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Inspecting State History



MISS ROBERT-JO CAVE
Above is shown little Miss Robert-Jo Cave of Hebron inspecting the prospectus of the new state history. "Bobbie-Jo" has just turned to the page showing the photograph of Chancellor Edgar Albert Burnett of the University of Nebraska.

Nebraskana will include the biographies of more than 2,000 leading citizens of the state. In order to show the style of the book 25 biographies and 24 photographs were printed and bound into the prospectus shown above. Those selected to appear in the sample book are as follows.

Thomas Stinson Allen, Lincoln; Lydia Franklin Baldwin, Hebron; George Allen Beecher, Hastings; Charles Wayland Bryan, Lincoln; Edgar Albert Burnett, Lincoln; James

Henry Cook, Agate; Edwin Blanchard Dean, Crete; Robert Irving Elliott, Chadron; Clifford Pervines Fall, Beatrice; Claude Powell Fordyce, Falls City; Calvin Hervey French, Hastings; Charles Albert Goss, Lincoln; George Herbert Gray, Columbus; Frederick DeLand Lee, Omaha; George Newton Mendenhall, Fremont; Keith Neville, North Platte; George William Norris, McCook; John Nathaniel Norton, Polk; Minnie Freeman Penney, Fullerton; William Ritchie, Jr., Omaha; Dan Voorhees Stephens, Fremont; Olga Stastny, Omaha; Arthur J. Weaver, Falls City; Henry Adelbert White, Lincoln.

The Nebraskana Society has charge of preparing the new state history and urges every prominent person in Holt county to assist in the work.



Znat Whitewash Gang.
Garlic in the Stew.
The Impersonators.
Rural Racketeers.
The Wreckers' Lantern.

There's many a laugh in the newspapers, but the best ones are not found in the comics. There was a good one the other day. It was in the dailies here, a headline that read: "Farmers Union Exonerates Legge and McKelvie!" What down East newspapers know of farmers, farm organizations and their leaders is a joke all by itself. This headline and the story under it was one of those solemn ones such as Bill Nye used to like to spring. You recall he came from Maine and went out to Wyoming and the contrast was hilarious.

Now Chief Frog Legge demands an embargo on Canadian wheat. He figures the duty of 42 cents a bushel needs reinforcement. But it is admitted that Andy Mellon's Treasury department will admit all the wheat offered for shipment into this country under bond or under the drawback provision, embargo or no embargo. If the tariff is not protective an embargo will not protect the wheat.

What did Mr. Simpson get? Bill Thatcher called a few of the boys in and said, "Now, fellows, this has got to stop—or where will we be at shortly if not sooner?" Bill draws down \$12,000 a year and expensive expenses for which the farmer pays and pays. The other "fellows" are in the big money and close to the Farm Board. So it was decided to come down to Washington and do an impersonation of the National Farmers Union and give Mr. Legge and his co-workers a hand—or a whitewash. Which was done, though the duly elected officers of the Union raged in protest.

In other words Mr. Simpson asked a Senatorial investigation and got a whitewash by Bill and his band! The facts now are that Senator Thomas' report of Legge statement to the Senate Agricultural Committee has been corroborated by Senator Wheeler of Montana, Senator Caraway of Arkansas and Senator Heflin of Alabama, all members of the Committee and present when Mr. Legge told how he could raise the price of wheat and cotton but was holding it down to save the Eastern consumer, who just now is out of work. Did that deter Bill from laying on the whitewash? Nay, brother, Bill is not of the deterring kind. He just stirred in a little more lime to make the whitewash thicker and laid on like Tom Sawyer's boy friends on his aunt's fence. Bill knows the whitewash business. Once he whitewashed a bank in Fargo, N. D., when he reported its condition to the State Supreme court.

If there is one thing more than another that is objectionable to the Bill type of men it is the prospect of ANY investigation. In order to square themselves with the Northwest farmer over the manner they were handling grain in the Terminal Association at St. Paul, they had Farm Board auditors come in and go over their books. After the examination, was there a word said as to what or how the condition of affairs were in the Association? Not a word—the report is filed in the archives of the Farm Board. It is easy to reason that if the Farm Board gave Thatcher's organization a clean bill of health the Association would want the Farm Board to look healthy. Why should the Farm Board shrink from a real examination and be content with a pat on the back by a few chaps who are financially interested in themselves and who care about as much for the farmer as Al Capone? It's your turn, mister, you answer that one.

So we have the little comedy played down in Washington and the down East newspapers solemnly reporting it. The very impudence of the thing arouses one's mirth. But like every good comedy, it has its strain of tragedy, and the tragic part is that the grain producer is being fooled by an old trick.

Let us get away from Bill, as far as possible. Really he does not furnish a savory subject for pure reading matter. Once in a while he will have to come in, but merely as the garlic in the olla podrida. Those last two words are Spanish for "Irish stew," so take no offense.

