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### THE FUTURE OF THE PARTY.

The defeat of the Republican party in the recent election was to have been expected. It was expected by nine-tenths of its adherents long before the day of voting came. Those who remained steadfast to its principles did so in the full realization that they were affiliating with a forlorn hope. They knew they were doomed to defeat yet they made the best of a losing fight. With the party weaker than it has been in any campaign since the civil war, it nevertheless cast a total vote in the country approximating between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000. Fully 3,000,000 of its normal votes were cast for Roosevelt and probably half as many more for Wilson. The majority of these men who strayed away from the Republican ticket are not permanently divorced from the party, and only voted for Roosevelt because of his great personal popularity, while others supported Wilson rather than take the chance of Roosevelt's success.

Any political organization which can muster 4,000,000 votes is far from dead, and even the activities of the discredited leader of the Progressives can not mislead the people in this regard. Many who supported the Progressive cause in the late campaign did so because they believed in the principles enunciated in its platform. They declared that the Republican party was the organization of the reactionaries and had forgotten its former progressive movements and ideas. They thought that the most effective way to purge the party was to punish its leaders by eliminating them and wresting from them the control of the organization. But other prominent progressives, such as La Follette, Borah, Hadley and Kenyon, declaring that the rejuvenation of the party could only be brought about within its own organization, refused to follow Roosevelt but remained passively loyal to the former party. Already they have taken steps to rehabilitate the party and they are receiving the support of thousands who voted for Roosevelt in the recent election.

The protestations of the Colonel, and of Bill Plinn, and of Perkins and the other alleged progressives, will have little weight with the real progressives—with the men whose honest desire it is to wrest control of the Republican party from the domination of the reactionaries. Thousands of Roosevelt's followers now realize what was apparent to the hundreds of thousands of others who refused to bow to his dictation—that the progressive movement with him was a movement only because it offered him the only possible opportunity to continue as the dictator of the country and another term in the presidential chair. All but the most rabid Roosevelt partisan will admit this. The Colonel's attempt to continue the existence of a personally conducted political organization, only serves to emphasize this assertion. Had the Oyster Bay statesman been honest in his protestation of fealty to the people and their interests, forgetting all about his own advantage, he would have agreed to a compromise at Chicago which would undoubtedly have resulted in the election of a Republican successor to President Taft. The Observer has stated this self-evident truth before—it is plainly apparent now. When his warmest political supporters informed him that he could not be nominated, and implored him to agree to a compromise, they were actuated by the loftiest of motives. They really desired the success of the progressive movement at large, rather than the triumph of the personal ambition of its self-inspired leader. The answer, however, was at hand. Had Roosevelt agreed, the organization of the Republican party could have been delivered body and breeches to the progressive element therein and an impending Democratic triumph averted. But their advice was indignantly spurned and

egotistically declaring that he was the only individual in the whole United States that could lead the progressive fight to a successful issue, the Colonel stood fast and said, "It must be ME or no one." So he failed, and he led a revolt, using the specious plea to the people so well known and rehearsed. He knew that he was popular and he banked on that popularity to land him again in the White House. But he failed to induce enough of his former Republican supporters to follow him outside the party and he was defeated.

Right there the eyes of his supporters were opened. Men who declared that the Colonel was the political Moses who could lead the people into the Promised Land suddenly discovered that their idol was nothing more than an office seeker and his actions and his published utterances since the election, have confirmed that belief. Already the tide is turning. From every section of the country comes the news that prominent leaders in the Roosevelt party are already forsaking their new affiliations and will labor henceforth in the ranks of Republicanism. With La Follette, Borah, Hadley and others, they believe that the reform must come through the old organization and they are exerting their efforts to this end. That they will succeed is evident and when they do what will become of the Roosevelt movement?

It appears to all unprejudiced observers that Colonel Roosevelt has again missed a glorious opportunity to entrench himself securely in the former good graces of the American people. Had he, even after leading his causeless revolt, following the election, come out openly and declared the purpose of the progressive party had triumphed; that the reactionary element of the Republican organization had been overwhelmingly defeated, and that reform henceforth must come only through the former with the progressive element in control he would have placed himself in a position to become a prominent factor in all future movements along progressive lines. But he has taken the opposite course and, by so doing, has effectively removed himself from all future consideration. The Republican party will go on, growing stronger day by day, and year by year, until its crushing defeat November 5 shall result in purging the organization of its reactionary element and place it once more in a position where it will be a successful contender against the free trade theories of Democracy. The true progressives have shown their hand and have already begun the work of rehabilitating the shattered and disorganized forces of reform and have proven that they are honest in their movement. What possible excuse can there be for the continuation of the Progressive party other than to perpetuate the radicalism and the personality of one man alone?

