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Views of Congress

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The returning members of Congress all indicate that they have had a very busy summer. It was common to hear them say that they came back to Washington to get some rest. The people in all parts of the country seem to be thinking along the same lines as those in Nebraska. There is much unrest caused by a feeling that federal agencies have been making too many rules and regulations. A tremendous ground swell of public opinion against the many mistakes being made on the home front is sweeping the country. When individuals and groups get in the way of overwhelming public opinion they are very apt to get run over.

I visited the great army show, "Back the Attack," on the grounds surrounding the Washington Monument. Here is a wonderful display of the equipment of modern warfare, tanks, artillery, machine guns and rifles of the latest type, bombers and fighter planes of different kinds. It illustrates all the details of military life from mobile shoe and clothing repairing and laundry units to the splendid medical care and the condensed food furnished our armed forces. The show is being put on by the army to stimulate the sale of war bonds. It convinces the observer that we have the best equipped, best fed, best clothed and best paid army in all the world. One sort of swells with pride to know that a peace loving country of two years ago was able to switch from plow share to swords to produce an army with the finest equipment and more of it than all the other nations combined. If it is possible after this war to switch from swords to plow shares and have industry and labor produce the many things needed in the United States it will be an equally marvelous performance. It can be done. Every community should be making plans for this and for jobs for returning soldiers.

Interesting hearings with the military are being held this week. Some of them are public and some secret. There is a general feeling among Members of Congress that it is no longer necessary to have seven or eight million men under arms in this country. They feel that the armed forces may be getting too large and that there is much extravagance and waste in their growth. It is becoming more and more evident that the military is running the government. A Major General is at the head of the Selective Service System, when Congress intended it should be run by civilians. It is natural for the armed forces to get all they can while they can. I believe the pendulum is now swinging back and the elected representatives of the people will have a greater voice in the affairs of government.

Your congressman has sent an urgent request to the Treasury Department to grant a sixty day extension of the time for filing of income tax reports. He has further urged that income tax forms be simplified. The House Ways and Means Committee is now working on these problems.

Where times normal, Washington would have been the scene of a great celebration on Saturday, September 18th. As it was, the sesquicentennial of the laying of the cornerstone of the Capitol passed by without any official notice. This was in direct contrast to what took place on that date in 1893, the centennial anniversary. Describing that event the Washington Star of September 18, 1893, said: "The day was ushered in by the ringing of centennial chimes. Following as closely as possible the program of the original ceremonies, the procession was chiefly confined to civic bodies. . . . At the head of the procession . . . rode the President of the United States and his cabinet officers in an open barouche attended by Mr. Beriah Wilkins, chairman of the reception committee, and escorted by a squadron of United States Cavalry. . . . The east porticoes of the House and Senate, which were free to the public, were like pyramids crowded with gazers. . . . By one o'clock nearly all the immense space in the grounds of the Capitol at the eastern front were occupied by thousands of spectators.

At the time the cornerstone was laid in 1793 the headquarters of President Washington and the Congress was in Philadelphia but Congress was not in session due to an epidemic of yellow fever there, and the President was staying at Mt. Vernon. He came to the site, which was then only a hill on the outskirts of old Georgetown. It was said that Washington, on his way to the ceremony in which he was to officiate, had his coach stopped on the Virginia shore of the Potomac, opposite Georgetown, and pointing to the Hill, said: "There is the beginning of the grandest structure of the age. There is about to be celebrated an event that will never be forgotten. There are being planted the seeds that are to grow until the branches flourishing there will reach from ocean to ocean." Today the magnificent



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capitol building dominates the site of the city which is not only reaches from ocean to ocean, as envisaged by Washington, but

whose influence reaches around the world. No one living today has even seen the cornerstone of the Capitol for it is buried deep under the

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steps under the east front portico at the southeast corner of the old north wing, the section occupied by the Supreme Court before it moved to the present building. It is planned at some future date to make an excavation with steps leading down, so that the public will be able to view the cornerstone.

