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PRAIRIELAND TALK By **ROMAINE SAUNDERS**

LINCOLN — Arm the nation to the teeth, leagues and world courts, United States of Europe, and other plans are urged to insure world peace. Where would the capital of another United States be? In London, Paris, Rome, Berlin, Moscow, Athens or on Scandinavian soil?

In 600 B. C. a Hebrew prophet, a captive in old Babylon, set at naught all efforts to gather up the scrap heap of nations in Europe in these words:

And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay . . . and whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall not themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

At the close of World War I, statesmen and the wise of Earth sought for a way to permanent peace. At the foot of a cross erected on No Man's Land was found a German helmet, a French sabre, an American rifle and other emblems of battle. Private soldiers had placed them there. The soldiers' contribution to the search for peace, still disregarded, was by way of the cross.

Bring on Canada wheat fields, tall corn from Illinois, lordly cottonwoods and the cedar's green plumage from the forests and the mountains, set them among the prairie rose and the nodding goldenrod, dainty bluebells and endless miles of grasslands where feed countless herds; long ribbons of living waters, crystal gems sustaining hordes of beauties swimming in the cool depths and water fowl floating on the placid surface; prairieland, sweetened by fields of sugar beets, sloping away from the foothills; birds and floral bloom, landscape reaching beyond the distant horizon — a peaceful spot on the troubled earth, touched at dawn by the pink glow of a new day, kissed by winds in the full glare of noon, serene in the gold of sunset, calm beneath a night sky that is spangled with the eternal stars — 77,520 square miles under the American flag where men live and labor and learn and play and worship in unhampered freedom. That's Nebraska.

There comes a day — and as evening shadows gather in the gloom of life's sunset all too frequent — when you are left speechless. When I saw those headlines announcing the death of John O'Malley they struck with a cold chill.

John, a gentleman of moral rectitude, committed to gathering into the experiences of time that which is carried into the tide of eternity, a scholar without a university degree, a philosopher with mind and heart open to understand the conflicting elements of human virtue and folly whirling in the maelstrom of the multitudes about him. But above all a friend.

And so once more the dark shadows have fallen. Then I remember it is at midnight that the fragrance of the rose is at its best and is gathered at that hour to be crushed and distilled into sweet-smelling perfume.

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Gardening is an outdoor activity for city-imprisoned citizens. Next comes the dandelion-digging season.

It is inconceivable that the supreme court could find otherwise than it has in the "right to work" amendment case. By setting itself against the expressed will of Nebraska citizens, the American Federation of Labor adds another black mark against union labor.

If the voters of a sovereign state can not determine by ballot what the provisions of their constitutions shall be they can decide nothing by ballot. The bull-headed AFL is going on to the court of last resort, so their attorney says, and the treasure chest is at his disposal.

Eighteen states have adopted similar measures to checkmate haughty union bosses, and in these states have been shorn of the power to paralyze industry. No one desires to see labor amply compensated under desirable working conditions more than the writer, but I can not go along with them in trying to set up a hard and fast labor trust.

Senator Taft, Mr. Stassen and Governor Dewey talked it over with Lincoln audiences during last week and left the matter of endorsement to intelligent republicans who voted Tuesday. Stassen made a showing in Wisconsin but he may not be so very proud of it in view of what the Badger state does politically. As I view it, this free-for-all primary is a lousy thing. Delegates are elected to the national convention and it should be left to them whom they will support for the nominations.

There they were in bold but crude letters drawn with chalk, a circle resembling a heart drawn around them. B. H. and underneath L. M. An urchin had drawn them and passed on out of sight. A dainty young maiden came along, say what had been marked on the sidewalk, paused and with an indignant foot rubbed away the lower initials, passed on and paused again. Her childish admirer had drawn another design that meant to convey to L. M. his boyish heart. Again an indignant foot erased the lower initials. Girls just don't fancy being wooed with chalk marks on the sidewalk.

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REDBIRD NEWS

John Hull was a caller here Saturday, April 3.

Elmer Luedtke and family visited in Spencer Saturday, April 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hiscocks, of Dorsey, autoed to Lynch Saturday, April 3, on business. Mr. and Mrs. Art Bessert Ravenna, S. D., Saturday for and Rollie Truax autoed to a visit over Sunday with relatives. Mr. Truax will stay there where he works at Picketown, S. D.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hartland visited Mike Hull's Saturday, April 3.

Henry Hull and family, of Verdel, visited with Fred Truax's Sunday, April 4.

Dale Bessert is sporting a new cowboy saddle which he purchased this week.

Robert Wells visited over Sunday with Berle Bessert.

William Conard and family have moved from Dorsey to the Rock farm northwest of Redbird.

Howard Slack and family, of Dorsey, visited at William Conard's Sunday, April 4.

Rev. Ralph Chamberlain, of Grand Island, visited at Clifford Wells' Sunday, April 4.

William Podany and family were in Redbird Monday, April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barta were in Redbird on business Monday, April 5.

Clifford Wells was in Lynch Monday, April 5, on business.

W. H. Hartland drove to Lynch Monday, April 5, after lumber.

Mrs. Albert Carson and Mrs. Anna Carson autoed to Atkinson Tuesday, April 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kopejka drove to Lynch Tuesday, April 6.

Glen D. Hiscocks, from Gaston, Ore., is visiting his brother, Tom Hiscocks, of Dorsey arriving this week.

Mrs. Rollie Truax called at Redbird Thursday, April 8. Chancie Hull was in Redbird Thursday, April 8. Ray Wilson transacted business in Redbird Friday, April 9. Halsey Hull and daughter, Evie, visited at Redbird Friday, April 9.

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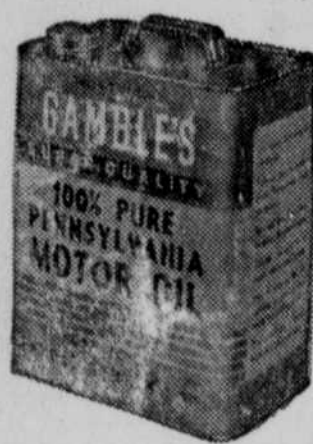
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