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Plenty of Help

One member of congress has received in excess of one thousand letters containing suggestions for the operation of the government of the United States. The letters, some of them transmitting voluminous typed and printed formulae, come from nearly all the states of the Union and from organizations in Canada and lands across the sea.

Return Call

Now that it is being admitted that the King of England is here as the mouth piece of Mr. Chamberlain, members are beginning to ask if arrangements have already been made for our President to make a "return visit" to England. The guess is that our Chief Executive may visit England next year.

Buying For Half a Billion

We have about 130,000,000 people in the United States. The British King who is here on a pleasure and business trip, rules over five hundred million people. Whether or not the King is here representing Prime Minister Chamberlain, Washington people well understand that he is here to sell us something. Rulers on whose lands the sun never sets, are backed by the shrewdest diplomats in the world. Yankee traders of the olden days found that out.

One Sort of Foreign Diplomacy

Representatives of foreign nations who, have their offices here never pass up a bet. Not a word in public committee hearings or in the Congressional Record is missed by them. One member who fought on the floor one day against the importation of certain foreign competitive farm products was amazed the following day, to get an invitation to attend a "tea" at the house of the diplomat representing that country from which that foreign farm product comes. That particular foreigner is noted for his lavish entertainments and his "teas." Never before did this member receive an invitation. He was so suspicious he didn't accept. But when he asks his colleagues why he was invited, they just laugh and wink knowingly. An "afternoon reception" or a "tea" is usually fancy food and about any drink you can imagine.

Guarding Along Royalty Route

Believe it or not, the owner and occupants of about every house or office building along the parade route of the English King and Queen, were known to the police long before the royal couple were due to arrive in town. Even the agents of Scotland Yard reached town some days before the Washington ceremonies. Even the secret service men and employees have cards bearing their finger prints and photographs so they can pass through the lines. Even the secret service men, and there are hundreds of them, don't know each other.

Nebr. Visitor Honored in House

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bierman of South Sioux City and Mr. Bierman's mother, Mrs. Sophie Bierman of Dakota City, Nebr., have been here several days. Mrs. Sophie Bierman was honored, following adjournment of the house the other day, by being allowed to sit in the chair usually occupied by Speaker Bankhead and from this location the history of the house chamber was told to her. The Biermann's plan to visit the Fair in New York before returning home.

Who Shall Grow The Sugar?

Letters ask why there is so much fighting over sugar in the house these days. There are many reasons. The main one is "money." Sugar may be sweet but it has caused a lot of heart aches, revolutions and bloodshed. More money is spent on sugar lobbying than for any other commodity.

Sugar today has a powerful grip on American capital. It has eaten into the pocketbooks of our farmers; it has tapped the public treasury and it speaks with power when it tells American beet growers they can grow only so many sugar beets.

American people consume about 6,600,000 tons of sugar a year. Of that amount only 2,300,000 tons are produced in the United States. Of that amount 1,700 tons made from American beets and 600,000 tons come from American cane. The rest of it, or 4,300,000 tons come to us from Cuba, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Cuba sends us about 2,000,000 tons. It sends us more sugar than any other country and we give them about forty million dollars in duty discounts. We give the Philippines around eighteen million a year.

American beet and cane growers are told to grow less of sugar cane and sugar beets. These American farmers want to grow more. They can't figure out why, if they have the land, and there is a market here for their product, they should be forced to hold down production. They think they ought to be allowed as much as they want and then let Cuba and others send in the balance. That is part of the explanation of the sugar fights.

The High Cost of Being Peaceful

We are spending more than a billion dollars a year upon our army and navy. Five years ago (1935) we spent less than half that much. The appropriation for the army and navy amounts to \$1,281,448,065 for 1940 as against \$540,184,946 for 1935. These astronomical figures represent the tribute the people are forced to pay to the War God of the nations, because some rulers have the grabbing instinct.

Ten years ago a nine power treaty was signed that provided for peaceful settlement of international disputes. We were a party to that agreement and we kept it. A new fight over the neutrality legislation is scheduled for congress.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln — J. A. Little, director of transportation for the Nebraska State Railway commission is cooperating with Nebraska Seed Potato growers and shippers in an effort to secure lower railroad rates which are necessary to permit the Nebraska potato growers and shippers to meet competition and hold their southern markets at fair prices.

Mr. Little appeared before a rail-

road commission to support a proposal for reduced rates on potatoes to meet truck competition. The reduction proposed would amount to 30 cents per cwt. on extremely long hauls into the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Little hopes that the reduction will be made effective in time to move this year's crop.

Concerning the history of the case, Mr. Little said: "As the result of a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission made in July, 1932, the rates on potatoes from western Nebraska to points in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi were reduced 3 to 6 cents per cwt. The reduction became effective in October, 1932. I represented the Nebraska Certified Potato Growers and various associated individual shippers such as G. M. Jenkins at Hemingford, H. O. Wildly of Hemingford, Harry Coffee, of Chadron, Mike Riley, of Hay Springs, and Peterson & Sons also Kimball Seed Co., of Kimball, Nebraska; in that case and produced evidence, briefs and arguments to justify the reductions demanded.

"Potatoes are subject to freezing. Railroad refrigerator cars with heaters give potatoes good protection in transit. Our growers have preferred rail service because seed potatoes ought to be delivered to southern farmers in the best possible condition for planting. Nebraska's seed potato market in the South was largely built up on railroad service and delivery.

