

HARDING FIRM ON I. W. W. QUESTION

Would Not Grant Freedom To So-Called Political Prisoners, Says Nominee

Washington, Oct. 18.—That Senator Harding's stand on the pardoning of prisoners convicted of crimes against the government has greatly strengthened him, is the opinion of the Republican publicity association, through its president, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr.

"In none of his other utterances has Senator Harding commended himself more strongly to the good sense of the American people than in his remarks at Omaha on the subject of a proposed 'general amnesty to political prisoners.' Said Senator Harding, 'I have been asked many times during this campaign whether I would grant general amnesty, as it is called, to political prisoners. My answer, I trust, is clear. I would not.'

"On this as on other subjects, Harding goes straight to the point and is unequivocal. He makes no bid for the I. W. W. vote. He holds out no hope to the anarchist. He gives no slightest encouragement to the seditionist. He is for enforcement of law—law founded upon justice and perpetuation of orderly government.

"Political prisoners' and 'general amnesty' are terms which the enemies of American government have been using to mislead people unfamiliar with the facts. There is no such thing as a 'political prisoner' under the laws of the United States and the jurisdiction of our courts. Clever propagandists have used the term in such a manner as to convey the impression that there are such prisoners in the same sense that men and women were made political prisoners in Russia. Probably not many people were deceived. It is true that under the present administration of the department of justice, it has been charged that men have been arrested on inadequate evidence and held indefinitely instead of being accorded that speedy trial which they are guaranteed by our Federal Constitu-

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VAN WINKLE IS CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

I. H. Van Winkle, of Salem, has declared his candidacy for attorney general to succeed George M. Brown. Owing to the recent appointment of Attorney General George M. Brown to the bench of the supreme court to succeed Justice A. S. Bennett, it is necessary to elect a new attorney general.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Brown the governor appointed Mr. Van Winkle to fill the office until election. With the exception of a year and a half Mr. Van Winkle has been first assistant attorney general since 1904. In announcing his choice of first assistant attorney general in 1915 Mr. Brown said: "Mr. Van Winkle was chosen on account of his special fitness and qualifications for the position." Mr. Van Winkle has been endorsed by a committee of prominent citizens all over the state, among whom is Colonel J. M. Williams of Lane county.

On account of the vacancy occurring after the closing date for filing petitions it will be necessary to write the name of the candidate for attorney general in on the ballot.

OLSONS ON HUNTING TRIP

C. Olson, Springfield agent for the Southern Pacific, is enjoying a three weeks vacation. Mr. Olson and son Russell, who came from Lebanon, where he is employed, left yesterday noon for the mountains above Oakridge on a hunting trip. They expect to spend about a week there and will then go to the Coos Bay country gunning for ducks.

R. P. Lowry, who is relieving Mr. Olson, comes from Mill City. With him are his wife and small son who are making their home here while Mr. Lowry is on duty in Springfield.

TWO FROM SPRINGFIELD ON ORAGANA STAFF

Miss Wanna McKinney, editor in chief of Oregon, the annual publication of the University of Oregon, has announced her staff for this year's book. Miss Dorris Sikes, of Springfield, will write up the women's activities of the campus, and Miss Fern Travis has been selected to do some of the rat work.

Miss McKinney is a granddaughter of J. J. Browning, of Springfield, and formerly made her home here. She and Miss Sikes are graduates of the Springfield high school with the class of 1918 and Miss Travis graduated from the local high school with the class of 1919.

KETELS COME TO SPRINGFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ketels, of Portland, father and mother of the proprietor of the Ketels drug store, arrived in Springfield yesterday to make their home. The family will occupy the Ed Blenis place on north Mill street.

COUNTY W. C. T. U. MEETS HERE 26TH

Convention Will Be Held In Methodist Church; Local People on Program

The county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held next Tuesday in the Springfield Methodist church. Delegates from all over the county will gather in the morning and at noon luncheon will be served by the women of Springfield.

Mayor E. E. Morrison will give an address of welcome and Superintendent F. B. Hamlin will deliver an address before the convention. Mrs. Roland H. Mosher will be the song leader.

The women of Springfield and vicinity, whether or not they are members, are invited to attend the convention.

Following is the program: The first thing on the program after luncheon will be an address of greetings by Mayor E. E. Morrison, followed by a response by Mrs. M. D. Mitchell, followed by a lecture by Supt. Frank B. Hamlin on the "Importance of Woman's Work in the Community." Solo by Miss Mildred Smith, Miss Gertrude Talbot, of the U. of O. will speak on the "National League of Women Voters." The next half-hour will be spent in getting acquainted.

2:00, Devotions, Bible study by Mrs. E. D. Bearby, Prayer.

