

Local Happenings

Archdeacon Goldie was in Heppner over Sunday and held services at the Episcopal church. This is his first visit here in fourteen weeks, as he is now just recovered from the serious injuries he received three months ago in an automobile accident on the John Day highway in Grant county. Mr. Goldie had planned delivering a special address to the Masonic fraternity on the occasion of his regular visit to Heppner when the accident happened. He will give this address here on his next visit, which is the fourth Sunday of this month—Feb. 22nd, and he hopes to be greeted by a large representation from the Masonic bodies of Heppner.

Arthur Smith was called to Portland by the very serious illness of his son-in-law, James Webster. A phone message received Tuesday afternoon announced that Mr. Webster has been suddenly stricken and his condition was such that his recovery seemed doubtful. Mr. Smith left for Portland announced that Mr. Webster had been at once and Mrs. Smith took the train for the city Wednesday morning. Word received later announced the death of Mr. Webster.

Tilman Hogue states that his section of the county, after all, seems to have suffered a heavy loss owing to the December freeze. For a time it appeared that the Gooseberry country was coming along all right but reseeded is now necessary in the larger portion of the acreage. Mr. Hogue came to Heppner on Tuesday, bringing his daughter, Miss Cecil, to the hospital, where on yesterday morning she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

J. A. Patterson, A. L. Ayers, M. D. Clark, Geo. Aiken and Frank Gilliam went to The Dalles on Monday and attended the funeral of the late W. A. Johnston, who was a prominent Mason of that city and a Shriner. Mr. Johnston died suddenly at his home in The Dalles on Saturday. His funeral was very largely attended. Mr. Johnston was in business in this city for about seven years, going from here to The Dalles more than 20 years ago.

This paper is pleased to announce that the family of C. L. Gillilan is to remain in the city. Some time since, through change taking place along the branch line, it was reported that Mr. Gillilan would be transferred to another point, but this did not materialize and he will remain with his job on the Heppner branch.

Rev. G. T. Wilbur of Hood River preached for the members of Bethel chapel on Sunday forenoon, and his sermon was greatly appreciated. At this service W. O. Dix sang a solo, Miss Elizabeth Phelps whistling the air with him and Mrs. Phelps accompanying on the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Burnett of Arlington spent the week-end at Heppner, returning home the first of the week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Cochran who expects to be absent from the city for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gates and Mrs. Grace Shoun of Spray came to Heppner on Monday, to attend the funeral of the late Albert H. Samp, father of Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Shoun. They returned home on Tuesday.

FOR SALE—One cook stove with hot water attachment; 1 "Hoosier" kitchen cabinet; 1 bedroom suite and 1 library table, all as good as new. See Mrs. Alex Green in Heppner.

Our Washington Letter

N. P. S.
William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee and Senator from Massachusetts, laid down the law and the gospel of the Republican party of 1924 in an extraordinary address which he recently made. It was a national message. This, he argued, was first of all a time of opportunity for all the sober thinking people to gather within the party fold but to secure this end he declared that the party must show itself responsive to the needs of the people. It must first and always stand as a party in which all the people can gather without distinction as to race, creed, or condition of life, as a party of equal opportunity. And it must be responsive to the great humanitarian needs of the people. It is too big to be a one-issue party, even though that issue is the tariff, the importance of which is admitted by all, it must, in short, be put it, be responsive to appeals which cannot be "tested on a cash register." Equally striking was his declaration that the party can only grow through loyalty of all the members to party principles, and can only live through party discipline. Blocs and factions, he said, have injured instead of helping the people. The party wants all new suggestions but those

who submit such plans must be willing to accept majority rule. Referring to the recent action of the senate in eliminating certain men from the party rolls, he said this was not done through feeling of personal bias but solely because a party cannot function which does not control its own representatives and this he said was the real reason for the Senate action. Long experience has shown that a two party system is a necessity for the real administration of the government for the welfare of the people as a whole. The more striking features of his speech are here given:

The greatest nationalizing influence which has made our federal government virile and enduring is the two party system. The two great political parties are the sole agencies for formulating national policies and carrying them out. This brings us again to the realization of the need and value of party solidarity, and party responsibility in the conduct of public affairs. Probably no public man was ever more opposed to party government than was George Washington, yet Washington's sense of duty to the whole country led him to consent to hold the position of leadership in the Federal party.

Unless I have misread the signs of the times, we have now open to us an opportunity, not only to increase the strength and influence of our party throughout the nation, but also to secure from citizens in general, a greater participation than ever in political activities, an opportunity not only to increase the total of our votes, but to keep the confidence and support of the people in the great result of November fourth.

There are millions of voters today, and I am speaking advisedly, who have no fixed political home, and recognize no party control.

Aroused by their experiences in the campaign to a realization that right political thinking is as important as right living, they are standing at the political cross roads.

