

GREENWOOD

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Gust Gakemeier, of near Murdock, was a visitor in Greenwood and was accompanied by Mrs. Gakemeier...

Mrs. Earl Clymer, who has been in not the best of health for some time past, is reported as being quite poorly at this time, at her home in Greenwood.

E. L. McDonald was elected as one of the executive committeemen of the Home Owned Stores, and will meet with the committee at the Lincoln hotel on December 5th.

Ralph Clymer, who is agent for the Buick auto, was a visitor in Alvo and other portions of the county, looking after business for his company on last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Ellwood has been very poorly for some time past and while everything possible is being done to effect her recovery, still she does not improve as rapidly as she should.

Messrs E. A. Landon, P. E. Clymer, Ralph Clymer and Carl Weidemann were over to Omaha last Monday, where they were in attendance at the boxing match which was held there that day.

There were many from out of town in Greenwood for the two days shoot which the American Legion put on last Tuesday and Wednesday and a very enjoyable time was had by all those in attendance.

Ray Friedrichs is sporting a new four door Chevrolet six sedan and thinks the car is an excellent one. These are the kind of cars which are sold by Theo. Carnes, the Chevrolet dealer of Greenwood.

P. A. Sanborn, who has been taken with a very severe case of rheumatism, is still kept to his bed with the disease. His many friends are hoping that he may be able to be out again in a short time.

John H. Vick and wife, the latter a sister of Mrs. P. A. Sanborn, of Omaha, and Henry Deickman, a friend, of LeMars, Iowa, were guests for the day last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sanborn.

There is quite a bit of new corn being brought to market and which is being shipped out. Most of the grain shows pretty good as to condition, notwithstanding the fact that the weather has been very damp.

Henry Gakemeier and wife and daughter, of Murdock, were guests for the day on last Thursday at the home of Rex Peters, Mrs. Peters being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gakemeier. They all enjoyed the Thanksgiving together.

Some one told us it was the intent to divert traffic over the new grade from Greenwood to the end of the pavement near Waverly, and so the writer ventured that way, but we will allow others the privilege of traveling that piece of road in the future.

Uncle John A. Grady, who has been having some trouble with one of his eyes account of a growth thereon, went to Omaha last week and to the Methodist hospital, where he had the growth removed, although the eye has been very tender and painful, it is getting along nicely.

Robert E. Mathens and wife departed on last Wednesday for Paola, Kansas, where they went to spend the Thanksgiving day with R. E. Matthews, Sr., father of our Bob, and with a sister, Miss Addie Matthews. They enjoyed the visit very much, even more than coming home through the snow.

Grading was commenced east of Greenwood on the new highway and will if the weather permits be continued until the work is done. The graders are able to work with the ground frozen some, but if the cold weather hangs on it will probably compel them to cease their activities in the near future.

Art Hesse, who by the way is an excellent farmer, is getting along nicely with the picking of his corn and has a piece which he had in sweet clover last year, that is making 74 bushels to the acre, as well as another piece which he has had in alfalfa, that is yielding 62 bushels to the acre. The entire crop is expected to yield about 50 bushels to the acre.

Greenwood Transfer Line

We do a general business—make trips regularly to Omaha on Monday and Thursday, also to Lincoln Tuesday and Friday. Pick up loads on these trips. Full loads at any time. FRED HOFFMAN.

Meets Many Friends

Walter E. Palling was making a trip to Lincoln and asked Mr. B. A. McElwain to accompany him. They stopped on their way home at Havlock where Mr. McElwain met his friend of former days, William Tucker, whom he had been intimately acquainted with when they were boys at Plattsmouth many years ago.

Nothing would do but Mr. McElwain stay for supper, and during the time it took to prepare the meal.

Stock Hauling

I have a station at Greenwood for Hauling by Truck service. We will give special attention to your needs day or night. Very careful handling of Stock and Goods. Call Phone 40, Greenwood, or Murdock, for best of service. Your patronage appreciated.

J. JOHANSON

Mr. Tucker busted himself with the rounding up of some of the old Plattsmouth crowd, they all sitting down together to enjoy a very fine supper and a good time, and all the old friends meeting Mr. McElwain.

Died in Colorado

Word was received of the death of Charles Pollard, formerly of Greenwood and Ashland and vicinity, but for some time making his home in Colorado, his death occurring on last Tuesday. The remains were shipped to Ashland, where they arrived on Thursday morning and the funeral and burial occurred on Thursday afternoon.

