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THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, Nov. 25, 1886
 Morris and Co., did not secure the Hagerty building for their holiday goods, but will open them up at the old stand. Ellsworth Mack will have charge of that counter.

The Commercial Hotel changed hands Monday. Mr. O'Neill has leased it to William Laviollette, who is now in possession. Roscoe Coughlin is in charge as manager.

The first number of the Chambers Journal was printed last Saturday morning on The Frontier press.

Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, Nov. 26, 1891
 Drilling on the artesian well was resumed Monday and up to Tuesday night all worked nicely, but a tool got stuck and they are working to get it out.

The Eagle club ball will be held at the rink tonight.

Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, Nov. 28, 1901
 The present weather would suit very well for the month of September. A refreshing shower fell Tuesday and the warm sunshine Wednesday made one forget it was time for winter.

Telephone connections have been made and the first "hello" was spoken over the wire to Omaha by S. J. Weekes, secretary of the local company.

Mrs. Catherine Murray died at the home of her son, Lawrence, ten miles northwest of O'Neill on Wednesday, November 20, of dropsy, at the age of 56 years.
 County Judge Clarence Selah died at his home in this city Tuesday morning at 2 a. m., November 26. He had been ill for five weeks with typhoid fever and was thought to be on the way to recovery, when he suffered a relapse which ended in his death. He was 44 years of age at the time of his death and was serving his second term as County Judge. In 1883 he established a newspaper at Ewing called The Item, which he moved to O'Neill several years later.

Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, Nov. 23, 1911
 The hay market took a jump upward again last week. They paid \$11.00 a ton for choice No. 1 hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King and family arrived in O'Neill last Thursday night from Moline, Ill., and will make this city their future home. Mr. King has purchased the Galena Lumber yards and will take possession as soon as the invoice is completed.

The Frontier, Nov. 20, 1911
 Col. Neil Brennan and son, Francis left for Washington, D. C., last Monday morning where Francis will enter school to prepare to take the examination for admittance to the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., to be held next spring.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Catholic church this morning when Rev. M. F. Cassidy performed the ceremony that united Charles E. Burks of Gordon, to Miss Laura Stannard of this city.

Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, Nov. 24, 1921
 Neill was the victor over the O'Neill High football team, at Neill for the annual Turkey Day game, which marks the close of the season, by a score of 33 to 0.

Nine blocks of water main for the new water system at Page, already are laid and the base for the new water tower is now being completed.

Ten Years Ago

The slayers of F. J. Sexsmith were apprehended at Niobrara Monday and the younger of the two, Lloyd Hammond, 23, is in jail here, while his confederate, Frank Mackey, 50, part Indian, is in jail at Niobrara. The young man made a full confession to the authorities.



Now that the architectural contract for the bomb loading plant in Saunders county has been awarded, it is expected that the first of the construction may be let soon. Many letters regarding employment are being received by all members of the delegation. It suggested that those interested attend to their immediate registration in the nearest area office of the State Employment Service also, that they contact the employment headquarters of contractors when such headquarters have been established.

J. Russell Young has been a newspaper man on the White House beat for twenty years. He was recently appointed Commissioner of the District of Columbia by President Roosevelt. During his newspaper work at the White House, Young was usually the spokesman for the newspapermen. The President dubbed him the "Dean of the school of expression." Young then organized a school naming it the "J. Russell School of Expression." He holds annual meetings during which "examinations" are conducted. The President is one of his graduates. So are members of the Supreme Court, the Senate, House and many others prominent in public life. Mayor LaGuardia of New York is one of Young's pupils. He has failed in several examinations and has not yet earned his diploma.

Visitors to some of our Island bases are wondering why two airports are constructed—one for the army and one for the navy. Those who are fighting for a separate air force believe that competitive aviation branches increase duplication and decrease efficiency.

Congress has passed and the President has approved a repealer of three key sections of the neutrality act—Sec. 2, banning merchant ship entry into belligerent ports; Section 3, barring combat zone travel and Section 6, prohibiting the arming of ships. After eight hours of solemn debate and after direct appeals from the White House and the State Department, the House voted concurrence in the Senate amendments to the joint resolution that it had first passed on the 17th of October, by a margin of but eighteen votes. Sixteen democratic committee chairman including the Chairman of the Committee on World War Veterans Legislation voted against the resolution. Many who voted against it did so believing that it was one of their last opportunities to protest against our possible active involvement in another foreign war.

