

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare.

Newspaper headlines of November seventh certainly indicated joy and jubilation in the Democratic camp. The party had done what used to be thought the impossible—where even popular Administrations usually lose 50 to 60 House seats in the off-year elections, along with a senator or two, it actually increased its already preponderant majority in each branch of the Congress. However, beneath the surface, the very size of the victory has brought big problems to the White House and to responsible Democratic leadership.

Just before the election, Democratic Chairman Farley asked, as he naturally would, that the people return democrats to the House and Senate, and offered the opinion that the one big issue at stake was confidence in Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Farley went so far as to say just how much majority he would like to see, placing it at two-thirds.

The public went Mr. Farley one better. The next Senate will consist of 69 Democrats, 24 Republicans and three members of minor parties. The next House will contain 321 Democrats, 103 Republicans, and ten members of minor parties. There will be 38 Democratic Governors, as against eight Republicans, one Progressive and one Farmer-labor. As a result, the Democratic party controls, roughly, 75 per cent of the major elective offices of the nation.

Now for the Democratic troubles. It has been the unvarying experience that when a party has so great a majority that it need fear no opposition, it breaks up into factions, becomes constantly more difficult to handle. The reason for that is obvious: When neither party has much majority, each must hold together in order to adequately do battle with the other. The consequence is that Mr. Roosevelt will probably have a great deal of trouble in keeping recalcitrant Democrats in line. Many of those newly elected are small-bore politicians who wouldn't have had a chance without the New Deal magic behind them. The American people, for the most part, didn't vote

for the candidates they elected—they marked X's opposite their names, but they were really voting for Mr. Roosevelt.

Another trouble lies in the fact that the greater majority a party has the greater its responsibility. It can't plead obstructionism in case it fails. Now, with the Republicans almost as scarce as lions in the Capital, the Roosevelt Administration will have to show results or take the whole blame for not showing them.

It will be recalled that when newspapermen asked Mr. Roosevelt for some remarks the day after election, he smiled, said, "No comment." That may have been partly due to a fear of seeming to crow over victory—but it's pretty certain that the thought of future difficulties with his own party Congressmen was in his mind. Even the exuberant Mr. Farley was grave when commenting upon the Democratic sweep.

Some idea of the forthcoming legislative proposals is gained from a recent Associated Press survey of the pet hobbies of Congressmen who will be in the next session. Demands will probably be made for a year's outlay exceeding \$15,000,000,000—an unprecedented sum. Cash payment of the bonus would cost over \$2,000,000,000; public works, as advocated by one Senator, would come to \$5,000,000,000; a proposed increase in home loan bonds would run to \$1,000,000,000, and so it would go with a dozen similar measures assured of substantial House and Senate support. Conservative party chieftains are said to be frankly concerned over the outlook, and the President may have to use all his influence, and perhaps the veto power, to keep Congress in check. The belief is that Mr. Roosevelt's own projected program will cost some \$7,000,000,000.

Between now and November, 1936 one of the most popular conversational subjects is bound to be: "What about the Republican Party?" Democratic zealots, echoing the words of Mr. Farley, will say that the party is dead; Republican stalwarts will say that it is simply lying fallow, and shows no signs of decay. The truth probably lies somewhere between these two extremes.

The Republicans took a terrific lacing in the last election—so far as carrying offices was concerned. But they did get around 46 per cent of the total vote cast. A party that gets as substantial a minority as that

can't be considered dead by a long shot.

One of the principal Republican problems is dissension within the party. Henry Fletcher, Chairman of the Republican Central Committee, is a conservative—many of the principal Republican Senators, such as Borah, Johnson, Couzens and McNary are liberals of varying shades of opinion. It seems a certainty that a strong drive will be made to eliminate Mr. Fletcher and put a liberal in his place—and until the Republicans have fought their own internal battles to a finish, no one can forecast the future of the party with accuracy.

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Four federal circulars of information on mining subjects, written so as to be of interest and value to men actually engaged in the industry, are available free of cost to individuals applying directly to the United States Bureau of Mines, at Washington, according to word received by J. H. Batcheller, professor of mining engineering at Oregon State college and secretary of the state mining board.