2:20, Report of Creswell Union, Mrs. Clarissa Gregor, Report of Eugene Union by Mrs. Cora Mason, Report of the county treasurer, Mrs. Katherine B. Melton, Solo, Mrs. Mosier.

2:50, President's report and explanation of the Oregon W. C. T. U. Children's Farm Home.

3:15, Three minute speakers on the "Need of the W. C. T. U. in the World Today."

3:25, Election of officers.

3:40, Anticigarette Leaguers Rally, Offering, Adjournment.

MISS CARSON RETURNS AFTER SUCCESSFUL TOUR IN EAST

Miss Amy E. Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carson, returned last Friday from an extended trip in the middle west. Miss Carson reports splendid success in giving her programs of readings and impersonations on her tour. She has not yet made definite plans as to continuing her work for the winter. She was accompanied to Springfield by an uncle, E. G. Carson, from Ontario, Wis., who will visit here for a time.

In next week's issue of The News Miss Carson will give an interesting account of her trip through the eastern country.

Mrs. Minerva Billings went to Corvallis today or a week's visit with daughter, Mrs. F. R. Alexander, and family.

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR YEAR IS \$29,858

Special School Election Meeting Called for Monday Evening, November Fifteenth

Tuesday night the annual budget for the Springfield school district for the year of 1920-21 was placed at \$29,858. This is an increase of \$6,748 over the total budget for the last fiscal year. As set forth by the board this increase is made necessary by increases in the teachers' salaries amounting to \$5,801 and the increased cost of operation and maintenance together with the installment of some necessary equipment.

The estimated receipts for the school district for the coming fiscal year are placed at \$9810.52, leaving a balance to be raised by district tax of \$20,047.48. Last year's estimated receipts were \$7,888, with a balance of \$15,222 to be raised by district tax.

The board also called a special school meeting for 7:30, Monday, November 15, for the purpose of voting on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

LANSBERYS RETURN FROM VISIT IN PENNSYLVANIA

William Lansbery and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lansbery have returned from a two months visit in Pennsylvania. William Lansbery visited with relatives and friends at Clearfield and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Lansbery visited at Lockhaven. On their return to Oregon they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Owens, father and mother of Mrs. Guy Halsey, of Springfield who will visit at the Halsey home.

ELECTION RETURNS

Arrangements have been made by the Bell theatre and The News whereby a direct Western Union telegraph service will bring the results of the national election to Springfield.

The election results, both national and for Springfield's municipal election, will be shown on the screen at the Bell theatre. The first bulletins are expected to reach her about 6 o'clock and may continue until past midnight. The theatre will remain open as long as bulletins are received.

The Bell theatre and The News are delighted to be able to give the people of Springfield a complete service of this nature.

Full details as to the time and posting of the bulletins will be given next week.

The polling places for Springfield will be announced in The News next week.

DR. FORTMILLER OF ALBANY ASSOCIATED WITH DR. REBHAN

An addition to the medical profession in Springfield, is Dr. G. E. Fortmiller, recently of Albany, who came here Sunday to be associated with Dr. W. C. Rebhan in his practice.

For the past three years Dr. Rebhan has held the distinction of having as large an X-ray as is anywhere in the state. The doctors have added much new equipment and have put in a first class laboratory. Their offices and equipment are now considered to rank with the best in the state, although not as large as some in the city.

Dr. Fortmiller is a graduate of the University of Oregon and of the Oregon medical college at Portland. He spent 18 months in the St. Vincent hospital in Portland and after leaving there entered the navy during the war where he had charge of the naval hospital at Bremerton for a year. For the last two years he has practiced his profession at Albany.

Mrs. Fortmiller and small son will come to Springfield next week and the family will occupy apartments in the Vitus building.

Newport high school has established a course in millinery.

BUSINESS MEN FORM PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of all business men of the city has been called for 8 o'clock, Thursday evening, October 23, at the city hall. An organization which has been named the Business Men's Protective association of Springfield was recently formed for the purpose of protecting the members from losing large charge accounts.

It is said by a number of the merchants that at the present time there are individuals who are employed here who will make a large charge account at one store, then leave it and trade at another until they have involved all the merchants who do a credit business. Then the individuals will commence to pay cash and avoid paying the old indebtedness. Under the present conditions the merchants have small recourse. The business men have taken steps to gather data that will enable them to avoid such conditions and to help in collecting the back debts.

This will be the first meeting of the association and all business men are urged to attend.

