

Prairie Land Talk

Repellent Horror in Senate

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MARION, IND.—Cheer up! With democrats in control of the 84th congress, the world's troubles are ended!



Romaine Saunders

Where shall we find words, punctuation marks, fist-clenched gestures to express the disgust, the repellent horror at this special session of congress?

Of course, the hard-s-l-t-r of the aplahb-t to g-t along without is th-sm-l-t-r E, but th-Ruskin (N-braska) N-ws, in a story, show-d that it is also hard to g-t by without a "t" or "v-n an "f" and a "k."

Two Boyd county girls—Judy Seler of Spencer and Anita Nelson of Bristow—are among the group of 27 Nebraska 4-H club members who are delegates to the national congress of the 4-H'ers.

When misfortune or tragedy strikes anywhere in our fair land the milk of human kindness at once flows. A Marion family of seven children and their parents occupying a three-room house lost their belongings in a fire that broke out in the house and one little girl of the family lost her life.

The bald heads are going to see about it. They are after the scalps of the barbers. Time some group was telling the tonsorial artists where to head in. The National Association of Bald Heads has its committees at work to promote a reform in hair cutting.

A 64-year-old Hoosier M.D. has been escorted into federal court and must take the judicial medicine for peddling dope. Judge Holder of the federal court said in sentencing the Indianapolis, Ind., physician: "You are personally responsible for the destruction of many young lives."

Holt county representatives attending last Thursday's rail hearing held at Valentine are unanimous in their reports of a highly satisfactory, mutually profitable, illuminating and somewhat entertaining meeting.

Nearly five hundred persons packed the Valentine auditorium and it was quite evident virtually all of them were anxious to perpetuate Chicago & North Western passenger-mail-express trains numbers 13 and 14 on the Omaha to Chadron run. There were few sour grapes. It was a matter of getting down to business and discussing ways and means of erasing red ink on the operation of the two trains and putting them in the black.

Vice-President J. E. Goodwin of the C&NW railroad prefaced his remarks by admitting that railroads have made "a million mistakes." He suggested there might be some in the audience who might know all about running a railroad, but at the same time insisted he might take over one of their ranches and "make more money than you can imagine." This satire brought down the house.

The 2 1/2 - hour session was punctuated with frequent applause. Whenever one of the 15 speakers uttered something that had special appeal a round of applause followed. The meeting was conducted in a wholesome atmosphere and considerable good no doubt will come from it.

It was arbitrarily decided by Mr. Goodwin to continue operating the two trains for a period of eight months—the test period to begin the day the two modern lightweight coaches are placed in service (probably about mid-January). The railroad management has no illusion that people will queue up to board the sleek new coaches, but the move demonstrates the railroad is willing to do something.

Mr. Goodwin said the C&NW has no desire or no intent of removing passenger trains where they will "break even" financially or operate in the black.

The future for these two trains appears to be a four-way proposition and the railroad already has signified it will improve its equipment. The Frontier feels the rail unions should take a hard look at the situation and, if the unions are genuinely interested in providing employment for some 48 crewmen on the 447-mile Omaha-to-Chadron run, they should relax some of their downright unreasonable demands (i.e. Flagmen doing nothing but contributing 20-thousand-dollars to the annual operational loss; baggagemen drawing extra pay for getting off the coach and tossing on a can of cream for which the railroad collects 75 cents for hauling, etc., etc.)

Marion has a citizen by the name of Eugene Lincoln, who traces his ancestry back to Abe Lincoln whose memory is a cherished American heritage. Eugene indulges the poetic muse and has written verse that sings the songs of nature. He may never have seen a prairie sunset, but he has stood on a city street at close of day and has written of an Indiana sunset. Should it ever come to his notice how, without his consent, Prairie Land Talker revamped his sunset word picture, I trust he will not have me shot at sunrise.

The farming communities of this section of Indiana appear prosperous as though Ezra Taft Benson's management of the federal swivel chair farmers was of no concern to the Hoosier planter. The country to the west of the city where I have been is level prairie such as we have in Nebraska with productive soil. Not many cattle are seen, a few milk cows, but at one farm I saw more hogs than you will see in all of Holt county. Houses and barnyard buildings on the farms present a picture of comfortable and contented home life, though I talked with one friendly gent of rural breeding who expressed a desire to go to Nebraska and try his luck branding a steer. Near my son's home a hole of considerable extent has been dug with a bulldozer and the soil is black all the way to the bottom.

Officially, December 15 is safe driving day, a nationwide effort to do something about the growing tragedies of the highways. Governor Craig calls upon Indiana motorists to cooperate in this movement to the end that the Hoosier state will not record 1,000 traffic deaths this year, which at the present rate seems likely. Motorists who will give heed to the governor's appeal are not the ones who need the warning. And about the only way to get at the ones who do is with a policeman's club. The results of a recent survey which have been made public attribute nearly 50 percent of fatal traffic accidents to speeding.

