

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY.

AFTER THE HURRICANE

AFTER the political hurricane, what? Well, the sun seems to be able to shine as usual. Everywhere you go, people (except a few professional Republicans who are facing unemployment problems for the first time) are hopeful. After many months of emotional disturbance one can settle down to business (if any) again. Business men and farmers and "workers" are feeling better because they feel that somehow, nobody knows just how, things will be better. We, the people have had our long pent-up political spree. We have "turned the rascals out" in numbers. We may have put a new set of "rascals" in. We shall see. The only definitely encouraging fact is that millions of people, for no particular, logical reason, are feeling happy and hopeful again.

The election can best be described as a typically American demonstration. The reaction of the American people against Hoover and the Republican party is as typical as the reaction of American college alumni when a coach has failed to produce a winning team. We have demanded a new coach, new players, a new playing "system," but we have been very careful not to change the fundamentals of "the game." We see the election interpreted by many observers as expressing a nation-wide desire for "change." There may be some such underlying intangible and vague desire, but what we, the people, have voted for is "betterment," not change. The vote for the Socialists and other radical parties has proved surprisingly (and to most people) gratifyingly small. Over Wall Street, nervous center of our economic system, the "Business As Usual" banners flutter (see quotes of leading bankers). We have changed managements but not methods; the vote says that we are satisfied with our political philosophy, as it is—so far.

But what if the Democrats fail to produce the better times so gaily promised by Mr. Roosevelt? Will there be another hurricane at the end of another four years? Already we notice in the writings of William Allen White and some other keen observers the confident prediction of counter-reaction. It may not be quite so simple as that.

If the Democrats fail it will be because they have within their ranks the same absurd and illogical divisions that have hampered the Republicans for years. If the Democrats are to make good in their new role as the country's great liberal party, they will have to banish their Tory section which has long furnished some of their most potent leaders. If the Republicans are ever again to be accepted seriously as the repository of all constructive conservative wisdom they will have to abolish their "Bolshevik fringe."

We are facing an extremely interesting and significant four years in the political development of the American people. In the vast uprising of voters last Tuesday we see little threat of "change" but we do see a warning to both parties that unless they mend their ways parties with definite, uncompromising, unmistakable social philosophies will emerge. In the next four years we are likely to leave political adolescence behind and come of age.

OREGONIAN GOES INDEPENDENT

NO longer is The Oregonian a "straight Republican" newspaper. The Oregonian has gone "independent" with Republican inclinations. This is one of the most significant post-election developments in Oregon. In fact when a paper with The Oregonian's prestige and attainments abolishes the old creed, "our party, right or wrong," it is an event of national significance.

With the decline of the parties in intellectual integrity and positive political leadership, it has become more and more difficult for thinking people to hold to the old party loyalties. Blame the decline of the parties on the spread of the primary system or on the "political and economic illiteracy" within the party organizations which has hampered the development of the parties as organs of definite social and political programs—the decline is a fact, and in many ways a lamentable fact.

This country still needs great parties, inspired by intelligent and courageous leaders, rallying their followers around great ideals and principles of government for the handling of the problems which a modern civilization must meet. Our leading parties are cobwebbed with obsolete traditions, stultified by the compromises of stupid and sometimes craven leadership, and handicapped by henchmen and hangers-on who can see in politics no higher aim than the meal ticket.

An independent paper, we welcome the great Oregonian to the ranks of the independents, though we don't mind confessing that it is often an uncomfortable place. Working for political improvement outside the parties is a good deal like working for religion outside the church. It is difficult to explain your creed; it is sometimes impossible to be consistent; it is often damaging to immediate effectiveness.

There is, however, a tremendous compensating satisfaction in picking and choosing men and measures, regardless, and in submitting opinions for what they are worth, without thought as to whether they please or displease or whether they produce results. In these times, when men's minds are confused, when they cannot be too sure they know what they think they know or that they really believe what they think they think, The Oregonian has adopted a policy which will not impair but will enhance its long record of usefulness in this state.

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE

WITH seven Democrats elected to the House and fifteen to the State Senate in the landslide, the next legislature becomes one of the most interesting possibilities in Oregon political history. In the last session the Democrats had only one member in the Senate and only seven in the House. They are still a decided minority in both houses but they are strong enough to be very bothersome unless effective cooperation can be engineered.

It is to be hoped that party aims and aspirations can be submerged in general policy at the coming session.

As a matter of fact there is no reason why they should not be submerged because party policies have ceased to have much to do with state problems. What Oregon needs this year is a legislature which will work intelligently and patiently with the governor and other administrative officers to meet the emergencies which have grown with the depression.

