

# HEALTH, INDUSTRY INDIAN ESSENTIALS

### COMMISSIONER VALENTINE DECLARES IN HIS ADDRESS

#### Tells Newly Organized Brotherhood That He Has Discovered Many of Ability in Their Ranks on Reservations.

Joe Craig, local interpreter and national secretary of the Brotherhood of North American Indians, has received a copy of the address delivered by B. G. Valentine, commissioner of Indian affairs, before the meeting of the Indians in Washington recently. The address in full is as follows:

I am very glad to be here today. I never feel so much in the place where I belong as when I am talking to the Indians themselves. I regret, I am very sorry, for the great amount of time that I have to spend here at my desk in Washington, 1500, 2000, 3000 miles away from where you all are most of the time in your homes. It would be better for me, and by that I mean that it would be better for me in the sense that it would be better for you, if I could be, more of the time, out among you because it is out on the reservation and in the allotted districts and wherever any single Indian lives that the work of the Indian service really lies.

There are three big things in Indian affairs about which I want to say a word to you, just a word. Two of these things I have something directly to do with but the third I have comparatively little to do with. The two things are first, the health of the Indian and Indian children all over the country, and the second is the industrial development of the Indian all over the country. That is the biggest work and the most proper work for the Indian service. We want to assist each one of you to help yourself and to help your children to have good, sound health so that you can do good work in the world and be happy and we want also to bring it about that every Indian in the country will be working at some job or other all the time, earning money. Those are the two big things that the Indian service considers its most proper work. There is a third which is mainly the reason for your being here, and one of the main reasons why I am glad you are here today, and that is your political rights and privileges all through the country as men and women, citizens of this country. And this right and privilege of citizenship is, in my judgment, superior even to the things which I have mentioned in certain senses. A man may be in poor health or a man may be out of work and still he wants to feel that he is a man.

It is a good thing to be healthy and well and so have the happiness that comes from health, and it is a good thing to be at work, to be busy and have the health and happiness and the money that comes from being busy. But in certain ways it is a bigger thing and a different thing to have that sense of personal manliness and personal womanliness that comes from feeling that you are a citizen of the United States. That is why I believe in citizenship for Indians. Citizenship is bound to give anyone who possesses it, even if he does not appreciate it at first, bound to give him gradually the feelings of a man of independence, of being a person of honor in his community. Consequently I am more than delighted to welcome every meeting of the Indians.

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every gathering here in Washington or anywhere else in the country, where you meet to consider together and arrange together your work as citizens of the United States. It is one of the privileges of citizenship, not only that it leads to this feeling of manhood and independence on the part of each one, but it has also for you a greater meaning, in that when you gather together, all your citizens together present a force and have the opportunity of accomplishing things for yourselves that none of you alone could do. It is that fact that makes the right of petition or group of persons to come together and petition the government concerning their affairs.

In other words, I want to see the Indian all over the country, assert his rights, political rights in every proper way and for that reason it is important that you all meet together and consider what those rights and privileges are and what you need to do in connection with asserting them.

I want you to understand how heartily I am in sympathy with any political movement among the Indians. You have kindly invited me to become an honorary member of this organization and I want you to understand straight from me and not from anybody else why I cannot accept that honor while I am commissioner of Indian affairs.

The Indian Bureau, as I explained to you at the start, exists chiefly for those two main purposes of forwarding the health and industry among the Indians and helping you to put yourselves, therefore, in the best possible position to assert your political rights and in asserting your political rights you will have it will be your duty and privilege to take part in party politics. It will be your duty to study the candidates in the different communities and vote for the one that you believe to be right and good men.

Now, the Indian office has no hand of any kind, properly in politics or party politics and so while I am commissioner of Indian affairs I feel that I cannot accept this honor that you have offered me; but, if when I cease to be commissioner of Indian affairs you still wish to extend me such an invitation, I might be very proud to consider it. When that day comes you will very likely have forgotten all about it. But what I want to leave with you is the idea that I believe in this meeting and organizing to assert your rights and privileges and in your taking part in your local communities in elections I want the Indian insofar as my word has any weight with you or my interest in you any weight in your hearts, to consider the sacredness of a voter's duty; the sacredness of each one of you making up your mind as to the good character and the ability and the wisdom of the man you elect to represent you in the congress here.

I cannot leave this meeting without saying just one word more about my belief in the Indian race or races, as people. I am no sentimentalist on the subject, and like other people in this country, all other citizens, you Indians have a lot to learn. But I have not ridden thousands of miles over your reservations and over your allotments, many times in company with some of my friends here today without finding out that the Indians have a lot of ability and character which are among the best things this country possesses. In ability, there is, in my judgment, substantially no Indian in this country who starts young enough who cannot accomplish any object which any of the other people in this country can accomplish. There are men right in this room, and you will find them in every other gathering of Indians anywhere who have succeeded in every calling, from the farm up through all the professions.

