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LIVING COSTS
 The nation is beginning to pay the bill for certain New Deal follies. Quite generally and very materially the cost of living is going up. It is true that the prolonged and serious drouth is directly to blame for most of the current price increases, but were this country comfortably stocked with its normal surpluses of crops and commodities there would not yet be felt any serious price reactions because of drouth effects.

Had the nation been stocked as of yore with millions of bushels of wheat and corn and oats carried over from previous surpluses; had not farmers been asked to curtail production of other items, and had not the government waged a sensational campaign to bring about its fabled "abundance of scarcity," today's living costs would only have been nominally higher. As a specific instance, witness pork. It is soaring at an almost unprecedented rate and as the prices rise, the ghosts of 6,000,000 little pigs and brood sows must surely haunt the progenitors of this scarcity theory while these latter view with increasing alarm from Washington the rapidly changing condition of living costs they have brought about.

Of course, great pains are taken by Messrs. Roosevelt, Wallace and Tugwell to blame it all on the drouth, and while busy at this task none of them mentions the plow-under campaign, the kill-the-pigs edict nor any of the other glaring major mistakes the brain trusters made in putting their theories into practice.—Ohio State Journal.

SIMMONS SERIOUS
 Declining his opponent's proposal of a series of joint debates Robert G. Simmons appropriately replies to a letter from Terry Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter suggested the joint debate because, in his view, "the voters are entitled to some amusement."

That about measures the Carpenter aims. He is willing to "amuse" his hearers by decanting on his large collection of political vargades, elaborating plans that are ilusive and impossible.

Mr. Simmons, as would be expected from him, measured by his public career, regards the office of United States Senator as one of dignity, to be considered seriously. Me also regards the issues of the campaign as affecting the liberties, the prosperity, the very lives of the people.

So far the Simmons campaign has been conducted with dignity. With drssd, and with fin sense of the

a respect for the people he has adimportance of the office he seeks. Anad that is thd difference between the two candidates for United States Senator from Nebraska. Voters do not care much to be amused by Senators at present—they want to know what sort of service they will get from the man they choose to represent thm in the senate.—Omaha Bee-News.

"WERE FOR YOU, NEIGHBOR"
 These words of a Dodge county farmer, who stood in the rain to greet Alf M. Landon after driving several miles to be present when the Landon train arrived in Fremont, probably expressed as clearly as any others the impressions of residents of this region who saw and heard the republican nominee here.

Alf Landon gives the impression of a man who middlewesterners might call "neighbor." There is nothing of the high-powered political spellbinder about him. He talks as the average man would talk. He is no orator, but every time he speaks he says something, in language which the common person understands.

Those who saw him here were agreed that he has a personality that is pleasing and friendly. The Landon smile brought cheers as he stepped on the platform of his train. The Landon voice, and the informality of his talk, were impressive. He did not wish elaborate arrangements, and there were none here. The simplicity of the gathering seemed to further emphasize the fact that this presidential candidate is not a politician who has made the school of politics his foundation for his candidacy, and who has held public office a good part of his life, but rather is a man of the people, in sympathy with the people and their problems. Too few men like Landon become candidates for the high offices in our government. Our political races have been swung more by oratory than by the common sense and ability of the candidate.—Fremont Tribune.

President Roosevelt says he will make no political speeches or gestures until October. He also said he would reduce taxes and balance the budget.

"This paper will support Governor Landon for president," writes Editor Cramb, long time democrat, in his Fairbury Journal. "Which does not mean this paper has turned republican. On many things we entirely disagree with him. But there is one good, sound reason for supporting him, one good, sound reason why every American should support him. And that is to keep Mr. Roosevelt from packing the supreme court and paving the way for the destruction of the American constitution. Hence, we shall support Governor Landon. We only ask that he oppose, the Roosevelt radicalism, that he stands firmly for the American system, that he associate himself with those who are strong for democracy and opposed to the autocracy of the bureaucrats." That he can also keep books makes it still easier to support him.

Some of these days some heckler is going to embarrass Mr. Ickes a lot while he is making a speech by asking him to define a democrat.

PROMISES and PERFORMANCE

PROMISE.