To meet mounting state deficits, a sales tax may have to be adopted if an unbearable load is not added to the already excessive property taxation (income tax increases having just been vetoed by the voters).

To save the railroads from disaster, legislation will be needed which will at least equalize competition from trucks and other carriers.

To preserve the highways from destruction, downward adjustments of license fees (necessary as they are) must be made with businesslike regard for bonded obligations.

Liquor laws must be adjusted to the changed temper of the Oregon people.

For unemployment relief, some setup will be needed which will not turn the highway department into a disguised poor relief department.

Higher education may be a target for much legislation but the vote on the moving bill seems to indicate clearly that the voters want few changes till the present unified system has been given a fair trial, and the other issues are all more pressing.

In Senators H. C. Wheeler, Joint Senator Joel Booth and Representatives Hill, Huntington and McCormack, Lane county presents a delegation which has an unusual opportunity to lead the way toward constructive policies. Some observers, viewing the badly split setup predict "a madhouse session." If this occurs it will be regrettable. The state is at a crisis where petty differences must be forgotten.

JUDGE HARRIS, EUGENE CITIZEN

NO one person, no one group of persons in the state of Oregon can be given more than a share of the credit for the overwhelming defeat of the school moving bill. Not even the people of Eugene who bled themselves white to defend the University can claim more than a share in what was really an uprising of the people of Oregon in defense of all education. It would be difficult to name an outstanding citizen in any community in Oregon who did not help in some way in the fight.

Yet there had to be somewhere a definite leadership to bring about that remarkable change of sentiment which brought November victory out of July defeat. We believe the people in this community ought to know more about the part played by Lawrence T. Harris. Judge Harris was just one of the rather numerous committee called into action last spring by the Chamber of Commerce. In the course of time, it became apparent that in order to have prompt, effective results in an ever-changing situation, much of the campaign would have to be left to a small "executive group."

Judge Harris became the accepted head of this small group, just when or how, nobody can quite remember. He gravitated to leadership. There were plenty of younger men to "do details," but in laying out a broad campaign, establishing policies, the younger men depended on the Judge's wisdom and experience for guidance. Night and day for months, Sundays and holidays as well as weekdays, Judge Harris has been on the job, giving all he had in time and strength.

One very important fact characterized the leadership of Judge Harris. Hundreds of suggestions poured in at all times to the "steering committee." At no time would the Judge sanction any method which even savored of political trickery. With a cause that was fundamentally right, he insisted that every policy must be right.

It was under Judge Harris' guidance that Amedee Smith and Harold Young were brought in as active heads of the state-wide campaign, amateurs in political management but men whose standing and sincerity could not be questioned anywhere in the state. It was due largely to the guidance of Judge Harris that the campaign was lifted above the mean issues which threatened to degrade it and placed on an appeal to the right-thinking of the state.

If Eugene had the practice common to many cities, of selecting each year a citizen who has rendered outstanding community service, we would nominate Judge Harris. He does not expect any such reward or recognition, because as he sees things he did only what somebody had to do, but the men who worked with him feel that the community ought to know how they have relied on his calm, high-minded, indomitable leadership. When others despaired he would not even talk of defeat. When others lagged, he spurred them on to new effort. He was a pillar of strength.

Brewers of the county are getting all hopped up in anticipation of prohibition repeal. Bootleggers are said to be all hopped up over the prospect of honest employment. The real problem is to get a plan so that everybody won't get all hopped up before it's over.

Just when everybody was feeling so happy because election was over, the newspapers had to remind us that Congress is going to have the customary "short session" in December. Bring on that "lame duck amendment."

The Democrats will have things all their own way in the next congress until some of the bright minds among them get to arguing who won the election, McGurk says it was the Republicans.

With the school moving bill licked to a fare-thee-well, Ajax McGurk says he finds some of the boys still gloomy because they have nothing to worry about but depression.

Well, Prink Callison's boys didn't do so well at "Troy," but no alibi are necessary. Another year with perhaps a little bit better balanced schedule is coming.

Some people are still wearing "Vote 317 No" on their tire covers. Dr. O. F. Stafford suggests that we change them to read "Thanks for Voting 317 No." A good suggestion.

The AP tells us that the Soviet government is letting out 30,000 shiftless government "white collar workers." There may be some good ideas after all in that form of government.

There are still a few old-fashioned Republicans left. An old-fashioned Republican is a guy who thinks that 30 million people "voted 'gain' Estabro."

A Post-Election Race That's On!



