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## "VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

(The Voice of the People Is the Voice of God) And That's That

By G. H. W. Bullock

The roar of the campaign cannon has died away. The battler of the propagandist has ceased. The political warriors have stacked their arms and broken camp. The smoke and smell of the most furious battle ever waged in this nation have cleared away and we now look over the field to pay homage to our successful heroes and eulogy to our dead. Upon the sepulcher of our unfortunate belligerents we place this epitaph: "You fought a good fight; you have kept the faith." But the voice of the people is the voice of God.

Now we return to normalcy in mind and vocation. As we weigh our victories and lament our defeats, we take surcease in the inevitable dictum of the people who have spoken out loudly and in a language that admits of no doubt or argument. We accept their decision as final.

At this writing it is absolutely sure that Herbert Hoover and the republican ticket, both national and state, have carried by a volume and decisiveness unequalled by any American president. He has broken down more precedents and traditions than any other presidential candidate in the history of this nation.

Like a great and capricious hurricane, this political storm started in the northeasternmost tip of the Atlantic seaboard and traveled at a terrific speed down the Atlantic coast, skipping Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and spreading four ways, it swept on in its fury, leaving only the six deep Southern states of South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Arkansas without complete wreck and these only after damaging them so that hasty repairs will have to be made to save them.

Many surprises were furnished by these results to the most optimistic and pessimistic partisan. For instance, the most optimistic republican did not confidently expect New York, Texas, Florida, Virginia and North Carolina going to the Hoover column any more than the most extravagant democrat expected Rhode Island and Massachusetts going to the Smith column. Few of either expected New York going other than to its native son. In a word, nobody confidently entertained the idea that 40 of the 48 states would go to the republican cause in the face of the popularity of the democratic candidate. But the electorate thought differently. They acted differently. And we must accept their decision as final. "The voice of the people is the voice of God."

The inevitable aftermath will be forthcoming in the form of various excuses and explanations as to why this or that thing happened, but with no avail to change the result. One thing was absolutely assured: That the nation's satisfaction with the Coolidge administration and their confidence in the ability of Herbert Hoover to continue those policies were indorsed beyond a shadow of doubt.

Whatever consolation the advocates of the wet cause, or the dry cause, the religious cause, the farm cause, or whatnot cause, the victori-

ous party will not begrudge. Nor will they say to them nay.

The net results of this election are that Hoover and Curtis carried all the states in the Union except eight; all the electoral votes in the college except 89; gained over a dozen seats in the house and six seats in the senate. In a word, the new president will have a working majority of his own faith in both houses of congress. The most significant feature about it—the one that brings most pride to the candidate—is that Mr. Hoover not only carried his own home state but also the home state of his opponent. This is no mean feat in this election owing to the fact that Mr. Smith was born and reared and spent all of his private and official life in that state, that he had been elected four times as governor of that state and is now chief executive of that state.

There were, however, some very unfortunate aspects to this campaign which will be construed as settled by the results. The religious issue was most unfortunately made the goat of combat. This fact will leave a bitterness between Roman Catholics and Protestants that will not soon go away. It will be the first step in the direction of a religious or denominational war which may result in the

displacement of the present farm bloc, industrial bloc, western, eastern and southern blocs by Roman Catholic and Protestant blocs. This would be most unfortunate.

In this campaign some very strange alignments were made. The Jew and Roman Catholic were joined in one cause to elect Smith. The Roman Catholics endeavored to establish forever the idea that a Roman Catholic is just as fit to be the chief executive of this nation as a Protestant. They were put on the defensive as a church and they fought valiantly and unitedly to break this prejudice down. The Protestants, on the other hand, saw that it was a showdown for them and they unitedly fought to hold their own. The Jew had no particular interest in either of these controversies, but feared that if it were established that a Roman Catholic could not be president a Jew could not. He, too, joined in with the Roman Catholic to establish that if a Roman Catholic can be president, a Jew can also. For this reason alone both Roman Catholic and Jew feel rather downcast at what they construe a disastrous defeat to their cause. This is unfortunate for the added reason that the Protestant world feels a kind of false chestiness because they interpret the result as an establishment of their superior strength and the general belief in their cause. This is false. This is not why the victory was won. This election was won on the strength of the soundness of the economic policy embodied in the republican platform and the superiority of the republican candidate's experience and preparation to administer the affairs of the nation. They merely put their O. K. on the way the republican party promises to deal with the farm relief, the tariff, and business of the nation.

