

Letter to "Farm and Ranch Magazine"
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America's Political Hope
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Farm and Ranch:

Many are alarmed concerning the attempts to change the fundamentals of our National Government. This fact is due in part to the recent setting up of emergency methods of restoring normalcy in economic conditions. It is further aggravated by the attacks and counter attacks of both the opponents and the advocates of these measures.

It is true that too many radical changes would be detrimental to an efficient governing body. Notwithstanding the fact, a few progressive changes are necessary to satisfy the needs of a rapidly growing Nation. Each generation witnesses some change of Government policies. Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Wilson, and Roosevelt are the men who have molded the national policies during their respective periods of influence. Other chief executives have to a more or less extent followed the designs set for them by these great men. The achievements of these leaders coupled with the loyalties and co-operation of their contemporaries constitute our political heritage as a Nation.

I am not one of those who desire America to become prey for either the Communists or Nazis. Neither do I believe such will happen. During a time of great political upheavals it is impossible to forecast the future with accuracy. Much turmoil is probably in store for our country in order to safeguard our cherished institutions, but as yet, there is still a fond hope that Americans will remain Americans despite the severe trials which they are forced to undergo. When the colonists gained their independence from England, they believed that they had gained all for which they had fought. This was not the case. Soon strife began at home. The question of secession brought the country into a great civil war. Each side gained a victory. The North gained in that slavery was abolished, and the States were forced back into the union. The South gained in that she won undying glory on the field of battle and demonstrated a courage that forced respect from her conquerors. Since the period of Reconstruction ended, the interests of the South have been respected more than they were at any previous time. The Nation is more united now than ever before. That Government is firmly established whose equilibrium is maintained by a sound public sentiment. Although our Government may be badly shaken, it will be restored so long as the common citizen is permitted to aid in forming public opinion.

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Typed from published article found in family records. Joe B. Cox, Jr., 1/19/2015. William Ernest Cox descends from Solomon and Naomi Hussey Cox through Thomas Isaac and Rachel Carr Cox, Solomon and Elizabeth Johnston Cox, Pleasant C. and Martha Jane Bybee Cox, and Francis Marion and Iola Pearl Sims Cox.