I. O. O. F. Elect Officers

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows of Greenwood held last week, they followed the transaction of the other business which came before them, proceeded to the election of officers for the coming term. The one selected for the guiding of the ship of state for the order were as follows: Marion Dimmitt, N. G.; Forest Osunts, V. G.; L. C. Marvin, secretary, and Harry Hughes, treasurer. The appointive officers will be announced at the time of the installation, which will not occur for some time yet. Charles E. Calfee was also elected trustee for a three year term.

DECLARE RUBIO PRESIDENT

Mexico City—The Mexican congress Thursday night adopted the report of its election commission and formally declared Pascual Ortiz Rubio, candidate of the revolutionary party, elected as president of the republic.

The report stated that the successful candidate had received 1,257,761 votes; that Jose Vasconcelos, candidate for the anti-electionists, had been given 110,279, and that Pedro Rodriguez Triana, communist, had received 23,279. The fall of the gavel marking the official consummation of the Nov. 17 election was the signal for an outburst of cheering in the chamber of deputies.

The parliamentary election commission rejected 140,000 votes as illegal. Included in these were about 1,000 votes mailed from Los Angeles. A delegation of congressmen was chosen to visit the president elect and give him official notice of the result. The detailed figures showed he carried each state and territory with a handsome majority.

FIND RUM LADEN AIRPLANE

Detroit—United States immigration officers Tuesday confiscated a rum laden airplane and arrested its pilot at a landing field on the outskirts of Detroit, while across the Detroit river in Canada the Windsor provincial police raided ten liquor export docks between Belle river and Amherstburg in a drive against Ontario's liquor problem, the illegal dispensing of liquor declared for export. The American officers' arrest was made after they had gone to the field and were informed that an airplane carrying aliens would land. Instead of aliens twelve cases of whiskey were found in the plane, they reported. It was the fifth airplane which American officers have seized here for liquor running in five months.

The Canadian raids also were extended to the north shore of Lake Erie near the Kingsville district, where supposedly a number of liquor running airplanes are loaded for their flight into the United States.

MINISTER TAKES OWN LIFE

Tokyo, Nov. 29.—Sadao Saburi, Japanese minister to China and former Japanese charge d'affaires at Washington, committed suicide early Thursday at a fashionable mountain resort forty-five miles southwest of Tokyo.

A telephone report from the resort said Saburi shot himself with a pistol at the Fujiya hotel, where he had been staying. He returned to Japan recently from Nanking to consult with government officials prior to undertaking new negotiations with China.

Saburi was considered among the most brilliant members of the Japanese foreign service with a distinguished career ahead. His friends were unable to give a motive for his act except that he had been despondent since his wife's death in 1926.

LOSSES TO CANNERIES HIGH

Seattle, Nov. 28.—As reports from canneries along the Bristol bay district of Alaska continued to sift into Seattle Thursday, estimates of the damage caused by the terrific gale and tidal wave of November 24th had reached \$200,000, indicating the storm was far more serious than at first believed. The only communication with the storm swept district is thru the signal corps, U. S. army, at Dillingham, and the bureau of education station at Kachikanak.

Seattle officials of Libby, McNeill & Libby were advised that all its buildings and docks at Ekuk had been carried away; that shipways were destroyed and all floating equipment beached. The cannery of the Northwestern Fisheries company at Naknek reported all floating equipment, including scows, on the beach. Dispatches said the storm was the most severe and the tide the highest in years.

Short Horn Bull for Sale

We have a fine short horn bull for sale. Call or see either Raymond Hild, Mynard or P. A. Hild, Murray, n28-3cw

Fresh and toothsome cashew, almonds and pecans, also chocolate coated almonds and peanuts at the Bates Book & Gift Shop.

Lignite 'Coal' Proving a Boon to Northwest

North Dakota Plant to Turn Out 1000 Tons Daily and More Mills Being Planned

Iehikh, N. D.—Nature has lost her monopoly on the process of making coal. Briquettes, which are lumps of man-made coal derived from lignite, are replacing the old-fashioned product in many uses in this section. Last February this competition with nature was initiated here with completion of the first unit of the Lehigh Briquetting Company of capacity is to be 200,000 tons per month. Now the plant's capacity is to be increased to 1000 tons of finished briquettes a day, and a refinery for by-products is planned. Moreover, two new plants are contemplated, a second unit in North Dakota and one in South Dakota.

