

Sense And Some NONSENSE -



By Devey

Results in the election last week mean quite a bit to me. In the first place, I see the American people seizing, in no uncertain terms, their government, to run it in the way they wish—in a manner just a little more like "the American way."

However, I see something more than just a desire for a change—I see the effect of the ex-service men's votes. They dreamed of a 'certain way' of life, and that is just the way it is going to be, if they can have anything to do about it, regardless of who beat whom, and which party won.

By this token, one can't exactly call the election a Republican victory as much as it must be looked upon as a Republican "responsibility." Politics, left alone to run rampant more than four years, grows stale, or stagnant, and needs fresh blood. That new blood transfusion has been made by voters over this country.

The Republicans have had sixteen years to observe the mistakes of the Democratic party. If, in that time, observation has been keen, ways should have been devised, whereby the common man can be helped by his government, and not hindered. His government is supposed to be his guardian—not his master. His government should instill helpfulness and good will instead of fostering hate and distrust. Such is the responsibility of the Republican party today.

Never again must this nation be allowed to see 35c wheat, 14c butter, and sweat-shop conditions where few get rich at the expense of many. This nation cannot endure again the privations of a depression which caused so many to lose their life's savings in banks improperly managed, or through inflated stock markets.

It is difficult to conceive what form of government would seize this nation again where free competition is hampered by money-mad management pitted against logger-head labor, neither to give in, when John Q. Public must suffer.

Neither can the Republicans hope, by prohibitive tariffs, to bring about good conditions in this country at the expense of the livelihood of peoples of other nations. If America, with her vast industries, cannot compete with the world in trade, certainly it will be competition in war.

Two world wars in the last two decades certainly have changed the picture in the world, no matter from what angle you wish to look at it. What was applicable in the early turn of this century would be folly today. The car has replaced the horse, and the car soon will be replaced, too.

Personally, I am glad to see this change, but to me what now faces the Republican party comes nearer making me shudder than what happened when the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor. This much is certain, last Tuesday the peoples of this nation gave the Republicans their blessings—and at this time, the second reel is on—the picture changes.

For instance, it is boasted that tax reductions on incomes will be reduced by twenty per cent. Maybe that's all right, but I can't quite see it. Facing this nation is a national debt, never before in the history has numbers of this size been used. Reduced taxes will never reduce that debt.

I am glad that many of the government bureaus will be gone quickly. They have always been about as useless in my way of thinking, as the second vest or tie in one's dressing up. During the war, when fighting was going on, there was need for some central agency, but since the rifles have been laid down, the need has been gone.

Upon return of those many million ex-service men, labor should have made some concessions, so that industry could have made places for employment of these men, whose way of life had to be re-made. Labor didn't. Capital did not help matters either, but could it? In a land of plenty, this national life faced its worst apparent crisis.

Being a registered independent, I have that American right to point out faults in either the Republican or Democratic parties. In my way of thinking, kettle, in this case, cannot call pot black. I see in the election, not a Republican victory as much as I see the Republican party being put on trial. That's the picture from where I sit at this moment.

In The Mailbox:

Smith River, Nov. 8, 1946—Dear Editor: The county library committee of Del Norte county is trying to get a county free library established in this county.

Since you have several subscribers in this area, we wonder if you would help us inform our people of the value of a county free library and the necessary steps to have one established.

We are asking our supervisors to have a hearing for the library on Dec. 9, but will not be known be sure if we can have it on that date until their next meeting, on Nov. 12.

Am enclosing an article which I hope you will publish in your next issue and will send others if you feel you can help us in this undertaking. Thanks for any assistance you can give. Mrs. Mildred C. Owen, chairman, library committee.

Forty-nine counties in California have county free libraries. Del Norte is one of the nine which do not have one.

The county free library is established by resolution of the supervisors, and is supported by the county taxes.

The headquarters are at the county seat and are in charge of a trained librarian, who hold a certificate from the board of library examiners. Branches and stations are established in various parts of the county in charge of librarians or custodians. Book collections are changed in part, or as a whole, when the community no longer uses them. The state library supplements the county free libraries.

The county free library plan has been in operation in California since Oct. 1, 1908. The growth has been remarkable.

Service to the schools is a special feature.

If interested in having such a library established in Del Norte county, see your supervisor immediately.

Boy Scout Troop Enjoyed Week-end Hike in Hills

Under leadership of Gene Gould, assistant scoutmaster, the local Boy Scout troop left Friday evening for a week-end's outing in the hills along the old Gold Beach road.

Camp was made on the old prairie farm, long deserted, where the lads enjoyed all day Saturday in sports, and exploring the scenery of that area.

The boys arrived home about Sunday noon, tired, but happy.

Armistice Day Observed By Veterans' Groups

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American and Auxiliaries, Monday observed Armistice day at Odd Fellows hall, with a and pot luck supper.

All ex-service men were at the affair, which was dancing, following the dinner.

Local News Items

Attorney Ed F. Ackley returned to Brookings the first of the week from San Francisco, where he spent a week on legal matters.

Mrs. C. I. Patrick, of the Cafe accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horst to San Francisco last Friday on a business trip. Mr. Horst, who will open a watchmaking shop next week, went to buy materials.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hansen returned, Thursday evening, Klamath Falls, where they spent several days looking over property interests there.

Didja realize that there are but 33 shopping days until Christmas? Watch the Pilot for suggestions for gifts.

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