WHAT SOME THINKERS THINK

—Compiled by CLAY E. PALMER—
Pastor of First Congregational Church

ZONA GALE, eminent American writer: "It is remarkable that those who are most afraid of the word 'anarchist' are most willing to practice anarchy—no less—in social and international relationships. To cry 'Every nation for itself. All is fair in war. In warfare all laws, human and divine, are suspended.' Now that is anarchy. From star to crystal, order is the convention of nature. Yet there is a brand of anarchist who asks us to believe that in human relationships alone, nature suspends her universal law and delights in discord."

Dr. Edwin D. Mead: "Abraham Lincoln declared Thomas Jefferson to be, and likely to remain, the greatest of American political thinkers. In his own struggle against slavery, he owed to Jefferson his aspiration, his program and his argument; and he appeals to him more than forty times, while there are but two or three references to Hamilton (his great opponent), and those passing and perfunctory. So eminent an American as Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler has recently declared in a pregnant and powerful address that while Hamilton's work was done, Jefferson is but in the morning of his great influence."

Editorial in The Business Week, Oct. 19, 1932: "In our better moments we dare to hope some of the lessons so painfully burned into us by the events of the past three years will really be learned, and remembered for a while. Perhaps, for one thing, honesty, just plain honesty, may have a revival of esteem. The real scandal of 1929 was not one collective and unanimous foolishness; it was the fact that common honesty was so hard to find among business leaders we were following. It wasn't even recognized as dishonesty."

Lincoln Steffens, great journalist: "It was with this baffling experience in mind that I asked Albert Einstein how he, a philosopher and a scientist, had been able to discover anything new. His answer is the answer. He did what he did by CHALLENGING AN AXIOM. That's what those business men who cannot find their way out of this depression are unable to do. They cannot challenge an axiom. That's what some of our boys and girls will have to do."

Christian Century Editorial: "The hands of the Christian church are stained with Israel's guilt. The church has no ethical standard except the ethics of secular respectability. It is not creating in its members a type of moral character whose standards transcend the established river—with a donkey on the bridge! It asked for a new deal and got it. Now what's the trap? My hand looks like pass or bid now."

The Democrats say give every man a job and good times start right now—the birds with the golden eggs to make these jobs may sit right on their nests and hatch out interest, while the rest of us raise bigger and better birds.

Meanwhile, Mr. Democrat throws out his chest, and saunters down the middle of the walk with a big fat cigar in his mouth; whilst Mr. Republican slobbers drearily along the curb hungrily sniffing the smoke.

As for my own personal after election torments I still think that if all their brains were placed and to end in a circle they would still just make a big goose egg.

FENTON McLELLAN.

ABOUT PROHIBITION
YONCALLA, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Fashionable society ladies, west politicians, liquor men and the like have begun to express great solicitude for the "Dear young people."

This concern for the youth on the part of such people is unexpected and most suspicious.

These new friends and guardians of youth tell you that the liquor situation among the younger generation of today is vastly worse than in former times.

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Here are some headlines of articles in the Evening News, Newark, N. J., 1916: "Backbarrooms trap 14,000 girls. Police officers defied. Girls intoxicated and grizzly bear dance" are Beer Garden or Beer parlor features.

Another item: W. C. T. U. bulletin Feb. 18, 1888, are found these words: "The Fairport W. C. T. U. is now much grieved over the fact that boys in public schools are carrying flasks of liquor in their pockets tempting younger boys to drink. All efforts to ascertain where the liquor had been obtained have been unavailing."

All the evils of today were with us then. Listen, men and women voters, think twice before you go to the polls and vote for wet men of office.

The following is U. S. government figures: In the year of 1912, 500,000 young men between the ages of 15 years and 25 years went to an untimely grave.

One half of that number went to a drunkard's grave, the other one half confessed on their death beds that they went down because of the dress, of mothers, wives and sisters also the pictures and calendars they had hanging on the walls, caused them to seek the saloon or beer parlor first, and then to the home of the prostitute woman.

Now, dear people, it was your vote that sent those boys to hell and I beg of you to think before you cast the same vote again.

Some day we will have to give an account to our Creator for the way we vote on Nov. 8, 1932.

For over 40 years I have been a strong advocate of prohibition and still intend to cast my vote in favor of prohibition and not be guilty by my vote of sending a soul to a drunkard's grave.

MRS. OLIVE McKEE,
YONCALLA, Ore.

