

Prairieland Talk . . .

Spending Money Like Drunk Sailors

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—A farmer from Fillmore county I talked with today harvested this season his acres which yielded a total of 7,200 bushels, an average of 30 bushels to the acre. So far, he had put on the market 230 bushels of his crop, receiving \$1.93 per bushel. His oats were a failure but has promise of an average corn yield. He farms around 600 acres and with the modern power equipment that about takes one year's crops to buy, employs but one farmhand.

He thinks the nation is to continue in control of the so-called new deal element which ever party is successful this coming election, and some industrial and government heads who haven't discovered a way to keep the country's factories operating without the shedding of American blood on foreign soil. And so the Korean war drags on, army and navy and air forces stationed in distant lands and at home military heads spending money like drunken sailors having war machines turned out at the factories.

He is concerned over the monumental federal debt and thinks a stop should be put to handing out billions to bolster industry in foreign lands.

What this solid Nebraska farmer thinks of our national picture is typical of what many on prairieland are thinking. Like, after a lifetime in a soldier's uniform, maybe not too much should be expected of him, if made president, toward balancing the budget, reducing the tax load or inducing congress to withdraw the vision from beggars beyond the seas and take a look at the home folks possibly in term of what Doc Townsend once proposed.

But Senator Taft will be on hand.

The 123rd anniversary of the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday-school union was observed in that section of New York City by 100,000 children and teachers taking part in a parade. . . An Episcopal rector in Cleveland gave each of his parishioners \$1 to see what they could do by investing the money to promote the church work. Most of them came up with \$10. . . Reviving Apostolic days, one church group reports the baptism of 1,698 natives in one day in the Belgian Congo of South Africa. This church group baptizes by immersion, and they now have nearly 85,000 members in that part of the world. . . Roman Catholic parents of a parish in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, have asked the town to take over the operation of the parochial schools. . . Preachers and laymen read aloud from the Bible for 7 hours in downtown New Haven.

When the move was launched to build and equip a modern hospital in O'Neill, a town to the east and a town to the west got the inspiration. If O'Neill has such a thing we must have one, too. These were rushed to completion and are now in operation, one of which that I have seen, sets forlornly in a dreary spot uninspiring for regaining health. For reasons of hinderances that could not be avoided, the new health center for O'Neill has not yet been made ready for the care of patients though this is now early anticipated. It occupies inviting grounds far enough from the disturbing noise of traffic and when opened for the public will be under the management of a group who are successful in hospital work elsewhere.

"There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet" So drones the muezzin from their towering mosques calling the faithful to prayers in Moslem lands. The swarthy sons of the Nile may have been reading of John L. Lewis and Phil Murray. The word now comes that the prayer-hour time keepers are about to strike for a raise, the contract to specify also that the muezzin is a servant of God, not of men. It is hoped that those over this way whose livelihood comes from religion don't get the idea.

Editorial . . .

Those Presidential Primaries

The people of the United States may eventually decide that citizens in every state should have a chance to vote on their choice for president. Though it is generally not understood, the people never do have a chance to vote for president of the United States as the election system operates today.

Instead, the people vote for a slate of electors — which their forefathers who framed the constitution set up as the best way to assure the election of a qualified man to the presidency. The electors were supposed to be chosen by the state legislatures in the beginning and were to be men of prominence and education, who could choose the best candidate for president. However, as the years passed, electors became a matter for the voters to decide upon and the voters today vote for electors and not for the president.

This is not the only indirect part of the system, since the voter is usually given only two slates of electors in most states, one slate supporting the candidate for the major party and the other slate supporting the candidate of the other major party.

In some states, the voters in November actually have no choice, since the election has been decided in the primary earlier in the year and only one slate of electors has a chance of election. These are the so-called one-party-states.

The nomination of candidates, to which the electors are pledged, comes about in a manner which is not the best example of democracy. The two parties convene every four years, in the form of about 1,200 delegates. These delegates are usually chosen in state conventions, which are often controlled by the state political machine in power at the time. Thus, the delegates who come to the conventions are not elected by the people, in most cases, and may not represent the wishes of the people.

