

The Washington-Merry-Go-Round —

Sol Bloom Charges William C. Bullitt with Deserting 3 American Presidents

By DREW PEARSON

Truman-Hoover Plan

Regardless of the GOP defeat, it looks as if the Hoover commission on reorganization of the government was going to win out in the end.

The plan was created by the "second worst congress" and sponsored by Senator Taft's spokesman, Congressman Brown, of Ohio. Most Democrats figured the Hoover commission's work now would be junked.

But it won't, and there are two good reasons why. One reason is Harry Truman. The other is Herbert Hoover.

These two gentlemen have become quite fond of each other. Despite the cracks he took at Hoover during the campaign (which came under the head of "campaign oratory"), Truman really likes Hoover. And the feeling is reciprocated.

Hoover had never set foot in the White House since the sad day he left it in 1933 until Truman invited him back after Roosevelt's death. The fact that Truman called the ex-president in for consultation automatically shielded him from the barbs and sting which the New Dealers had slung in his direction for 12 long years. No longer was Hoover their favorite punching-bag.

Not only that but Truman had brought him before the public eye once again. And Hoover was so grateful he even requested the Gridiron club to let him speak in order to pay special tribute to his newfound friend.

Truman, in turn, not only likes Hoover but plans to use Hoover's name to wrest from congress powers which they refused to give to Franklin Roosevelt.

Congress Withheld Power

Truman not only wants to be a good president, but he is acutely sensitive to Dewey's charges that Washington needs a housecleaning. He has one in mind. But he has learned, far better than Dewey, that you can't clean house unless congress gives you the power to houseclean.

FDR asked for housecleaning power, and Harry Truman, then only a junior senator, vividly recalls how the Republican press smeared it as the "dictatorship bill" and how a Democratic congress barely passed a bill giving him severely restricted powers.

So Truman wants to use Hoover's name to put through a new reorganization bill, and he wants Hoover's support in lining up conservative Republicans to back him.

Furthermore, Truman believes that Hoover, like the supreme court, has read the election returns, and will not recommend anything which he, Truman, can't go along with. Since Hoover was also once a president, conditioned by the White House background, they think somewhat alike on what is needed in the executive branch of the government.

There are only two living men who have any idea of the cares and wear and loneliness of the presidency. This bond makes the two men closer together than party labels. That, perhaps, was one reason why Hoover stayed out of the recent campaign.

Furthermore, Hoover needs Truman even more than Truman needs him. This is Herbert Hoover's last public service. He has worked long, hard hours, and he wants this reorganization of government to be a final monument to his career.

That is why he is leaning heavily on Truman to rescue his last efforts from defeat. Unless Truman does so, and gives them a Democratic label in the new Democratic congress, they will have no chance of passage.

Little Aid for China
Chiang Kai-shek's chances of receiving vast new appro-



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Out of Old Nebraska —

When Railroad Missed Wyoming, Town Near Nebraska City, Its Hopes Faded Away

By JAMES C. OLSON

The map of eastern Nebraska is dotted with ghost towns marking the final resting place of pioneer hopes and aspirations which somehow failed of realization. One of the most notable of these is old Wyoming, just north of Nebraska City in Otoe county.

Wyoming was laid out in 1855, and rapidly developed into one of Nebraska's promising river towns. It was a stop on the stage and mail route from St. Joseph, Mo., to Omaha, and every day or two during the season a Missouri river steambot tied up at the Wyoming landing.

Jacob Dawson, who seems to have been one of the town's leading promoters, began publishing a newspaper, The Wyoming Telescope, in October, 1856. It was published regularly until the Summer of 1860 when all of its equipment was sold to the Nebraska City News.

We have a few issues of this old paper in our files at the State Historical society, and they provide an illuminating account of the town's early development and hopes for the future.

On June 11, 1857, Editor Dawson wrote, "The houses are springing up around here so fast that we have given up the attempt to keep any account of the number."

Again on September 3, he remarked, "Our city is still advancing in improvements. Houses are progressing rapidly." The same issue announced the completion of two new sawmills and the construction of a hotel. The hostelry, when completed, would compare favorably with any of

priations from the incoming Democratic congress appear pretty slim, if energetic Congressman Sol Bloom, new chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, has his way. Quoth Sol privately to friends:

"I'm not going to vote to give Chiang another gun or another dollar for war purposes until he cleans his own house. That Chinese government has corruption coming out its ears — and their so-called army is the worst offender."

"Furthermore," opined Bloom, "we ought to stop these phony American observers who go over to China for a month and then come back to tell us either what we already knew about Chinese army graft, or only what Chiang wants us to know."

