

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted
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Washington.—There is much talk among the Republicans, both for and against, concerning the proposal to hold a general party conference early next year. The plan projected would bring together delegates from every state just the same as the convention that is held every four years for nominating the presidential and vice presidential candidates and formulation of party policies through adoption of a campaign platform.

The question has many angles and in consequence many pros and cons already have been advanced. In natural consequence also, some very well-known Republicans have taken definite decisions, either for or against the plan which has the approval of men like John Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee, and former President Herbert Hoover. Some very splendid men find themselves honestly in opposition and have said so in unequivocal terms.

The issue will be fought out at a meeting of the national committee early in November and probably there will be such a convention early in 1938.

As I have said, there is argument on both sides but after discussing the situation with many Republicans, it appears to me that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. I say this from the standpoint of the country at large.

Many times in these columns, I have expressed the conviction that a strong minority party, whether that party be Republican or Democratic, is a very healthy condition for the country as a whole. A political party with too great a majority is likely to run away with itself and do many unsound things. We have had proof of this during the Roosevelt administration and we had proof of it during the administrations of the late President Harding and President Coolidge when Republicans had too many members of the house and the senate and the Democratic minority was impotent.

I cannot speak from a Republican standpoint any more than I can speak from a Democratic standpoint. Nevertheless, from the position I attempt to follow as an observer of national affairs and long range national policies, it does seem that the Republicans ought to quit fighting among themselves and get together to oppose that which the present minority in this country finds objectionable in President Roosevelt's policies. They ought to determine on a set of principles and stick to them. It is their obligation and it seems to me they had best disband, get rid of those who attempt to be leaders in the Republican party and let somebody else organize the minority faction in the United States—and it is to be remembered that even in the last election there were almost 16,000,000 Republican voters.

In advocating this action, I am not motivated as much by my belief in and support of some of Mr. Roosevelt's policies as I am in my disagreement with other of the program to which the New Dealer has adhered.

A strong and vocal minority will insure the retention of rights and powers in the hands of the people where they belong and at the same time it will compel Democrats to stick together in carrying out sound policies proposed by the President.

That latter statement may sound paradoxical. I think it is not. I make the statement because I know how many times the gigantic Democratic majority in congress has fought over trivialities and because I know how many times sincere opposition to unsound policies has met with defeat without the country knowing the reasons for that opposition.

Taken all in all, therefore, I believe it is an obligation upon me as an observer of national affairs to declare in favor of a movement by the minority party that will result in a concentration of its power for the good of the nation.

And what, one may ask, should be the creed of the minority party next year?

Well, as I see the picture, the Republican party must be the conservative party in the United States.

What of the Creed? President Roosevelt and his New Dealers cannot avoid being the radical party. I have said this many times in these columns and it is more evident now even than when I reported upon the situation earlier. The conservatives can and should have a voice in their government even if it is only an opposition voice that constitutes a balance-wheel.

Proceeding from that premise, therefore, there can be little argument that the principles which the Republicans advocate should be drawn from principles of governmental policies that have proved sound. That is to say, the Republicans cannot afford to attack Mr. Roosevelt on everything he has

done, but they can tear him politically limb from limb with constructive proposals to take the place of those things he has done which represent discouragement, deceit and disaster to the country's economic life.

There will be no gain for the Republicans in 1938 elections if they attempt to ride two or three different horses as they did in 1936. For example, they cannot do as Candidate Landon did, to wit, call for a balanced budget in one speech and advocate being Santa Claus in another; they cannot blow hot and cold, and, therefore, they must be either conservative or radical.

It seems to me the Republicans can probably plan for an immediate balancing of the national budget. In that connection, they can with justification demand curtailment, if not entire elimination, of many governmental functions inaugurated under the New Deal. They can offer constructively a proposal to legislate out of existence some 20 or 30 federal agencies for which there never has been and is not now any excuse for their existence.

Another question that is crying for attention is the huge national debt, now at \$37,000,000,000, the highest in history.

That debt must be reorganized and placed on a basis that will permit gradual liquidation of it. The Roosevelt administration has done nothing regarding the debt except to build it higher and higher.

