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Pray for Peace

Now that the election is over let us pray for a spell of political peace wherein we can all work together for the general good.

So far as the Republicans are concerned, they have again, as two years ago, been whipped to a frazzle. The logical thing for us to do is to knuckle down to business and, as most Republicans have done for the past two years, give the policies approved by the majority a chance to work. If those policies result in stabilizing our civilization and restoring prosperity to our people, we shall all, Republicans as well as Democrats, be well satisfied.

On the other hand, if following out the New Deal policies shall drift us still further toward destruction, we will be aware of that long before the next Presidential election rolls around.

Following the election of President Roosevelt two years ago, Republicans generally refrained from partisan criticism and cooperated with the administration in giving the New Deal a fair trial. A vast majority of the voters have decided that the country should continue on that course and as good citizens we must bow to the will of the majority.

Buron Fitts Indicted for Perjury



Buron Fitts, district attorney of Los Angeles, his sister and executive secretary, Mrs. Berthal Gregory, were formally indicted by the grand jury on perjury charges growing out of a re-investigation of a "love mart" morals case in which they were witnesses last year. Fitts is pictured with five prominent attorneys who have volunteered their services to fight the case. Left to right, seated: Dist. Atty. Buron Fitts, Joseph Scott; standing, left to right: Jerry Geisler, Jack Gilchrist and Harold Judson.

OBSERVATIONS

By C. P. S.

THE MIRACLE OF SURGERY

The miracle of modern surgery was impressed upon me as never before when, last week, I had the unhappy privilege of witnessing, through the glass doors of the surgery, a major operation upon my son James.

Dr. Woodbury performed the operation and of course I was impelled to "stand by" because I could not abandon my own boy under such dreadful circumstances and because also, I now imagine, I wanted to be right on hand to give the surgeon the benefit of any advice which might come to my mind.

DELIBERATION

I had visioned surgeons when operating as working under high pressure and in feverish haste. What I saw entirely changed that opinion, because Dr. Woodbury moved with the deliberation of absolute certainty. And there were, it seemed, a thousand details to attend to yet there was not the slightest waste of time and no "haste."

When I was a boy and rode over the Minnesota prairies with my father, who was a surgeon, in his visits to those who were sick and injured, anaesthesia as used in modern

ern surgery was unknown and but little was known of "germs" or of antiseptics as used in modern surgery. So that an operation which involved going into the abdominal cavity meant almost sure death to the patient and, even in the rather small percentage of recoveries, peritonitis and suppuration and gangrene made recovery slow and terrible.

So, remembering the old conditions, the advance in the science, or should I say art, of surgery as I saw it that night, appealed to me as never before. Because nowadays such operations, if undertaken before the disease has progressed too far, are practically devoid of danger. And I sensed the miracle wrought by science and skill, which makes it possible for a surgeon to take out one's internal convolutions, cut them up and sew them together again, and put them back a good deal better than new and with a comparatively small degree of danger of a fatal ending for the patient.

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