"In recent years truckers have bought citrus fruits in the Rio Grande Valley and sold them to Nebraska stores. The citrus fruit crop moves north at the same time our seed potatoes move south into the southern early potato growing areas. Truckers bought Nebraska potatoes to give them a back load into the citrus growing sections. In many instances such truckers knew little or nothing about seed potatoes and would buy inferior potatoes cheap and sell them as Nebraska Seed Potatoes at cut rate prices in competition with carefully grown and selected Nebraska Certified Seed Potatoes and thereby hurt the sale of legitimate seed potatoes at fair prices which might be secured because of the care in growing, grading and sorting which is necessary to produce high grade seed."

Six noted men, five of them alumni, were honored with degrees by the University of Nebraska at the commencement exercises last Monday.

Dr. Orien W. Fifer, class of 1889, editor of the Christian Advocate, received the degree of doctor of laws. Rev. Fifer served as pastor at Wahoo, Geneva and York. He left Nebraska in 1904. He as-

Dr. Frederic B. Graver, professor of economics in the University of Minnesota, was graduated from Nebraska University in 1909. Dr. Graver is an authority on tax reform, public utility franchises and social legislation.

Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon State educational system, was graduated in 1905. He was superintendent of schools at Ashland, Fairmont and Norfolk. He went from Nebraska to Oakland, California and was chancellor of the University of Denver from 1928 to 1935.

LaMonte J. Kelknap, executive engineer of Montreal, Canada, was educated in the Lincoln public schools and was graduated from the state university in 1898.

Ernest E. Howard is a consulting engineer in Kansas City. He was awarded the degree of doctor of engineering. He is a graduate of the University of Texas.

Dr. Hartley Burr Alexander, class of 1897, is a man of international reputation. He taught philosophy at the University from 1908 to 1927 and since 1927 has been professor of philosophy at Scripps College, Claremont, Calif. Dr. Alexander has been lecturer at the Sorbonne, Paris; the Denver Art Museum; and the School of American Research, of which institution he is a member of the board of directors. Nationally known for his literary achievements, he is best remembered here for his selection of inscriptions and program of art symbolism for the Nebraska state capitol, and his several pageants depicting the history and development of Lincoln, Omaha and the Ak-Sar-Ben. He was also commissioned to select the inscriptions for the Los Angeles public library, the Oregon state capitol and the science and electricity buildings of the Century of Progress exposition at Chicago.

About a million dollars a month in gasoline revenue will be collected by the new division which the legislature has set up in the state department of agriculture for the collection of gasoline taxes and fees from oil inspection. The bill passed last week by a unanimous vote of 35 to 0 and seems certain of the signature of the governor.

A group of Omaha business men added excitement to the final days of the legislative session by holding a secret dinner at a Lincoln hotel and urging the legislators to pass a bill giving the people of Omaha a chance to vote on the question of whether the Nebraska Power company should be purchased by public power districts. The city of Omaha needed "protection," they asserted.

All but seven or eight of the senators attended. Allen T. Hupp presided. Speeches were made by Sam Reynolds, Max Miller and E. F. Pettis.

Officials of the Loup River Public Power District made an emphatic protest against reopening the power question. "We have listened to enough of this power debate," declared Senator Gross. When Senator Thomas attempted to revive the controversy only the Douglas county delegation supported him.

The sewer pipe bill, which its opponents claimed was sponsored by vitrified clay products firms and would destroy competition and cause higher prices, was killed last week by a vote of 20 to 13. When a project is started, city officials must ask for bids on both cement and vitrified clay sewer pipes. Senator Van Diest, one of the introducers of the bill which would have removed the requirement that both kinds of material be considered, declared that there is no reason for such a law, and that there is no other such law in any other state in the union.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Arthur Rouse and sister, Miss Maud, motored to Orchard on Saturday for a visit at the Steinburg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nelson and baby, Naomi, spent Decoration day at Atkinson.

Mrs. E. H. Rouse spent Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Langan and family.

Mrs. Julia Woodward, a missionary from South America, is a guest at the Eric Borg home. She is a cousin of Mrs. Borg. She gave a very interesting talk at Paddock Union church on Sunday morning. The last time she visited in this locality was thirteen years ago. Her husband was with her at that time but he passed away a short time afterward.

Harry Fox spent the past week visiting relatives and friends at Akron, Iowa. He reports crops looking good there but he says they

haven't had as much rain as we have had.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Borg and Marvel, Mrs. Julia Woodward and Lloyd Rouse were guests at Geo. Hansen's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas and children spent Sunday afternoon at the Harrison and Devail homes.

The severe wind of Sunday did considerable damage to trees in this locality, blowing down several apple trees loaded with fruit on the Harrison farm, also the ends of the potatoes are black, as though a frost had touched them.

Arthur Rouse spent Tuesday evening at the Frank Griffith home. Cecil Griffith also spent the even-

ing with home folks.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the Pleasant Valley church on Wednesday afternoon when Marjorie Lindberg became the bride of Roger Rosenkrans. Marjorie has lived in this locality since babyhood and is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg. The bridegroom is a native of the Dorsey neighborhood and while he isn't as well known in this locality, he is a young man of high standing. Following the ceremony a reception was held for relatives at the home of the bride's parents. The young couple have the best wishes of the community for a long and happy married life.

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No longer an experiment but a proved success, thanks to the cooperation and efficiency of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, this plan for self-regulation has been used as the model for other state self-regulatory programs under the sponsorship of the United Brewers Industrial Foundation. Similar programs are now functioning in Kansas, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and Maine. The Foundation plans to extend this work gradually, as facilities permit, throughout the country.

The announcement of our program on June 5, 1938, was widely hailed in Nebraska as our definite pledge to work shoulder-to-shoulder with law-enforcement authorities on behalf of the public interest.

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