Mission Circle Of Veneta Holds Meet

VENETA, Nov. 12.—(Special)—The Baptist Mission Circle met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. C. Taylor. The study theme was on China and the new study book, "Lady Fourth, Daughter of China," was introduced by Mrs. G. H. Braun, and Mrs. Merle Faulhaber after the program. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed. Those present were Mrs. G. H. Braun, Mrs. T. C. Buckingham, Mrs. Turner Burns, Mrs. Frank Egerly, Mrs. Nell Faulhaber, Mrs. Howard Givens, Mrs. W. D. Isaacson, Mrs. N. Johnson, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Ralph McCutcheon, Mrs. A. E. Peters, Mrs. Jack Piper, Mrs. W. S. Vincent, Mrs. Kenneth Wiscarson, Mrs. Harry Wiscarson, Mrs. Sarah Trout, Mrs. R. E. Baker, Mrs. Charley E. Hart and the hostess, Mrs. R. C. Taylor.

The B. Y. P. U. of Veneta had a business meeting after the service Sunday evening to elect officers. Jessie Alley was elected president; Anna Wiscarson, vice-president; and Genevieve Hunter, secretary-treasurer. The new president will take charge of the young people's meeting Sunday evening at 8:30.

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A large crowd of friends, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the local school, members of the legion and auxiliary met about 10:30 a. m. near the office of the Western Lumber company for the purpose of dedicating a fir tree to the memory of the late William N. Ferrin, superintendent of the Western Lumber company, who was killed August 2. Mr. Gerimonte gave the opening address. Dr. Grant J. Gray, chaplain, then offered prayer.

The following poem written by Mrs. Rona Elizabeth Workman was presented:

In Memory of Bill Ferrin
He put his heart into the work he did,
No task too high, or low for him to comprehend;
And every man in all this mill and woods,
May think of him and say, "He was my friend."

This village small among the fir-clad hills,
Ranked first with him in thought and hope and plan;
His every action proved his inmost wish,
To bring the greatest good to every man.

What wonder that we hold in high esteem,
The man who played within our lives so great a part?
Though he is gone, his memory cannot die,
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A large number of school children presented the song, "There's a Long Long Trail A-Winding," and Mrs. Gerimonte sang, "Memories." The children were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Martin Elam, while Mrs. Harry Anthony accompanied Mrs. Gerimonte. Members of the auxiliary sang, "America the Beautiful." A very interesting and instructive talk was given by J. B. Casteel of the University, the speaker of the day.

The program closed with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience.

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The Thursday Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. T. A. King. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. William Killebreath, Mrs. Gilbert Nelson, Mrs. Harry Anthony and Mrs. King.

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Of the world's 3,000,000 lepers, 12,000 are in the Philippine islands.

Mrs. Earl Bleile and Mrs. A. E. Posvar. The afternoon was spent quilting.

The "500" club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. L. K. Posvar with following ladies present: Mrs. William McMahon, Mrs. Lloyd Fox, Mrs. Martin Elam, Mrs. L. H. Redhead, Mrs. C. N. Powell, Mrs. George Shepherd, Mrs. Crete Robinson and Mrs. Posvar. Mrs. Robinson is a member of the club. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Posvar. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Fox.

Mrs. Walter Workman and G. O. J. Ramsdell attended the "Lay Leadership training Parent Education" in Eugene, Tuesday.

Mrs. H. G. Payne of Eugene spending some time here as a guest at the home of her parents and Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson and Kathleen Wilson.

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DRAIN RESIDENTS IN MUCH ACTIVE

DRAIN, Nov. 12.—(Special)—E. Granerth left the first of week for Idaho on a business trip.

A. H. Munson and J. H. Bell were transacting business in Eugene, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Williams, Miss Donna Cooksey who have been visiting the ladies' mother, Mrs. C. E. Sey at the cafe, left for their home in Medford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rogers of Eugene were Sunday guests at the home of Dr. Bertha Devere and Mrs. L. C. Devere.

Harold Cooley of Cottage Grove in charge of the Drain drug store week while Lawrence Coons, the proprietor is hunting ducks.

Mrs. Bea Marks of Joseph is visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Frost.

At the city election held Tuesday Clarence Leonard was elected mayor. W. E. Coons, John Van Kildie, Redington, Elmer Newton, Leonard, A. E. Light, recorder; Snook, treasurer; Mayor Leonard, Councilmen Coons and Van Kildie re-elected to their offices.

Word was received here by the marriage of Miss Beulah Schoen, and LeRoy Halverson, Friday morning, Nov. 11, at 6:00 p. m. in the home of Mrs. C. E. Groves. Miss Ethelyn Ross of 24 was bridesmaid. Mrs. Halverson in Drain a number of years, moving to Cottage Grove with parents.

Mrs. A. H. Munson spent Tuesday in Roseburg visiting friends.