An example of the machine power was aptly demonstrated a fortnight ago in the 25th national republican convention. Twice-defeated Tom Dewey, for example, helped turn the tide in favor of Dwight Eisenhower, a fledgling, to deny the nomination of Sen. Robert Taft, who for 20 years has been the symbol of opposition to new deal and fair deal legislation.

In 16 states, presidential primaries are held, which give the people a chance to vote on the presidential candidates in a sort of popularity contest. In the other states such primaries are not held.

Thus, the whole process is one of indirectness, which leads to confusion in some cases and which prevents the average voter from expressing a choice from among all the candidates in the race. The proposed change is a constitutional amend-

There was dug up out on prairieland and brought to Lincoln for the folks pacing up and down "O" street to look at with wondering eye and open mouth the petrified skeleton of a fallen wayfarer who may have been looking over the country a thousand years ago with intentions of staking out a claim. . . The medical profession has long been baffled over cancer. One researcher ventures the guess that it is a virus disease, which doesn't help much—it's still cancer the killer. . . Wipe your glasses, be ready with an attentive ear, the peerless leader, the outstanding patriot will soon be telling us how to vote. . . A deluge bringing 3 and 4 inches of rain to Southeastern Nebraska in mid July, with continued lightning and crashing thunder frightened away the heat wave and encouraged gardeners and corn growers.

Whether it was the halo of the heroics hovering over the late lamented Chicago convention, a legitimate wave of popularity or the Swedes from Minnesota that did the trick, at any rate here comes another Kansas man appealing for our votes. No doubt he'll be elected as "we the people" go nuts over anything new, kick aside the tried and proven thing of quality to take over a new thing or promising newcomer who might prove a flop. Is this to be repetition of 1928-'32 when the hero of another generation came home to step into the executive seat? Possible, but not likely. It's great to be so popular that even a demagogue shouts for you. Poor Bob! You're feeling sick I ween. But you are big and patriotic and will not harbor a grudge. In the new administration you are going to be seated.

One each from Egypt, Hawaii, South America and Sweden and groups from 21 of the states make up the 247 who did not get enough of it during the conventional school year so came to Lincoln to take summer school work at one of the colleges of the state's educational center. And one of the students has this to say about it: "I think we are steaming in knowledge."

Mr. Truman subscribed to an oath to enforce the Federal laws. The president balks at the Taft-Hartley law. Is it the law or the hated author that inspires the president's enmity?

A thing known as hairy vetch is thought by the experts down at the Ag college to be the stuff as a forage crop for sandy land. Oldtimers out where the sands begin tried a lot of things only in the final analysis to discover that the native grass was their best bet.

This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones; to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.—Daniel 4:17.

A blind man down this way gets on a bus and starts for down town to sell doormats that his hands have made. The blind folks get pensions but they are ambitious to do something. It hasn't been proposed yet that the guy blind in one eye be given a half pension.

Forever on the move—house-to-house, apartment-to-apartment, farm-to-farm, town-to-town, state-to-state. And thereby has developed a 500-million-dollar household goods moving industry.

The names of 67 editorial, business and advertising functionaries appear at the masthead of a popular weekly magazine, its real attraction being the work of the printers and pressmen who are not mentioned.

We wonder how the people of Holt county managed to get along before automobiles, radio and the moving pictures.

ment, which would give the voters of each state a chance to express their choice among the candidates competing for the nomination of their party.

Another proposal is one which would substitute the names of the two major candidates for the names of electors and allow the people to vote for the actual candidate in November, rather than the electors.

The former proposal, which would insure the nomination of the candidate who had the support of more members of his party than any other candidate of that party, might be the easier solution. Generally speaking, voters in November know very well which candidate the electors represent, but the nomination scramble is much more confused.