TAX REDUCTION
 "Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors. . . . If excessive, they are reflected in idle factories, tax-sold farms and, hence, in hordes of the hungry tramping the streets and seeking jobs in vain. Our workers may never see a tax bill, but they pay in deductions from wages, in increased cost of what they buy, or (as now) in broad cessation of employment. . . . Our people and our business cannot carry its excessive burdens of taxation. . . ."
 —Franklin D. Roosevelt, Pittsburgh, Oct. 19, 1932.

"I shall use this position of high responsibility to discuss up and down the country, at all seasons, at all times, the duty of reducing taxes, of increasing the efficiency of government, of cutting out the underbrush around our governmental structure, of getting the most public service for every dollar paid by taxation. This I pledge you and nothing I have said in the campaign transcends in importance this covenant with the taxpayers of this country."—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sioux City, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1932.

PERFORMANCE.

TAX REDUCTION
 Estimated Tax receipts in 1937 represent an INCREASE of 196% over 1933.

The following are tax receipts, including customs, of the Federal Treasury for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1933-1937 (figures for 1936 and 1937 estimated or partly estimated):

1933	\$1,855,174,208
1934	2,954,038,131
1935	3,621,043,062
1936 (Est.)	4,228,036,000
1937 (Est.)	5,494,144,000

A Bill for the taxation of future undistributed earnings of corporations and a "windfall" tax on processors of certain agricultural products was proposed in March, 1936. The majority report of this bill, signed by democratic members of the house or representatives Ways and Means committee, forecasts new tax laws in 1937: "This, (the pending tax bill), will take care of the President's request UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS which can then act more intelligently in the light of conditions then existing."

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James R. Lowell

Few persons have been in doubt the past few weeks that Senator Norris would get in the senatorial race in due time, but, nevertheless recent proof of his intention to accept a petition candidacy constitutes one of the highlights of the campaign to date and furnishes political diagnostics and forecasters with a very substantial bone to whet their teeth on.

What impresses the prognosticators most is the likelihood that the doughty old warrior from McCook, long held invincible, may at last taste defeat in an election. It is pretty generally conceded that Norris in the race will help Bob Simmons, the republican nominee for U. S. senator, and damages Terry Carpenter.

Persons close to Simmons say he is well pleased with the turn of events, while Carpenter has made public his own displeasure. Recently he attacked the alleged circulation of Norris petitions among WPA and other governmental workers in the state, and such a course was being pursued by petition circulators following lukewarm reception of said petitions generally over the state, he declared.

Republican leaders, who have decried Norris' wining election as a republican and then taking up his abode in the democratic camp, are picking up their ears. They fought him for years as a political "traitor," but the harder they fought the more votes he seemed to get. This fall they forsee vindication of their "righteous battle."

Insiders say that Senator Norris was entirely sincere in his announced desire to leave active politics and that he really did not intend to run again when he stayed out of the primary election this spring. However, some prognosticators have suspected that he wants to show the Nebraska republicans who have opposed him that he can go places without their party label.

One fairly certain result of Norris' candidacy by petition will be the entrance of a number of petition candidates for various local and state offices. The senator's coattails look good for a ride to a lot of would-be office holders.

The question of "who will be Queen of May of the May," alias democratic national committeeman for Nebraska, has been a vexing one ever since politics began warming up last January. It is even more vexing now that Senator Burke has seen fit to chuck over the job which he won in the primary election.

The three-way factional cleavage in the state democratic party is becoming more pronounced, if possible, and about the only apparent thread connecting the three factions is common approval of Senator Norris, albeit in varying degrees of warmth.

The Burke faction professes to be for Norris, altho Dan Stephens, of Fremont, ring-leader of the second faction, stated when Senator Burke resigned as national committeeman that the action was "inkeeping with Burke's anti-Roosevelt attitude" and would be followed, Stephens supposed, by Burke's coming out for Simmons, the

"power trust candidate."

Stephens' faction is whole-heartedly for Norris, while Terry Carpenter, boss of third camp, admits Norris has his good qualities, but has another candidate in mind for the senatorship.

Incidentally, Stephens' thrust at Simmons about being a "power trust" candidate got quick action from the Simmons stronghold. The latter termed the charge "unfounded and unfair," and pointed out that as a member of congress he voted for the government operation of Muscle Shoals throughout, against measures to deliver the project to private interests, for Boulder Dam construction including government development of power there, and "worked for and secured appropriations for the extension and completion of the power plants on the North Platte irrigation project furnishing power to western Nebraska and eastern Wyoming."

