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**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE!**

"It's time for a change."

That's what one hears on all sides as the campaign draws to a close. It is a feeling, or state of mind, that may result in many new faces in the house and senate chambers at Washington. People are wondering just where we are headed and this wonder is growing into anxiety in many quarters, for it is apparent that after 10 years of New Deal power grabbing there will be no change of purpose in succeeding years so long as that political group is in power.

Just how far this vote will go is a matter of conjecture, but expressions heard from a few voters, some of them farmers, mind you, the intention is to do a lot of scratching of names that have been in public places for several terms. Their argument is that the present congress has failed to properly function as a lawmaking body and is subservient to the administration. In this they may be a trifle harsh, for it must be remembered that in war time the president has powers far greater than those delegated him in peace time and that when things go wrong it is easy to pass the buck to congress. Nevertheless, voters figure that a change is necessary and so long as they have the right to express their likes and dislikes through the medium of the ballot they propose to do a little target shooting on their own.

Some of these voters have consistently supported Mr. Pierce in his various political campaigns, helping to put him in congress and seeing that he stayed there. They are now saying that Walter has been there long enough, that new conditions are arising daily and no one knows what will develop following the war. It is time for young men to learn the inside operations of government and they are going to cast their ballots accordingly. None of these people have other than the kindest words for Congressman Pierce, who they believe has been a faithful servant of the people, but when they recall that he has been on the public payroll more or less for the past half century and that a vote for him now would be against their belief that the New Deal must be unseated, they will remain steadfast in their re-  
nent.

On the other hand, it is realized that Mr. Stockman will have to learn the ropes and may not, because he is anti-administration, loom large on committee appointments during his first term. The opposition is playing that string with fervor in an attempt to scare wheat farmers into the belief that all will be lost if Congressman Pierce is defeated. The farmers are not scaring as easy as they might have a few years ago, because they are wondering about

just how well off they are or will be if the New Deal remains on the throne.

So long as the old crowd stays in power there will be little chance for the public to find out just what is going on in Washington—just what plans are under foot to seize more authority. The farmer may be getting a little the best of it just now through the wheat loan but where will he be when labor gets complete control of the administration? Just about one more election and labor will be completely in the saddle. If the farmer thinks that will be a good thing he should vote to retain the New Deal; if not, he should start the ball rolling for a change of administration by casting his ballot for Lowell Stockman for congressman from the second congressional district.

**VOTE THE COUNTY TICKET!**

Importance of voting for officers where no contest exists is called to the attention of voters. The office sought by candidates without opposition is as important as if there were several contestants. To slight a candidate just because he is the only one seeking the office is to place no importance on that office. In addition, the candidate feels the indifference and it makes him wonder if it is worth while to give his best efforts in conducting the office. So do not fail to mark between the number and name of candidate voted for where there is no competition. It is a courtesy and a mark of appreciation that will be cherished by the one seeking the office.

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To the youth who may be inclined to take a fling at Hallowe'en pranks, let us issue this word of warning: Be careful what you do lest you be termed a saboteur. Keep your hands off other people's property; refrain from damaging anything, for there is scarcely an object you might injure or destroy that is not difficult to replace, and such replacement is taking something from the war effort that will handicap our boys at the front. A broken window, a smashed light, or anything that

will embarrass or stop the regular operation of business or transportation may result in serious trouble.

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