

KEEP HOUSE SAFE FOR REPUBLICANS, CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

Heading out from Washington from the office of Simon D. Fess, congressman from Ohio, a flood of personal letters to prominent Republicans of the various states of the Union is serving notice on Republicans of the country that they face the task of maintaining the house "safely Republican." Several of the Fess letters have reached Portland, all except the address, all bearing the same jazz message to get up and get busy.

Congressman Fess, it might be mentioned in passing is the chairman of the national Republican congressional committee. That organization is directly charged by the Republican organization with the task of seeing to it that there are enough Republican votes in the lower house to "keep the house safe from democracy."

Fess, in his letter, points out that, having completed its "biennial reorganization for the campaign of 1922," the committee intends to conduct a vigorous campaign all down the line from coast to coast.

"If Republican politics are to be enacted into law," Fess says in his letter, "if Republican administration is not to be handicapped in its efforts to restore to the American people sound, economical, constitutional government, the election of a substantial Republican majority to the next congress is absolutely essential."

"Obviously," the letter says, "not all the ills that afflict the world can be cured by legislation," and it goes on to point out that the present congress "in such a period of social unrest, unsettled trade relations and international turmoil cannot yield to the demands of ultra-radicals and theorists who profess to have a cure all."

"It is profitable," Fess naively remarks, "to speculate whether anything that could have been done has been done up to this time." He contends that President Harding has been confronted with far reaching and complex problems and he says that "it is imperative that in the vast work so well begun his hands shall not be tied by an opposition congress." In concluding his appeal, he rings a faintly similar note to tinkle the memory of the campaign of 1920 when he says, "If in addition to the unparalleled difficulties presented by the national situation, which he (Harding) has faced and handled with the broad understanding and poise of the statesman, he is to be hampered by an unfriendly and unsympathetic majority in congress, blocking his efforts at every turn, it is inevitable that his great work must suffer immeasurably."

He concluded by urging it upon the recipient of the letter that the efforts of the committee will be fruitless without general assistance and that it is counting on united support.

CHICKEN THIEF BUST
Chicken thieves broke into Mrs. O. E. Powell's hencoop at 6325 Forty-sixth

Class of 418 Young Men Enter Order of De Molay



New members of the Order of De Molay, Sunnyside chapter, who were admitted at a ceremonial at The Auditorium Saturday evening. Sons of Masons and their friends are eligible to membership.

street southeast, according to a report filed at police headquarters, and stole nine Rhode Island Reds. Mrs. Powell reported there were footprints leading from the henhouse to the street and back to the henhouse again. The prints were made by the shoe of a small man. Several other houses in that neighborhood have been visited recently by chicken thieves.

Flashlight Powder Explosion Injures Two Reed Students

James Hamilton, 21, and Easton Rothwell, 19, Reed college students, were badly cut and burned early Sunday morning when a bottle of flashlight powder exploded as preparations were being made to take a picture of some college stunts in house H, college dormitory.

Hamilton's face was so swollen from burns that he is unable to see, but attendants at the Good Samaritan hospital, where the students are being cared for, said his loss of eyesight is probably only temporary. Rothwell also was burned about the face, but his condition is not serious.

Hamilton is a senior, and his home is at Pine, Or. His notable contribution to Reed student activity has been management of student publications and photography. Rothwell is a sophomore. He is news editor of the Reed College Quest, member of the student council, and various athletic teams.

Potential Ability Of Children Is a Factor in Teaching

Educational attainment should be measured in connection with the potential ability of the children and the teacher who gets a child to work above that is doing good work, though the work may not measure up to that of children of higher ability. Superintendent D. A. Groat told the principals' association at its meeting Saturday.

The defect of school surveys is that the kind of raw material has been disregarded in making up the surveys, and the blame for the low average of a school or class has been placed upon the administration of the school or else upon the methods and teaching ability of the staff, said Groat, whereas the basic differences in mental ability of pupils was the chief reason for differences among pupils.

Storm Damage Is Great to Trails; To Make Repairs

Maintenance expenses on trails within the Oregon national forest will be greater this spring than for many years, according to Supervisor T. H. Sherrard.

Heavy storms during the winter, particularly the sleet storm of last fall, are responsible. Clearing of the Larch mountain trail will be a big task in itself.

While no exact figures have been obtained as to the number of trees lying across the trail, Barney Edwards reported last fall, before the deep snows covered them over, that for a mile and a half they ran nearly 100 to the mile. At Eagle Creek campgrounds pipelines and bridges have been destroyed.

and the tourist stoves have been damaged. No one has yet been able to get up either Eagle creek or Herman creek trails.

As soon as the completion of the new road running from Estacada to Fantoma, on which there is yet a week's work, Oregon forest employees will start upon their spring maintenance tasks.

The postoffice department has announced the appointment of Minnie Gustafson as postmaster at Rieth.

875,000 TREES OF U.S. NURSERY AWAIT PLANTING

Approximately 875,000 trees are at the Wind River nursery of the United States forest service at Stabler, Wash., ready for planting this spring, says J. F. Kummel, forest examiner. These trees, of the species of Douglas fir, Noble fir and Silver fir, will plant 1400 acres. The project to be planted this spring by the forest service will be as follows:

On the Seldue burn on the Olympic national forest in Northwestern Washington, 450 acres will be planted. This

will complete the Seldue project, started three years ago. The total area reforested will be between 1700 and 1800 acres.

Nine hundred acres will be planted on the old Clappa burn on the Rainier national forest. This will be the third season's work and will make a total of 1800 acres replanted there.

A small project, details of which have not yet been arranged, will be undertaken on the Columbia national forest in Southern Washington.

Work will probably start early in April, according to Kummel, dependent upon weather conditions. At present, there is still deep snow at the nursery.

Work at the nursery this spring will consist of shipping 875,000 trees, sowing seed beds to grow approximately 1,400,000 trees, and transplanting an equal number at the nursery. Work will start about April 1 and continue with a crew of about 20 men for six weeks.

The Rainier planting project last year averaged 86 per cent of survival, which is considered a high percentage. More than half of the area averaged more than 90 per cent, while some portions ran as high as 96 and 97 per cent.

Feeders' Day Draws Throng at Prosser

Prosser, Wash., March 11.—More than 100 out-of-town visitors attended the first annual feeders' day at the experimental farm near here. J. F. Sears, banker and president of the Washington Wool Growers' association, and R. F. Bean, manager of the experimental farm, were among the speakers. Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the experimental station at Union, Or., described feeding tests, saying they showed the producer the great difference between the values of the raw product and the intelligently finished product.

HOSPITAL GETS CHAPLAIN
Pasco, Wash., March 11.—The Lady of Lourdes hospital is to have a regular chaplain, Father Brown, S. J., having arrived from Spokane for that purpose.



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