I want you to know direct from me that I have no doubt about your ability. As soon as you get accustomed as tribes and as persons to our ways of doing things, you have proved many times over your ability to adapt yourselves to those ways and make good in them. Neither will there be any fear if the Indian will only assert his native honesty and integrity of character. If each one of you will assert his own behalf and in behalf of his character, honesty and integrity which you possess, the Indian will take a very high place in the citizenship, the political citizenship of this country.

I thank you all for this invitation to speak to you today and I want you to know the doors of my office are always open to anyone to come to me and see me with the same hospitality which you have always shown to me when I have visited you in the Indian country. I thank you.

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## ELKS OF PORTLAND PLAN CONVENTION

### ORIGINAL AND HARMONIOUS DECORATIONS FOR BIG MEET

Purple and White of Order Will Mix With Patriotic Colors in Electrical Scheme—Business Men Busy.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15.—Originality and harmony will be manifest in the decorations with which the Elks will adorn Portland during the National convention next July.

The special committee, of which John H. Burgard is chairman and which is composed of George L. Baker, Dr. Harry F. McKay, A. C. Callen and Dr. C. W. Cornelius, met and appointed a number of subcommittees, each of which shall have charge of a special feature of the work.

The various subjects of decoration will conform to the one general scheme that now is in course of preparation and which will make the city's festival dress appear harmoniously dazzling by day and artistically brilliant by night.

It is proposed to erect a number of arches across the principal streets and to make every foot of the line of march, which includes streets on both the East and West sides of the river, pleasantly attractive to all who

gather to view the parade as well as to the men in line.

Seventeen Committees Named. The following committees were named for the several decorating features:

Arches—Dr. Harry F. McKay, J. A. Graef, L. F. Thibault, George L. Hutchin.

Line of Parade—George L. Baker, W. H. Fitzgerald, J. B. Coffey, A. C. Callen.

City, County and Government Buildings—B. D. Sigler, D. Solis Cohen, W. H. Fitzgerald, John B. Coffey, William Adams.

Lighting of Buildings—R. E. Menefee, A. G. Rushlight, Tom Monke, F. E. Watkins, George Dunning.

Railroad Terminals—K. V. Lively, William McMurray, A. D. Charlton, R. W. Foster, William Burke, Edward Lyons.

Hotels—C. W. Cornelius, Phil Mettschan, Jr., M. C. Dickinson, H. C. Bowers, Joseph Dietz.

Department Stores—A. C. Callen, D. M. Dunne, A. E. Beard.

"Class A" Buildings—H. W. Fries, G. E. Streeter, J. B. Yoen, George Henry, A. L. Finley, V. M. C. Silva.

Other Buildings—George H. Kelly, George M. Hyland, F. W. Watson, R. C. Bishop, W. O. Van Schuyper.

River Front—Captain J. E. Spier, Thomas H. Crane, Eugene Parrell, Don Winther, Felix Isherwood.

Window Decorations—A. Feldenhelmer, A. B. Steinbach, W. H. Gadsby, C. C. Bradley, K. K. Kubli.

Electricity—John H. Burgard, Geo. L. Baker.

Banks—J. S. Beall, George W. Hoyt, A. M. Wright.

Theaters—John E. Cordray, W. T. Pangle, John J. Johnson, Lawrence Keating.

Armory—E. H. Langford, H. P. Christenson, W. C. Haseltine.

East Side—George H. Kleiser, H. H. Pomeroy, John F. Cordray, Edwin Newbegin.

Fraternal Orders—C. C. Bradley, A. Feldenhelmer, R. W. Foster, Walter Holman, George S. Bergers.

Professional decorating firms in various parts of the country are in communication with Chairman Burgard and Harry C. McAllister, secretary of the convention commission. They propose to transform Sixth street, Seventh street, Washington street and other business thoroughfares into veritable avenues of brilliance and beauty.

Plans Under Consideration. The general scheme of decorating now is being worked out. The illuminating plan devised by E. E. McClaran, a Portland architect, and providing for a canopy of electric lights radiating from a high illuminated tower on top of the Yaon building is being considered among others. The committee decided yesterday that all colors used in decorating will be purple and white with the American flag.

Owners of various business buildings already are laying plans to win the first prize offered by the general committee for the best decorated building. It is probable that other substantial prizes will be offered.

As it will require much time to arrange the elaborate decorations necessary to present a proper setting for the big convalesce the present is none too early to lay plans, say the committeemen. The committee calculates to begin work on constructing its electric effects and its street and building ornamentations late in June, that they may be completed on the opening day of the convention, July 5.

Application has been made by the Elks to erect a viewing stand on the Postoffice grounds for a week, during the meeting of the grand lodge. It has the approval of Postmaster Merrick, and with his recommendation the request has been forwarded to the department at Washington. It has been agreed that the stand will not interfere with the entrance to the postoffice and that six special policemen will be employed by the Elks to keep the entrance clear at all times.

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