

HARDING'S ABILITIES IMPRESS FAR SEX

Could Not Have Chosen Better Leader, Says Mrs. Edson.

COX DISAPPOINTS EAST

Democrat Candidate Liked as Jimmy. But Thought Too Small for White House.

"Since 1912 I have been a Johnson progressive. At the Chicago convention I seconded his nomination for president, and for days I was keenly disappointed because he failed to win the republican nomination. I am also a Harding republican. Two weeks ago today I breakfasted with Senator and Mrs. Harding at their home in Marion, O. I discussed with the republican nominee many of the topics of national political importance, especially those pertaining to women, and I want to say frankly, I do not believe the republican party could have chosen a more capable man to head the national ticket."

Such was the spontaneous tribute paid to Senator Harding yesterday at the Benson hotel by Mrs. Katherine Phillips Edson of California, a member of the executive committee of the republican national committee. Mrs. Edson, who is the only woman on this committee from the western states, passed through Portland en route to her home at Los Angeles from a meeting of the executive committee in Chicago.

Partisan Press Stars Nominee. "My visit to the home of Senator Harding has been a revelation. The partisan press has endeavored to lead us to believe that the republican nominee belongs to what they term the old school of stand-pat or reactionary republicans.

"This is not so. I found him to be thoroughly progressive and awake to the needs of the country, and especially to the wants of the women and children of America. Like Senator Johnson of California, he is progressive, and if they differ at all, it is simply in attaining their ends."

Senator Harding has personality," said Mrs. Edson, "of the sort one would delight to discover in a president. Grave and serious for the most part, with a fine, thoughtful face—but with this distinctly statesmanlike countenance and dignified bearing, he is a very happy smile—an infectious smile that makes one feel his friendship."

Impresses As Big Man. "He gives one the instant impression, and it is an impression that endures, of being a big man in every way. I don't mean to say that he isn't approachable and that he isn't friendly to his people. Everyone in Marion calls him 'Warren,' but Senator Harding is not the sort of man that regards casual acquaintances would presume to be familiar with. For he is distinctly dignified though gracious, and especially his utter absence of any pretense at special delight in greeting me. He met me pleasantly and turned at once into the discussion of those public matters which interested us both.

"Speaking of legislation for women, I was impressed by the adeptness of Senator Harding in seizing a thought and converting it into his own terminology. He is an impression that the result is always concise and logical. I had called his attention to the advanced work of the National League for Women's Service, and the work had achieved for women, and to the regrettable fact that while we had progressed our women workers, in view of the fact that Senator Harding had not adopted similar progressive legislation, were placed on an unfair basis of comparison."

Protection Same as Tariff. "Our plea, I reminded him, was for federal legislation that would coordinate the attitude of all states toward women and children. He said he was silent a moment, then he said, 'I see, you wish protection for the women workers and children similar to that which the tariff laws give to the country.'

Mrs. Edson said that throughout her visit to the east, she found republican sentiment overwhelming. People, she said, do not look upon Governor Cox as a presidential candidate. They prefer to know him as Jimmie Cox. That, further still, the average voter wants a change. They do not want a continuation of the present democratic policies.

The republican party is pledged to a policy of retrenchment and economy in government," she said. "It does more than promise to give us a new actual performance in this line. The 66th congress just adjourned, which had a republican majority in both houses, reduced the democratic administration estimates by \$2,500,000,000. It also introduced a budgeting system which was vetoed by President Wilson.

U. S. to Be Free Again. "In addition to the pledge of republican leaders that contained in the republican platform, Senator Harding has given his personal pledge that the strongest and ablest men in the country will be called to accept cabinet portfolios. Both the nominee and the republican party are pledged to the American people their cherished heritage of free press, free speech, free assembly and freedom from the intolerable espionage and repression we have been cursed with since the armistice as well as during the war.

"It is essential that those Americans who want to relieve our country from this administration of inefficiency, waste and intolerance, should return the republican party to power, giving it the responsibility of developing a sane, constructive and forward-looking policy."

