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A VICTORY SANS GLOATING

A victory which probably foreshadows a complete change of political complexion two years hence has failed to elicit any unseemly gloating or shouting in republican ranks. The victory has been taken as a matter of course and is not being allowed to divert the people's attention from the most important job at hand, that of winning the war.

A bit of partisan jubilation is permissible, even in these times, but the tendency to accept the verdict of the voters to put more force into the war effort and for the time being to put an end to political machinations which have been hindering an all-out effort. Every one of the newly elected governors, senators and representatives, as well as lesser officials, pledged complete cooperation with the President in advancing the cause of our Allies and ourselves. This pledge was solemnly repeated after election, for every man realizes the seriousness of the present crisis and the threat to our freedom and way of life and that his winning is not merely a political victory but a privilege to serve in the hour of peril.

Happy? Certainly! Republicans have been getting it in the neck pretty regularly the past 10 years and it can't be said that their opponents were altogether charitable. But the GOP has withstood the gaff and learned a lesson from it. There is an opportunity for real statesmanship and the successful candidates have shown a capacity for it in their attitude directly following a most satisfactory election.

A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLDIER ENTERTAINMENT

This is November, the month when we Americans observe one of our most treasured national traditions. Harvests are completed and towards the end of the month we will prepare a feast of thanksgiving for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us during the year. It is a happy occasion too often carried to extremes and far beyond the objective of the originators of the plan, yet we are able to adjust ourselves to the spirit of the times and observe it fittingly.

We now are at war. Millions of our young men are in arms, some at the front, others in training camps. Many of these boys will have no opportunity

to eat Thanksgiving dinner at home, or with relatives or friends. Theirs will be a camp dinner, admittedly good enough, but lacking the warmth and homelike atmosphere to which they have been accustomed. Few of us realize the lift to a soldier's morale result-ign from a visit in a good American home. If we did we would make an effort to have one or more of them in occasionally for a week-end or for a meal and a visit.

Such an opportunity presents itself at this time, or doubtless would if taken up immediately. There are soldiers in this area and if our readers want to do their part in bringing cheer to a few of them, now is a good time to speak up and put in a bid for some Thanksgiving day guests. Other towns of the area already have laid plans to care for one fighting men. The army is providing two trucks to convey soldiers who have been invited to La Grande for that day. Doubtless the same transportation would be provided for boys invited to Morrow county homes if the matter were taken up with officials in time.

Will not some of our civic organizations take the lead in this matter and start the ball rolling to give 20 or 50 of the soldiers a real Thanksgiving in Morrow county homes?

WE CAN SETTLE DOWN

Now that election is over and the question of who will serve us in official capacities is settled we must settle down to the grim business of winning the war. The campaign lacked punch of previous election periods, due largely, we think, to the overshadowing influence of the war. Yet it reminded us that this still is America where free men and women have the right to exercise their choice of leaders and at the same time served warning to Hitler et al that efforts to divide us are futile. True, there is a conflict of opinions at election time and these sometimes lead to misunderstandings and even enmity, but once the election results are known the civil war ceases and we accept the will of the majority. That's a privilege of living under democratic rule and something the dictators either cannot or refuse to understand.

Just ahead of us is Armistice Day, reminding us of another world struggle, 'a war to end war.' We know it failed in its objective, but the 11th of November holds significance to millions of American soldiers who stood ready to make the supreme sacrifice to create a world of free men. There may be no inclination to celebrate Armistice Day this year but there is no reason why fitting observance should be dispensed with.

Thanksgiving week usually witnesses the opening of the Red Cross fund campaign. Advance information is lacking on this. There is no lack of pressure for funds of one kind and another and right now Morrow county is called upon to subscribe \$600 for the USO. In the meantime, Uncle Sam wants your money and is offering a good type of investment in War Savings Bonds. You may buy these any time at the bank or the post office. The only thing "Uncle" wants you to remember is to do it frequently.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH SCENE OF RECENT WEDDING

Miss Margaret Farley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farley and Frank Monahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Monahan of Condon were married at a nuptial mass at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Patrick's church. Rev. Father McCormack read the service, assisted by Rev. Father Lee of Condon.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of white moire taffeta with lace yoke and finger-tip veil falling from a head dress of orange blossoms. She carried a white prayer book with satin festoons knotted with bouvardia. She wore a lovely gold locket, gift from the bridegroom.

Miss Mary Jeanne Clark of Hood River, niece of the bride was maid of honor. She wore a pink brocade taffeta with matching veil and carried a nosegay of pink roses and blue sweet peas with blue streamers.

Jack Reiser of Condon was best man and ushers were Johnnie Farley of John Day and Jimmie Farley of Condon.

The nuptial music was especially lovely. Joe Farley sang Ave Maria. Mrs. Paul Hisler and Mrs. John Barrie sang a duet. James Kenny sang a solo. Miss Jean Turner played the wedding march and was accompanist for the soloists.

The altar was decorated with white chrysanthemums and pink carnations.

After the wedding a breakfast was served at the Lucas place for immediate families and wedding party.

For traveling the bride wore a smart two piece suit of brown and gold with brown accessories and wore a corsage of bronze and gold chrysanthemums.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Monahan and daughter Katherine, Mrs. Kate Russell, Ed Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maddock, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Reiser, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rice, Mrs. J. D. Burns and son Jimmie, Rev. Lee, all of Condon; Mr. and Mrs. Olin Applegate, Mrs. W. E. Clark, Mrs. Clay W. Clark and daughter Mary Jeanne, Hood River; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kenny, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Farley, John Day.

PAPER PLATES O. K. IF NOT USED TOO OFTEN

A certain restaurant owner in a large city partly solved the dish washing phase of his labor problem by substituting paper plates for the ordinary serviceware. Which would have been well and good had it ended there.

But soon the state department of agriculture received complaints that customers at this place were being served on paper plates that bore marks of previous use.

Investigation was made and the amazed field man soon informed the restaurant proprietor that state sanitary regulations don't tolerate trying to stretch the normal life of a paper plate.

GO TO SEATTLE

Mr. and Mrs. Elart Hultgren left Wednesday for Seattle to visit Mr. Hultgren's parents. A younger brother also was due to pay the home folks a visit, coming from Alaska where he is stationed with the army.

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