The Observer prints today a letter from its good friend Evan Evans who is now visiting relatives and friends in England. The prominent feature of this letter are his comments on the good roads of his native land and his declaration that the people are ahead of us in this regard although we lead them in other particulars. Mr. Evans is an authority on roads and last year he made the statement in a signed communication in this paper, that much of the county money appropriated for roads was wasted. His observations in England have led him to believe that, he was right, although he was subjected to much criticism by local people. The good roads of England are a practical illustration of the fact that better road builders in this country would insure more judicious use of the taxpayers' funds.

It's always different after election. Indications are that the Democrats do not want tariff revision as badly as they thought. The Portland Journal prints a letter from a prominent Bourbon in which the hope is expressed that the new majority party will "be careful in revising the tariff." In the calm after-election judgment of the average individual, the thought is mighty apt to hold sway that present times are altogether too good to run the risk of changing them by tariff tinkering. But the tinkering will come—because that's the only plan Democracy welcomes—the tearing down of what Republicans have built up. It has always been that way, and there is no reason to believe that things will be different this time.

If the money that has been expended in a useless effort to prevent dirt streets from becoming muddy, had been invested in hard surface paving, every street in Dallas would be at the present time present an appearance vastly to be preferred to their present sloppy condition. Why isn't it possible for one city to profit by the experience of another, without the expenditure of good money in trying to make something out of nothing.

One T. R. is in the "standpat" class at last. In his latest address to the country he advises his followers to refuse all compromise and "stick to ME." As a standpatter the African game hunter ought to be a huge success.

The bath trust has been dissolved. Thus the way is paved for the employment by newspaper men of a luxury which heretofore they have been denied. Life in these Democratic times doesn't look so dreary after all.

The editor of the Falls City News should be happy. He received a box of ripe strawberries, a bunch of bloomin' roses and a jug of Oregon cider all in the same day. Gosh, life in F. C. must be alluring.

Why should Woodrow have hesitated so long before coming to that decision relative to an extra session? Didn't the Baltimore platform say "immediate."

Well, "Jen" Grant did better than his namesake, anyway. He secured a "third term as president of the National Mohair association."

"Turkey is not yet Helpless," reads a headline. No, but it will be about 15 minutes after papa gets the ax on Wednesday, November 27.

Whoooping Cough. It is an old saying that whooping cough must run its course, but the use of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey has demonstrated beyond doubt that such is not the case. It can be cured by the use of this remedy. At Stafrin's.

## Editorials of the People.

Signed communications will be printed under this head from responsible parties but their publication does not necessarily imply that they express the sentiments of the editor.

### HAVE GOOD ROADS IN ENGLAND

Evan Evans Writes to Polk Friends of Impressions Abroad.

Polk County Observer, Dallas, Or.  
Dear Sirs: I promised several of my Polk county friends that I would write them and I think by writing through your paper it will reach many of my friends and make my task easier.

I arrived safe in London after a beautiful ocean voyage, the sea being perfectly calm, in fact ideal, on the beautiful ship Lusitania, one of the finest ships afloat.

I am now visiting Wales but after living 28 and one-half years in Polk county, things don't look very good to me. The old stone houses and barns some of them thatched with straw, that have stood centuries, do not seem to decay for better ones to take their place.

But for fine Herford cattle and Shire horses, they certainly know how to raise them and finish them for market. They force their calves with all the winter feed and will put them on the market at two years old at \$75 per head.

It is rather laughable to see these people farm; they have not advanced any in the last 28 years and their methods are nearly the same, but they have us "skinned to a finish" on fine cattle and horses and especially Good Roads.

I made the statement last spring through your paper that we wasted 40 per cent of our road money by not knowing how to build roads and I was censured by some for making the statement but, after seeing the roads here, I am convinced that the waste is even greater.

The climate here is similar to Oregon. They have rock crushers and rollers similar to ours, but they build a road free from dust and mud over which you can take a large load as well in winter as in summer. I am satisfied that I could start out and walk 20 miles in any direction with slippers on my feet and not get them muddy or my feet wet and we had a heavy rain last week. I was astonished when I saw their roads; we should be so far ahead of them in all our other improvements and yet fall on our roads.

