Prairieland Talk . . .

Quill vs. Magnificent Machinery

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

tions made a day of it November 9. A modernis- fear that there may be famine seasons ahead. tic food market held "open-house" which drew | Such has been the lot of the great plains region crowds that were escorted by friendly folks who and its frugal citizens have learned to meet the know the grocery game and have enough in situation and survive. And today it looks like stock to feed the town this winter. The other

"open-house" was that of the Lincoln Journal & Star printing and newspaper plant, a new modern structure now the point of issue of the capital city's two newspapers. It is about the last word as to new things in this industry. Swank quarters for the editors, news hounds and other white collar workers, a couple hundred in all, but printers and pressmen were as hard to find as a democrat. Suppose they get enough of it during working



Saunders

Spacious new building, a fully equipped and manned institution, Lincoln has perhaps one of the most modern printing and newspaper plants in the country. At one time Omaha boasted having the "pride of two continents" in the building of the now defunct Daily Bee. The crowds that availed themselves of the Journal-Star openhouse were made to feel that this is it. But does all this display of modern newspapering add up to better craftsmen in the composing and press rooms and improved literary quality in handling the day's news? I fear it fails in this respect.

A program for the girls at the university or beauty parlor folder should be dealt with something differently than a grocery ad and literary features a touch of quality above the commonplace.

Machines, things, pushbuttons, dead lumps of lead-soulless, lifeless material objects, the things that more and more are being relied upon, robbing the human mind, the spirit of the urge to toy with inspired fingers in the realm of art and the music of words.

The Declaration of Independence was written with a goose quill. The 103d Psalm was engraved Great, the Father of his Country and the Friend of Man-the unclouded brightness of his glory will illuminate the future ages!" Dictate its equal to your secretaries, you hardboiled editors.

A Chicago, Ill., printer in the 1880's with brass rule and a tint block produced on paper a yellow rose. An ad man in the composing room of the Denver Republican created a Rocky mountain scene with the simple materials with which printers produced works of art before the Ludlows and the automatics and the offsets and slug casting machines came into the picture.

But if the art and poetry are no more there is the daily dish of war news, politics, highway crackups, prison riots, new tax schemes and

This rainless autumn is not fooling Henry D. Grady or any other patriot who has been on prairieland long enough to remember the hot winds of the 90's. A householder with an eye to frugality told me the other day that two separate tractor plow outfits gave it up trying to plow his garden. It has been known to be too wet to plow. but now the gumbo down this way has turned to concrete for the lack of a wetting. From down toward the Kansas line comes the report that | membership to Frank Edward Gillen. 12, of Linfarmers who had bought high priced hay to win- | coln." The boy's father and mother also became ter their cows now have to sell them as wells | life members at the same time, a gift from their have gone dry. Prairieland Talker does not pose | young son who earned every penny of the \$150 as a weather prophet but he has experienced suf- required to install the three as life members.

LINCOLN-Two of the capital city's institu- of the moods of nature to cause him to

Twenty years ago members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Inman had as the shepherd of the flock a lady pastor, Miss Clute. Her ability in ranking well among the clergy was reflected in adding to the church rolls. The Frontier scribe down there at that time reported to us the addition of eight new members during one Sunday service. . . And an SOS call came from Joe Winkler up by Emmet for the Crumly hounds over toward Page to run down coyotes that had become so familiar that they were thumbing their noses at the common dogs of the neighborhood. Crumly went to the rescue with Mutt and Jeff and the two hounds reduced the prairie wolf population by a few. . . It was noted that year that a new industry had come to light in O'Neill. While there were other shoe repair shops in town cnly the one operated on lower Fourth street by Eli Hershiser was furnishing a leg with the shoe. He had rigged up a wooden leg for Clark Hough.

Local bankers were concerned over the policy of the federal land bank in Omaha requiring borrowers delinquent on interest payments and some not yet due to mortgage their personal property and in a set of resolutions adopted at a gathering in Norfolk denounced such practices.