The Frontier's able statehouse representative has it that two "natives" of O'Neill have filled the exalted throne of democratic boss in Nebraska. Mr. Boyle of Omaha is a native American while the late Arthur F. Mullen was a native of Canada. Both Mr. Boyle and Mr. Mullen were at one time residents of O'Neill and in a sense the town claimed them as its own, as O'Neill was where their political guiding star of promise first gleamed above the prairie horizon. Art, at least, thought it "folly to drink from puddles by the way when here at home the crystal fountains play."

So there is to be a cowboy hall of fame down at Kansas City and Governor Crosby will be on the board of directors. Prairie Land Talker calls the governor's attention to at least one Holt county king of the range who should have a niche in such hall of fame, Bill Thompson, who became mayor of Chicago, Ill. And there was Jim Dahlman from Dawes county, who was mayor of Omaha for a few terms.

November 11, vets' day, 200 foreign-born from 26 countries became American citizens when they subscribed to the oath of allegiance to Uncle Sam down at Indianapolis, Ind., the youngest of these being a 5-year-old girl from Germany who has been adopted into an Indiana home. Two foreign-born WAC's were among the group that became citizens of the United States.

Streets and highways in this part of the Hoosier state are graveled and then treated with a tar mixture. The gravel is made at a factory just out of the city where native rock is ground up to form gravel, mountains of which are piled up.

There's the reaction of the public. It's our guess the passenger revenue will increase some, and we predict there will be appreciable gains in railway express business. Almost immediately after the Valentine meeting the Chambers of Commerce at O'Neill and Neligh met and discussed ways and means to increase express and parcel post patronage. These factors are of direct value to the C&NW.

Then there's the matter of the government mail contracts. The postoffice department is turning to truck transportation more-and-more—at an alarming rate as far as The Frontier is concerned. If there is any further diversion of mail from these trains, no doubt the final chapters on trains numbers 13 and 14 will have been written. The postoffice transportation people should take a prudent view of the overall picture and bear in mind this is a mainline proposition in which volume is great and in which thousands of people are interested.

These four groups working toward a common goal will insure continued and improved service for the people along the line and the C&NW can point to the Chadron-to-Omaha operation as a profitable one, as it should be.

If all four groups don't yield and improve upon the status quo, the fate of trains numbers 13 and 14 will be sealed at the end of the eight months experimental period.

Your church must have active support if it is to function and expand. Passive support is not enough.

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News, Views and Gossip

BY THE EDITOR

Hospitality

Vice-President J. E. Goodwin, operations chief for the Chicago & North Western railroad, went to Valentine aboard the passenger-mail-express train number 13 for last Thursday's public rail hearing.

It occurred to most of us the C&NW's operations chief (what else is there about a railway?) is a right sort of guy and something good would be coming from the widely-publicized meeting coming up in the afternoon.

'Million Mistakes'

Mr. Goodwin admitted the railroads have made a "million mistakes." He said it was unreasonable of the public to expect a railway to continue to operate trains at huge deficits (trains 13 and 14 have been incurring losses of 60-thousand-dollars per year).

Those in the audience (there were successive rounds of applause all around) learned some of the rail problems and the top-drawer rail official listened to squawks, some of which were considered very important by those who uttered them (that's why some persons were there—to get it "right" chest).

Lovefeast

What could have been a rather difficult situation, in which everyone was the loser, turned out to be a lovefeast. North-Nebraskans (thousands of them are dependent upon the two trains for passenger-mail-express service) became pleasantly well acquainted and impressed with a tall, greying fellow who is under the strain of making pay a big operation that sprawls over nine states, serving thousands of cities and towns, and hiring 30 thousand employees.

It's our guess these Nebraskans will rally to the support of these two trains with passenger, express and parcel post patronage and North Western will take to heart some of the "beefs." It's our guess the net result of the lovefeast will work to the benefit of all and to the mutual satisfaction of both the public and the railroad company.

WSCS Hears Report on Milwaukee Meet

PAGE—Fifty ladies attended the WSCS meeting at the Page Methodist church parlors Thursday afternoon. Several members of the Inman WSCS were present. Three ladies from Plainview were present. Mrs. Leroy Jensen, president of the northeast district of the WSCS, and Mrs. Herman Kuhl, status of women secretary of the WSCS, presented a report of the fourth assembly meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service, which met in Milwaukee, Wis., last May. Mrs. C. R. Tanner, wife of the Methodist minister, gave the devotions, "Jesus Christ: The Way". Hostesses were Mrs. Evelyn Gray, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. Arnold Stewart and Mrs. Harold Heiss.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry D. Gildersleeve attended a Northern Nebraska Ophthalmic association meeting held last Thursday in Norfolk.

