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In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — That he holds what might be termed the "balance of power" in the United States senate and is that body's most unified bloc apparently means little to Henrik Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite. Ask him how he feels about it and he'll merely bite vigorously on his mellow pipe, grin widely and dismiss the thought as of no real consequence.

His attitude is characteristic of this one-time Minnesota dentist turned to politics. The way he votes may settle some of the most important legislation to come before the senate in this congress. There are 48 Republicans and 47 Democrats.

Shipstead is the only Farmer-Laborite. Eight years ago had he occupied the position he does today, there probably would be some to view this tall, gray-haired, slow-moving and serious gentleman with a degree of alarm. They didn't know just what to expect of him when he came to the senate back in 1923.

Respected
At present, however, his colleagues do not fear him or his views. He is generally regarded as a diligent, clear-thinking and sound senator.

Perhaps no one in the senate commands more respect than Henrik Shipstead—the man once feared by some as being of the long-haired, radical type.

But what does Shipstead think about holding such a unique position? For one thing he believes that it is time for congress "to look after some of our own affairs." He thinks that this congress has a chance to be epochal, but humbly explains that he is not a prophet and whether it will remain to be seen.

Deplores Loss Of Time
"The missionary spirit of saving the world is a commendable one," he says, "but I believe that salvation, like charity, should begin at home. We are not very successful in the saving business, anyway, so far as Europe is concerned."

His pet grievance is that congress has not been in session long before now to deal with economic difficulties.

"It is too bad we were not in session all summer. What we should have been working on for the last year and a half will all be crowded in now. It's going to be very much more difficult."

"What congress and the president are willing to do now, I can't say. But it will be difficult to make up for the time lost in the last two years."

Chats With Parents

CALLOUS CHILDREN

By Alvin Jackson Peale
Dave is thought by his family to be thick-skinned. Criticisms and punishments do not affect him perceptibly.

When last spring, his father took him aside to tell him that he had hoped for better things from him at school, that he was deeply disappointed with his bad record, Dave merely shrugged his shoulders and escaped as soon as possible.

Penalized again and again for lateness to meals by being made to eat in the kitchen, he has accepted the arrangement, bringing to the table a detective story to read while he eats in solitude.

When it was pointed out to him that his young brother was carrying more than his fair share of the chores, Dave merely answered: "Bill doesn't mind doing those things, I do."

No child is really as callous as Dave appears to be unless he has been submitted continuously to brutal or thoughtless treatment.

Real callousness may result from careless nagging, real lack of affection, or actual cruelty.

Dave's parents have submitted him to none of these things, but they have gone out of their way to impress him with his failures.

Very likely his apparent callousness is only a defense against the pain of deeply wounded feelings and hurt self-esteem.

To admit to himself that his parents are right in their criticisms could not fail to make him acutely unhappy, so he pays the least possible attention to them, insulating himself from his own feelings by a pose of nonchalance.

Apparently callous children are often doing just this thing. Usually it requires only some small show of affection, or a bit of recognition to win them over.

WOLF CREEK PERSONALS

By Mrs. J. A. Nice

(Observer Correspondent)
WOLF CREEK (Special) — Thursday was a regular winter day here. The snow that fell was accompanied by a high wind, temporarily blocking all roads to auto traffic.

Jack Simmons is reported to be ill. Bessie Nantz, who has been in a La Grande hospital, and Francis Myers, who has been in a Baker hospital, both returned home during the week-end.

Mrs. J. B. Nice, after spending the last week in La Grande with her daughter, Eva, has returned home.

Mrs. H. L. Nice and Esther Blokland were in La Grande Sunday visiting H. L. Nice, who is recovering from an appendix operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClure were in La Grande last Saturday where they visited Mr. McClure's mother. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Nice.

Mr. and Mrs. Matta Nice were Baker visitors a few days ago.

