

SPEECH PUTS BORAH IN POSSIBILITY LIST

Idaho Senator Much Talked Of for President Since He Replied to Wilson.

GEOGRAPHY IS IGNORED

Growing Disposition Noted to Weigh Available Men on Merit—Eastern Observers Willing to Forget State Lines.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 31.—The speech of Senator Borah, of Idaho, in answer to President Wilson's speech at Indianapolis, in addition to attracting widespread attention to the shortcomings and mistakes of the present administration, served to place the Idaho Senator squarely in the Republican Presidential race. Prior to that speech Senator Borah was much talked of as a Presidential possibility in 1916, but his recent speech added emphasis to this talk, and especially so in view of the manner in which that speech was made.

The Republicans of the Senate were brought up by what the President said at Indianapolis, especially with regard to the Republican party, and it was quickly agreed among them that some one should make answer to the President. The situation was canvassed at some length, and finally it was agreed that Senator Borah, of Idaho, should be put forward.

Idahoan Chosen by Colleagues. Senators like Root of New York and Lodge of Massachusetts joined with Senators like Norris of Nebraska and Clapp of Minnesota in endorsing Senator Borah to answer the President, and it was at the earnest personal solicitation of no fewer than 26 Senators that Senator Borah undertook the task from which most men would shrink.

It is a ticklish job to rise in the Senate and arraign the chief executive of this Nation, and few men relish the idea of condemning publicly a President for what he may have said in some public address. But Senator Borah felt, as did other Republican senators, that the words of the President should not go unchallenged, and when he was so generally appealed to to voice the sentiments of Republicans he willingly accepted the assignment.

Senate Listens Closely. The success with which Senator Borah assailed the President was testified by the reception given him in the Senate while he was speaking, and when he concluded and by the notices his speech received throughout the press of the country. Senator Borah spoke without notice, and he did not depend on any advance for the newspapers. Before he had progressed far he found a well-attended Senate listening to his criticism of the administration, and for the first time in several years he found crowded galleries following his every word.

Of late Senate speeches have been dull and prolix, as a rule, and few Senators have commanded more than ordinary attention. Senator Borah has the most flattering audience that has been given any Senator in four years, and the ovation that greeted him when he concluded his attack on the Administration has never been excelled on the floor of the Senate.

View of Senators Not Doubted. If the Republicans of the United States Senate were to pick the Republican nominee for President in 1916 there is no doubt, since the Borah speech, as to who would be chosen. The one man deemed best fitted to make answer to President Wilson is the first choice of his colleagues, and the Republican honors in 1916. Many Republican Senators have been frank enough to declare their preference for Senator Borah.

Most Republicans do not admit, when questioned, that the Idaho Senator, as a result of his reply to President Wilson, and because of his demonstrated fitness, must be reckoned with when the next Republican National convention assemblies.

There are many Presidential candidates in the field, but none has yet acquired who has equal support in both wings of the Republican party. It is acknowledged that the man nominated to be the Republican who can lead a reunited party. That will bar a majority of those who have thus far been mentioned, and among those who can command support in both camps, all must be considered along with Senator Borah. The Borah Presidential movement is under way.

Movement Wholly Spontaneous. One strange thing developed in connection with the Borah movement—a movement, by the way, which has been entirely spontaneous, and has not been backed by a press agent or publicity bureau. In the West allusion is occasionally made to the fact that Senator Borah is handicapped by his geographical location; that is, his far Western state which has a small electoral vote, and that for this reason he cannot be expected to land the Presidential nomination. That talk is not heard in the East. It is not referred to by Eastern papers, nor by Eastern Republicans. Rather, the disposition in the East seems to be to weigh Senator Borah for what he actually is, and to measure him alongside other candidates, to determine whether he or some other Republican is best fitted to lead the Republicans in 1916.

The geographical question does not seem to interest Eastern Republicans or Eastern papers. When the question is deliberately raised, the response of Eastern men is that the time has come when geography may be ignored in selecting men for the Presidential nomination.

In times past geography has been a big factor; it may be in 1916; but it is not so regarded now except by the people of the West, who are the ones concerned in seeing a Western man nominated to lead a great political party in a Presidential race.

CHURCHMEN GIVE DINNER

Dr. Smith, of Eugene, Will Lecture on Philippines.