Obituary. James Irvine Bennett, an old Oregon pioneer, died September 23 at the home of his son Wiley. He was born in Shelby county, Indiana, September 3, 1825. He moved to an early age to Iowa. In 1852 he came across the plains with an oxteam. During this journey his mother died of cholera. After reaching Oregon he settled in Yamhill county. Since that time he has lived all his life in Oregon, with the exception of a few years spent in Washington and Idaho. Mr. Bennett was married October 7, 1859, to Miss Louisa Bennett, a native of Illinois, who came to Oregon with her parents in 1848. To this union were born eight children—Charles W., Helen, Frank G., Ernest W., Albert, James W., John R. and Irvia. All, except Helen and Albert, who died in childhood, were with their father during his last illness. His widow also survives. One sister and four half brothers are living. The funeral was held from the Methodist church in Wasco September 18, Rev. J. C. Ghormley officiating. Burial was by Sunset cemetery, near Wasco.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alice Ross, nurse of this city who was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. C. W. Shumaker, a stenographer at the First National bank, September 17, died at the Willamette hospital last night. She did not regain consciousness after the accident. Mrs. Ross was 63 years old. Two brothers, G. L. Day of Eugene and J. M. Day of Alvadore, Or., and a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Walker of Davenport, Wash., survive.

The funeral of Mrs. James P. Twohy, who died Saturday at Seattle, will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning from St. Joseph's church, Seattle. Mrs. Twohy was born in Portland and lived here until about a year ago. She is survived by her husband and five small children.

Centralia, Wash., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—George Sturgeon, a resident of Centralia for the last 27 years, died Friday night following a long illness. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Presbyterian church. He was 66 years of age and was born in England. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Ernest Ford.

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OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Scholastic standing of members of fraternities and sororities here is far above that of other students, according to averages just computed for last semester.

Sorority women had the highest average of all with 87.5, while other women made 82.9. Fraternity averages 86.2 as compared with 80.2 for other men. The average of the entire student body was 82.8.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity leads the men's organizations with 89.2 and Gamma Iota sorority holds a like place among the women with 88.4. Theta Delta Omicron is a close second among the fraternities with 88, while Alpha Sigma Phi had 87.5, Alpha Tau Omega 87, Alpha Sigma Delta 87.2, Alpha Phi Delta 87.1, Beaver 86.9, Pi Kappa Alpha 86.7, Omega Upsilon 86.6, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 86.5, Kappa Sigma 86.1, Sigma Nu 86, Lambda Chi Alpha 85.7, Omicron club 85.6, Gamma Nu 84.8, Kappa Pal 84.7, Beta Upsilon 84.7, Theta Chi 84.5, Gamma Tau Beta 84.6, Kappa Delta Sigma 84.5, Phi Delta Theta 84.4, Sigma Epsilon 84.2, Sigma Chi 84.1, Sigma Kappa was second among the sororities with 88. Delta Delta followed with 87.5, Xi Beta 86.8, Alpha Xi Delta 86.2, Pi Beta Phi 86.1, Kappa Alpha 85.6, Alpha Chi Omega 85.1 and Delta Delta Delta 83.1.

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"We must know people; their tastes, their tendencies, also their circumstances and surroundings. There may be differences of opinion as to the character and needs of our times, but I am sure that to everyone who thinks carefully upon the matter, there are some tendencies, characteristics and needs of these days, that are most manifest."

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A pleasing solo was given by Mrs. Carl Stanley, and the climax of the evening was reached when S. D. Gordon of New York was introduced, and gave a heart-searching message on the betrayal of Christ, and the Savior's quiet talk with Peter.

One hundred and fifty plates were laid for the banquet, and some came later for the speaking only. Dr. Gornall of the centenary staff was also present and assisted in the service.

FALSE PROPHETS ASSAILED

Inclination of Mankind Discussed by Dr. McEveven.

"One Hundred Years From Now" was Dr. W. T. McEveven's topic at the First Congregational church last night.

"I assume the hazardous role of a prophet," he said, "George Elliott

NEUTRAL CHRISTIANS HIT

Inert Friend of God an Enemy, Says Dr. Nugent.

Preaching on "The Sin of Neutrality" in the Central Presbyterian church yesterday morning, Dr. Walter Henry Nugent said "the appalling thought is that few people after all are really heartily engaged in the

great struggle of good and evil."

"Every social sore, every remediable injustice, every unequal law, every unwholesome influence, every bad example, every false moral standard summons us in our several relations to the help of the Lord against the mighty. To believe with all our hearts in the gospel of Jesus Christ is to believe that we ourselves have been commissioned to do his work in the world. But how small is the number of persons who feel the responsibility! The man who stands in the office, the store, the workshop and who does nothing is an influence dead against the influence of Jesus Christ. An inert friend is counted an enemy. He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me scattereth—those are his own words."

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