Lignite is beginning to be an important factor in another way. Electric generating plants, built at the mines, are converting it in to electric power for transmission to industrial plants in North Dakota and other states in the Northwest. The start was made at Columbia, in the northern part of North Dakota. The estimated cost of the lignite for plants at the mines is 90 cents a ton.

The briquetting process is termed by engineers a simple and efficient operation. Lignite contains from 30 to 40 per cent moisture. The objectionable moisture is removed by means of hot gases, evolved from the lignite itself. The tar oils are likewise removed. Large vertical ovens, more than 80 feet high, continuously receive lignite at the top and discharge a finished product, "char," at the bottom, the entire process being automatic.

The heating process is maintained by circulating hot gases continuously through the charge by means of blowers, under absence of air or oxygen. The smoke of the coal is condensed into liquid, crude tar, which in turn is distilled as a pitch binder and by-product oils, containing base acids, phenols and cresols.

The pitch binder so obtained is a heavy, black, sticky, resinous body, kept liquid by steam. At ordinary temperatures it quickly solidifies. Accordingly, when mixed with the processed "char" from the original lignite, it makes a plastic material which is compressed into small briquettes by a roll press.

It is claimed by the manufacturers and users that briquettes surpass even the best natural coal, giving a more intense heat over a longer period of time. The fact that the fuel is smokeless is expected to enhance its desirability for use in cities.

WOMAN DIES FROM BURNS

Ossing, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Sparks from a short circuit in an electric cord set ablaze a secret tent water proofing compound in a locker laboratory, resulting in the death Wednesday of Miss Lucy Abercrombie, thirty years old daughter of Col. J. T. Abercrombie, a sporting goods man. The sparks ignited a fifty pound pail of powdered paraffine—the base of the compound—when she turned on an electric machine to mix the ingredients in an experiment. The burning mixture scattered in all directions and Miss Abercrombie's clothing caught fire. She ran for the doorway, but found the door locked. Charles Carlson, the family chauffeur and said to be the only person besides Miss Abercrombie and her father who knew the secret formula, was unable to help her. He himself was severely burned on the face and arms.

CAPTIVE ASKS FOR HELP

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—The Rev. Ulrich Kreutzen, of Calumet, Mich., a Franciscan missionary, stationed at Wuchang, Hupeh province, who was kidnaped by bandits early this month has written Wuchang stating this his health is good, but the bandits are threatening to kill him unless troops seeking to rescue him are withdrawn. His whereabouts, said the letter, was being changed continually in the mountainous south of Hupeh, Hupeh province.

The Wuchang mission said that negotiations seeking his release were under way, the mission being willing to pay what Chinese term "wine and rice money" approximating one thousand Mexican dollars (\$500 in gold) but not the ransom of 6,000 Mexican dollars demanded. The bandits received the mission messengers but threatened to shoot commissaries of the authorities who approached outer sentries.

GALE HITS NORTHERN BAY

Seattle, Wash.—A terrific gale accompanied by an extremely high tide, did heavy damage to canneries and other buildings in the Bristol bay district of Alaska, Nov. 25. A message to the United States bureau of education offices here Wednesday from the bureau of education rural station at an Indian village near Dillingham said:

"An extremely high tide accompanied by a heavy southwest gale on Nov. 25, caused serious damage in the Bristol bay district. Wrecked some of the canneries totallg some not heard from may be in ruins."

Twenty-five canneries are in the district. Bureau of education officials here said the damage might easily run to \$100,000.

Fresh and toothsome cashew, almonds and pecans, also chocolate coated almonds and peanuts at the Bates Book & Gift Shop.

BLAME PLACED ON KLAN

Denver—Charges that activities of the Ku Klux Klan and the "penurious" policy of the state legislature contributed to the mutiny of the Colorado state penitentiary Oct. 3, in which thirteen lives were lost, were made Wednesday by Thomas Tynan, former warden of the prison. He testified at the concluding session of Governor Adams' commission investigating the mutiny. Tynan charged that the kan, as a political maneuver, had established a branch inside the penitentiary to which both convicts and guards belonged.

"It resulted in a complete breakdown of discipline and had a lasting effect," the former warden said. The state legislature, he said, had never in his eighteen years as warden of the state penitentiary appropriated sufficient funds for the proper operation of the operation of the penitentiary.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

The Plattsmouth Public Library gained 29 new borrowers during the month of October. The number of books exchanged was 3523, an increase over October, 1928, of 1027 volumes. We feel that this is an unusually good record. The largest day's circulation was 223 books, and on that day Miss Jones and Miss Leonard must have been very busy. A valuable gift has been recently received by the library. It is a plat of the city of Plattsmouth, drawn by Mr. Charles M. Lewis for Mr. D. H. Wheeler. It is dated July 15, 1853.