The regular meeting of Wolf Creek Grange was held on Saturday night.

the 19th. A special Christmas program was the feature of the lecturer's hour. At the close of the program, Santa Claus appeared and distributed the many presents from the tree. The grange will sponsor a watch party on the night of the 31st, to which all are invited. It is planned to sell different things at the party to help pay for the lights.

The Wolf Creek school will close for the holidays with a program on Thursday afternoon, re-opening Jan. 4. Miss Blokland will visit her mother near Island City and Mrs. Carr will visit relatives in Baker and La Grande.

The Pacific Fruit Express company, of North Powder, opened its ice pond during the weekend and is now busy filling the large ice house, besides shipping some to other ice houses to be filled. The company employs a large crew of men. The ice is about 12 inches thick and of excellent quality.

The North Powder M. and M. company expects to start icing its crop soon.

HOT LAKE PERSONALS

By Mrs. Harriet MacDonald

(Observer Correspondent)
HOT LAKE (Special) — The Christmas program to be given by the Epworth League of Union at 7:30 to-night will be a bright spot for the shut-ins at the sanatorium and all those who are interested are welcome to attend.

Ellis DeGraw, of Union, working on the L. D. S. church at that place, was injured by a falling log resulting in a broken arm. He was brought to the hospital on the 14.

Merton Loree was another appendix case recently from the Cove.

Miss Jessie DeViney left the 20th for a brief holiday visit at Omaha, Neb. Her mother, now in California, will join her at Cheyenne and remain for sometime in the Nebraska city.

Mrs. Genevieve Haller is now in the hospital taking a rest after her long and arduous siege at the bedside of her husband, Fred Haller, well known Telocast farmer who died a few weeks ago. Ralph Haller, a son, is also a patient here.

Wallace Simmons, of Cove, who met with a very distressing accident with a circular saw recently, has a severe injury to his hand which is being treated here.

Cecil Parsons, formerly of La Grande but now of Huntington, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Parsons and friends here.

The bath house at the sanatorium will be closed on Christmas day. The only other occasion when this occurs is July 4.

Marshall Huffman is gradually improving from his very critical illness. As Christmas approaches, quite a stir is apparent among the fortunate ones who can go home for the day. Those less fortunate are preparing to

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be as happy as possible at the sanatorium where every effort will be made to give them a pleasant time. Miss Earline Whistler, of Cove, a former nurse at this place, is now a patient in the hospital recovering from a bronchial trouble.

Miss Helen Hall, daughter of Ed Hall, of Union, is in the hospital for a few days for a trouble to her arm resulting from an injury incurred several years ago.

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whether it was customary to use Christmas seals or red and green ribbon but he did know that the transportation charges would be about \$2,000.

And then, with a look that clearly indicated that he still retained his boyish ambition of piloting a steam engine, General White sadly dictated the reply:

"The locomotive in question is not

desired by the Oregon national guard."

GLAD SPIRIT OF YULETIDE THRILLS CITY

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number, and distribution is continuing today.

For the benefit of "last-minute" shoppers, most of the local stores will stay open tonight and Christmas eve until 8:30 to accommodate the public.

Schools Close
The city schools will close this afternoon for the holidays, after a round of Christmas parties and programs. Each school in the city had its own programs to which the parents were invited. The Eastern Oregon Normal school closed last Friday afternoon, and most of the students and faculty members have returned to their homes for the holidays.

Excellent musical programs were presented in the churches Sunday.

Midnight Mass
Midnight mass will be held at the Catholic church at 12 o'clock Christmas eve, and at 11:30 the same evening the Episcopal church will have an evening service. At Our Church of the Lady of the Valley, Alfred Meyers will sing the St. Cecilia Mass, playing his own accompaniment; Mrs. James McNamee will sing "O Holy Night," and the choir will sing the hymns at the impressive service which is planned by Rev. Father O. Noosey. Mrs. Anthony Hauwolt will furnish the music and accompany the choir and Mrs. McNamee on the organ.