Finest Beverages ALWAYS COME IN BOTTLES



Pioneer Dies

Mrs. Mabel Tomlinson, 75 (above), longtime resident of the Mineola community, died Saturday, November 13, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Sipes, in O'Neill. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 15, from the Methodist church here with burial in the Mineola cemetery.

Donate Comforter to Needy Family

LYNCH—Mrs. G. L. Mulhair was hostess to the American Legion auxiliary Monday evening, November 15. Mrs. R. E. Kriz was assisting hostess. Ten members and one visitor were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bartos left Sunday evening for Custer, S. D., where they will hunt deer this week. Marvin, 3, is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Forz L. Knight, during his parents' absence.

C&NW Pays \$14,613

Tax Bill to Holt

Harry S. Truman Is Now Senator

50 Years Ago The county treasurer's office has received a check from the North Western railroad for the full amount of that road's taxes for this year. The check was drawn for \$14,613.34. This amount for Holt county alone gives some idea of what the railroads pay in taxes in this state.

20 Years Ago

Patrick Stanton, 76, one of the pioneers of northeast Nebraska, died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha. Mr. Stanton, born in County Mayo, Ireland, and a resident of Tilden and Madison county for 60 years, was a charter member of the O'Neill council of the Knights of Columbus.

10 Years Ago

The state motor vehicle division has forwarded 1945 license plates to the various county treasurers. They are not the issued until January 2. Jack Gatz, Weldon Bruegman, Buster Porter, Keith Anspach, Arlen Miles, Pat Hickey, Jr., Guy Harris, Larry Minton, Raymond Higgins and Bob Holsclaw were taken into the local Boy Scout troop at the last meeting. This makes a total of 25 boys now enrolled in the troop.

One Year Ago

The latest addition to the "I've-seen-the-lion" club is Fred Forslund, farmer, residing 10 miles west of Clearwater. He spotted the animal early in the morning while out hauling hay—the lion was making off with a young calf. No firearms were near at hand to settle the issue once and for all.

JUSTICE COURT

Woodrow Woods, driver for Rolland Reynolds, over on axle, \$80 and costs, October 27, Kenneth Kirk. Dale Hetrick, illegal plates, \$10 and costs, October 27, Harold Cramer. Howard Eppenbach, over on capacity plates, \$10 and costs, October 27, Harold Cramer.

Corbin Clarkson, no reciprocity, pending, November 3, Jack Crouch. Harold Kaiser, speeding, \$10 and costs, November 5, R. L. Gude. Richard Kreycik, speeding, \$10 and costs, November 5, R. L. Gude.

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Ronald Park, speeding, \$10 and costs, November 5, R. L. Gude. Joseph Thramer, running stop sign, \$10 and costs, November 5, R. L. Gude. Virgil Holz, speeding, \$10 and costs, November 5, R. L. Gude. Wayne Major, driver for Buckingham, over on axle, pending, November 5, Jack Crouch. Francis Kollman, over fish limit, \$35 and costs, November 5, Fred Salak. Joe Krysl, game violation, \$10 and costs, November 5, Fred Salak.

William J. Thompson, driver for Wilkerson, overweight, \$40 and costs, November 8, Jack Crouch. Earl Byers, driver for Buckingham, overweight, pending, November 8, Donald Richardson. R. L. Elder, overweight, \$100 and costs, November 9, Donald Richardson. Leo Urban, driver for E. Smith, overweight on capacity plate, \$10 and costs, November 9, Jack W. H. Crouch. LaVerne Thurlow, no fund check, state case, November 10, by William Griffin. LeRoy R. Urban, over on axle, pending, November 10, Jack Crouch.

Clarence Heckman, over length, \$10 and costs, November 10, Jack Crouch. Johnny Barnes, intoxication, pending, November 10, R. L. Gude. Johnny Barnes, resisting officer, five days in jail, \$10 and costs, November 10, R. L. Gude. Kenneth Moore, speeding, day time, pending, November 12, R. L. Gude. James McNally, speeding, night time, pending, November 12, R. L. Gude.

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Royal Theater

Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. Nov. 25-26-27 Thursday is Not Family Night 4-track Stereophonic Sound CINEMASCOPE ROSE MARIE Starring Ann Blyth, Howard Keel, Fernando Lamas, Bert Lahr, Marjorie Main, with Joan Taylor, Ray Collins. Thrilling love drama! Romantic songs to lift the heart! M-G-M presents the first big musical in Cinemascope! Eye-filling grandeur and more! Adults 50c; children 12c; matinee Sat. 2:30. All children must have tickets

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