

Prairieland Talk

Cleanup Needed in Metropolis

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PRAIRIELAND LINCOLN—It was in the long ago while riding on a train that I became engaged in conversation with a member of the legislature of a neighboring state who expressed his concern because of the defeat of certain measures he considered would be beneficial to the people of his state, these measures not being enacted into law on account of political jockeying. One partisan group opposed the measures because the enactment of such a law meant popularity to the other party following.

It was an unholy delight to certain Holt county partisan hidebound gents when the Teapot Dome steal was discovered but their bag of wind exploded when Cal Coolidge got through with the guilty ones. In less than 200 years under the two or more political party plan the United States has become the leading nation of the earth in spite of a system that at times may defeat measures that would benefit all citizens merely because an opposing party group didn't want to see the other fellows get the glory.



Romaine Saunders

I wonder if some of this lurks behind the scenes in this hunt for red streaks in government and military service the senate subcommittee has undertaken. There are patriots in both great political parties—men and women who cherish the heritage of freedom to shape their own lives that comes to us from the hands of barefoot and starving patriots of Valley Forge, from the heroes at Trenton, and which was made secure at the blood-stained field of Gettysburg; men and women not so partisan hogtied but what they can see the commendable traits in the other fellow, while at the same time promoting their own party interests in all honorable ways.

The president is permitted to sell and give away over a billion dollars' worth of stored grain and food stuff to "friendly" nations. Interesting to learn that these might be such.

Liar! Has it come to that in our revered halls where the life blood of our federal government is supposed to flow? The senate and army bout is over. "Who lied?" shouts here and there. One. Probably no one lied. Stories differed because the scene had been viewed by a collection of human beings, two of whom who see things alike are difficult to find. Ten people will watch one scene. Each will have a different story of what was seen. Since congress convened last January one hectic scene followed another. Little Puerto Rico drew some attention when fevered patriots shot up the congressional halls; Nebraskans mourned the death of one of our senators and sent a ranch woman to Washington, D.C., to occupy the vacant seat; McCarthy-Stevens hearings; a Wyoming senator and the delegate from Hawaii found dead in their offices—and congress may get around soon to adding another two bits to social security checks.

A neighborhood couple was aroused during the night by violent thunder and lightning when they heard a roaring and at once thought of the cyclone stories they had been reading. They thought they had better seek the safety of the basement, but, stepping out into the open, they could hear no roar. Back in the house, the buzzing, swishing sound was heard. Going to the basement, they found a power saw running, the electricity having been turned on by the shaking of things following a crash of thunder.

A little paper bound book telling the story of a western horse is now in the 12th edition. While the gasoline holds out horses will no more be seen on the road, but everybody loves the horse. This story of a western wild horse is quite as thrilling as that 1,000-mile horse race from Chadron to Chicago, Ill., won by a little buckskin bronc.

Stories that float this way from the Missouri river via the newspapers concerning the guy presiding over the municipal court in Omaha make it appear that a house-cleaning is badly needed at our state metropolis. Omaha needs another Edward Rosewater. . . Is that good old familiar word "farmer" to disappear in favor of "agriculturist?" Or is an agriculturist one of those white collar gents who sits at a desk to write learnedly about how to contour a field? . . . "I feel that my many years experience in public office, etc.," says a patriot asking for a chance to go at it again. We hope, as he indicates, that his interest is in the worried taxpayer rather than personal ambition. . . With a population of more than 100,000 less than 8,000 Lincoln citizens came out to vote at a special election June 15. It rained all day.

Another Nebraska penitentiary execution is on the judicial agenda for a mild October day. A Cherry county jury and district court have so decreed. A young man has been pronounced guilty of murdering a highway patrolman. And another involved in the same crime is yet to be tried. Since the hands of earth's firstborn son were stained with his brother's blood, the orgy of killings goes on—sword and battleaxe, stoning and burning at the stake, bullets and bombs. On the battlefield the greatest killer is crowned with the heroics, the outlaw who makes a kill to escape capture goes to the electric chair. "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." A decree written above the portals of time by the Supreme Judge of the universe.