Turning from political excitement to a study of human emotions, how do you like it? Maybe we can all tell better after a year or two. If you have tears to shed prepare to shed them now, as Mark Anthony would say. Our newly elected governor proposes to revamp a lot of state setups. This means tears for the heads of departments and maybe only a big laugh for most of us. American boys standing in snow and rain and mud over in that little spot of Asia called Korea are not laughing. Neither is the mother who bids her son goodbye as he marches away wearing a soldier's uniform. She may smile but will turn on a scroll. A writer in the Ulster County (N.Y.) away to find a secluded spot for the falling tear. Gazette closed the story of the death of George | Sorrow wrings the souls of the father and mother down by Ewing and all who read of it feel the | hunting Saturday, Nov. 8, but touch of sympathy. Emotion—at its best at a foot- | got no squirrels. ball game when you yell with delight over a spectacular play. Sobs of sorrow, chuckles of delight, the urge to lift up a fallen brother, raving, maddened enough to cause you to make Rome howl, or the celestial mood that lifts you up to travel among the stars-emotions that make us what we are, creatures of the earth.

> Wars continue. What sense is there in observing November 11 as "Armistice Day"? . . . Anyway, a cordial and hearty welcome is extended to Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida and Viriginia. In a trip to Southern states a year or so ago it was observed that all was not well on the Potomac. . . Labor union heads are taking notice that there is not such a thing in politics as the "labor vote." American craftsmen of whatever calling have the intelligence of any other class of citizens.

The Nebraska State Historical society has a 12-year-old life member. A recent newsletter tells: "Something quite unusual happened at the annual dinner. President Lawrence presented a life

A Nice Balance

(Guest editorial from Dakota County Star)

ate choice in electing Robert ("Bob") Crosby gov-

spite a long stumping trip in the state which cli-

maxed here, prior to election, voters found him

ready and able to discuss issues. The discussion

came at a time when Mr. Crosby was tired, and

perhaps just a little weary of the constant repe-

rapidly expanding the discusions in animation.

This leads us to believe Bob is fresh enough in

viewpoint to avoid the "what the hell" attitude

new ideas or trends. And once they are explained

he indicates a sure grasp of the situation. To us

this indicates a mental agility sorely needed in

which frequently waylays administrators.

Nonetheless he met questions with a nerve,

Secondly, Bob displays a wide openness to

We wish him luck and excellent health to

Only 31 shopping days until Christmas. Al-

ready O'Neill stores are bristling with fine, large

assortments of vule gifts. Great strides have been

taken in recent years to make yule shopping

thriftier and selections greater. No need to plan

out-of-town shopping excursions. This issue and

forthcoming issues of The Frontier will explain

removed the O'Neill vicinity from the category

of a veritable matchbox. Fifty-odd days without

moisture left a dryness that caused considerable

meters. Everyone is being polled and having his

say so, pro and con, except our farmer and

rancher friends. And, after all, they should be

are blessings denied millions of mankind but no

earthly power can take away freedom of thought.

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At least the moisture earlier this week has

Comes now more discussion about parking

Freedom of speech and freedom of action

ernor of Nebraska.

handling state affairs.

cope with Nebraska's problems,

concern among property owners.

consulted first.

Bureau of Circulations.

We believe Nebraskans have made a fortun-

First of all Mr. Crosby is enthusiastic. De-

Editorial

A Deputy President?

Senator Lodge's postelection statement that he did not want a cabinet post - so in conflict with popular expectations-had a good explanation, For, as it now appears, General Eisenhower er's plans included a larger, more interesting job. The full development of the senator's current task as liaison for the president-designate in discussions with the Truman administration on all questions except the budget is not yet clear.

But the responsibilities now vested in Mr. Lodge, together with General Eisenhower's training in the use of a staff system, strongly suggest that the senator may become something like a chief of staff. This is not entirely a new concept in Washington. For the last 30 years presidential duties have so multiplied that various organizational devices have been tried to ease the load and increase efficiency of administration.

President Roosevelt tried various official and unofficial "coordinators" - not too successfully. But during the war he eventually passed on to JamesF. Byrnes a tremendous load of power and responsibility in several fields. Mr. Byrnes became known as "deputy president." This arrangement might be approximated by an adaptation of the army staff system.

Quite posibly the new commander-in-chief will need more than one such staff aide. But in the related fields of foreign relations and defense Senator Lodge is eminently qualified to carryall the responsibilities that can be delegated by any president. Aside from any personalities involved, there is a good deal of sense in developing the role of a deputy for the chief excutive. It would even be logical to build the vice-presidency into such a role-and to choose vice-presidents specifically qualified for it.