If the Republican party wants to do a constructive job it ought to set to work to examine all of the statutes enacted by congress in the last ten or twelve years and especially those enacted in the haste of the emergency with a view to repealing many of them. Some can and should be rewritten to make them workable. Those statutes placed on the books by the Roosevelt administration constitute outstanding evidence of the lack of opposition. We all know many of those bills were written in executive departments and sent to congress with instructions to pass them unchanged. Bad legislation has resulted many times and a checkup surely is indicated.

As regards legislation now on the statute books, it seems to me we will never have sound prosperity until certain laws that increase production costs are eliminated. I mean by this that there are numerous laws which have the effect of widening the spread between the price of the raw materials and the price of the manufactured products. Legislation of this kind is bound to force down the prices paid to the producers and, in my opinion, the results are beginning to be reflected on products of the farm.

Probably the most delicate question with which the Republicans are confronted relates to wages and hours of labor. Business interests have been shortsighted. Too many times employers have overworked their employees and have shown but little consideration for the rights of labor. The result is that labor is demanding consideration in the shape of protection at the hands of its national government and the Republicans, whether they desire to or not, must take a stand.

Among other principles upon which I think the Republicans as the conservative party surely can agree is that there is too much government in business. The government itself is engaged in many lines of commerce and industry and it is breaking down private enterprises in countless ways. I regard the function of government as a thing to be confined to matters and enterprises which individuals cannot do as individuals. We might use the postal service as an example. No one would be so silly as to say that the postal service could be operated satisfactorily in any other way than as an agency of the federal government. In contradistinction to the postal service, however, we can point to such things as the building of model homes for private citizens. I think the government has no business at all in that field. This is so, first, because of the tremendous waste accompanying any governmental operation and, second, for the reason that private persons who are holders of funds whether the amount is great or small recognize real estate mortgages as sound investments. I need not mention the red tape or the politics that can choke up any such thing as a government housing development.

I could go on and mention numerous other general principles upon which there can be honest differences of opinion. It is upon these questions where differences are honest and not created for political reasons that the Republican party should express itself. It ought to do this if it is going to be representative of opposition sentiment.

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Gridders Register a Big Kick for Harvard



A few of the members of Harvard's 1937 football squad pictured during a recent workout at Cambridge, Mass., as they registered a mighty kick in unison for their alma mater. Left to right are: Francis F. Foley, Francis A. Harding, Robert M. Burnett, Torbert H. MacDonald, William J. Clothier, Vernon Struck and Charles Houghton.

RICHLAND

Visitors at the Charles Garner home over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Motley of Halfway, Oregon.

Mr. Harold L. Slison is driving a new International pickup.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Adams and Mr. and Mrs. John Adams were Ontario visitors Monday.

Mr. Sutor, Mr. Maw and Mr. Malloy spent the week end at Jordan Valley hunting.

M. W. Davies and family have moved onto their 80-acre place which they purchased recently from R. Cornell and have begun work on their basement.

Mrs. Effie Neilson, Mrs. Nettie Bennett, Mrs. Carolina Garner and Mrs. Iva Adams attended the Home Economics meeting at Mrs. Boersma's home in Nyssa.

Mrs. Albert Pfeiler who spent two weeks the Boise hospital after under going an operation, returned to her home Thursday and everyone is glad to hear she is rapidly recovering.

O. B. Anderson and family from Bountiful, Utah were here last week to look after the interests of their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cummings of California; Mr. and Mrs. Andrist of Caldwell and Mrs. Fretwell from Portland called Wednesday afternoon at the Harlan Maw home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Adams and daughter Mildred and Mr. and Mrs. John Adams went to Caldwell Tuesday evening and while there attended the dance.

Mrs. Ralph Pfeiler arrived last Tuesday to be with Mrs. Albert Pfeiler until she is able to be around. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tanner and family called at the Russell Cornell home Sunday.

The Chatterbox club met at the home of Mrs. Harland Maw last Wednesday.

OWYHEE

A large group of mothers and friends of the Owyhee school enjoyed the program given by the school children in honor of Dr. McLoughlin's birthday on Tuesday afternoon.

A playlet with Dr. McLoughlin as the principle character and with the other participants dressed as immigrants or Indians was very interesting as well as historical. A pleasing finish of the afternoon was a demonstration of how wool used to be carded and spun on the old spinning wheels of that day by Mrs. Mattie Thomason of Oregon Trail district.