This map is now framed so that it may be easily examined by those interested. The streets are numbered and named on the map, but the people of today's generation will be surprised at the difficulty in locating today's familiar landmarks—some of our "old-timers" will understand it better.

It will be worth your time to see the book displays in the Stores for Book Week. You may see something that you would like to read. The following stores have displays: Westcott's Clothing; Ladies Toggery; Soennichsen's; and Mrs. Emma Pease, Millinery.

Five new International Mind Alcock books have been received and they are very attractive. The titles are as follows: "The Spanish Pageant," by Arthur S. Riggs. This is a very readable book on Spain, and should make a direct appeal to even the casual reader.

"Understanding India"—by Gertrude M. Williams. This author gives an excellently balanced view of life in India, and, as she herself says, brings away a different impression of the same country, of which Miss Mayo writes in "Mother India." The latter book caused so much comment and disagreement that it is interesting to read other viewpoints.

"Ireland, the Rock Whence I was Heavn"—by Donn Byrne. It seems to embody all the dreams and poetic yearning of a different land, and to give, in exquisite form, a lovely picture of the land of the author's boyhood. The book itself is so lively, it is a pleasure to handle it.

"The League of Nations"—by John Spencer Bassett. This is one of the newest and most authoritative books on the League of Nations. It will be invaluable for reference study.

John Spencer Bassett is probably a familiar name to many who studied his histories in college. "The Old Savage in the New Civilization"—by Maymond B. Fosdick. This is the type of book which can be read at a sitting. It is written to stimulate thinking on the most challenging problem that confronts our generation: "What use are we going to make of our new machinery?"

The above comments on these five books were quoted from the letter of the lady who chooses the books to be sent to our mind alcove.

SEVEN NEW FIRES START

Grants Pass, Ore.—Seven new fires in northwestern Oregon forests late Monday sent every available official of the United States forestry service attached to this district office into active service. The fresh outbreak was reported at a time when it was believed all major fires were under control.

James Billingslea, district supervisor, left at once to take active charge of the situation. While early reports indicated the Gold Beach fire had been brought under control, latest word said the flames had broken out anew. With telephone lines burned out communication with many of the fire lanes was seriously handicapped, and in most places communication was maintained only by runners.

Meager reports of losses overnight indicated the situation may have reached a serious stage. Billingslea said before he left. His office had received the earlier report lending hope that the fire condition had improved.

Fires in the Siskiyou mountains near the Oregon-California line swept over 300 acres of brush Saturday and Sunday and a fire was reported on Dutch Creek Monday in three places. They were not serious. All were caused by campers or prospectors who failed to extinguish their campfires.

MEXICO WILL ADHERE TO KELLOGG TREATY

Washington, Nov. 26.—Ambassador Tellez of Mexico formally notified the state department Tuesday of his country's adherence to the Kellogg treaty for the renunciation of war.

Phone your news to No. 6.

Sterilization Suit is to be Dropped

State Board of Examiners Rescind Order Upon the Advice of Attorney General.

The suit instituted by attorneys for Rosario Failla, an Italian of Omaha, committed to the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln, for the purpose of testing the constitutionality of the Nebraska sterilization law, is to be dropped as a result of the action of the state board of examiners Wednesday afternoon, but Attorney General Sorensen stated that it is understood a new action is to be commenced.

Attorney General Sorensen conferred with members of the examining board, made up of medical staff members of state institutions. He told members of the board he did not believe the order for sterilization in the case of Failla had been done under the procedure as outlined in the amendatory statute passed by the legislature of 1929. He recommended that the order of the board be rescinded. The board immediately rescinded its order. The attorney general will file an answer in the suit stating that the order has been rescinded and that there is no order in existence which can be the subject of a court order of injunction.

The attorney general said the board of examiners will adopt rules and regulations governing enforcement of the new law and that it may then be free to proceed to reissue an order in the Failla case. He said this would be done, and his attorneys will file a new suit under a different state of facts.

The amendatory law of 1929, proposed by Senator Reed of Hamilton county and other members of the legislature, provides for sterilization of feebleminded, insane and habitual criminals in state institutions, upon proper procedure of the board of examiners, board of control and courts, after a hearing. The former law authorized sterilization only of insane when relatives consented, upon a court order.