In the state election, we have some very interesting aspects. The republican state ticket was almost to a man elected. The state went to Hoover by almost as large a majority as its previous average of what its last vote has been. This was surprising. We account for this result by the defection of Norris. We confidently believe that the course of Norris did more than any other one thing to cement the regular republican forces together in a common, united determination to demonstrate that it could get along very well not only without Mr. Norris' help, but despite his untimely opposition. We now return to him our grateful thanks.

Most of the other candidates elected were our choice. We should have been very glad to have had "Dick" Metcalfe sent to the senate instead of Howell. Our choice for supreme judge was Frank Howell. Our choice for state representative from the Tenth was Barnett, and we should have been very glad to have returned him there. But the voice of the people is the voice of God, and we bow to their will. It seems assured from the returns that Dr. McMillan is elected to the state legislature from the Ninth. He was not our choice.

We opposed him for reasons stated in our previous issue. But here again the people decreed otherwise and we hail him as OUR representative and wish him success in the position to which he has been commissioned.

We very profoundly regret that Judge Rait of the district court was defeated. We know that his experience and preparation much better fit him for that post than some who will succeed him. But here again the people decreed otherwise. These results were brought about by various causes which we shall not stop to enumerate. As a whole, the results of the election, national, state and local, were very satisfactory. We accept the results in a sportsmanlike way and felicitate the victors and cheer the victims.

## MOVE ON, OMAHA

The people of Omaha did a wise thing in voting for the street railway franchise and for a new county hospital. The street car company can no longer go ahead planning for efficient and satisfactory transportation service which we believe it is desirous to give to meet the demands of our growing city. The county hospital can be built. Omaha is on the upgrade. Let us all boost and push her along.

## LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

Mr. John C. Collins met with a serious accident last Thursday evening, when he was hit by an auto at Ninth and Rose streets. He received several cuts about his face and head, but no bones were broken. He is confined in his home, but is improving.

Mrs. H. W. Botts spent several days in St. Joseph, Mo., on business.

Mr. Boswell arrived in the city last week, and is at the bedside of his wife, who is quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alma Wiley, 1911 K street.

Mr. Walter Young of St. Joseph, Mo., spent last Sunday in the city with his sick mother, Mrs. Pinkie Boswell.

Rev. J. W. Carter, pastor of the original Baptist church of Chicago, Ill., is spending his vacation in the city. He delivered two most excellent sermons for the Rev. H. W. Botts and his church, Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin returned home last week, after a two months' stay in Louisville, Ky. She visited relatives in Bowling, Ky., and in Nashville, Tenn.

The Rev. John Adams of Quinn chapel was in Omaha Sunday.

Mrs. William Dean is yet confined with sickness at the home of Mrs.

A. L. Wilson.

Rev. S. H. Johnson of the Newman M. E. church was in attendance at his annual conference the past week.

## HONORS FOR NEGRO WRITERS

Boston, Mass.—(By the A. N. P.)—Honors are still coming to colored writers. To be listed in either of the yearly anthologies, that of O'Brien or The O'Henry Prize Memorial, is a distinction coveted by the finest American writers, not only has the fortunate author gained the approval of outstanding critics, but he has also the pleasure and gratification of being in the best of literary company. This year the Saturday Evening Quill club of Boston, an association of Negro authors, is receiving the congratulations of authordom. In the list of "Best Short Stories of 1928," Mr. O'Brien has included the names of three members of the Quill club attached to four stories selected from the first annual publication of the club, which appeared in June. The names of the authors are not unknown in Negro literary circles and it is not the first year that Dorothy West and Eugene Gordon have had recognition in the anthologies, but their continued appearance is guar-

anty that their good work is not accidental.

Besides Dorothy West's story, "An Unimportant Man," and Eugene Gordon's two stories, "Coldblooded" and "Alien," the "Black Madness" of Gertrude Schalk was also selected by Mr. O'Brien.

The fact that these writers are young (two are in their early twenties) is also a good augury.

## LAUNCH DRIVE TO SAVE CHURCH 100 YEARS OLD

New Orleans, La.—(By the A. N. P.)—Faced with a financial obligation amounting to \$5,000 which falls due on December 9, extensive efforts are being made by the congregation of the First African Baptist church, one of the oldest colored congregations in the country, to raise the amount in a financial drive to be launched on November 11 and to continue for one week. "Old Baptist," as the church is also known, is one of the landmarks in the religious life of the population of New Orleans and Louisiana. It is more than 100 years old and is said to be the mother church of all Baptist churches in the state.

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