DOUGLAS FIR MAKES A RAPID GROWTH

Struggle for Existence Crowds Out 41 Trees Per Acre in Last Ten Years

A sixty-four-year-old stand of Douglas fir growing on bench land in the Middle Fork watershed of the Cascade national forest, has made an average growth of 1,044 board feet per acre during the last five years, according to Forest Examiner Thornton T. Munger, who has just completed the third remeasurement of the timber on several sample acres in the region under observation. There are now on this tract an average of 155 living trees per acre, 41 less than were present ten years ago. This shrinkage is due to the fact that in the keen struggle for existence, the smaller trees are being crowded out and smothered for lack of light.

The trees on the sample acres are all tagged and numbered, so that the behavior and growth of each individual tree can be watched by the foresters. They range from 4 to 27 inches in diameter, the average tree being 16.3 inches, a good size for railroad ties and almost big enough for piling.

The gross scale of all the trees for the average acre shows 10,216 cubic feet of wood, while the volume of the merchantable portion of the trees over twelve inches in diameter, making no allowance for defect or breakage, is 47,899 board feet.

"This is not an exceptional area," says Mr. Munger. "There are thousands of acres in Oregon and Washington capable of growing 1,000 board feet per acre annually. The extensive logged-off areas of the two states offer great possibilities to grow a second crop of timber if only fire is kept out and Nature given a chance to reseed the ground."

FRED WALKER GLAD TO GET BACK TO SPRINGFIELD

Fred W. Walker, who attended the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in Boston the last of September, returned to his home here Tuesday morning. He reports a splendid and interesting session of the lodge.

While in the east he visited in many of the larger cities, among them, New York, Detroit, Kansas City, Washington and St. Louis. He also went to the historic Gettysburg battle field. Coming west he stopped at Salt Lake city and San Francisco from where he motored with a friend to Los Angeles and other coast points.

Mr. Walker will give an interesting account of his trip and of the political situation, business conditions and notes of the east as he found them.

Bruce Lansbery went to Salem Wednesday on a brief business trip.

RECEPTION GIVEN NEW MINISTER

Brilliant Affair Largely Attended; Special Meeting of the Brotherhood Nov. 1

One of the most pleasant social affairs of the season so far was the reception at the Methodist church Monday night for Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Yarnes.

At 6:30 a sumptuous basket supper was enjoyed by more than a hundred persons. The rooms and tables were beautifully decorated with dahlias and chrysanthemums.

Among those present from out of town were Rev. S. A. Danford, who is the new superintendent for this district. Reverend Witham, who is pastor of the Marcola and Wedling and Fall Creek and Lowell circuits was also present.

Mrs. J. T. Moore sang, "A Vision of Peace," which was beautifully rendered.

Dr. W. H. Pollard, president of the Methodist Brotherhood presided at a short meeting of the organization. In his opening remarks on behalf of the organization he welcomed the new minister and his family to the church and community and pledged its support to his work. In reply Rev. Yarnes pledged to the people of the community his best endeavors, and faithful, loyal service. He complimented the people on their fine plant and said that he was enthusiastic over the prospects for a good year.

Rev. Danford, Rev. Witham, and Rev. J. T. Moore also gave short talks in which they spoke briefly of their respective work. Mrs. Davidson, the new president of the Ladies Aid society, also urged the women of the congregation and community to cooperate with them in their work for the coming year.

The members of the Brotherhood voted to have a special meeting on Monday evening, November 1, in the church parlors, with supper at 6:30. This is for the purpose of talking over the various measures that are to come up at the election. During the evening several men expressed the desire to join the organization.

SCOUT PATROL LEADERS NAMED; 11 PASS TEST

Patrol leaders for the Springfield company of Boy Scouts have been appointed as follows: Kenneth Girard, senior; Ralph Cline, first; John Hutchins, second; Virgil McPherson, third. Ralph Cline was elected as secretary-treasurer, and Malvern Young as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Eleven scouts have passed the tenderfoot test. They are: Virgil McPherson, Malvern Young, John Hutchins, John Halsey, Harold Stewart, Kenneth Girard, Ralph Cline, Jack Webb, Alfred Pardee, Viri Fegles and Welbert Brattain.

The next meeting of the company is to be held Friday night at the Lincoln school. Boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years, who are not now members, are invited to attend.

MERCURY FOUND AT MEDFORD

Medford, Ore., Oct. 20.—A body of cinnabar ore, which, it is estimated will produce \$500,000 worth of quicksilver, was recently uncovered in the War Eagle mine in the Gold Hill district. It is thought this will produce \$500,000 worth of mercury and a 25 ton furnace is being erected to handle the ore.

Winnifred May, who has been attending school in Portland for nearly a year, returned to his home here today. He has completed a business course in the Beakhe-Walker school.

Eugene.—Plans being made to build big speedway for motorcycle racing. Corvallis.—Road contract for rock-ing Wren-Blodgett "cut-off" on the Newport road.

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