Parents-Teacher members who attended the County Council in Ontario Saturday were Mesdames T. M. Lowe, Ida Walters, Victoria Schweizer, A. C. Abbott and Martha Klingback. The speaker, Dr. Hutchins of Portland, was particularly interesting besides other educational features, and all considered the day well spent. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe also attended the Health meeting immediately following.

Mrs. C. Metlock received word Monday morning of the death of her father in Caldwell and left immediately for the city.

Everyone is invited to the Halloween party at the school house Friday evening October 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson were callers at his mothers home Mrs. Anna Larsen Thursday.

Frank Newell of Parkdale, Oregon an old friend and fellow worker of former days in the logging and milling industry, of Grover Douglas made him a surprise visit Tuesday evening. He was accompanied by his wife. They are much impressed with our country and might consider locating here. He plans to truck lumber from their mill in Parkdale.

The Owyhee CE are planning to attend the C. E. rally at Kingman Colony Thursday evening.

Mrs. Chas. Selvidge is visiting Mrs. Tom Lowe of North Mitchell Butte.

LEGAL HEAD



Arthur C. Spencer, who was named western general counsel of the Union Pacific Railroad at Omaha, effective October 16. Mr. Spencer has been general solicitor for the railroad at Portland, Ore., since 1924.

The Ralph Gee family were Sunday visitors at his sisters Mrs. L. R. Kendalls home.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Douglas were visitors in Weiser, Idaho Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Culbertson and daughter Betty were dinner guests of the C. H. Bennett family Sunday in the Richland district.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mayes have moved to their land which they bought of Chas. Bradley. He has finished gathering his corn.

Mr. Packer, who works for Dunaway Brothers has gone to Colorado for his wife who has been there visiting several weeks.

Miss Faye Mettlen is cooking at the Dunaway ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Larson were dinner guest of the Douglas family Sunday.

Doc and Norman Douglas were pleasantly surprised Saturday night by a visit from an old friend and schoolmate, Harold Way of Parkdale, Oregon, who is packing lettuce at Weiser.

Mrs. Martha Klingback and children were overnight guests of the DeBord family in Payette Friday, Saturday they visited Mrs. Evelyn Duncan in that city.

Mrs. D. P. Pullen has gone on a business trip to Arco, Idaho.

Mrs. E. R. Huffman and daughter Hazel spent the week end in Emmett Idaho visiting in the Earl Paterson home.

The Lynn Kygar family were dinner guests in the parental Jess Kygar home Sunday.

In Bed During Eclipse

Expectant Hindu mothers in India must remain in bed during an eclipse because of a belief that their children may be marked with some disfigurement if they engage in any activity while the sun is obscured.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Duncan drove to Baker on Friday from where Mrs. Duncan left for Oregon City for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Floyd Howard of Grouse Creek school, Miss Madeline Bates of Malheur school and Miss Mary Weir of Ironside school returned Friday from attending the teachers institute at La Grande.

John Molthan, Adeline Fish, Orris Cripe and Miss Lois Brown of Langlois, were Boise visitors on Sunday.

The Misses Helen Marsters and Adeline Fish returned from a trip to the coast on Tuesday. Mrs. Ed. Marsters remained there to visit relatives. Miss Lois Brown of Langlois, a cousin of Miss Fish returned with them for a short visit here.

Nyssa Heights

MRS. DAN CORBETT

Sunday dinner guests at the O. J. Kurtz home were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mitchell and daughter Lois; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell and daughter Barbara Jen of M'ba, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Wheelock of Nampa; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roth and his mother of Nyssa. Lesley Pennie from Minn., is visiting with his brother Webb Pennie.

Glenn Suiter left again Saturday for Jordan Valley still hoping to get a deer.

James Malloy came in Wednesday with a fine deer.

Miss June Webster spent Sunday with Miss Bettie Osterkamp.

James Moss is remodeling their house.

The well for Mr. Jess Hunting was finished with a sufficient supply of water at 250 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Webster, Mrs. Carl Seburn and sons Jerald and Jack were dinner guests at the Dan Corbett home Sunday.

FOOTBALL

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