The roads here are all built on a uniform grade about 15 feet wide and only about eight inches crown. The grade is similar to the streets of Dallas. You don't see "hog backs" thrown up high in the center of a road that would trip over a load on either side. The grades are made very gradual from side to side—just enough to run the water off easily.

I will not say more on the road question at this time; however I will get some valuable information before I leave here which I hope will do some good. I probably shall sail for home some time this month. Hoping to see all my friends in Polk county again soon, I am,

Respectfully yours,

EVAN EVANS.

98 Lavender Hill, London, England, November 2, 1912.

Lodge Notice.

Jennings Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M. A stated communication will be held Friday evening, Nov. 22. Work in the M. M. degree. All members requested to be present. Visitors welcome. By order of the W. M. WALTER S. MUIR, Secy.

Hand Mirrors.

Real French plate mirrors. Good quality and the sort of goods that could be bought nowhere and purchased for your storeheart's Christmas stocking. Now to be seen in the Fuller Pharmacy display window.

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FOR SALE—Good second hand organ also three Ancona roosters for breeding purposes which took prizes at Dallas fair. Phone 1247. 642-17

TUBA FOR SALE—Giant E-flat tuba in good condition silver finish high and low pitch; \$55 Instrument for \$50. J. E. Miller, Dallas, Oregon. Phone 1632. 11-517

FOR SALE—Several fine brood sows with pigs. H. G. Campbell. 625-17

FOR SALE—Vetch seed in any quantity. A. G. Rempel, Dallas. Phone Dixie, 515. 610-17

DRUMS FOR SALE—I have a snare and a bass drum, both practically new and both first-class instruments that I want to sell. Price right. Also have some traps to go with them. Walter L. Toomey, Jr., National Bank Building, phone 1631. 607-17

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TEAM WANTED—I want to buy a good farm team and harness. 1200 to 1400. H. G. Campbell. 639-17

WANTED—To buy a shot gun in first class condition. Cheap for cash. Inquire Olympia Wine Co. 625-17

WANTED—All kinds of iron, rubber, brass, copper, zinc, and hides. Highest cash prices paid. A. N. Hilleck, Monmouth, Oregon. 3-1217

MISCELLANEOUS.

YOUR WINTER'S WOOD—Order your slab wood now and be sure of having a good dry supply for winter. I can sell you either slabs, blocks or trimmings. Can furnish any other kind of wood desired. Plenty of good oak and fir. Send in your orders by phone. 1542—AUGUST BOMAN.



## Thanksgiving Sale

THANKSGIVING will soon be here and if you need anything in our line we will thank you for the privilege of showing, and we know you will be Thankful that you were shown the good things to wear that we are offering at greatly reduced prices.

Not everything reduced in price—Some goods we can hardly get fast enough to supply the demand.

It's the Coats and Suits and Shirts and Sweaters and Clothes for the Boys and Men that you need right now,

and that we are going to sell—We won't wait till winter is half over and then offer you Overcoats at half price. Get them now and enjoy them all winter. Come in, before noon if you can, take your time and get what you want. We will mention a few lines that means a big saving to the careful buyers.

ON OUR

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Mens' Sweaters

Boys' Sweaters

Men's Dress Shirts

Men's Silk

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Underwear

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Boys' Caps

Men's Caps

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Ladies' Coats and Suits

Ladies' Rain Coats

Misses' Coats

Children's Heavy Coats

We are overstocked on Children's Coats.

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ON OUR

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and Chinchilla

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Auto

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Leather

Hand Bags

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FOR SALE—Oak and Cedar Posts. Soehren Warehouse Co. 11-115

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FOR RENT—Furnished room for rent. Apply 719 Mill St. 621-17

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WANTED—Woman for general house work by Mrs. W. E. Clark, Rickel, all, Oregon. 649-11-26

WANTED—Small furnished house, flat, suite or board and room for two ladies. Prefer latter. Inquire office. 648-926

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Cheap Imitations

Owing to the immense sale and popularity of Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey there are many cheap imitations on the market under similar sounding names, but you can always get the genuine by looking for the bell on the bottle. Sold by Conrad Stafrin.

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Shop Work of All Kinds at Reasonable Prices.

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