

INTERESTING DEFINITION OF WOMAN'S PART IN STATE AND GOVERNMENT

During the recent campaign Mrs. Barnwell of Hendersonville, delivered an address that had so much good sense in it concerning the duties of citizenship, with special emphasis on women's part in civic affairs, that The News is publishing the address for the benefit of its readers. All reference to the political party for which Mrs. Barnwell was speaking is omitted, to the end that the portion of her address dealing with citizenship will lose none of its effect because of political prejudice.

The address follows:

"A ballot is not only a privilege, but a solemn responsibility, and each of us is responsible for the way in which we use it to control this government of ours."

"Since we women have so recently come into politics, perhaps a few words from one deeply interested will not be amiss. We are still a little breathless and bewildered by the great struggle which gave us the right of the ballot."

"Why do women want the ballot? Because it is the best instrument ever devised to accurately measure public opinion in the shortest possible time."

"Because it is the peaceable weapon of civilization where ballots take the place of bullets, and can be used equally by the weak and the strong."

"Because it is the symbol of citizenship given to those who are capable of self government."

"Because it is applied patriotism, and it is the duty of every one of us to raise the standard of citizenship."

"It is the duty of every citizen, man and woman, to cast their ballot. Vote and know for what you are voting. No individual has a right to shift their responsibility upon the community; no community has a right to shift it to the state, and no state has a right to shift it upon the Federal government."

"What women want for their government is the same as what men want. Both desire above all the welfare of America."

"Not what I can get from the state, but what can I bring to it through the first thought of every patriotic citizen."

"From some quarters we hear much talk of a Woman's Party. That will never be a success. Our interests, our ideals and our aims are identical with those of our men. Side by side, shoulder to shoulder we will work for you and with you to establish the laws and principles to continue and advance the greatness of our country."

"Again we hear people talk of being non-partisan. Work to be effective must be done within organized lines. Be something positively. If a Republican, be so wholeheartedly and entirely. If a Democrat,

be so faithfully and earnestly. And now, before closing, let me give you my ideas of a good citizen."

"As a citizen I will acquaint myself with the fundamental principles of the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the state of which I am a citizen."

"It is my duty to inform myself of public issues, and the character of candidates for office, and then to vote conscientiously and to act as a patriot."

"I will be an active member of the political party pledged to the highest and best in public service. I will hold my duty as a citizen above mere party ties."

"It is my intention to play no favorites, show no partiality, to stand for vigorous enforcement of the laws, to be the laws myself and to expect others to do the same."

"I shall openly and earnestly work for the repeal of all unjust and useless laws and constitutional amendments."

"It is my purpose to stand as an honest tax-payer, and a faithful though inconspicuous public servant."

"I will try to understand what my government does for me, national, state and local, and to willingly do my part for the government."

"It is my duty to encourage good citizens to enter and remain in public service, to stimulate patriotism, good feeling and loyal co-operation among all classes of citizens."

"It is my privilege and my duty to be informed in the affairs of my country around the world."

"I am bound to my Nation, my State, and Humanity, and they to me, and I shall openly oppose and publicly denounce the traducers of my country's institutions, and the murderers of her public servants."

"With God's help I will be faithful to my flag and the high and noble things which it represents. I will preserve its beautiful folds as unsoiled as possible."

RATHER HARSH!

A man is something that can see a pretty ankle three blocks away while driving a motor car in a crowded city street, but will fail to notice the wide, open country-side, the approach of a locomotive the size of a school house and accompanied by a flock of sixty-two box cars.

A good cellar where there is no furnace is a fine place to store apples and root crops, say horticultural workers.

Miss Rose Snathe of Manchester, Egan, had Mrs. Sara Bradford arrested on a charge of stealing love letters written to the young woman by Mrs. Bradford's son.

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for November 21

JOSHUA RENEWING THE COVENANT

LESSON TEXT—Josh. 23:1-25.
GOLDEN TEXT—Choose you this day whom ye will serve;...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Israelites Make a Promise.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Covenant at Shechem.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Taking a Stand for God.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Value of Covenants.

I. Joshua Rereading the History of the Nation (vv. 1-13).

This was his farewell address, the last message to the people. He began with Abraham's breaking with his religion, homeland, relatives and friends, at the command of God, and traced their history in Egypt, their deliverance at the hands of Moses and Aaron through the wilderness journey, and showed God's providential dealing in the crossing of the Jordan at flood tide, and their marvelous blessings now in the land solely by the favor of God.

II. The People Elect the Lord as Their God (vv. 14-24).

Joshua knew that the people were liable to lapse into idolatry, therefore he reviewed before them the history of God's goodness to them, and appealed to their sober choice as to whether they were going to remain faithful to him.

1. He appealed to them for a rational consideration and judgment (v. 13).

He placed before them four candidates upon which they could vote according to their relative merits.

- (1) The Lord.
- (2) The gods worshiped by their ancestors in Chaldea.
- (3) The Egyptian gods.
- (4) The gods of the Amorites.