Bloom was referring to William C. Bullitt, who can claim the unique distinction of having deserted three American presidents and who, having jumped on the Dewey bandwagon, ducked off to China before the Truman administration could stop him. He was appointed by the Republicans before the election — as an "observer."

Faye Brunckhorst New Noble Grand

INMAN — At the regular meeting of Arbutus Rebekah lodge Wednesday evening, December 1, at the IOOF hall, the following were elected as officers for the coming term: Faye Brunckhorst, noble grand; Mary Tomlinson, vice-grand; Carrie McMahan, secretary; Elsie Krueger, treasurer; Mildred Coventry, sponsor Theta Rho Girls' club, and Patricia McMahan, assistant.

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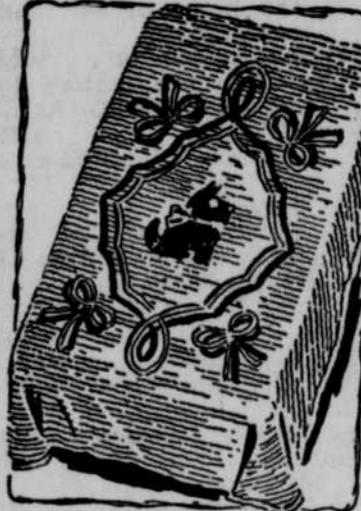
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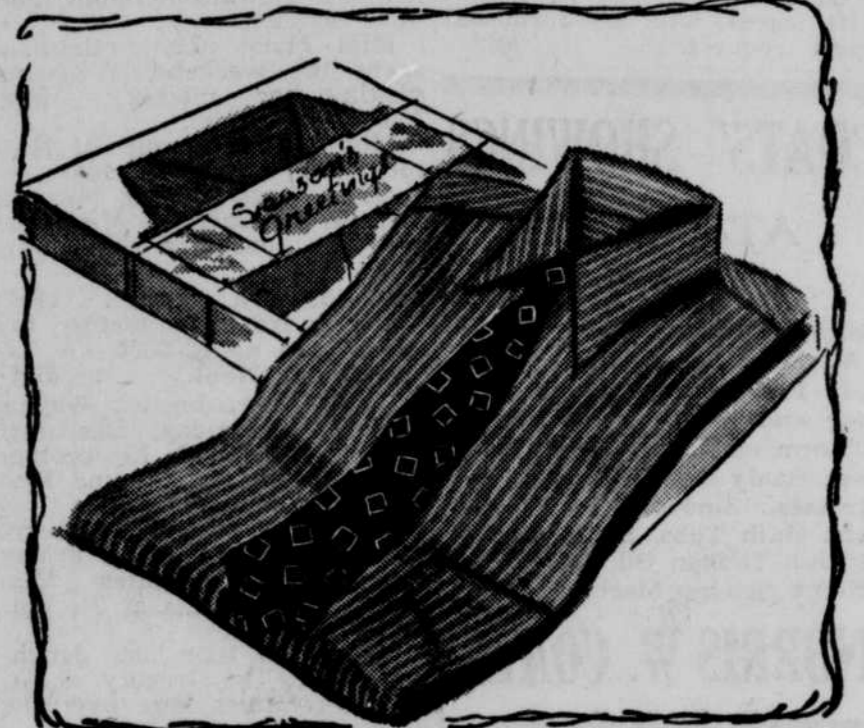
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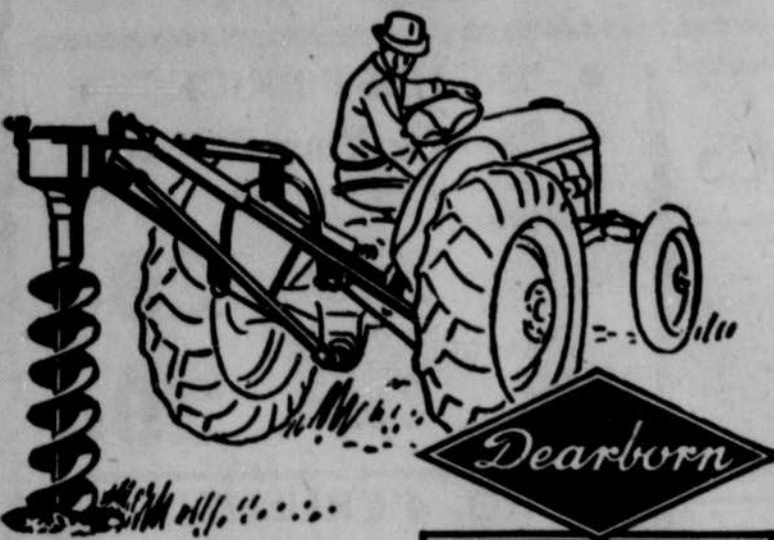
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