

PRAIRIELAND ... TALK

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LINCOLN.—A state university professor sees further decline in population if we remain a strictly agricultural state. Prairieland covets not the belching smokestacks of factories and battles and busted heads of striking workers. There is room in Nebraska—room in the "far-flung open spaces where no plow has turned the sod," room for men to live and breathe God's free air, to see the glory of the sun rise and the splendor of the sunset's afterglow, room for villages and towns, for homes on the land. Nebraska—the cow, grain and hay state where families may live and work and learn and worship in unworldly and unhurried freedom.

If congress has authority to fix monthly rents on dwelling houses and apartments has it not authority to say what share of the crop the renter shall turn over to the land owner and how much cash he puts up per acre for pasture? Is there any limit to price fixing?

The morning was cheerless and soggy. Clouds, like a gray curtain, hung across the sky. Pavements were wet, bespattered with mud, a raw wind penetrated to the marrow. The pedestrian, wrapped in the morning gloom and mental melancholy silently grumbled about the bad weather. Then a citizen crossed his path, flashed a captivating smile as he called out a cheery "Hello!" and the face of the young man shone with a full measure of glory. "Oh, heck, it's not such a bad day!" And so the sunshine of a warmhearted personality dispels the dark shadows of unlovely thought even as the glow of noonday sun overwhelms obscuring clouds.

Robert Meals accompanied the diplomatic mission to Ankara, Turkey and is now serving the Turkish government as advisor on munitions. He is a son of Col. Charley Meals who won his spurs at West Point where he went from O'Neill under appointment from the then congressman of the Sixth congressional district in 1901. Robert served as an officer in the late war, himself a product of West Point.

If you must smoke yourself to sleep, better get your self some asbestos bedding.

Asked what he thought of the prospects of another war, the tan clad soldier with the insignia of an officer in the air craft service on the sleeve of his coat, replied: "It is too near to suit me." He had seen three and a half years service in Europe and in the Pacific and at present is stationed at an army flying field at home. His observations and experience brings the conviction that the next world tragedy will drop from the sky in bombs and explosives, with the ground army equipped to take over conquered territory. Soldiers, who have felt the world pulse, viewing the situation as they do, what may patriots everywhere contribute toward peace among mankind?

The Indian mother packs her papoos in a blanket on her back while his lordship—her man—walks ahead of her unincumbered. The native African mother carries her baby astride a hip as she works the farm land, while her man lolls in the shade. They were walking up O street, in Lincoln, the young mother carrying the child in her arms while the young dad walked by her side empty handed. Men just don't take to caring for babies.

The Frontier today with a bulky issue outdoes anything in small town newspaper endeavor in this part of Nebraska. An enterprise of this kind cannot but reflect great credit not only on the editor but business interests of O'Neill that have made such an undertaking possible.

When Calvin Coolidge occupied the White House he once had a visitor on Washington's birthday, one of those gents who like to cast a shadow over our national heroes. He remarked that Washington had been a gambler. Mr. Coolidge looked out of the window in the direction of that tall shaft guarding the Potomac and said "the monument is still there."

Men count their real estate holdings in the thousands of acres. When the bell tolls at the end of life's trail all you can have is 6 feet of land.

The sizable list of candidates for the presidency are getting organizations set up in Lincoln to promote their chances at the April primary. Gov. Dewey, of New York, will

HARVARD MAN . . . Henry M. Noel, jr., Harvard university student, renounced his U. S. citizenship to become a "citizen of the world." Now he is in Kassel, Germany, working as a brick-layer's helper for 25 marks a week.

be boosted again by Lee Rankin, a young Lincoln attorney whom I have known since he wore knee pants. Mr. Rankin managed the Dewey campaign four years ago. Mr. Stassen has invited the New York governor to a debating party, which is not likely to materialize. Debates render participants raving, caving, stark, staving mad and settle nothing, but furnish a little fun for spectators.

I don't know much about the background of the southern feeling toward the Negro, but if a domain in the open spaces of Africa were made available for the colored folks of our black belt the whites that have been knocking them around would have to go to work.

The statistic gatherers say there are 3,882,000 cattle in Nebraska. The best they can do is to take assessment figures which never account for the last hoof. But those figures disclose a beef population more than three times that of humans.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.—Psalms.

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