The Administration promise to stop strikes in national defense industries and to help pass some labor legislation was the thing that switched some votes in favor of the repeal of some sections of the neutrality act. Bills are ready in both houses and leaders tell members to expect labor legislation soon.

Just what is left of our neutrality law. The scrapping of all shipping restriction left the following provisions:

1. President power to issue a proclamation naming belligerent states when he finds that a state of war exists among them; power to rescind the proclamation when hostilities cease.
2. Permission for American Red Cross vessels to enter combat zones.
3. Prohibition of travel by Americans aboard belligerent vessels.
4. Prohibition of anyone within the United States to purchase sell or exchange bonds, securities or other obligations of a belligerent state or its political subdivision.
5. Prohibition of the solicitation or receipt of contributions for belligerent or their nationals except those authorized by the Government.
6. Exemption from the act of any American republic engaged in war with a non-American state, provided it is not co-operating with another non-American state.
7. Authorization for the President to restrict the movement of foreign vessels, including submarines, and armed merchant ships in American ports.
8. Establishment of a national munitions control board composed of the secretaries of State Treasury, War, Navy and Commerce.
9. Prohibitions against the "unlawful" use of American flag by vessels of foreign states.

10. A fine of \$10,000, imprisonment not more than two years, or both for persons convicted of violating any provisions of the act.

Are we in the second world war? That question comes in many letters. Technically, we are not. Congress has removed legal limitations so that armed merchant ships flying the flag of the United States may travel through combat zones to belligerent ports. But the constitution reserves to Congress alone the right to declare war. It is generally felt here that we are in a sort of undeclared naval war with the Axis countries. As our armed merchant ships get into combat zones incidents are likely to occur. That means shooting, sinking and death. Some leaders feel that is as far as Uncle Sam needs to get into the war. There is no sign of an AEF yet. Our country and even Britain are not ready for that now. So the program is to build up our program rapidly and be ready for whatever may come. Nobody in Washington, today, knows what tomorrow will bring.

While we build our defense program, the clever diplomats are busy. The Foreign Service which is sometimes called our first line of defense is busy. That service is given credit for keeping Russia active against Germany. That service, too, is given credit for playing clever games with Japan and Finland. What it is doing with Italy and other countries is not so well known, but it is certain while soldiers fight, clever men sit around mahogany desks in great buildings playing a game of chess which has as its objective the greatest trade in human lives ever known to man. Sometimes the victory around these tables decides what soldiers on the battlefields are going to do. In recent days it is believed here the diplomats on the side of the Allies have been winning.

The State Department continues to be troubled by some South American countries in which there is not whole hearted cooperation with its plans. Some time ago, the President issued an order stopping credit and shipments to 1,700 firms in those countries which were charged with transshipment of essential war materials to Germany and Italy, probably through Spain and Portugal by the air-lines between those countries and South America. But the lure of credit extended by the Export-Import Bank to foster South American trade seems to lead to more and newer firms engaging in such international bootlegging of war supplies. So now comes still another executive order, forbidding credit and shipments to 623 more firms along the east coast of our southern neighbor countries which have been caught in this profitable game of double crossing our government. There may be more discovered.

Among recent visitors in the Third District office were: Miss Mary I. Anderson and Mrs. Ray Muzzie, all of Fremont, and Mrs. W. J. Kirtbridge of Lincoln.

New Books in Library

Two new books have recently been placed in the local library. "The Story of the Church" and "Joseph's City Beautiful". "The Story of the Church" is an official history in brief of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and of its successor, The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. The author is Inez Smith Davis, a great granddaughter of Joseph Smith, commonly known as The Mormon Prophet. The central theme revolves around the social ideals and the plan for the solution of social inequality today by the establishment of Zion, a new social order where genuine Christianity would prevail, and the problem of poverty to be solved by the development of the individual and the application of the law of Christ to the distribution of wealth.

"Joseph's City Beautiful" is a historical novel dealing with the building of the City of Nauvoo which at the prophet's death in 1844 was the largest city in the state of Illinois. It is written by Mabel A. Sanford, who has resided at Nauvoo, Ill., for more than twenty years, and the social ideals and philosophy of the founders of the city are woven in a most interesting story. This was the prize book of the year 1939 for the church.

These books are of special interest at this time because of the widespread circulation and review of Vardis Fisher's book, "The Children of God", which the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints claim is a bald misrepresentation of facts and a libel on the founders of their church; also, because of the widespread showing of the recent film "Brigham Young". Members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints were among the pioneers in Antelope county. This

was Elder Thomas Dobson, who preached in August, 1870, at Blair township (see history of Antelope county, chapter 37, page 215). They have always been strong advocates of monogamy.

The headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is in Independence, Missouri. Dr. Fredrick M. Smith, grandson of the founder, is the present leader. Members of the church reside in many sections of Nebraska and among them are found men who are leaders in business and professional circles.

Inquiring students are kindly invited to read these books as opportunity affords.

Higher And Higher

Statesmen who steered through Congress the new tax bill which will take ten per cent of every man and women's income above the legal exemptions next year told us that "we haven't seen anything yet." In order to prove it they are already beginning to talk about the next tax hike. The other day Congress decided to stall off serious discussion until the first of the year, although it was admitted that the evil day could not be postponed much further than that.

Nevertheless enough has leaked out unofficially to give one a definite idea of what is in mind. There will be an increase in business taxes all along the line. But the average man is principally interested in the taxes on his salary or wage.

Proposals which will be considered include another increase of fifteen per cent in the surtax. Another is a hike in social security taxes from one to four per cent. There is talk also of having the wage worker's or salary earner's new taxes collected in advance so that the process will involve a sort of pay envelope tax.

It is said the rich cannot be taxed much further because they have been soaked the limit, and further increase would discourage individual effort, dry up earnings and bring in less revenue.

It is possible this may happen in the lower brackets too when the day arrives—and it seems no far off—when a man will have to pay a third of his net earning in taxes.

Some men are already saying that when income taxes get so high they seem to be working and worrying principally for the income tax collector they propose to "go back home and take a rest" in a place where they and their wives can get a little "ground" and live on \$1,500 a year, or even less, and thereby divest themselves of a lot of worry. Such time has not arrived yet, but it may come in the near future—a time when a lot of folks now earning sizeable salaries or wages will decide it is easier and cheaper to get by with a more modest living. Nothing more greatly discourages the ambition to have a get along in the world than over-burdening taxation.

The Methodist Church

V. C. Wright, Minister
 Church school 10:00 a. m. H. C. Burch, Superintendent.
 Public Worship 11:00 a. m. Music by the choir and sermon by the pastor.

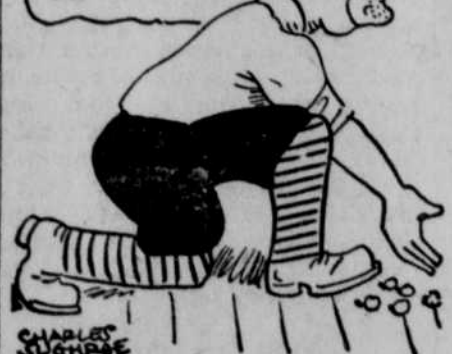
Youth Fellowship worship hour 7:00 p. m. This will be a missionary program.

Booth Festival at which the northwest group of churches comprising the young people from Chambers, Ewing, Inman, Lynch, Bristow, and O'Neill will contribute for the support of the Crowell home for the aged at Blair. There is not a guest in the home under sixty-five years of age. Rev. A. D. Burrell, superintendent of the home will speak.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold their annual bazaar and serve a turkey dinner in the evening Wednesday, December 3. The WSCS will also give

MICKIE SAYS—

IF YOU WERE HIRIN' A SALESMAN, YOU'D WANT SOMEBODY 'AT LOOKED IMPORTANT 'N PACKED SOME GOOD OL' PRESTIGE AND DIGNITY—SAME WAY WITH PRINTED SALESMANSHIP, OR ADS—THEY'RE MORE IMPORTANT IN OUR NEWSPAPER.



a special program at the church on Friday December 5. Special talent will feature this meeting. For this tea meeting at 2.30.

Hiking "Social Security" Taxes

For several years critics of the administration of the Social Security Law have objected to certain provisions of the statute for different reasons. One objection has been that the amount asked from workers and employees is greater than is necessary for the setting up of a fund necessary to pay social security. It has been declared that we could get along on much smaller sums than are being collected and that since the money has gone into the general fund it is "borrowed" by the government for other uses.

That there is some weight to the arguments presented is indicated by action now proposed by the federal government. The proposal is that the social security system be utilized for the collection of 5 or 6 billion dollars a year, not because the money is needed for the objectives of social security but to supplement the revenue which is being collected from general taxes. In fact, it is admitted that no increased collection is needed for social security purposes.