The Fulbright Resolution, with an appropriate amendment, has been passed by the House. About the best statement of the attitude of the whole country on the subject of post war collaboration for the purpose of ensuring peace was written by Editor Cass of the Ravenna (Nebr.) News. Here it is: "Isolationism is dead — not because the New Deal, or the Democrats or the labor unions killed it—but because the world does move, and we are moving with it whether we are conscious of it or not. The United States is embarking upon a new era of her history. We cannot stop it, we cannot ignore it. It is a destiny that was meant to be." We wish we had room to re-print his whole editorial, for it is very worth while reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lundgren and Mr. and Mrs. James Rooney were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller of Ainsworth. Miss Hazel Cronk and Miss Margaret Cronk spent Sunday in Page visiting their father, Fred Cronk.

Miss Betty Biglin of San Francisco, Cal., arrived Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Biglin, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Grace Wilcox and mother, Mrs. Brookhauser returned Sunday from Sioux City, where Mrs. Brookhauser had been in a hospital for the past two weeks for medical treatment.

THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Sixty Years Ago
 Holt Co. Banner, Sept. 25, 1883. Garfield Lodge No. 95. F. and A. M., is now under a charter granted to them by the Grand Lodge of the state.

Parties to whom guns were issued some time ago by the state are requested to return them, either to Patrick McCoy's, P. Hagerly's or M. H. McGrath's. Should the matter be turned over to the attorney general, those who do not return the guns will be personally responsible for the same, and will be so held by the state.

Married, at the Catholic church on the 20th inst., by Rev. Father Smith, John Testman of Norfolk to Miss Mary A. Kearns of O'Neill. A wedding supper and evening hop at the residence of the bride's parents, near O'Neill, were among the festivities of the day.

Holt Co. Banner, Oct. 2, 1883. The Methodist church presents a fine appearance. The roof is on the main part and the wing, the cupola is about finished and the carpenters are now putting on the siding.

John McBride and family will soon occupy their new house on the hill. It is about the handsomest residence in town, site and everything considered.

Messrs. Fallon and Hayes have commenced the erection of a meat market on the lot next to the corner lot belonging to the bank and will commence butchering immediately.

J. C. Smoot has purchased the building formerly occupied by Evans & Welton as their meat market and is fixing it up in good shape for his barber shop, and will stay in O'Neill.

Holt Co. Banner, Oct. 9, 1883.

C. B. Herman has sold his meat market to Fred Gatz of Columbus, who is expected to take possession today.

The republican county convention was held in this city last Saturday and the following ticket was nominated: County clerk, John W. Wertz, Willowdale; County treasurer, David L. Darr, Steel Creek; Sheriff, Ed Herisher, Center; judge, Neri T. Hoxsie, Saratoga; superintendent, Rev. B. B. Blain; surveyor, Alonza E. Rice, Stuart; coroner, Isreal R. Smith, Center; commissioner, first district, John E. West, Ford.

The county board has decided to submit to a vote of the people the question of dividing Holt county into two equal parts, constructing a new county out of the west half of the present county to be known as Perry county.

Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, Sept. 27, 1888. With this issue of The Frontier James H. Riggs retires from the editorship and management of the paper, the same being taken over by his brother, George D. Riggs. James Riggs retains his interest in the paper but, for a time at least, he will work in other fields.

A lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah will be instituted under the auspices of Elkhorn Valley Lodge No. 47, I.O.O.F., on next Thursday afternoon.

The home of D. J. Sparks, living about six miles south of town, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

The Frontier, October 4, 1888. Will Conton's handsome residence north of the school house is about completed.

The democratic senatorial convention met at Deloit, this county, last Saturday afternoon and nominated Patrick Fahy, one of the pioneer settlers of O'Neill, as their candidate for state senator. Quite a number of O'Neill's prominent democrats attended the convention and were accompanied by the O'Neill Cornet Band.

The Frontier, October 11, 1888. Potatoes are being shipped from O'Neill by the trainload. They are the finest in the land, raised on Holt county soil and weigh on an average of a pound apiece.

Billie Merriman left O'Neill last Saturday morning for Portland, Oregon, where his family now reside and where he expects to remain in the future.

Messrs. Frank Toohill and Walter O'Malley have opened up their new meat market north of the First National Bank building. Ernest Weekes will manipulate the knife and saw for the firm.

Mrs. M. McDonough and son, Walter, started Monday morning for Canada, Mrs. McDonough's former home, to visit among relatives and friends for a while. They will then go to New York City, where John is located and where they will make their future home.

Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, Sept. 28, 1893. Married, at the Catholic church in this city on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1893, at 8 o'clock a. m., Rev. M. F. Cassidy officiating, Dennis Carlson to Miss Alice Slattery, both of O'Neill.

Mrs. J. B. Berry died at her home on the Niobrara near Padlock on September 10, 1893. She was one of the pioneers of the county, coming here with her husband in 1873. She is survived by her six sons and four daughters.

The Frontier, October 5, 1893. The republican county convention met in the court house in this city last Monday morning and the following ticket was nominated: Sheriff, H. C. McEvony; clerk, C.

E. Butler; treasurer, Neil Brennan; superintendent, S. L. Anderson; judge, E. M. Ogle; surveyor, R. E. Bowden; coroner, H. A. Skelton, Page.

The democratic county convention met in this city last Saturday and nominated the following ticket: Treasurer, Hi Hodgkin; county clerk, Peter Carberry; sheriff, P. Ieman; county judge, Sam Wagers; superintendent, Phillip Sullivan; surveyor, Luther Maben; coroner, O. F. Biglin.

The Frontier, October 12, 1893. Married, at the Catholic church in this city Wednesday morning, October 11, at 7:30, Rev. M. F. Cassidy officiating, T. D. Hanley to Miss Delia Marsh, both of this city.

Barrett Scott was brought back from Mexico last Saturday in charge of three men and is now in jail here.

Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, Sept. 24, 1903. William Luben, residing some three or four miles south of Emmet, sustained the loss of his house and all its contents, barn, two horses and four sets of harness Sunday by fire. He and his family were away at the time of the fire and cannot account for it.

Another of the old veterans has passed away. Last Thursday night the death angel called Silas Smith. He had been a sufferer for about two years of heart trouble. He was 70 years of age. He leaves, besides his wife, a son and daughter and one brother, I. R. Smith.

The Frontier, October 1, 1903. J. H. Addison died at his home fifteen miles northeast of O'Neill

on Saturday, September 26, 1903, at the advanced age of 82 years, six months and two days. Mr. Addison came to this county in 1881, coming here from Minnesota.

Last Thursday night, or early Friday morning, Ewing had a sensation in the shape of a bank robbery. The vault door was blown off by dynamite and a small amount of cash, secured, the robbers making their escape.

The Frontier, October 8, 1903. A change in the management of the Dewey house occurs next Monday, when Ira Lapham takes charge, he having bought out Mr. Hough.

Ernest Adams has been circulating around with a box of cigars under his arm and handing out smokes to his friends on the strength of a pair of husky boys that arrived at his home Tuesday morning.

A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. A. Baker.

Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, Sept. 26, 1913. Last Saturday Judge Carlson performed the ceremony that united in marriage Ralph S. Stevens and Miss Elizabeth Conard, both of Page.

Martin Conway of Dixon, Nebr., last week purchased the J. M. Culbert farm of 320 acres ten miles northwest of this city, paying \$10,000 cash therefor. Mr. Conway will move on the place next spring and plans making extensive improvements thereon.

The Frontier, October 2, 1913. The new public school is near-

RULES FOR MAILING CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

TIME OF MAILING—Gift packages may be mailed to American soldiers overseas without presentation of a request from the soldier during the period from September 15 to October 15.

SIZE AND WEIGHT—Packages must not exceed five pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

LIMITATIONS—Only one such package will be accepted for mailing by or on behalf of the same person or concern to the same addressee during any one week. It should be indorsed "Christmas Gift Parcel". Perishable matter will not be accepted.

ADDRESSING—Write legibly and give full name, Army serial number, service organization and unit, APO number of addressee and the post office through which parcels are to be routed.

PREPARATION—It is absolutely necessary that articles be packed in substantial boxes or containers and that various gifts in a combination be securely fitted. Pointed or sharp-edged instruments should be protected. Candies in thin pasteboard boxes should be enclosed in wood, metal or corrugated pasteboard.

POSTAGE—The rate on parcels of fourth class matter (exceeding eight ounces) is the zone rate applicable from post offices where mailed to the post office in care of which parcel is addressed. The third class rate of one and one-half cents for each two ounces applies to package not exceeding eight ounces. Parcels containing only books are acceptable at the special rate of three cents a pound. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas" or "Don't Open Until Christmas" may be placed on the covering but should not interfere with the address.