The Observer will not publish a paper on Christmas day, and no mail will be delivered from the post office throughout the day.

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BIRNIE'S At the Sign of the Clock

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city. — Proverbs 16: 32.

IT AIN'T THE GIFT

It ain't the gift a feller gits. It ain't the shape nor size. That sets the heart to beatin' an' Puts sunshine in the eyes.

It ain't the value of the thing. Nor how it's wrapped nor tied; It's something else aside from this That makes you glad inside.

It's knowin' that it represents A love both deep an' true That some one carries in the heart An' wants to slip to you.

It's knowin' that some folks love you. An' tell you in this way: Jest sort o' actin' out the things They really long to say.

So 'tain't the gift a feller gets, Nor how it's wrapped nor tied; It's knowin' that yer folks love you, That makes you glad inside.

INTERPRETING CHRISTMAS

Most youngsters believe that there is a benevolent old saint somewhere, far to the north, who looks up his toy factory on Christmas Eve and travels around the world with a bottomless pack of toys. Children's eyes hold a little of the glory of the Bethlehem star-shine as they hang up their stockings on the magic night. Maybe they are hungry. Cold, too, perhaps. And disappointed. But Santa Claus will not fail them, they tell themselves.

They remember that he has stood on the corner and asked them exactly what they wanted. He has pocketed their letters. They saw him do it. Secure in their dreams, they go to sleep.

But a great many children are going to have lumps in their throats when they awaken on Christmas morning unless we all get busy. They are going to be hurt and baffled when they find their stockings limp when they had expected them to be so plump and full of good things.

It is up to us to see that no wistful youngsters wonder why Santa Claus crossed their addresses from his calling list. If we interpret the spirit of giving as we should, every stocking will be fat and every child's voice will be merry and happy.

The large number of children who are dependent upon our generosity for their faith in Christmas brings back the thought that this is a season of giving, not of exchanging. The wise men did not give their gifts to each other. They brought them to one who could not repay them in like manner.

It takes such a little thing to make a child happy. A doll or a horn or spinning top and a candy cane for the top of the stocking. But he won't forget. After a while when he is older and understands that Santa Claus is only the spirit of Christmas, he will remember gratefully that life did not fail him. He will not be afraid to trust again.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

There is more to Christmas than Santa Claus, sputtering roasted turkeys, holly mistletoe, chimes and gift-laden Christmas trees.

The real Christmas is more than a day, a season or a holiday, or even a spirit of unselfish, charitable heart.

Christmas is the anniversary of the birth of spiritual civilization.

The greatest event in human history occurred about 1931 years ago.

The birth of Christ brought mankind the code which lived up to, will extend the Merry Christmas spirit until it includes all days of the calendar.

SPokane Man IS HURT SERIOUSLY IN ACCIDENT HERE

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though he was allowed to return to Freewater in custody of his father. In his report to police, Mr. Bentley said:

"I was driving the truck east on Adams avenue following another car at about 50 feet, at a rate of about 18 miles per hour. Mr. Knout stood in the center of the street and allowed the car ahead to pass, then started on. I blew my horn but he kept on going and just as I turned to the left, to make Mr. Knout, he stepped back directly in front of the truck."

Lawrence Trill, of La Grande, was with Mr. Bentley in the truck at the time of the accident. The two men had started to Freewater and

at the west edge of town, decided to drive back and get some coffee before going on over the Blue Mountains, it is reported.

No charges have been filed and it is unlikely that any will be until the seriousness of Mr. Knout's condition is determined definitely.

Mr. Knout and a half-brother, Paul Hansen, of La Grande, returned to this city yesterday from a trip to Los Angeles.

Child, 3, Swallows Safety Razor Blade

TAMPICO, Ill., Dec. 23 (AP)—Three-year-old Margaret Boyer found a safety razor blade, and not knowing what to do with it, proceeded to solve the problem last Saturday by swallowing it.

Today her parents and physicians were marveling at the fact that the child has suffered no ill effects.