Failla's attorney contended in his petition that he is not insane, but committed as insane, that since commitment he has been cured of his temporary malady. He is arried and has two children.—State Journal.

BETTER NOT SAY IT

Bad news travels faster than good news. There is an old saying, "No news is good news." Let a man be converted at a church service and a resident be convicted of crime and the news leaps by word of mouth from one end of the community to the other.

How thoughtlessly unkind we sometimes are when acquaintances of ours suffer misfortune! Troubles are bound to come to us all in some shape or form, and what we say about others today may apply to us tomorrow. News is no respecter of persons.

We are prone to consider the ways of others not our ways when we should be watching our own steps. What folks say to one another sometimes hurts more than anything they could have done. News, good or bad, grows and becomes exaggerated and distorted with peddling. When the news is good it makes no material difference how it is exaggerated or distorted—it can never do anyone positive harm. But bad news given wings, may bring sorrow and ruin upon people who certainly are not deserving of a punishment beyond the penalty of their mistake.

More charity for others will mean charity for ourselves and we will gradually come to take a keener delight in reporting something good of some person than something bad. Good is constructive, bad is destructive. Just before you are about to let out a bit of "bad news" stop a moment. See if you can't think of something good to say in place of it. The chances are ten to one that you will.

BURNS FATAL TO YOUTH

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 28.—Wallace Schramm, twenty-two, of Pierce, Neb., died in a hospital Wednesday as the result of burns suffered a week ago in a laboratory explosion at Holy Cross college here. Schramm was a former student at Creighton university, Omaha, and a graduate of Holy Cross. He was taking a post graduate course and serving as an instructor in chemistry at Holy Cross.

At his bedside when he died was his father, O. S. Schramm, of Pierce, Neb., who came here by airplane and train upon receiving word of the accident.

FAMILY FETES TWO WED FOR 50 YEARS

Stromsburg, Nov. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Ekstrand celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in this city Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrand were married Nov. 27, 1879. All of their nine living children and many of their grandchildren were here to help them celebrate. A dinner was served at the Park hotel, at which 30 of the immediate family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ekstrand held open house during the afternoon to their friends.

DAUGHTER GETS INSURANCE FUND

Lincoln, Nov. 29.—Mrs. C. E. Melvin, stepdaughter of the late James B. Harvey, former Fairbury railroad man, was Friday awarded the insurance money from a -1,500 policy held by her stepfather with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

The money had been the subject of litigation between Mrs. Melvin and five sisters and brothers of the dead man since he was shot and killed by his wife, Emma A. Harvey, on Oct. 5, 1927. The brotherhood, being unable to decide to whom to pay the money since Mrs. Emma A. Harvey had become ineligible to be the beneficiary because of being murdered the insured, brought the suit asking the court to decide who was the legal beneficiary.

Bill to Slice 160 Million to Come Up Soon

Will Make U. S. Santa Claus to Taxpayers; See Early Passage; No Opposition.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Decks were cleared by house leaders Friday for passage of the \$160,000,000 tax reduction bill by next Thursday night, with prospects the senate will have acted on it before the Christmas holidays.

"We are going to move full speed ahead to pass this joint resolution, which gives taxpayers relief and which should stimulate business," Hawley said.

The joint resolution carrying the Christmas present for the taxpayers will be introduced in the house Monday, the opening day of the regular session, by Representative Willis C. Hawley of Oregon, chairman of the ways and means committee, he announced.

He will call a meeting of his committee for Wednesday, at which Undersecretary of the Treasury Mills and possibly Secretary of the Treasury Mellon will appear to urge passage of the measure.

Use "Gag" Rules. Chairman Hawley believes the action of his committee will break records for speed and that he will be able to report the measure Wednesday night for passage on Thursday.

Should a minority in the house decide to prolong debate on the measure, in view of the occasion for legislative speeches, the "gag" rules of the house probably will be clamped down and debate limited.

If Undersecretary of the Treasury Mills were not going to be absent from the city because of a previous engagement on Tuesday, the ways and means committee probably would have been called to meet on that day. But in view of the fact that the republican committee on committees will be in session on Tuesday, this too obviates a committee meeting on that date, Chairman Hawley said.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Representative John N. Garner of Texas, democratic floor leader and ranking democrat on the ways and means committee.

In view of the gentlemen's agreement between the republican and democratic leaders, reached at a conference with Secretary Mellon, there will be no formidable opposition to the tax melon.

