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AGAIN, TWO PARTIES

If the American system of government which, for more than one hundred and fifty years, has given to the people of the United States a greater degree of liberty than is enjoyed by any other people of the entire world, coupled with the highest degree of material prosperity and a standard of living higher than any ever before known, is to survive, we must return to government by two major parties.

Judging by the interest shown by the Republicans of this and other counties of the state in the recent county conventions, the Republican party is about to resume its historic position as one of the two great parties necessary to the survival of the bi-partisan system of government.

The bi-partisan system, whichever party may be in power, assures the government of the country by the will of the majority of the people and not by groups of small minorities combined into blocs as in some unfortunate nations.

It also assures the preservation of the system of "checks and balances" which the constitution of the United States wisely created to prevent the domination of either the executive, the legislative or the judicial branch of the government.

After six years of silence, during which the present nation administration has carried on the government according to its own whims, the Republican party is showing signs of renewed interest and vitality. It is a sign that the mass of the people, tired of aimless drifting, are again ready to take a hand in their own government and that they are not yet ready to surrender to any form of dictatorship the liberties which the Constitution of the United States has, for more than 150 years, and still does guarantee to them.

Not in Nevada alone, but in every state of the Union in which there have this year been primary elections, the trend is toward the reestablishment of the bi-partisan system of government. It is a hopeful sign.

NOT GOOD BUSINESS

Congress has adjourned. One of the last acts of the body was a resolution introduced by Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, chairman of the powerful Foreign Relations Committee. The resolution — "Resolved that the Senate record its unqualified condemnation of the inhuman bombing of civilian populations." Fine — but we civilized nations can't be too severe on Japan and Spain—because we are supplying them with all the supplies necessary to do the bombings. It wouldn't be good business for our ammunition and plane factories.

LAKE MEAD

Today man's greatest made lake is slowly covering landmarks that in years gone by have made western history. St. Thomas in the Moapa Valley is almost now a memory. Families that have for seventy five years lived in the valley are watching as the waters slowly cover the place that has been

known to them in all these years as — home. Many a tear is shed as these firesides slowly disappear below the waters of the rising lake. Such is the price of progress.

BUSINESS WOMEN

This week-end we welcome the Business and Professional Women's State Convention. We hope that the delegates will enjoy the extensive program that has been arranged for them.

AUTOMOBILE PARKING

Once again the city is starting out to enforce the parking ordinance. Every six months or so this "enforcement" starts. Automobile parking is a problem — even in Las Vegas. Our merchants should help make it possible for the tourist to stop near his place of business.

As usual, you will find that the tourist can't park his car anywhere near the business district — because the merchant and his employees have taken up all the available parking space with their own cars — where they will remain all day.

All space that the owner and employees do keep all day is used by taxi cabs, unloading zones, etc. We never could understand these "unloading zones." The ice wagon, beer truck, mail truck and every other form of delivery vehicle just stops in the middle of the street — and stays there. We have failed to find anything in the city ordinance that delegated any special right to trucks and delivery cars.

We offer a suggestion to the city commissioners — take all the yellow stripes off the curbs on Fremont, Main, First and Second streets and let our visitors park there. Let the taxi cabs, trucks, etc. park in the alleys.

SEARCHLIGHT HIGHWAY

We will soon be able to make the trip between here and Searchlight with ease. The highway department has just awarded the contract for the first twenty miles of the road from Railroad Pass. This piece of highway construction is one of the most needed in the southern part of the state and will help greatly in developing the mining activity of the Searchlight district.

OUR WEATHER

Every little while, summer and winter alike, we just have to remark about our weather. So far this summer we have not experienced our usual warm spell. The days and nights have, without exception, been ideal. We hope that they continue to stay so.

POLITICS DOWN ON THE FARM

Some time ago, a New York paper, in speaking editorially of the dairy situation, said: "Once every year, at campaign time, scores of politicians clamber aboard the milk wagons and stomp the state, strewing promises in all the rural districts as lavishly as the farmer himself sows his seeds. Experience has shown that few, if any, of these promises are ever fulfilled. With one possible exception . . . the net result of all these promises has been a series of crackpot laws that failed miserably and left the farmer worse off than he was before."

This is true of all agricultural states. Wide-awake farmers, whether they deal in milk, fruit, vegetables, stock or anything else, are placing less trust in political panaceas and more in their own efforts and their marketing cooperative organizations. "God helps those who help themselves," is as applicable to farming as to any other enterprise. The politicians who manifest so great a concern for agriculture at election time have shown their true colors too often in the past to make it safe to trust them too far in the future.