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It is becoming traditional for persons with nothing to say, yet with the urge to say it as extensively as possible, to revert to an old quotation used by Lewis Carroll in his "Through the Looking Glass." It runs something like this, as you probably know — "The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things. Of ships and shoes and sealing wax and cabbages and kings." At least the quotation opens the way for your somewhat 'walrusian,' (apologies to lexicographers), editor to chatter about trivialities.

The United States is recovering. While newspaper reports of progress upward are so voluminous as to be a bit confusing, now and then one runs across data more easy to understand. The July survey of the National City Bank of New York as to economic conditions has just come to the editor's desk. The following points are heartening:

1. Stock prices have advanced some 85 percent since March 1. Bond prices have advanced 15 percent.
2. At this time of the year, when business men usually expect a summer slump to be well underway there has been a rise so vigorous that seasonal restraining influences have had no effect.
3. More than 1,600,000 workers have been re-employed since the end of March.
4. From April to May there was an increase of 11 percent in factory payrolls. This is a neat contrast with the usual seasonal movement which is downward.
5. The farmer is gaining not only because the prices of his products are better, but because they have advanced more than the prices of the things he buys.

Old National City goes on to point out encouraging things in the industrial and financial world, indicating that the worst is over. It talks about the Glass-Steagall banking act and sounds a rather gloomy note, mentioning the provision requiring member banks of the Federal Reserve System to divorce their security affiliates. But then of course National City, (who hasn't forgotten the Mitchell case), has no doubt a bit of salt left on its tongue, said salt having accumulated there during recent months. It was doubtless somewhat of a shock to that institution to have the happy wedlock between it and its own security affiliate rent assunder.

The editor stopped to look in on one of these street corner auction sales last evening and saw another side of the picture. There a blatant auctioneer, anxious to get rid of things and no doubt go home to bed, disposed of beds for a dollar, rocking chairs for 50 cents, dressers for two dollars, and so on. In the background, on the steps of the house which was to be their home no more, was the family which was forced by the press of circumstances to dispose of its worldly goods. The eyes of the mother were tear-filled as she sat with the two young boys who were her sons.

There is real tragedy in such occurrences. And so many of them have taken place these past months—in cities, towns, and on farms. What anguish must come to humans, seeing things that were their being virtually given away to strangers. No more will a mother tuck her children to sleep in that bed which is being packed into a nearby truck. No more will she sew under the lamp

which is being toted away by some person whom she does not know.

The editor does not mean to become maudlin about this. Yet it does make one hope, and hope deeply, that our generation will so conduct itself as to avoid another era such as we have just passed thru. One can reflect upon our superior educational advantages and almost conclude that we are enlightened enough to watch the danger signals and insure a continuing prosperity. But the tongue must wander into the cheek. Because good times will return, money and jobs will abound, and then that very human trait of selfishness will lead the country into an irrational business era which will end the same way. To me it seems that if the schools could somehow train young minds to control that trait they would have done more for civilization than if they would teach every man, woman, and child to memorize all the books in the library of congress. But that is perhaps the same as asking them to teach pigs to fly altho the motive is certainly more practical.

The Nebraskan in this issue, and in ensuing issues, running hometown stories on summer students, written from a country angle. Time or space will not permit the publication of all these stories and so some students will be slighted. But we are drawing the stories out of a hat in order to be fair about it and express regrets that all of them may not be used. The stories were originally prepared by the university news service and are being used this week by papers in your various home towns.

A little naive has just taken place in the Nebraskan office which merits comment. A schoolman stopped in for a copy of last week's paper saying that he had been in Chicago during the past week. We asked him his name, desiring to run a small personal—for he said he had spent part of his time at the N. E. A. convention—because we thought that his friends would be interested. Sharply, (and somewhat childishly we thought), he declared that he didn't want publicity and refused to reveal his identity although he did let it slip that he taught in Minnesota.

If there is anything to be ashamed of in having it known that one has attended the N. E. A. convention, The Nebraskan earnestly desires to know what it is for it would make a great story. Most newspapers have constantly co-operated with the schools and it is curious to find such a person as this one who refuses to co-operate with the newspapers. In this precise situation the gentleman's curt refusal certainly cannot be attributed to any quality of admirable modesty. It rather appears to be a warped conception of the relation of schoolman to the public. We shall be the first to admit that it is his business whether or not he wants his name in the paper, but we take the liberty of adding that in his case it was darn poor business.

Much of the material in the current issue has been gathered and written by the five students in Pro-

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fessor Walker's summer journalism class. For most of them it is their first taste of reporting and the Nebraskan is printing their stories virtually as they prepared them because the editor wishes to spare them the odium of seeing their first masterpieces butchered beyond recognition by a copy pencil. Besides we feel they have done rather well.

UNIVERSITY PLAYERS WILL PRESENT 'THE GOLDEN GOOSE' 18TH

(Continued from Page 1.)

John Dunman, Francis Brandt, and Ruth Holmes.

Tired Actress.

The plot of the comedy centers about a movie actress, who, tired of people, disguises herself as an old lady and goes into the maine woods where she hopes to be, according to Herbert Yenne who with Zolly Lerner also of the dramatic department is directing the play, "a lone lady in a lone camp, in a lone woods."

Several men, including a distance runner, a shyster constable, and two others find her there and lend the traditional masculine protecting arm. To the constable the situation seems to be bigamy but to the others it seems to be a lot of fun and between them the situation grows a bit involved. How it all turns out is, of course, something else again and that will all come out in the play.

Proceeds from the play will be given to the Fred Ballard Scholarship Fund, used to help worthy students interested in speech. No royalty is charged by Alumnus Ballard who has in a similar manner been adding to his fund over a period of years. Other plays which he has written include "Young America" and "Believe Me Xantippe." He is now living in New Hampshire.

Members of the University Players cast have been rehearsing for about three weeks. This evening they will give a dress rehearsal for the entertainment of the inmates of the state reformatory here and Sunday they plan another rehearsal at the penitentiary.

NEW PLACEMENTS.

New placements which have been announced by the bureau of educational service include Edith Harrison, principal, Anselmo; Neva Lewis, Normal training, Bridgeport; Ava Lee, history and social science, Rosalie; and Eloise Jamus, rural school, Furnas county.

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Independence Day will be observed Tuesday, July 4th. There will be an intermission of summer session work beginning Friday, June 30, and ending at 7 a. m. Wednesday, July 5th. The regular classes which meet on Monday, July 3, will be postponed to meet on Saturday, July 8.

A green fountain pen, found on the campus, has been turned in at the office of the director of the summer session in Teachers college. It may be had upon identification.

All summer school students who traveled to Lincoln by railroad are asked to turn in their certificates to Director Moritz' office, teachers college 305, at once. The railroads provide for return fare at the end of the session for one-third price if 100 students turn in their certificates.

LOST—A green fountain pen

with black tips between the home management house and Social Sciences Thursday morning, June 15, about 8 o'clock. Finder is requested to turn in the pen at Director Moritz' office, Teachers college 305.

LOST: Small, heart-shaped shield on golf practice grounds just west of Social Sciences building. Finder please call 72, two rings on campus, or B2230.

PETERSON SPEAKS.

F. V. Peterson, who is working on his doctor of philosophy degree in the department of political science, spoke thru KFAB at the University studio, last Monday afternoon, on "Some Errors in Social Thinking."

TO NEBRASKA CITY.

M. H. Zeigler has been elected to teach Mathematics in the Junior High School at Nebraska City for the coming year. Mr. Zeigler has been in the teaching profession for six years. He has been superintendent for three years, two of them were in the school at Lodgepole.

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