On the other hand it is declared that the government under its present heavy expenditures needs all the money it can get to meet the rapidly mounting expenses. Even with all the money scraped together the national debt will steadily go skyward.

Therefore it will no longer seriously be maintained that the collections from employers and from the pay envelopes of the workers is to meet social security outlays. In addition to the excuse that more money is needed to meet administration expenditure it is declared advisable to "mop up the extra money in the people's pockets for which there are no goods to buy." This it is added will help avoid inflation, because if the wage earners have any money left over the bare cost of living they will use it either to bid for goods which are scarce or put the money in the bank and make possible more credit extension. This, it is said, will lead to inflation. Without going into the soundness of this argument for increasing "social security" taxes it may be said that a lot of things are now being proposed to avoid inflation.

The proposal is to increase the wage earner's tax for social security from one to five per cent of his wages. To the man earning \$3,000 a year this means an increase of \$80 in this farm of tax, in addition to increases in all other forms of taxation.

Will this add to his "social security"?

SSpeaking of priorities, the government has had a priority in red ink since 1933.

Fay Allendorfer, Willam and Russell Weber and Allen Henderson left Sunday for their homes in Chicago, after spending several days visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Allendorfer and Mr. and Mrs. Allendorfer.

THE PRESENT
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Sam Farmers' Best Customer; 30 Marketing Centers Established



Uncle Sam, the American farmer's best individual customer, spends \$750,000 a day every day in the year on foodstuffs for his army.

To afford the best possible facilities in handling these immense sales, it is announced that 30 regional marketing centers are being established throughout the country where producers may sell direct or through community or farm co-operatives. In this manner the Quartermaster Corps bought 750 tons of turkey together with all the trimmings for the soldiers' Thanksgiving dinner, and just now Uncle Sam is stocking up for the Christmas holidays and all the hearty meals that will come in between.

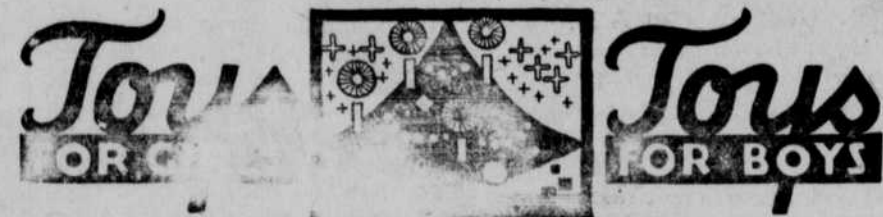
Through the marketing centers it is declared that Uncle Sam and the millions of American farmers will get better acquainted. Uncle Sam will get fresh produce of the highest quality and the farmers will get higher prices. An example of the volume of goods taken by the army is reported in recent requisitions for rations during the

autumn maneuvers in the Carolinas where the purchases in Columbia and Wellington marketing centers included: 2,600,000 dozen of eggs, 1,600,000 pounds of butter, 420,000 pounds of cheese, 315,000 pounds of turkey and 704,000 pounds of chicken.

At the same time a program has been announced for the purchase of a large part of the seasonal output of local canneries, smaller industries situated in the various fruit and vegetable growing regions. These district purchases will augment the recent buying of 125,000,000 cans of vegetables through the Chicago Quartermaster Depot.

Of the 50,000 horses and mules doing their bit in the army the great majority of these equine recruits were brought from the farms within the last few months, the purchases amounting to \$239,372. The spring program calls for a still greater number of riding horses and draught animals.

From all sections of the country come reports that Uncle Sam's marketbasket is a symbol of prosperity on the farm.



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Gifts, Toys, and everything you need for Xmas. This is the year you should do your Xmas shopping early and avoid the Shortage.

GIFTS FOR BOYS

- Ties
- Sweaters
- Billfold Sets
- Flash Lights
- Socks
- Gloves
- Scarfs
- Trucks
- Books
- Games

GIFTS FOR GIRLS

- Dolls and Buggies
- Rocking Chairs
- Porcelain Sets
- Toy Dish Sets
- Games of all Kinds
- Purses
- Comb and Brush Sets
- Toilet Sets
- 10 and 25c Jewelry

Gifts for Mother and Dad

- Bedroom Slippers
- Nylon Hose
- Nylon Slips (all sizes)
- Toilet Sets
- Dresser Sets
- Scarfs
- Tables and Lamps
- Sets of Dishes
- Card Tables

- Slippers
- Sets
- Socks
- Stan's
- Pen Sets

CHRISTMAS



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