None other is easier to grow to perfection. More about culture of Gladiolus next week or write to Donald Briggs, secretary California Gladiolus Society, Encinitas, California, for the American Gladiolus Society printed leaflet on Gladiolus culture.

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Wild lilacs are now blooming in great profusion in Franklin Canyon, according to the Touring Department of the National Automobile Clubs, and a trip through this canyon is a very delightful one at this time. The canyon connects Beverly Drive with Ventura Boulevard and is approximately 4 miles in length. From Beverly Drive to the Hollywood Country Club is a fairly good dirt road with some rough stretches. The remaining distance is of macadam.

Yosemite Road Improved On the All Year Route to Yosemite, reconstruction work is now in progress between Mariposa and Griceburg. Many curves are being widened and a number entirely eliminated. A gas and steam shovel are at work and motorists may be delayed a few moments in passing them. The portion of this road which borders the Merced River is a very scenic one at this time as the hills lying north of the river are carpeted with golden popples, intermingled with tiny blue and white flowers. The purple blossoms of the wild onion are to be found in great profusion at this time and in a few spots the yellow wood violets may be found.

Desert Flowers and Giant Trees On the road from Three Rivers to Sequoia National Park via the General's Highway, 25 miles, pavement is traversed for one mile, followed by a splendid, wide, oiled gravel highway to a point seven miles beyond the park boundary. Good gravel is used to within four miles of Giant Forest. Balance of distance requires chains as the melting snow has caused deep muddy ruts and the roadbed is quite slippery. Many ideal camping spots are found along the Kaweah River and its banks are bordered now with flaming blossoms of the redbud bush, Indian paint brushes, lupins and poppies. Only five or six inches of snow remain at Giant Forest and it is melting rapidly.

Short Road to Flowers Desert flowers are now quite plentiful near Palm Springs. The recent showers have hastened their development and they will be at their best around April first. If further showers are experienced during the latter part of March or first of April, the flowers will continue to spread and a wonderful display will be had during the entire month of April.

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