We Build Bases in England

Without much publicity, the United States is building up air strength in Europe. In addition to planes stationed on the Continent, we have a dozen air bases in the British Isles and are steadily constructing the ground facilities that will enable the air force to go into action in a matter of

Some 20-thousand U.S. airmen, ground crewmen, engineers and anti-aircraft artillerymen are in Britain, serving as a part of the Western world's defense against unexpected aggression. Runways are being enlarged to care for the biggest planes. Gasoline and lubricants are being stored, radio communications installed, spare parts stocked and pilots, navigators, bombardiers, air and ground crews drilled for their jobs.

At the present time, our air power in the British Isles consists of about 50 bombers, the same number of F-84E Thunderjet escort fighters, a score of converted B-29 refuelling planes and a few four-jet reconnaisance bombers.

During the past three years, the Royal air force has loaned thousands of men to service and

maintained the bases occupied by our units. Recently, an anti - aircraft artillery group went over to relieve British troops from the work of protecting our bases. Since the stations were set up in 1948, many American airmen have spent 90 days, or more, in the British Isles as a part of their training.

CELIA NEWS

son Friday, November 7. Milton McKathnie was a Sunday, Nov. 9, visitor at the Paul Johnson home.

at the Earl Schlotfeld home.

ning, November 3.

The Celia Homemakers extension club will meet with Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg Tuesday afternoon, November 25.

R. M. Pease of O'Neill was a Sunday, November 9, dinner guest at the Ray Pease home.

November 2. Don Ahlman, to visit Mrs. Vel- was no opposition expressed.

ma Orr's school three miles north of Atkinson Friday, November 7. Mr. and Mrs. David Rahn and daughters, Marjorie and Mavis, were dinner guests Sunday, November 8, at the Lawrence Smith

Mrs. O. A. Hammerberg was an O'Neill visitor Saturday, Novem-

Gerald Heiser spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Beck were O'Neill visitors Friday, Novem-

Linford Sweet is putting a finish coat of cement on the outside walls of Conrad Frickel. basement walls.

daughter, Mrs. Gene Livingston, were supper guests at the home of Mrs. Ferne Livingston Friday, November 7.

Hans and Jim Lauridsen visited Vincent Obermire on the way to Butte Wednesday, November 5. Bobby Knudson visited the

Bill Obermire children Sunday afternoon, November 2. Ray and David Phipps and Leon Hendricks went squirrel

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks.

Leon, Markita and Arlin, also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendricks and the Leonard Chaffin family were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Poynts on Thursday evening, November 6. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks took their son to O'Neill Sunday

other students returning to the Miltonvale, Kans., school. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed of Lincoln viisted the D. F. Scott | Problem family Sunday afternoon, November 9. Mr. Reed is chairman of the state PMA committee.

afternoon, November 9, to join

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Constable of Worthington, Minn., were 8, visitors with the D. F. Scott of new method is presented.

GETS COMBAT BADGE

in Korea. He is with the 40th ments.

State Capitol News . . .

Earl Schlotfeld helped haul in Reenactment of Penny-a-Gallon Boost Seen During Next Unicameral Session

Clarence Schlotfeld and Carl creased revenue for Nebraska's have the benefit of diversified Runte of Fremont were Saturday highways have taken heart that thinking and opinion." afternoon, November 8, visitors the 1953 session of the legislature will reenact the penny-a-gal- Guessing Game -Mrs. Ray Pease attended a reg- lon gas tax boost and the higher ular meeting of the women's registration fees which were games over coffee in the Statehospital auxiliary Monday eve- passed in 1949 but knocked out in house cafe is, "Whither Val the referendum of 1950.

An indication that the revenue lature, will succeed next year mittee report which recommended their reenactment.

The council—which is really all | agriculture. Hans and Jim Lauridsen were 43 members of the legislature O'Neill visitors Monday morning, sitting under a different nameasked several questions as Chair-Mrs. Hans Lauridsen took the man Karl Vogel of Omaha read teachers, Leona Beckwith and his committee's report, but there

> Sen. Charles Tvrdik of Omaha, dean of the legislature from a point of service, said he took this to mean the opposition has "softened." Principal foes of the proposals have been the trucking and petroleum industries, united with the big three farm organizations in the

Despite these indications, however, Sen. O. H. Person of Wahoo, who moved to kill the gas tax increase in 1951, said he anticipates a real fight.