A candidate can often be nominated in national conventions as a result of machine tactics, or the support of the party organization, despite the greater popularity of another candidate. Thus, if all states held presidential primaries and the country's voters of each major party had an opportunity to express a preference in them, the country would get the most popular candidate of each major party. That would be certain only if the delegates named in the respective states were pledged to vote for the primary winner.

In this way, the people of the country would be given a chance to directly choose their president, even though the electoral college system, as set up in the constitution, were retained.

Men work hard in order to retire and rest; they usually die before they retire and the question whether they rest is unanswered.

The people who talk most about the brotherhood of man might give a few thoughts to the sisterhood of women.

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WD—Glen L. Brewster to Robert Ferris 2-20-50 \$300. Lots 19-20 and 21, Blk. 12, Inman. WD—Lisa Olla Young et al to Loren F. Burgess 5-23-52. \$3106.-62. SW 1/4 33-31-10. WD—Julian L. Sokja to Ransom G. Rockey & wife, 4-5-52. \$175. Lot 4 Blk 29, Ewing. WD—Julia K. Humpal to James F. Humpal 2-20-51. \$1. SW 1/4 Sec. 9, Twp. 29, R. 15 and Nondescripts No. 40-46-47 & 53 in Sec. 32-30-14. WD—James F. Humpal to Regina Witter 7-16-52 \$1. Nond. No. 40 & 46 in Sec. 32-30-14. Grantor reserves a life estate. WD—Ralton O. Jarvis to James K. Galyen & wife, 2-1-52. \$10 Nond. No. "C" in NW 1/4 NE 1/4 32-30-14. QCD—Robert A. Montgomery to George E. Montgomery 10-18-43. \$200. NE 1/4 36-27-9. WD—Sadie Derickson to Mabel Jeanette Derickson 7-18-52. \$1. Part N 1/2 NE 1/4 11-31-9 & part of SW 1/4 2-31-9, about 37 acres. WD—Dorothy Sokja to Lewis M. Carter & wife, 7-12-52. \$175. Lot 3 Blk. 29, Ewing. WD—Alfred James to John B. Beck, no date, Lots 2 & 3 Blk. G, Neely's 2nd Add., Atkinson.

When You & I Were Young . . .

Baseball, Boxing, Running Scheduled

Atkinson to Compete Against O'Neill

50 Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. A. Hammond and daughter, Grace, are visiting relatives and friends in Iowa. . . The Christian Endeavor society will give a lawn social in the grove one block west of the Presbyterian church. . . Del Aiken, manager of the Atkinson heavy-weight baseball team, came to O'Neill and agreed on a match game of ball played in O'Neill. Odie Biglin was chosen umpire. Besides the ball game, there is to be a 50-yard foot race between D. Clem Deaver and F. H. Swingle and a boxing match between Tom Coyne and Phillips of the Atkinson team.

25 Years Ago Little Miss Dorothy Warner entertained 14 guests at a party on her 14th birthday anniversary. Those present were Loree Saenger, Mary Haffner, Eloise Liddy, Alice Schwisow, Carolyn Beers, Delta Gunn, Ruth Harris, Junior Harris, E. Donald Bowen, Lois Stevens, Luella Harding, Pearl Welton, Gloria Warner and little Robert Bowen. Dr. and Mrs. A. Carter and daughter, Marjorie, left by auto for Chicago, Ill., where they will visit with Mrs. Joe Smith and family. . . Mrs. Della Shaw went to Tonawanda for a visit at the home of her son, W. R. Shaw, and family.

10 Years Ago Miss Kathryn McCarthy of Grand Island spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. McCarthy. . . Walter Sire, Walter Smith, W. E. Wulf, John Sullivan and J. D. Cronin went to Lincoln. . . Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tomlinson entertained the Last Minute bridge club. . . Miss Ellen Lois Wilcox returned from Plattsburgh where she visited relatives. . . Pvt. Harold Donohoe of Ft. Forrest, Tenn., visited his wife and parents.

One Year Ago In the first of a series of inter-city golf matches, the O'Neill Country club 12-man team easily turned back an Ainsworth crew. . . Francis B. Luben, QM/3, a naval reservist who was recalled to active duty in January now is aboard the USS George Clymer at the port of Inchon, Korea.

