

The Final Chapter

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.....The final chapter has been written in the history of ex-President Hoover so far as his last connection with the presidency is concerned. Boulder dam, the greatest undertaking of its kind ever attempted by man, named Hoover dam by former Secretary of the Interior Wilbur, is to have its name officially changed back to Boulder dam.

The name "Hoover dam" never appealed to the American people. Tacking Hoover's cognomen to the dam was an injustice and a misnomer. Besides Hoover had nothing to do with the undertaking, in an engineering capacity or in any other way.

There is no romance in the word "Hoover." There is in "Boulder dam." Suggestion or mention of Boulder dam brings to mind the sweep of the mighty Colorado through gorgeous, towering canyons—a murmur of troubled water over submerged, spray-drenched rocks—a song of a mighty river in a mighty land.

About the only thing that the word "Hoover" calls to mind in the allied word "Hooverize," and the fact that we paid \$26 for a sack of sugar during the war, while at the same time the warehouses were jammed to the roof with this staple, and the more recent fact that this country nearly went on the rocks during Hoover's regime as president.

But all that is now past and gone. One cannot but feel sorry for Hoover—he did the best he could while he was president, although that was not much. He was unfortunate, perhaps, in his selection of cabinet members. He was "bull-headed;" refused to acknowledge an error—and he made plenty of them, and, as a result was from the very outset at waterlogs with congress. The people had no confidence in him, and perhaps political parties in the future, when selecting a potential candidate, will be a little more careful and not attempt to shove a man into the presidency merely because he happens to be more or less in the public eye and capable of attracting votes. It takes more than a "hero" to make a good president.