Republican and democrat leaders on the ways and means committee, as well as on the senate finance committee, have agreed to put through the \$160,000,000 program without material alteration.

Some difficulty is understood to be facing the Treasury department in drafting the joint resolution. The intention is to make the reduction apply only on earnings in the calendar year 1929, but payable in 1930.—Omaha Bee-News.

REFLECTORS FOR TRUCKS ORDERED BY COCHRAN

State Engineer Cochran announced Friday morning that all trucks operating in the state must carry a red reflector on the left rear side of the truck and a green reflector on the left front side, to enable motorists to more easily distinguish the side of the truck. Truck operators will be given until the first of the year to comply with this regulation.

Under a bill passed by the legislature the department of public works was given authority to establish such rules as they felt necessary to better traffic conditions on state highways, if such rules were not contrary to, or not included in the statutes. While the weight, width and height of all trucks are limited by law, State Engineer Cochran said that this feature was not included in the statutes. This law is the same as the Iowa state law with the exception that a red reflector is not required besides the tail light.

NEMAHA PAPER CHANGES HANDS

Tecumseh, Nov. 29.—The Nemaha County Republican announced in its issue this week the sale of the paper and printing office by Jack H. Walsh, publisher, to O. N. Smith of this city. Smith owns an auto agency here and is not a newspaperman. Walsh said he did not know what Smith was going to do with the property, but that possession will be taken next Monday.

Those interested in the deal said that the paper will probably be consolidated with the Nemaha County Herald, published at Auburn by J. C. Voline.

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Full Line of Toys

Cars, Dump Trucks, Sleds, Wagons, Games, Erector Sets, Dolls, Dishes, and a hundred other items.

Bring the kiddies here and let them see the many fine things we have secured for our first Christmas season's business in Plattsmouth.

It Pays to Trade at Gamer's

THE COALITION'S SUCCESS

When the smoke clears away it will be recognized, we believe, that the coalition did most useful work in the special session of Congress, ended last week. It has saved the country from a tariff which would have placed an unconscionable burden upon every household, and would have put American foreign trade in the products both of farm and factor under severe handicaps. It has prevented the Republican party from committing a gross violation of its campaign pledges. It has awakened the country to a realization that tariff making by the President under the flexible provision is a perversion of sound constitutional practice. Through its investigation of lobbying it has done much to educate the country on the question of tariff making. It has saved President Hoover the embarrassment, and possibly even from the political disaster, which would have befallen him had he been compelled to choose between approving of vetoing the Hawley-Smoot bill. The coalition has done just exactly what the opposition under popular government is supposed to do. We have no doubt that its success has come because it faithfully reflects popular disapproval of the tariff bill which the Republican Old Guard tried to enact.

To say this is not to overlook the fact that the coalition is at its maximum strength in opposing the Hawley-Smoot bill and that it would have great difficulty in writing a satisfactory bill of its own. Being a coalition, it does not represent a homogeneous set of principles. Our own position may be taken as an example to illustrate the point. The Post-Dispatch has been thoroughly in favor of defeating the Hawley-Smoot bill, but it has little sympathy with the ultra-protectionism for agriculture which some of the Senators from the Northwest propose. We can see no good to agriculture or to anyone else in carrying protection to such extremes. Our own desire is not to see the tariff on agriculture raised to the skies, though we recognize a certain justice in this form of retaliation against the past excesses of the Eastern tariff interests. Our own desire is to see the whole project of general tariff revision fail, and to substitute for its special revision of particular schedules.

We believe that the history of the special session demonstrates the truth of the argument that general tariff revision is a bad way of fixing the tariff. Invariably and inevitably it comes down to mere log-rolling in which any real consideration of rates on their merits and in the light of the available facts is forgotten. Every general tariff bill raises so many questions at once, and affects so many interests at once in so many unpredictable ways, that it acts as a general irritant on the whole economic structure of the country. It is a crude and obsolete method of procedure, and the country would be well served if the two parties would abandon entirely the whole conception of general tariff revision.

For the one certain thing about tariffs is that the economic life of the country can adjust itself to any tariff if only that tariff is regarded as permanent. It is the alteration of tariffs, up or down, which dislocates the economic structure. Therefore the alteration of the tariff on each particular occasion ought to be narrowed to the smallest possible scope, so as to confine the effects within the smallest limits and to permit consideration of these effects uninfluenced by log-rolling bargains.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A card of reminder to an old friend is always an acceptable token for the Christmas season and now is the time to call at the Bates Book & Gift Shop and make your selections