SCHOOL PLAY IS ARRANGED

Lincoln High Cast for "As You Like It" Is Decided Upon.

noon and evening. The cast is taken from the students of the school. Those taking part are: Duke in exile, Harry Jamieson; first Lord, Willard Lathrop; Amiens, Hubert Scott; Jacques, Robert Cosgriff; Orlando, Clifford Drushel; Adam, Robert McNary; Duke, Carl Knudsen; Oliver, Chester Jones; Jacques De Salis, Cecil Smith; second Lord, William Nisbaum; Touchstone, Robert Rogers; Sylvius, Sterling Smith; Corin, Arthur Johnson; William, Wayne Gordon; Rosalind, Eva Anderson; Celia, Gladys Metcalf; Phoebe, Martha Wright; Audrey, Dorothy Collins; girls' sextet, Gertrude Moore, Margaret Moore, Vernie Elanders, Marian Spoerl, Hilma Fox, Alma Wright, accompanist, Jean Jacobs; dancers, Mary Holmes, Margaret Curdy, Belle Simon, Caroline Simon, Eliza Oberdorfer, Blanche Fisher, Julie Murphy, Agatha De Carle and Isabelle Kidd.

CHURCHES TO OBSERVE DAY

Episcopalians and Catholics to Have Candlemas Services.

Episcopal and Catholic churches of the city will observe Candlemas February 2 with appropriate services. It is held in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the temple and is also known as the Feast of the Purification.

According to the old custom, the day was celebrated 40 days after Epiphany or February 14, now St. Valentine's day, sometimes known as "Old Candlemas." The Armenians still cling to

SLEARN SERGEANT IS BORNE TO LAST REST

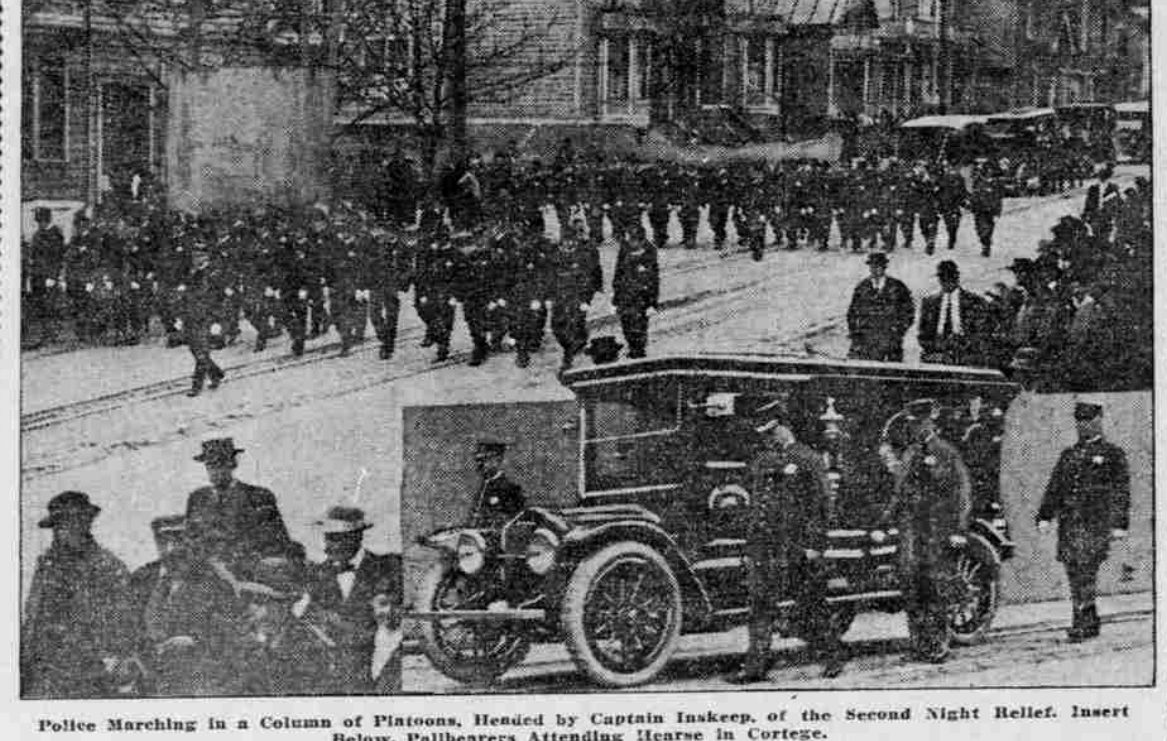
Police Pay Last Tribute to R. H. Stahl, Victim of Accidental Shot.

THOUSANDS LINE STREETS

March of Patrolmen to Beat of Muffled Drums Impresses—Comrades Are Pallbearers. Chapel Is Thronged.