The last minute announcement of Chief Justice Simons that he was not entering the contest for the nomination for United States senator involves no vacancy on the court. Julius D. Cronin had been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Judge Simmons. None better qualified than Mr. Cronin for a place on the supreme court, nor none so well qualified for the United States senate for which he had been mentioned. I am glad J. D. will remain a private citizen—he is needed where he is. Too many good men are sacrificed upon the altar of public office. And it would be bad to thus break up the circle of fellows in the booths at the M&M.

A man's religion or lack of it is his own business, but when it involves taking up rattlesnakes in a religious rite, it becomes the business of the board of insanity. . . Kids now have a swimming pool in all its dolled-up nonsense and a teacher to instruct them in "swimming lessons." Shades of a bygone day! If given tongues to speak, what could the Elkhorn tell of nude men and kids splashing and floating in its cooling stream, and whisper, too, of some inquisitive dames up town holding a field glass on the scene before the view from O'Neill to Kansas was obliterated by trees and buildings that have since sprung up?

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—Courtesy Chicago Tribune.

When You and I Were Young... Page Gets Rural Free Mail Service

Good Roads Project Bogs Down

good roads proj 14 50 years ago The Irish Peellers and the Emmets opposed one another in baseball at the ground here—the Peellers won. . . Rural free delivery mail service was started out of Page during the past week. Art Mullen was the only voice heard from Holt county at the pop state convention held in Fremont. However, he got himself on the delegation for the national convention at Springfield, Ill. . . Doctor McCarthy of Butte, Mo., is in O'Neill visiting relatives and friends. . . We and the people are wondering what has become of the O'Neill-Chambers good roads proposition. . . The Atkinson Dramatic company played "Diamond Dick" to a good sized audience in O'Neill.

20 Years Ago

Miss Leone Gallagher of Inman and Edward Ray Cronk of Orchard were united in marriage at St. Patrick's Catholic church in O'Neill. . . There is a new "racket" showing up in the corn-hog program. Men claiming to be government agents sent out to pick up the extra pigs farrowed, more than allowed by the contract, are showing up at various farms in the county. The stories seem to be convincing as a few farmers are now looking for the truck, men and their pigs. . . The fire department was called to the C. P. Hancock home. Only Robert, 13, was at home. He had started the gasoline stove and it blazed out of control. However, no damage was done to the house. . . Clark Hough, 80, died at his home in O'Neill, a pioneer settler in O'Neill, he had resided in this county for 59 years.

10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Biglin celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at an open-house held in their home in O'Neill. . . Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home. . . J. C. Stein returned from North Loup where he purchased a polled Hereford bull from W. O. Zagers, one of the best-known breeders of polled Herefords in the state. . . Gov. Thomas E. Dewey was nominated by the republicans to run for president on the republican ticket at the national convention held in Chicago, Ill. Only one ballot was taken and he received the vote of every delegate except one, who cast his for General MacArthur.

One Year Ago

Natural gas pipelines are being worked on between Inman and O'Neill. The final leg of the extension from Neigh to O'Neill. . . The family of Mrs. Estella Bachman met at the C. F. Gillette home in Chambers to celebrate Mrs. Bachman's 85th birthday anniversary. It was the first time in 14 years that all members of her family had been with her. . . Lightning struck the Earl Rossow residence near Deloit during a recent thunderstorm. . . Mrs. Frank Hammon, 66, of Lynch died of injuries sustained in a recent head-on auto collision.

Frontier for printing!

Advertisement for Dr. H. D. Gildersleeve, Optometrist, located at Northeast Corner of 4th & Douglas, O'Neill, Nebr. Phone 167. Eye Examined - Glasses Fitted. Office Hours: 9.5 Mon. thru Sat.

Letter to Editor

Chambers, Nebr. June 22, 1954

Mr. Cal Stewart O'Neill, Nebr. Dear Mr. Stewart: May I express my appreciation to your paper and to Mrs. Gene Livingston for the fine series of articles on our rural schools which you are publishing. Articles such as these are putting our best schools before the public, and at the same time showing that a class A rating is not difficult if patrons and the teacher work together.

Not long ago, I read an article written by Dr. Albert Wiggam in which he stated that if a child failed in school there were three factors that could be blamed: First, the parents; second, the teacher, and third, the child. We are apt to put them in the other order, blaming the child or the teacher first and seldom thinking that the parents are in any way responsible for their child's failure.