Mrs. Ben Wayman New Nobles Grand At a regular meeting of the Eden Rebekah lodge, which was held Friday, July 18, at the IOOF hall, Mrs. Ben Wayman was installed as noble grand and Mrs. Roy Johnson as vice grand. The installation was made by Mrs. Nellie McEiff, the district deputy marshal, and her staff from Chambers. Refreshments were served following the regular meeting.

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Editor's note: While Melvin Paul, the Nebraska Press association's Capitol correspondent, is vacationing, this column is being conducted by guest writers. Today's is Walter R. Raecke of Central City, the democratic candidate for governor. Last week's was Mr. Raecke's opponent, Republican Robert B. Crosby of North Platte.

By WALTER R. RAECKE Democratic Candidate for Governor

These words are being written a few days prior to the opening of the first of our two great national conventions. The pre-convention presidential campaign this year has been the most interesting one of many years. One of the most encouraging features has been the surge of interest shown by the voters. They have stepped forward by the hundreds of thousands to participate in the primaries and have made it known that they want a voice in the selection of the candidates. The written votes have been most significant and have clearly demonstrated that the people are not always satisfied with the choices of the regular politicians. This is a healthy sign of democracy.

The recent Nebraska primary has shown the need of some changes in our election laws. The

second presidential preference vote and the vice-presidential preference vote served no purpose except to lengthen the hours of labor for the election counting boards. The preliminary convention endorsement of candidates for state office is largely meaningless when the same delegates are permitted to endorse as many candidates as they wish for the same office.

As the result of the filing of petitions to place my name on the ballot, the splendid unsolicited vote given me in the primary, and the encouragement offered by so many Nebraskans, both democrats and republicans, I am now a candidate for the office of governor. I shall try not to disappoint you. . . .

Industry— Nebraska is primarily agricultural and without a prosperous agriculture all of us will suffer. However, a humming industry and good wages to labor are necessary to provide a market for farm products.

The lack of new land to settle and will have impressed upon our people the necessity for the proper use and conservation of our soil and water. Greater progress has been made along this line in the last twenty years than in all our previous history. The cooperation and public spirited assistance

of the people of each community is necessary to successfully make the most beneficial use of our water and to keep it under proper control. The rights and wishes of the people in each locality effected must be given fair consideration. . . .

Roads — Nebraska people are keenly conscious of their road problem. It is not confined to any one county or area, but is one of the chief subjects of conversation in every locality. The amount of roads which can be constructed and maintained depends primarily on two things.

First the wise and efficient allocation, use and expenditure of whatever money is available; and second, the amount of money available. The first consideration, under existing laws is the direct responsibility of the governor and the highway department.

The second consideration is purely and simply economic. There is a limit to what can be done with whatever funds are available.

Assuming that the money is to be spent efficiently, the fact still remains that only a certain number of miles can be built or maintained with a given amount of money. If the people are unwilling to provide more, the highway program cannot be substantially expanded. This is finally within the complete control of the voters under the initiative and referendum, and they can, if they wish, override any action of the

governor and legislature on the subject, as has already been demonstrated.

Two years ago I repeatedly advocated the formation of a long range program, including the scientific classification of roads according to proper standards and a system of priorities for construction and development. Some work has been commenced along this line and it must be successfully completed. . . .

Responsibility — The space allotted for this article will not permit the discussion of a proposed state highway commission, nor problems connected with education, assistance and other matters of state concern, but they will be discussed during my campaign.

The governor has general charge of the administration of state affairs and it is his responsibility to see that the various departments operate efficiently and economically.

Expenditures for state government in Nebraska have tripled in the last ten years. This is sufficient warning that the governor has a full time job, which must be accepted in all seriousness and with a firm determination to serve the people well.

With such determination I enter upon the campaign, which I intend to conduct in a clean and dignified manner in keeping with the importance of the office involved.

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