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**Sectional Voting**

Wickes Shaw in her Curry County Reporter recently editorialized on the Brookings vote in the recent primary elections. She pointed to the fact that the local vote seemed to be largely upon sectional lines, and she also pointed to the danger of splitting this county if such sectional vote continues.

From here, we'd say that Editor Shaw had come up with the right answer for the wrong reasons . . . which is a pretty good trick if you can do it.

Sectionalism is a hard thing to define. As Wickes said, the Brookings area gave Tisdale a great majority, making him a strong threat to Judge Forsyth. She credits us with electing Sam Hall, because of the majority we gave him. And she regards the Curry County Citizen's Committee, who supported Tisdale and Grayshel as a group bent upon electing Brookings' citizens regardless of their merit.

Well, sectionalism, it appears, is easier to recognize when it's in the adjoining yard. We'd like to point out that Hall outran Fuller practically everywhere except in Fuller's home precincts in Gold Beach . . . and I wonder how that happened? And we'd also like to point out that the three southern precincts were much kinder to Forsyth than the northern ones were to dale. If our vote could be looked upon as nationalistically Brookings, we'd have to accuse the north of being even more rabidly anti-Brookings.

But an argument over who's being sectional—they or us—is pointless. Sectionalism breeds automatic opposition, and the starting place isn't really very important.

What is important is that it exists . . . and it certainly does exist here. We are sure that our local candidates received a part of their local majority because they were known, respected, and the voters felt they would ably represent them.

But we would be kidding ourselves if we didn't concede that they gained part of their vote simply from the fact they lived here . . . just as their opponents gained theirs in the north.

And that is not the right reason to vote for a man. Until this county can join as one unit, it is fated to remain the most ineffectual governing body imaginable . . . an already tiny group of people, split into even tinier fragments which only succeed in immobilizing each other.

We can neither prosper nor hope to prosper in such a state. This county has grave problems, and they are surmountable only if we forget our geographic jealousies and work together.

There is much we can do . . . together. From Langlois to the state line there lies a wealth of opportunity. But if we dissipate those opportunities in regional rivalry, we will forever be fated to remain Oregon's forgotten county.

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**LETTER FROM WASHINGTON**

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C.  
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In one afternoon the House debated, passed and sent to the Senate a long and complicated bill containing amendments to the Social Security Act. The rule, adopted by the House before the bill was brought up for consideration, was what is called a "closed rule" which meant that the House membership as a whole had no opportunity to amend the bill. The House could only vote to approve or disapprove the bill as written by the Ways and Means Committee.

As a matter of principle I simply do not like that way of handling a bill on the floor. As a matter of practical fact though I know that some legislation is so technical and so complicated that amendments offered without the benefit of committee and expert study are far more likely to seriously damage a bill than improve it. In other words, in a case of this kind I think the House can pass a better bill by backing the judgment of the 25 members of the Ways and Means Committee who are specialists in the subject and who have the help of a fine staff of experts, than to attempt to write such a bill on the floor.

It should be noted in connection with this discussion, however, that the decision to take up the bill and pass it without opening it to amendment on the floor was made by the House membership itself with an overwhelming majority on a rollcall vote. That vote was not a political or a party vote. It represented the considered judgment of the House Members as to how this Social Security Bill should be handled.

Outstanding features of the Social Security Bill as passed by the House were these:

1 A total of 10,000,000 eligibles added to Social Security rolls, including 3,600,000 farm operators; 400,000 professional self-employed; 3,500,000 state and local government employees; 1,300,000 farm workers; 250,000 domestics; 250,000 ministers; 150,000 temporary government employees; 100,000 home workers; 100,000 U. S. workers abroad; 50,000 in fishing industry.

2 Total annual earnings on which benefits would be computed and contributions paid raised from \$3,600 to \$4,200.

3 Dropping up to five years of lowest or non-existent earnings in figuring average monthly wage for benefit payments.

4 Increasing benefits for 6,300,000 now on rolls by broadening range from \$30 to \$98.50 per month, compared to \$25 to \$85 range at present.

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Representative John Phillips of California writes in a weekly letter which he sends to his Congressional District: "The only tax reductions in the past 40 years have been made while the Congress was under the control of the Republican party; three reductions between World War I and World War II; the one more reduction in the 80th Congress, and the one, already made in the present Congress. Each time the reductions were made on sound grounds, and as a result the income of the Nation, in the following year, was either equal approximately, or greater than the income of the previous year, due to the job and production increases which followed. This is the difference between a tax reduction bill based on sound financial policy, rather than on political expediency.



**FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Old duffers of my age are seldom thought of along romantic lines. While those in their late 30's may at times have their male egos flattered by sidelong glances of favorable feminine appraisal, those of us with thinning hair turning gray find such enchanting experiences practically non-existent. If we have any sense at all, we realize that no young thing's heart is going flippity-flop as we totter by.

Even the lady of the house, fully aware that our marketability is at a definite low ebb, cruelly deprives us of possible self-assurance by no longer bothering to be on the alert to detect blondes with predatory ideas.

All of the foregoing is a buildup for the recounting of a wonderful experience that was mine recently. The dear wife answering the phone one night was completely bowled over when someone asked for me. That in itself is comparable in our household to the sun rising in the west. The bowling over was turned into a cartwheel when the feminine voice at the other end of the wire, on being informed the master was out, stated that she wished to speak to me and only to me; nor did she wish to leave a message.

Ah, wonderful lady, whoever you are, you cannot possibly imagine what that phone call did for me. What a swagger I put on as I strutted around the house, evading all pointed questions with an air of mystery. Even the youngsters saw me in a different light.

Daughter quit looking on me solely as a slot machine which erupts nickles and dimes when the right pressure is exerted; and the young son, looking on in amazement as I demonstrated a few steps of an almost forgotten Charleston, kindly refrained from sarcastic remarks relative to a few audible creakings of bones.

Ah, yes, it was a wonderful interlude while it lasted. You were probably calling, dear lady, about a magazine subscription or an overdue milk bill, but regardless of motive, yours was the good turn of the century.

**PAUL SEZ . . . . .**

There is romance in the air at DAVIS TRUCK & TRACTOR. Kinda makes me forget the silver that's showing up in this old thatch of mine.

John Thiems, our oldest employee (in length of service) has been keeping company with a certain little school teacher. I've noticed John can't pass a jewelry store window without a stop of late and it's been whispered around that he has made a purchase.

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