One of the parents' first duties is to be interested enough in their school to encourage and help the board provide the needed plant and equipment necessary for the teacher and children to work with. Mrs. Livingston's writings are telling clearly how this is being done in our Holt county class A schools. As a teacher and a parent, I say "Thank you" again.

Sincerely, MRS. LEROY HOLCOMB (President Holt County Rural Teachers' association)

Tune in "Voice of The Frontier", thrice weekly!

Advertisement for Fair Grounds Park, Madison, Nebr. The finest in racing July 8th to 20th. It's so easy to get there on US Highway 81. From Omaha—US 30 or US 275 to US 81 (110 miles). From Lincoln—Highway 15 to US 81 (100 miles). From Sioux City—US 20 to US 81 (90 miles). Easy driving all paved highways. Daily double electric gate. Photo finish American tote. First race 3:30 P.M. Saturdays 2:30 P.M. 8 thrilling races daily.

O'NEILL LOCALS Delbert Larson of Northbrook, Ill., arrived Wednesday and will visit for two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher. Mrs. Larson and Eddie have been visiting her parents for the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Curran and family spent Sunday in Picks town, S. D. Venetian blinds, prompt delivery, made to measure, metal or wood, all colors.—J. M. McDonalds.

Large advertisement for American Legion Post No. 115 7th Annual Rodeo. July 4th & 5th - Stuart, Nebr. July 4—1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. — July 5—7 p.m. \$1,500 Purse. \$50 Stetson Hat to All-Around Cowboy. Bronc Riding \$100; Bull Riding \$100; Calf Roping \$100. Bulldogging \$100; Bareback Riding \$100. Entries close 8 p.m., Saturday, July 3. Entry Fees: Riding Events, \$10; Bulldogging, \$15; Calf Roping, \$10. 3 pr. Levi-Strauss, 1 pr. of Wranglers and 1 pr. Lee Riders to winners of individual events. (Stock furnished by George Sticha Co., Rodeo Div., of Inman, Kans., and Seneca, Nebr.) CARNIVAL STRONG AMUSEMENT CO., JULY 3, 4 & 5. Western Parade — July 4 — 12 Noon Rodeo Queen Coronation. Judging of Rodeo Queen candidates will take place during parade, 12 noon, Sun., July 4, on Main street. QUEEN TO BE CROWNED BY GEORGE B. GERMAN at 1:15 p.m., at Rodeo Grounds. DANCE Stuart Auditorium, July 4 & 5 — Music by Aces of Rhythm. Special Rodeo Attractions Flying Twins, featuring Billy Shannon of Hutchinson, Kans., in tightrope walking and balancing act; O'Neill Saddle Club in parade and grand entry; Wrangler McNitt as rodeo clown; Square Dance Exhibition; Comedy Car Act; Trick Riders, etc. PROGRAM SATURDAY, JULY 3D 8 p.m.—Concert by Stuart High School Band; Carnival on Main st. of Stuart. SUNDAY, JULY 4TH 11:15 a.m.—Concert by Gesundheit Band of Pierce; 12 Noon—Western Parade on Main st. of Stuart; 1:15 p.m.—Crowning of Rodeo Queen by George B. German of WNAJ at Rodeo Grounds; 1:30 p.m.—Grand Entry as Rodeo Begins; 4:45 p.m.—Concert by Gesundheit Band of Pierce; 8 p.m.—Rodeo; 10 p.m.—Dance at Stuart Auditorium; Carnival on Main st. MONDAY, JULY 5TH 6 p.m.—Concert, Stuart High School Band; 7 p.m.—Twilight Rodeo; 9:30 p.m.—Fireworks; 9:45 p.m.—Dance at Stuart Auditorium; Carnival on Main st. FREE \$1,000 FIREWORKS DISPLAY 9:30 p.m., Mon., July 5, at Stuart Park. WELCOME TO STUART and Newly-improved Athletic Park SHADED PICNIC FACILITIES — CAMPING FACILITIES FREE PARKING Gen. Adm.: \$1.50; Children, 75c. Reserved Seats, \$1.75, on sale at Stuart Drug, Stuart, Nebr.. Make checks, money orders payable to Stuart American Legion Post No. 115, Stuart. For further information contact Lawrence Hamik, Stuart

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