With affiliations nominal rather than actual with parties which stood indifferently by, they turned to our standards and severed old party ties by voting direct for Calvin Coolidge. These are the people who I believe can be brought into formal affiliation with us. But we cannot ignore the fact their votes in the main were cast for Coolidge—the man—rather than Coolidge—the Republican. We must prove to them, that our party is worthy of the President and that the President is typically a product of our party.

The campaign gave us, not only converts, but it quickened and strengthened the respect and confidence in Republican principles among a great number of our own people who were Republicans in thought rather than in deed.

There must be a shelving of petty and personal ambitions and the adoption of an attitude of unwavering loyalty to the principles of the party, and an ambition to serve and a generous submission to discipline.

One of the important readjustments must be a more general understanding, that after all, we are only members, not the owners of the Republican party.

The country today calls for a leadership practical in its manifestations, but idealistic in its ambitions. We cannot ignore this, even if we would. We must recognize that while our party is not relieved of any of its obligations to persist in its demand for the reduction of national expenditures and the development of efficiency in government, it must be ready to far-

ward and sustain with equal enthusiasm sound humanitarian movements for the betterment of all the people in the country.

On the tariff for example, we stand pledged to the people. But important as that issue is to the American workman, we must develop a strength of political resources so that without abating one jot of our loyalty to that plank in our platform, we will be able to give generous recognition and aid to those measures which touch our people spiritually. Our party is too big to be dominated by any one plank and that thought must be driven home and by definite action on our part if we are to win to our side those whom we are seeking.

The people look to us, and expect us at all times to make certain, as to the economic soundness of such projects as we propose, such movements as we endorse, but for our part we must remember there are certain moral issues which can never be determined through a cash register.

The demand for the outlawry of war is not only country-wide, but world-wide. It is just, and to the accomplishment of that ideal we should bring all our ability and resolution.

The cry of the womanhood of America for the inauguration of a policy which while not affecting our integrity as a sovereign state or involving us in foreign alliances, or affecting our purpose at all times to be first of all American, devoted to the maintenance of our own national strength and independence, will yet make for harmony among the nations of the earth—is not only impressive, but right and should have our sympathetic consideration and support.

The time is ripe for a great consolidation within our party, provided we are able to build a framework, national in its scope, economically sound and also humanitarian, of the men and women who think in reasonable harmony with one another.

The people want it. After years of political experimentation with blocs and factions, which for all of the good intentions of the promoters or participants, have only worked to increase the general confusion, and delay the application of real remedies, the people are inclined to a sober and saner line of thinking. I know from interviews and conferences with men of all parts of the country there is a general disposition to support a unified Republican organization. They appreciate that the house divided against itself must fall, and this applies to political organizations.

All our efforts, and I am speaking plainly, will come to naught unless we succeed in developing, not only among the rank and file, but among the leaders and our duly elected officials an appreciation of the necessity of party loyalty. No progress can be made without a program and no progress can be made effective without loyalty.

In Washington a man is either with a party or against it. There is no middle course. There is an absolute necessity for loyalty; for the control of Congress is regulated by party lines and conditions. It was in recognition of this situation, and not because of any feeling of personal bias that certain gentlemen were lately stricken from the Republican rolls.

I have no thought of a system of discipline which seeks to encroach on the rights of any man or woman to aspire or stand for office or to limit their rights to propose or advance legislative or party programs. But a man who is elected to office on a Republican platform must stand on that platform. If he does not like the platform, he is justified and entitled to seek to make any correction or amendments which he desires, but

once the majority of the party formally rejects his suggestion, his obligation is to accept that decision.

There is no service more important and essential to our well being in government than a sane, wholesome understanding participation in politics.

We have in recent years changed the form of our party machinery for the selection of candidates for public office. We have very generally substituted the primary for the representative convention. We have substituted the primary for the legislative election of United States Senators. This change has brought about its problems. The old convention system of nominations fixed the responsibility upon the party and exerted a definite party influence upon the candidate. He realized his accountability to his party, and he knew definitely where his loyalty and allegiance belonged.

The primary system has given an opportunity for cunning men to use the party label in the primary, and thereby attract to their support the loyal members of the party. And it has enabled such men to gain a party nomination, and with the support of the party, an election to important office, and in some instances, only to repudiate the platform of the party and the nominees of the national convention. Such conduct is reprehensible. It is obtaining office by false pretense. And such practices should be condemned not only by the party organization, but by the people whose confidence has been betrayed.

But whatever our machinery—in order to preserve party government which is so indispensable to efficient administration, men and women in their party affiliations, must be honest to the party and must be loyal.

The campaign of 1924 worked a

veritable revolution in the political thinking processes of the people. It was the greatest "thinking election" which we have had since the Civil War; the campaign of '96 alone standing comparison.

The issues were so great, that they

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