Having placed before them these candidates, he urged them to make a rational choice.

2. His own example in the matter (v. 15).

He followed his appeal with his own example. He told them that his mind was already made up. He associated his household with himself. He knew just where they would stand. His decision was not a hasty one. It had been talked over at home, therefore he voiced the united sentiment of his family.

3. The response of the people (vv. 16-18).

Joshua's earnest appeal, accompanied by his own example had its desired effect. When they calmly considered the claims of the Lord as against the other gods, they saw the overwhelming evidence in favor of the God of their fathers.

They assigned the following reasons for their choice:

- (1) The Lord brought us out of Egypt (v. 17).
- (2) He did great signs in our sight (v. 17).

(3) He preserved us in all the way we went (v. 17).

(4) He drove from before us all the people (v. 18).

It would have been very foolish, not to say criminal, after they had experienced all this at His hands to have named Him down.

4. Joshua reminds them of who God is (v. 19).

Wishing them to think more seriously and deeply upon the matter, Joshua drew a somewhat dark picture of God's attributes which were most unattractive to them.

(1) He showed them that God is a Holy God.

(2) That He is a jealous God. He could not therefore tolerate a rival.

(3) That He will not forgive. He did not mean by this that He was an unforgiving God, but that His nature was such that unless they followed Him fully, He would become the means of their destruction.

5. Joshua demands sincerely on their part (vv. 20-23).

He wished to have practical proof of their profession. He no doubt knew full well that some had idols yet in their possession.

6. The people's position (v. 24).

They cannot avoid their determination to serve God and obey His voice.

III. The People Enter into a Solemn Covenant (vv. 25-28).

This is the clinching transaction of the meeting at Shechem. They entered into a formal covenant. Joshua wrote down their agreement in a book where it would remain a permanent witness against them. As a further help, he took a large stone and set it up as a witness. These would serve as barriers against their lapsing again into idolatry.

Lack of Faith

From lack of faith in Thy revelation of Thyself, from contempt of Thy promises, from readiness to think lightly of Thy holy commandments, and of that account of life which we all must render unto Thee, good Lord, deliver us!

God's Jewels

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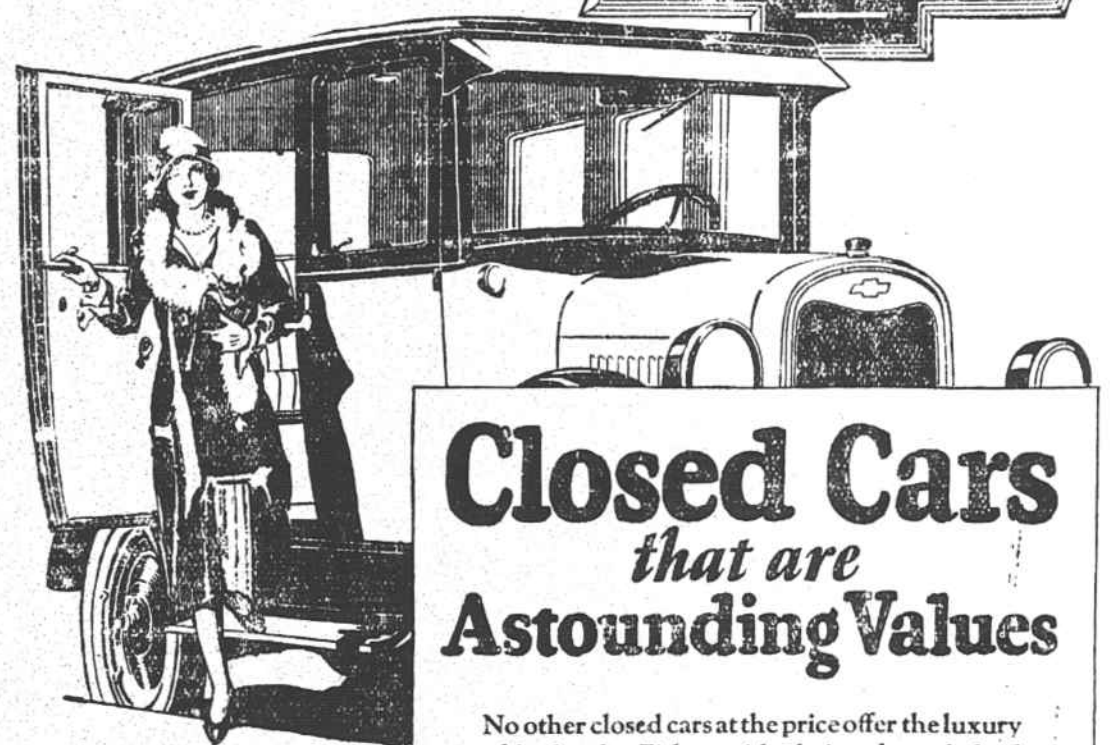
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