Last December the National Farmers Union elected a new president at the annual meeting of the state Unions in St. Paul, and much against the wishes of a little triumvirate controlling that closed corporation known as the Farmers Union Terminal Association, which was built of the salvage of the wreck of the Equity Co-operative Exchange, which one of Bill's lawyer friends dynamited. John A. Simpson was the new man—and he was not like the retiring president, on the pay roll of the Farm Board. Hence when he came to Washington and discovered from Senator Thomas of Oklahoma that the Farm Board was holding down the price of wheat and cotton for the benefit of the East, he went up in the air like the DO-X taking off. He demanded a Senate investigation of the acts of Messrs Legge and McKelvie and of the Farm Board.

Train men on the Burlington coming in from Sioux City last night say there was heavy fall of snow between Beldon and Brunswick. What the weather man knows as a "trace" fell here.

Winter Wheat and Rye

Winter wheat seeding is 13 per cent below last year and 20 per cent below two years ago according to the December report of the State and Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics. Condition is low. Rye acreage same as last fall and condition low. The U. S. winter wheat acreage reduced 10 per cent and the condition of 79.4 per cent is low.

Nebraska farmers planted 3,042,000 acres of winter wheat as compared with 3,496,000 acres last year and 3,847,000 acres two years ago. Had other states made a similar reduction, the sown acreage of the U. S., would be the smallest since 1914. Nebraska farmers have done more than their share in the adjustment of wheat production.

The condition of winter wheat is 76 per cent as compared with 91 per cent last year and the 5-year average of 90.4 per cent. The conditions are very unfavorable in western Nebraska and unless the weather is unusually favorable, a heavy abandonment may be expected on an acreage that is already reduced heavily. With the exception of injury from Hessian fly in central and eastern Nebraska, soil conditions are ideal for winter wheat and little if any winter killing is expected in eastern Nebraska.

According to reports from farmers there are two areas that are badly infested with Hessian fly. One area centers around Phelps county including parts of Gosper, Buffalo, Kearney, Franklin and Harlan. Another area of Hessian fly infestation centers about Butler, Seward, Saline, Thayer and Gage counties and extending into adjacent counties. While weather may alter conditions considerably, the present condition points to a small wheat harvest next year.

Rye acreage is estimated at 354,000 acres, the same as last year, but slightly more than two years ago. The condition is 77 per cent. Most of the crop is grown in northwestern and north central Nebraska, where weather conditions were extremely unfavorable last fall.

The estimate of fall sown wheat for the U. S. is 38,682,000 acres as compared with 43,149,000 acres last fall, a reduction of 10 per cent. The condition is 79.4 per cent as compared with the 5-year average of 84.9. The reduced acreage and low condition points to a considerable reduction in next year's harvest. A total of 3,712,000 acres of rye were sown as compared with 3,993,000 acres a year ago. The condition is 81 per cent.

Nebraska Crop Value Lowest Since 1910

Nebraska's leading crops are valued at \$140,706,000 this year or 57.7 per cent of last year and 43 per cent of 1929. This is the lowest value since 1910 say the State and Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics. Extremely low prices and low production is responsible for this slump.

The value of Nebraska crop production is the lowest for two decades despite the marked increase in acreage during that period. Farm prices are approximately 30 per cent below pre-war levels. Farmers are still paying 23 per cent more than in pre-war times for commodities bought and taxes are more than two and a half times higher. Under such odds, the great basic industry, agriculture, cannot contribute to increased prosperity of the country.

Final figures place the Nebraska crop at 172,346,000 bushels as compared with 239,100,000 bushels last year and 242,658,000 bushels two years ago. Its value is \$65,491,000 or slightly more than half of last year's value and slightly less than two-fifths of the value two years ago. The wheat crop totals 58,376,000 bushels against 71,557,000 bushels last year and 56,403,000 bushels two years ago. Its value is \$23,359,000 or about two-thirds of last year's value or slightly more than two-fifths of the value in 1929. The estimate of oats is 49,686,000 bushels against 72,065,000 bushels last year and 76,880,000 bushels in 1929. The value, \$11,925,000 is slightly more than half of last year's value and one-third of the 1929 value.

The estimate of tame hay is 2,032,000 tons against 2,867,000 tons last year and 2,727,000 tons two years ago. The value is \$14,630,000 or two-thirds of last year's value and one-half of the 1929 value. Wild hay totals 1,532,000 tons against 2,176,000 tons last year and 2,134,000 tons two years ago. Its value is \$9,345,000 or about two-thirds of last year's value and about three-fifths of the 1929 value.

