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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

The election last Tuesday reminds one of a tornado. You know what hit you, but for the life of you, there is no explanation. Gallup and Roper, together with the daily press all over the nation, are trying to explain how they came to be wrong in the election predictions.

If space rates were charged for

this explanation, perhaps the nation would be almost bankrupted. Fulton Lewis Jr., Walter Winchell, and many of the big name radio commentators, ate crow in their broadcasts following election. Lewis admitted it frankly with no effort to minimize his error of judgment.

Dorothy Thompson, in her column which appeared in Monday's Oregonian, told of what she had concluded about the election. She blamed the defeat entirely upon Dewey, or rather upon the Republican's choice of Dewey. She said he was about the most unpopular of the candidates mentioned in the Republican convention. Her explanation was for the most part, plausible.

She frankly stated that Dewey was not for the common man, and the common people knowing this, preferred to take a chance with Truman, whom they also did not exactly like. She, if you can read between lines, expressed the belief that there was not a "real candidate" in the election.

Oregon voters did themselves proud in the election. Can you imagine a group of people refusing to grant changing a surplus of one fund to the general fund so the state could pay its

indebtedness, and on the same ballot voting an old age pension plan costing some \$9,000,000 a month without any provision to pay it? That reaches the height of inconsistency.

There is no question about the aged and their security. No one can deny that these people are entitled to security, keeping old men and women out of the labor market. Provision to pay this load is another thing. The Pilot urged people to read their Voters Pamphlet thoroughly before going to the polls.

Had the Pilot opposed this measure, old people would have accused this paper of being prejudiced against old age pensions. Had it advocated passage of the measure, then business would have suggested the Pilot become a Townsend weekly.

Since Oregon wants to increase the pensions of the aged, then it is up to legislature to devise ways and means to raise money for the purpose. If this means higher taxes, then the people are in no position to lay blame upon any person or group of persons—except themselves.

Since the first world war it may be remembered that the world has drifted much toward the socialistic side. The two major parties may as well make up their minds to accept this fact. No longer is it possible, when economic stress is felt for people to leave the industrial east and seek new footholds in the west. There are no more frontiers to absorb this group.

To compensate, society must arrange itself to care for those no longer able to work or can find employment. Social security is not new—it has been the practice in Europe for a century or more. It must be accepted now because peace depends upon its functioning. The Republican defeat may be largely attributed to this fear on the part of people.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wester of Cave Junction were Monday visitors in this area, with idea of locating somewhere in the area. Mr. Wester, a former newspaper man, recently sold his business and the building which housed it, at Cave Junction.

A hearing, held by the referee in bankruptcy, was staged Saturday at Gold Beach for the creditors of Fleming A and Louise V. Waters, who recently filed petition for bankruptcy.

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