

"Prairieland Talk"

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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 regarded 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 golden-rod, 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, prairie land, 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 roses is at its best and is gathered at that hour to be crushed and distilled into sweet smelling perfume.

The first gent seen wearing a straw hat was on the street April 3. Maybe others have wondered how the able editor of The Frontier secured on the 1st day of April the temperatures for the last week in April. Or was that his April fool joke?

(Editor's Note: It was no joke. Our phone rang 17 times because of a glance at the wrong calendar.)

Editorial

Epistle or Thistle

"Reduce your rates or litigate" is the threat implied in a recent letter sent to the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company by Wayne R. Swanson, a member of the State Railway Commission.

Mr. Swanson is concerned that the dividends paid to stockholders of major telephone companies in Nebraska is indicative of excessive rates.

Mr. Swanson says "To be apprized of an unjust act is certainly no virtue. To allow that unjust act to continue is wicked."

If he is referring to the actions of the telephone company when they expand and improve their service to include dial service, free in-county calls and area distance dialing plus returning a dividend to those who have invested their money in the company, then we'll have to confess to being rather wicked. We'll have to admit that we admire a company that shows a profit in this day and age.

If reduction of cost is of prime concern we'd suggest the elimination of the 10% temporary war-time tax as a starting point.

We can't help wondering if this letter from Mr. Swanson is an official epistle from the State Railway Commission or a political thistle thrown only by Mr. Swanson.

B J R

Meek News

By Mrs. Fred Lindberg

A short Easter program was presented at Paddock Union church Sunday morning with each family giving a special number. Mr. Alton Perron, S. S. Missionary is planning on being present Sunday for services and the missionary group plan to meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Edward Kaczor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Soukka, Denver, Colo., were overnight guests at the Delbert Rouse home Saturday. Sunday afternoon they left for Dunning, Nebr., where they were scheduled to hold the evening service.

Danny Schaaf and Mrs. Ken Hansen each drove cars to furnish transportation for the pupils of District 1 to attend the music contest in O'Neill Thursday.

Norma Walters, Cheryl Redlinger and Linda Jenkins were Thursday overnight guests of Wanda Hallgrimsons.

Martha Johring and Henry Storjohann were Sunday dinner guests at the Dave Jensen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Norma were Sunday dinner guests at the Bennie Johring

home. Mr. and Mrs. Axel Borg were dinner guests Sunday at the Gerald Harding home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Anson and girls, Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson and family and Christine Johnson were Easter Sunday dinner guests of their son and brother-in-law, Wakefield. The Richard Nelson's. The gathering also marked Curt Nelson's birthday anniversary.

Gerald Kaczor and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Connell and family, Omaha, came Thursday to spend Easter vacation with home folks. The men are both attending the Grace Bible Institute in Omaha. Craig and Vera plan to return to Omaha Tuesday so Debbie can return to school. Gerald plans to remain another week.

Mr. Norman Christensen and Dicky, Blair, Nebr., and Mr. Lorin Libby and Ronnie were Friday dinner guests at the Fred Lindberg home and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rosenkrans and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells, Bristow, were Sunday dinner guests. The occasion being Lynn's birthday anniversary, as well as Easter.

Tuesday evening supper guests at the Lawrence Dobrovolsky home were Mrs. Lowell Hall and her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baxter, Blue Earth and Mrs. Viola Hall.

Dist. 1 had their birthday party and Easter party combined at school Friday. The pupils having birthdays during the month were Sandra Johnson, Danny Hansen, Sammy Kamphaus, Tomy Schaaf, Rhonda Searles and Teresa Watson. All six mothers helped in the preparation and serving of the Bar-be-cued Hamburgers and Coolade and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kaczor and Gerald, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arden Nelson, Lincoln and Mrs. Row, Spencer, spent Saturday evening at the Paul Nelson home. The evening was spent viewing pictures taken by Gerald and Paul Arden while serving in the armed forces. The group all had Easter dinner at the Ed Kaczor home.

Mrs. Carrie Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindberg attended the Adult S. S. class party at the church parlors Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Carl Hallgrimson, Mrs. Merlin Anderson and Nancy and Mrs. Allen Walters and Douglas spent Tuesday in Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Walters and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and Norma were shopping in Norfolk Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crawford and Pam were Sunday dinner

guests at the Orville Miller home O'Neill. Others present were Carl Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gehlsen and daughters, Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Miller and family, Marilyn Graham, Martha and Oliver Ross. The occasion marked Ardyce's birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Connell and family, Omaha, Velda Ernst, Lin-

coln and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ernst were Saturday evening supper guests at the Austin Searles home. The occasion marked Rhonda's 6th birthday anniversary. The same group all had Easter Dinner at the Clarence Ernst home Sunday. Carl Hallgrimson, Allen Walters, Merlin Anderson and Henry Walters attended the men's

Fellowship dinner at Springview Monday night.

Ted Crawford received word this week of the serious illness of their granddaughter. The 3 year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie David, Riverton, Wyo., who underwent surgery at Casper and had her tonsils and adenoids removed and drainage tubes were put in the ear drums. Hopes are

held for improving her hearing and general health.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kuhms and their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Jack Machin, Boulder, Colo., came early Friday morning to visit Mayme's sisters and brother-in-laws, Mr. and Mrs.

James Karel, Mrs. Celia Richter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woldneck, Spencer and Mrs. Dora Eldsire, O'Neill and other relatives. They left for home Sunday forenoon. Mrs. Edith Risor, Meadow Grove, Nebr., spent last week at the Garold Risor home.

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