The value of U. S. production of crops is \$4,122,850,000 as compared with \$5,818,820,000 last year and \$8,088,494,000 in 1929. The estimate of corn is 2,556,863,000 bushels against 2,060,185,000 bushels last year and the 1925-29 average of 2,761,000,000 bushels. The estimate of all wheat is 892,271,000 bushels against 858,160,000 bushels last year and the 1925-29 average of 822,000,000 bushels. Oats, 1,112,142,000 bushels against 1,227,764,000 bushels last year. Barley, 198,965,000 bushels against 304,601,000 bushels last year. Rye, 32,746,000 bushels against 45,379,000 bushels last year. Tame hay, 64,233,000 tons against 63,463,000 tons last year. Wild hay, 8,133,000 tons against 10,751,000 tons last year. Potatoes, 376,248,000 bushels against 333,210,000 bushels last year.

Nebraskana in Rural Schools

Every rural school district in the state is entitled to secure a copy of Nebraskana through the educational fund which has recently been organized.

Nebraskana is a biographical history of the state, containing life

sketches of more than 2500 outstanding individuals. The book is being prepared under the direction of Robert M. Baldwin and Sara Mullin Baldwin, editors. Because of the fact that many school districts would not be able to invest a large sum of money it was deemed necessary to organize the educational fund.

Under the provisions of the fund it is planned to put one copy of the history in every public school district in Nebraska. In order to secure the advantages of this fund, it is necessary that one of the officers of each school board direct a request for blanks to Nebraskana, Hebron, Nebraska.

The editors report rapid progress in completing the biographies to appear in the history. A great amount of type has already been set and the volume will be in the hands of the public within the next few months.



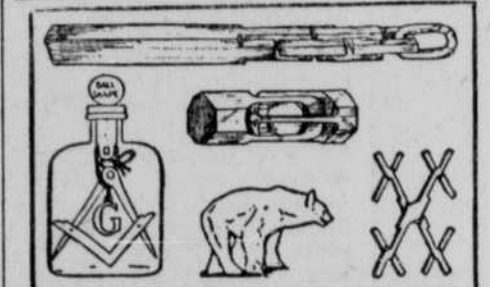
Here Comes King Stork!
Sugars—Beet and Corn.
The Butterfat's in the Fire!
No Bar in Embargo!
King Log Says Nothing.

Human nature is consistent only in its inconsistency. Things a few days or months old are scorned as "old stuff". But things a little older become "antiques" and are held priceless. That being the case this story written 25 centuries ago ought to be worth something: The frogs in a pond grew weary of their king. He was an old log, inert and seemingly useless. After a noisy debate it was decided to ditch King Log and substitute King Stork. The new monarch took the vacant throne and it was not long before the frog population showed a marked decline. King Stork was taking his subjects in with many a wise crack from his long bill. It is claimed that the frogs never learned the lesson and every spring, if you go near a settlement of them, you can hear plainly the old debate between the reactionaries who demand that the King Log be retained and the progressives who insist on a new day and King Stork.

If there is anything in the croakings of Chief Frog Legge and Lieutenant McKelvie, the reign of King Stork is about to begin again. They ask that the Federal government take over the markets where the farmers' products are sold. The trouble is there are so many young frogs who cannot remember the last reign of King Stork during the World War.

Isn't it a fact that every intrusion of the Federal government into business has only made a bad matter worse? The Interstate Commerce Commission was created to regulate the railroads and keep rates down. But it actually keeps rates up! The Federal Trade commission was to curb fraudulent trade practices in merchandising — misbranding and mislabeling — and now with oleomargarine colored yellow with palm oil, where is it? The Federal Power commission was to regulate the hydro-electric corporations and now, according to the United States Senate, the Power Trust controls it. Every time the country has kicked out King Log it has only invited King Stork.

It is what we get for taking the artificial rather than the natural way. Long ago, in medieval times, the first grain or cotton exchanges were "fairs" held at stated times in large towns. Go to a state fair now and try to muscle in without paying for a "concession". In old days such fees were charged. The producer came to the fair to sell and many's the time he found no buyer and hauled his goods wearily home. But a natural evolution took place and now the market for his products is at his door, with cash on the nail for every bushel. Take that market from its present natural state and put the government in charge and the farmer will suffer an oppression greater than anything the "kulaks" know under the Soviet.



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Fifth Prize.....\$25

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First publication December 17. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL Estate No. 2267

In the County Court of Holt County, Nebraska, December 11, 1931. In the matter of the Estate of Martha Stearns, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court for the probate of a written instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Martha Stearns, Deceased, and for the appointment of Wallace R. Johnson, as executor thereof; that January 7, 1932, at 10 o'clock A. M., has been set for hearing said petition and proving said instrument in said Court when all persons concerned may appear and contest the probate thereof.

C. J. MALONE, County Judge. (County Court Seal) 30-2

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Dressmaking.—Clara Alm.

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