Thousands of persons lined the sidewalks yesterday afternoon as the funeral cortege of Sergeant R. H. Stahl, who was accidentally shot and killed early Wednesday morning by Patrol-

SCENE ATTENDING FUNERAL OF LATE POLICE SERGEANT R. H. STAHL YESTERDAY.



Police Marching in a Column of Platoons, Headed by Captain Inskeep, of the Second Night Relief. Inset Below, Pallbearers Attending Hearse in Cortege.

man C. E. Klingsmith, passed down Fourth street, led by the police band and a platoon of policemen of the second night relief, under command of Captain Inskeep. The solemnity of the occasion was intensified by the tread of the patrolmen, who marched to the slow measure of the muffled drums.

Mourners filled the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son at the services and more than 2000 persons stood with bowed heads as the casket was borne forth in the hearse, at the side of which marched Sergeants Bunn, Wanless, Burke, Lyon, Wells and Jenkins, co-workers with Sergeant Stahl.

"You are the conservators of the morals of the community," said Rev. A. C. Moses, pastor of the Waverly Heights Congregational Church, speaking to the policemen that filled the chapel. "You are concerned in the safety of the people, the saving of souls, the bringing of the message of the gospel to the young and the old."

Special communion and Holy Eucharist services will be held in the Episcopal churches at 9 o'clock in the morning.

In the Catholic churches the ceremony of blessing the candles, the symbol of faith, will be observed at 9 A. M.

Civil War Veteran Buried.

Funeral services of Solomon Butler were conducted yesterday from Lerch's chapel. Mr. Butler was born in Ashland, O., November 14, 1837, and served in the Union Army during the latter part of the Civil War. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. D. Webster, 22 East Forty-eighth street, for the past three years. He was the father of nine children, five of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Eliza Bowman and William Butler, of Lovelock, O.; F. M. Butler, of Crow Agency, Montana; Vernon Butler, of Newcastle, O.

Archaeological Lecture Announced.

Dr. H. H. Gowan, professor of Oriental languages and literature at the University of Washington, will lecture before the Portland society of the Archaeological Institute on the "Ruins of Old Cathay," in room A of the Public Library Tuesday, February 2, at 8 o'clock. The lecture will be illustrated with views of the old Chinese wall and other scenes in the Orient.

ARMY MAN FROM SALES ELIGIBLE FOR RANK OF MAJOR.

Captain Percy Willis.

Captain Percy Willis, son of Mrs. C. J. Willis, of 174 Laddington Court, has passed the examination for Major at a Government examination held recently at Fort Meade, according to a letter received by his mother.

Captain Willis went as a volunteer in the Seventh Oregon Regiment during the office February and was continued in the Army after the volunteers were mustered out. He has been stationed at Key West for several years.

Captain Willis was a resident of Salem but was well known in Portland, where he has prominent relatives. His commission as Major had not been received.

VALENTINES UP-TO-DATE

BE-LACED SENTIMENTAL VERSE OF YORE IS MISSING.

"You're the Candy Kidde," Is Fair Sample of Worded Found This Year. While Offensive Comed Is Gone.

Love used to be billed, but the 1915 Valentines seem to indicate that Cupid is getting more practical than yore. Valentine's day is not far away, and although the gay little tokens of affection may not be as popular as they once were, it is evident that the day will receive considerable recognition.

One design, artistically done in water colors shows a poor swain kneeling at the feet of his lady love and offering her nothing but his heart.

Nearby stands Cupid, the valentine shopkeeper, and he says: "I think I'll let him raise the limit, before I put an arrow in it."

The old-fashioned dainty lace and frill Valentines in the way of valentines are seen no more. Times have changed and valentines with them. There isn't so much of the "tootie-wootie-bee-ymy" sort of verse in evidence this year. Instead, one is almost startled by "You're all the candy, kidde."

And further along the valentine shopper may have met yet another "You're the kind of little girl that needs a little boy like me."

The drawing on the up-to-date comes isn't of the old-fashioned, hideous and impressionist style, and might even be rated artistically as futuristic, but it isn't offensive.

Many a valentine as they may be, and under whatever guise they may come, there are still valentines galore. Table decorations and dainty favors, too, predict festive luncheon and dinners at which it is understood among the younger set that there will be a dock of engagements announced on the days immediately preceding February 14 and on the two that follow it, and come before the Lenten season, which opens on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

Tagless Autoists' Arrest Ordered. Auto owners who have not yet secured their 1915 licenses, tax drivers who have not yet received their personal license badges and persons who have attached their licenses in inconspicuous places will find employment tomorrow in dodging the police. The incorporators are J. A. Boyd, G. W. Nelson, Harry A. Waldeck and Frank B. Tichenor. The company is capitalized at \$5000.