An interested spectator during the presentation of the Vogel sr.'s, new home and also on the committee report was Chanes Marshall of Elmwood, president Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Scott and of the powerful Farm Bureau federation which spearheaded the referendum drive.

The Farm Bureau has indicated it will not oppose highway tax laws if the administration of the highway department is placed in the hands of a commission.

Approval-The legislative council gave its endorsement to several other reports submitted to it. Acceptance of the reports does not guarantee the success of the pro- Fri.-Sat. posals, however, when the lawmakers gather in regular session

next January. Accepted were reports which A bill to allow creation of watershed districts.

Reorganization of the board of

educational lands and fnuds.

Annual legislative sessions. Reduction of the number of state employees. Retention of the present school retirement system.

Now that Nebraskans have approved a constitutional amendment which will allow the legislature to provide a new method of taxing motor vehicles. The Thursday to Saturday, Nov. 6 to thorny problem of just what kind

To do the spadework toward reaching a solution, Sens. Earl Lee of Fremont and Richard Pvt. Larry F. Switzer, son of Marvel of Hastings have called Mr. and Mrs. Larry Switzer of a meeting at the capitol at 10 Clearwater, has been awarded a.m. today (Thursday). The senathe combat infantryman badge tors were officers of Nebraskans for his action under enemy fire for the six constitutional amend-

infantry division. Private Swit- In a joint statement they said. zer, an automatic rifleman in com- "As a committee we will make no pany B of the Fifth regimental recommendations. The purpose combat team, entered the army in of the meeting will be to deter-February and arrived in Korea in | mine the attitudes and thinking of different groups so that the

Supporters of in- members of the legislature can

One of the favorite guessing

Peterson?' National columnists and news bills, defeated in the 1951 legis- magazines have tabbed the outgoing governor as a possibility was the adoption-without dis- for any of a number of cabinet sent-of a legislative council com- posts, for head of a bureau like reclamation, or as undersecretary to a cabinet officer, principally

But if the governor knows what he might be getting, he isn't saying. He told his press conference the other day:

"I have not at any time talked with General Eisenhower about federal employment. I, of course, would consider it an honor to serve with the general in any capacity he thought proper, assuming among other things that could afford to do so.' There is some feeling that Peterson, the former school

teacher and newspaperman, will not get a topdrawer job, but may get a crack at one of 400 or 500 agency jobs.

Rhubarb -

A grade-A rhubarb was cooking here this week over a couple of tons of statue in the likeness of William Jennings Bryan. The statue of the Great Com-

moner now stands at the north

entrance to the capiol, but Gov-

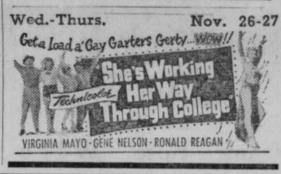
ernor Peterson wants it to leave the statehouse before he does. He entered into an agreement with the Bryan mmorial commission during his first year as governor that the monument would

- Atkinson, Nebr. -

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remain on the capitol grounds temporarily.

Bryanites winning out and now it

appears the whole thing may be

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Van Vleck

of Neligh arrived Sunday at the

Alan Van Vleck home where

they stayed with the children while Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleck

a few months.

thrashed out again.

were in Omaha.

EWING NEWS Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Noffke, sr., were their Now he feels that the time has come to move it. Most Lindaughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cronin, and sons colnites have assumed that the statue would be moved to the of Pierre, S. D., and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Owens and family of Norgrounds of the State Historical society on the University of Nebraska campus as soon as the new building there is completed, which will be within

Vernon Cronin and son left on Nov. 11 for their home at Pierre. S.D., after spending the weekend in Ewing. Mrs. Cronin an son. But it appeared here this week Gene, remained for a longer visit. that the society may not want H. R. Harris and his father, the statue and further, there may William J. Harris, arrived home no be funds with which to move | Wednesday, Nov. 12, from a 3day visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. A.

There was a fine hassle over lo- Harris and family and Mr. and cating the monument in front of Mrs. Stanley Merchant and Richthe capitol back in 1947 with the ard Lee.

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