Meanwhile, it appears James C. Quigley, of Valentine, democratic state chairman, will handle the national post.

POLITICAL SIDELIGHTS: In order to counteract the deluge of speeches made or about to be made in Nebraska by republican and other anti-Roosevelt speakers, the democrats are starting to get busy. It has been definitely announced that these three democratic speakers will appear in the Cornhusker state in the near future:

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, American minister to Denmark, who, incidently will travel by car and trailer with her husband as chauffeur; Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming making four appearances this week in western Nebraska; and Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois.

The Nebraska farmer-labor party will make another attempt September 12 at Omaha to hold a state convention to organize officially and get the party's candidates on the November ballot.

Richard O. Johnson, republican candidate for attorney general who has been pinch-hitting as a speaker for the republican organization, will start his intensive campaign September 14 with a series of appearances in northeastern Nebraska. The democratic campaign for all state offices is now in charge of Charles F. Smith of Seward, vice chairman of the democratic state central committee. He is headquartering in Lincoln.

Lieut. Gov. Walter H. Jurgensen is urging establishment of a "modified civil service" system for state employees, banishment of nepotism from state offices, and he declares that married women whose husbands are employed permanently should be dropped from state pay rolls.

When the first of the two new sound trucks furnished Nebraska by G. O. P. national headquarters made its trial appearance in Lincoln it attracted an admiring crowd but apparently you cannot please everyone. The truck, bearing a "Landon-Knox" sign on each side, came down "O" street playing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. When the music came to the "Glory Glory, Halleluiah" chorus, a dour looking individual (presumably a democrat) gloomily remarked: "I suppose they'll play Jesus Loves Me next."

A political campaigner visited the state house the other day with the encouraging report that the drouth in that area got so bad last month that the trees were chasing dogs.

State soldier relief funds for the needy veterans of the World War were paid out for a total of \$96,049 for the fiscal year recently ended, altho the income for the year was only \$77,124. The difference was made up with a cash balance on hand.

Income for the previous year was \$81,908. The reduction this year was due to reduced interest rates and some defaulting investments made by the state. The soldier relief fund is derived from an investment of approximately \$2,000,000 of state general funds appropriated by the legislature for that purpose a number of years ago.

In addition to rehabilitation work and obtaining federal funds dus to World War veterans and placing many in federal hospitals where mental cases are treated, 6,916 veterans were placed on jobs thru the national re-employment service during the year just ended.

The number of war veterans seeking jobs through this employment service at the close of the fiscal year had dropped to 2,611, according to Henry A. Kriz, clerk of the state fund relief committee, whereas one year prio 5,807 were seekin gwork. Mr. Kriz last spring succeeded R. D. Douglas.

Despite extreme drouth Nebraskan's are going to have their new cars and gasoline to run them, and moreover, they have the money (or credit) to buy them, as shown by new car registration and gasoline tax collection figures.

During July 4,511 new cars were registered in the state, this being 202 more new cars than were registered for the same month in 1935. New commercial car registrations for the state this July dropped, however, to 788 from last year's 807. For the first six months of this year, 3,946 new trucks were purchased, an increase of 748 over

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the first half of 1935. Gas tax collections for July set a new all-time high of \$1,181,518. This was the second consecutive month, and the third month in Nebraska history that collections surpassed \$1,000,000.

The July record (based on collections made in August for July importations) was \$78,920 above collections for July, 1935, the first million-dollar month.

Despite the fact that gasoline tax payments are supposed to be a reliable indicator of business in general, Director Banning of the department of agriculture and inspection attributes the July gain this year chiefly to decreased bootlegging resulting from tighter en-

forcement by his ports of entry.

STATE HOUSE SHORTS: A slight gain in the prices paid for most kinds of food, clothing, feed for livestock and other supplies needed for Nebraska's 18 state institutions under the board of control is reported over the June level by the board which received bids this week on supplies. This purchase will be for the three-month period from October 1 to December 31.

Secretary of State Swanson reports that the state real estate commission created by the last legislature in regular session has issued 2,149 real estate licenses to date. Brokers have received 1,837



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