Port Orford Promotion Planned. The promotion of Port Orford as a port and the land surrounding it as a farming country is the purpose of a new Oregon Land Company and Oregon Free Information Bureau which filed articles of incorporation in County Clerk Coffey's office Saturday.

Linnton Employe Ousted. Mayor Malone Drops Water Superintendent and Saves \$900 a Year. It is expected that W. Young, Superintendent of the Linnton Water Works, will be dismissed today, in accordance with a notice served on him some time ago to vacate the office. February and Mayor Malone and the other Water Commissioners, who have full power in the matter, decided to abolish the office of Superintendent, according to the statement of Mayor Malone, in the interest of economy and run the plant without a superintendent.

Mayor Malone expects to save to the taxpayers of Linnton the salary of the superintendent, which has been \$75 a month, or \$900 a year.

PERSONAL MENTION. H. A. Bryant, of Seattle, is at the Oregon. H. E. Morton, of Salem, is at the Seward. R. D. Whelan, of Salem, is at the Carlton. M. N. Matlock, of Pendleton, is at the Perkins. James Kyle, of Stanfield, is at the Imperial. R. L. Dugan, of La Grande, is at the Imperial. E. J. E. Sandells, of Hawaii, is at the Nortauna.

CHICKEN THEFTS ALLEGED. Four Said to Have Captured 200 Birds, Some of Large Value. After stealing about 200 chickens since last July, according to an alleged confession to Deputy Sheriff Saturday night, four men were arrested last Friday by Deputy Sheriff Christoffersen and Bakoy, and are now held in the County Jail on a charge of larceny. Some of the fowls are said to have been valuable.

The men were Leonard Taylor, aged 30; Ray Elcholtz, aged 24; Rule Elcholtz, aged 26, and Eldon Crosswhite, aged 24 years. Crosswhite is said to be an employe of a studio at First and Taylor streets. The officers say that the other members of the gang are out of work and have practically lived on the chickens for several months.

The alleged thieves made their headquarters at the home of Rule Elcholtz, 2303 Sixty-third avenue Southeast, according to the officers. In a room at the rear of the house the deputies found, they assert, several sacks of fowls.

The Montaville, Mount Scott, Brentwood and Westmoreland districts are said to have suffered most from their depredations. Among the men who lost the most was E. J. Ladd, of Westmoreland, who lost a 400 cockerel and two pullets; and E. H. Bower, who lost a 450 cockerel and two pullets. The officers also charge some of the men with stealing milk.

Human Experts Condemners. This is according to popular superstition, but the scientists who forecast our weather put no trust whatever in the groundhog woodchuck or American marmot, first cousin to the African anteater. As a weather prophet they allow that he is not to be depended upon and that his percentage is about 623.

"How can the groundhog tradition serve as a country-wide weather predictor?" scoffs the weather bureau prognosticator. "The sun may shine in some localities, while skies will be overcast in others. How can sunshine or cloudy weather in spots possibly foretell an early or late Spring, which is a general condition?"

In this heartless way does the cold-blooded scientist of today overturn our established faith in things.

Badger Is Kaiser's Prophet. The tradition of the weather-prophet abilities of the groundhog was made in Germany. Only in the land of the Kaiser is the badger that is relied upon to look for his shadow tomorrow and draw his conclusions as to the early or late ending of Winter. In the United States the badger is not a well known east of the Mississippi River and the responsibility has been put upon the groundhog or woodchuck.

The German proverb on this subject is: "The shepherd would rather see the wolf enter his stable on Candlemas day than the sun."

CRITTER TO LEAVE WINTER'S HAVEN IF SUN SHINES OR STAY IN IF SHADOW SHOWS.

Weather prophets of the old school, unattached to any meteorological bureau anywhere, but who rely on the knowledge handed down through tradition and folk lore, will be out in force tomorrow to predict an early or late Spring, as the case may be, for it is groundhog day, the best day in all the year to qualify as a wiseacre in this particular line.

When the groundhog sticks forth his nose tomorrow morning after his winter sleep, he will cast a curious eye overhead to see if the sun is shining. Stretching himself, he will crawl from his hole and look for its shadow. If he sees it, he hurries back to his hole and goes to sleep again for six weeks. Knowing the fine weather will be brief, but if he does not see his shadow, he will bid farewell to his winter quarters, for he knows Winter is at an end.

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