Numbers and titles of the available bulletins are, I. C. 6611, "Small Scale Placer Mining Methods;" I. C. 6748, "Essentials for a Preliminary Report on a small Lode-Gold Mine or Prospect;" I. C. 6800, "Mining and Milling Practices at Small Gold Mines," and I. C. 6786, "Placer Mining in Western United States." The last named is part one of a series of three. Application for the second and third of the series, yet to be prepared, could doubtless be made in advance, suggests Professor Batcheller.

Keen interest in mining subjects is being shown by people in most parts of the state, finds Professor Batcheller. He emphasizes that application for these free federal bulletins must be made direct to Washington and not through his office.

Wheat and Barley Trials Made DUFUR—Two sacks of Oro wheat obtained from the Moro Experiment station by E. E. Burtner, for trial on his farm here produced 37 1/2 sacks of wheat, and showed no smut. Mr. Burtner also sowed two sacks of Meloy barley obtained from the station to provide a clean supply of seed of this variety in Wasco county. It produced 25 sacks of clean barley.

HI-WAYS TO HEALTH

by ADA R. MAYNE

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FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

The modern trend in the holiday dinner is somewhat different from that of other days. In place of the elaborate dinner requiring days of preparation and less time after in recovering from its effects. This change is partly due to a better knowledge of food values and a greater appreciation of the relation of diet to health.

The traditional wild turkey dinner has become almost impossible to carry out and the domesticated one has taken its place. However, wild fowl such as pheasant, duck or the wild goose will be the center of interest to many this year. A suggested menu is given for the Thanksgiving dinner and recipes will be sent on request to those of you who desire them.

- Tomato Juice Cocktail
- Roast Turkey with New England Stuffing
- Glaze sweet potatoes
- Creamed onions
- Curled Celery
- Fresh Cranberry & Orange relish
- Pear salad with grated cheese
- Pumpkin Pie
- Milk for children
- Coffee for adults
- Assorted Nuts

You will notice that rolls are omitted, according to the present fashion in dinners, but if your guests or family like them they should be served. Butter shaped in balls or rolls is an attractive addition to the table. Pumpkin Pie is substituted for the once favored plum pudding and mince pie. A favorite pumpkin pie recipe is given below:

Pumpkin Pie
Beat two eggs, add one cup of

pumpkin put through a sieve, and one cup and one-half of light cream or undiluted evaporated milk. Add the following ingredients which have been sifted together: 1 tbs flour, 3/4 cups sugar, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp ginger, 1/4 tsp nutmeg, 1/4 tsp cloves, 1/2 tsp allspice, and 1 tsp cinnamon. Stir this mixture and when the sugar is completely dissolved, pour into pastry-lined pie tins and bake six minutes at 500 deg. Then reduce heat to 300 degrees for thirty minutes.

New England Stuffing

- 3 loaves of stale bread
- 2 eggs
- 1 large onion cut fine
- 1 can mushrooms (broken)
- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 1 tbs salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- Poultry seasoning to taste.

Remove crusts from bread (these may be converted into bread crumbs for later use) and cut bread into two-inch cubes. Pour enough warm water over the bread to soften well to make very moist workable mass.

Add eggs, chopped onion, broken mushrooms, melted butter and seasonings. Stuff lightly into cavity of turkey and sew or fasten opening with skewers.

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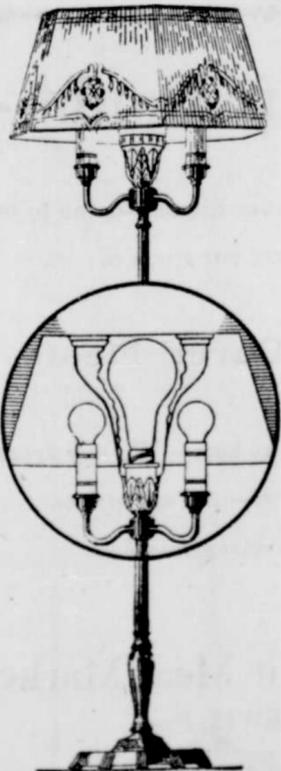
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