

PRAIRIELAND

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LINCOLN — Not many citizens will go along with Tax Commissioner Armstrong and his theories of valuations for taxation purposes. His idea of trade territory determining the value of a stock of merchandise favors one community at the expense of another. Merchandise is valued at wholesale invoice regardless of where it may be located within the state. The raising of cattle valuations under the alibi of bringing them to a level of other property values appears untenable. The statute certainly must contemplate the leveling of live stock values of a given community with the values of like property in all other communities, and not the value of a steer in Holt county with the value of a sewing machine in Antelope county. As I see it, the board of equalization in dealing with the cattle assessment has only to equalize values cow for cow, one county with another.

A committee of 36 citizens has been selected by the governor to investigate the highway needs of the state. Naming a committee is always a delicate job. Probably Gov. Peterson has done the best he knew how. Some members of the committee now live on concrete highways, which must be the eventual answer to the highway needs. Holt county is represented on the committee by Attorney Julius D. Cronin. What J. D. knows about building roads he probably will not boast about, and I will venture the guess that he would say any one of these boys driving heavy loads of hay and cattle know better what the road needs are than anyone who rolls over the highways and cow trails in a Packard. The truck drivers are quite unanimous in saying the oildist is not the answer. Gov. Peterson expresses the hope that citizens will cooperate with the committee. He might have added, too, that the committee hopes to cooperate with the citizens.

A precise little lady sat on a front seat, a small girl beside her and a young boy on the side seat within armreach of his punctilious mother. Her prim attitude, the expression of excessive flavored countenance threw out the warning, look out—here's an A-bomb. The lad first submitted to an orderly arrangement of his coat draped over one arm. With a vicious grab mother snatched a string the boy was toying with and chugged it into her handbag. Something in the way the boy held his lip annoyed mama and she gave him a slap on the mouth. A faint smile and look of disapproval on the part of an observer of this mode of family discipline caught the lady's attention, and she next leaned over and whispered something in the lad's ear. That boy is in a fair way to grow up with hatred in his heart for restraints of law. The well-meaning mother is training her boy to become a Jesse James.

It's a dull day when there isn't something for a congressional committee to investigate. One of the latest is going into some deals involving the late Pres. Roosevelt and the ship-building wizard, now in the automobile business. At best, these investigations only bring out in emphasis the familiar fact that all men are human and liable to stub their toe on a pile of filthy lucre. Anyway, we came out on top of the ruins of time's greatest tragedy.

An American tells it. He and a friend boarded a crowded bus in Copenhagen, Denmark. Two girls, ages 11 and 12, at once got up and gave their seats to the two men. Don't expect anything like that in Nebraska.

Another of that old school of newspaper men from whose trenchant pens flowed wit and wisdom in polished eloquence has passed from the stage of action. H. E. Mitchell died the other day in Detroit, Mich. For some years he was on the old Lincoln Daily Call, a snappy little evening paper that carried the Walt Mason and Henry Allen Brainard scintillating gems. These were local fellows on the regular staff. Editors believed in home product before the era of canned editorials from syndicates. Edgar Howard and Will Maupin are about all that are left of a notable group that included Edward Rosewater, Gilbert Hitchcock, Ross Hammond, Doc Mathews, and his successors on The Frontier.

Of the 17,500,000 100-pound sacks of Maine potatoes the government bought under a price support plan, 8,200,000 sacks were destroyed by pouring kerosene over them, a waste of fuel. Much of the remainder was sold to outfits to convert into alcohol (sale price: 1-cent per pound). With the vast array of government notables there is the same inward glow of complacent responsibility over the potato deal that has characterized similar ventures—the citizens being expected to absorb the shock and toss in a little more of their earnings by way of taking care of losses.

It was a gifted American poet who made the mistake of taking an asylum for the insane for a university. Discovering his error, he remarked to the gatekeeper that after all there was not much difference. Yes there is, that functionary said, here they have to show some improvement before they can get out.

Political signs point to the second coming of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

Mrs. Maurice Cavanaugh and daughter, Mary Lois, were in Norfolk visiting relatives for the weekend.

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'GRINNING GUNMAN' CAPTURED

William L. Kaiser (right), disgruntled former capitol policeman, was identified by Sen. John W. Bricker (Rep., O.) as the "grinning gunman" who fired two shots at him in

the senate subway. Kaiser was apprehended two hours after the attempted assassination, and Bricker confronted him in the office of Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Edward McGinnis (left).

ATTENDS KIN'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bazelman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clements attended the funeral of Alfred Bauer at St. John's Catholic church in Ewing Monday. Mr. Bazelman and Mrs. Clements are cousins of the deceased. Mr. Bauer died last Thursday after an illness of four days. His survivors include the widow, five children, ranging from two years to 11-years-old, his parents, three brothers and a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reed, of Orchard, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bazelman Sunday and Monday.

Houseguests Feted

Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher entertained at a luncheon Saturday. The guests-of-honor were Mrs. Latta and daughter, Miss Libby, of Omaha, Mrs. J. A. Devine and Mrs. W. H. McInerney, both of Cheyenne, Wyo. Mrs. Latta and daughter are houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Birmingham; Mrs. Devine was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell and Mrs. McInerney was visiting Miss Anna O'Donnell and family.

Hartys Return from West

George Bosh drove to Omaha Tuesday to meet Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Harty and son, Thomas, who spent a six weeks' vacation in California and Washington. They returned early Wednesday morning.

Easterners Visit Miss Carney

Miss Mary E. Carney entertained Mrs. E. L. Tracey and son, Edward, of Morrisville, Pa. They left Tuesday after spending four days here.

Attend Reunion in Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Greene returned Tuesday from a family reunion of Mr. Greene's family in Neola, Ia. They were gone four days.

Return from Canada

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Armbruster returned Friday from a two-weeks' vacation in Canada.

Infant Wears Heirloom

EMMET—John Edward Frederick Geiger III, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Geiger, of Los Angeles, Calif., was christened recently wearing a 65-year-old gown that is an heirloom in the Geiger family. Mrs. Henry Patterson, of Emmet, returned Saturday after spending four weeks with the Geigers. She was present at the christening rite.

Nimble Thimble Sewers

EMMET—The Nimble Thimble Sewers 4-H club held a special meeting Sunday with Mrs. Grant Peacock, the leader, to complete plans for a float to be entered in the Hay Days parade at Atkinson.

INMAN NEWS

Mrs. Anna Smith left Tuesday for Compton, Calif., where she will visit her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith.

Miss Ardel Curry, of Omaha, came Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. Charles Cadwallar, and family.

Mrs. Anna B. Pierson and Miss Carolyn Watson left Tuesday for Boston, Mass., where they will visit Lt. Col. and Mrs. Clifford Oppen. Mrs. Pierson will also visit relatives in New Hampshire. Mrs. Ira Watson took them as far as Omaha.

Mrs. L. R. Tompkins returned Friday from Lincoln where she has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Doughty and attending the evening sessions of the National Methodist Rural Life conference. Cal Geary, of Lyons, was an Inman visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. Eva Murten left Friday for Blair where she will visit friends for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Cronk and daughter, of San Bernardino, Calif., came Saturday to visit Mrs. Cronk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher.

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to inspect the completely filled "Hope Chest" to be given away by the American Legion Auxiliary on

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