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PRESIDENT AND SENATE

President Hoover has aroused the ire of the Senate—not a difficult thing to do. He has come in for bitterest invective because of recent statements bluntly made by him on the very eve of important legislative action in the Senate body. Perhaps he might have been more diplomatic in his choice of expression, perhaps he might have been more careful to avoid disturbing Senate sensibilities, or what passes as such—all of which is beside the question.

What he did and said amounts merely to this, that Congress must be careful not to make undue assault upon the Treasury. He made it plain, perhaps too plain, that there is a limit in the matter of national expenditures beyond which it is not safe to go. No man in the Republic is more aware of existing conditions than is he, perhaps no man is more, or as much, interested in seeing the business and industrial situation improved. Too, he may too much have relied upon the promise of partisan co-operation and assistance, always a vague and undependable probability. It is not beyond the possibilities that his natural enemies for some time have hoped for an opportunity that might relieve them of a much exploited duty and obligation, and that they were only too eager to "play politics" as the President accuses. In the vitriolic and virtuous indignation summation of Senate members touching the President's motives and delinquencies, it might be well to remember wasted time in tariff and other discussions, and the Senate's own sins of omission and commission in many directions.

The heated attack now made on the President would be more impressive if the Senate could come into Court with clean hands, so to speak. Its wrath over impolitic words which suggest an imperative duty in the name of true economy and common humanity is suggestive only of a perverted sensibility and an inability to measure up to a true standard of dispassionate statesmanship.

Before judging those Princeton students who were expelled for removing a statue from the campus, it might be well to have a look at the statue. Those New York communists who went all the way to Washington to demonstrate, oughtn't to kick. Somehow they got train fare without working.

Shears for cutting cloth were invented in Italy about 400 B. C., but it was two or three centuries later before scissors were made by fitting to the fingers.

Once the cackling of geese saved Rome. Most eminent appears to be a test to determine which political party will be destroyed by the quacking of lame ducks.

The new Ethiopian king was saluted by widely riding warriors and the spectators would have been more thrilled if they hadn't seen better performances in the movies.

Jail sentence for liquor offenders were 5,000 more numerous this fiscal year than last. Now we'll have the old argument of what it is, more liquor or stricter enforcement.

It is about time that the American people woke up to the fact that they are developing in a left handed sort of way. One side of their character is growing much faster than the other.

The new triple alliance consists of Russia, Germany and Italy, which jointly are against the Versailles treaty. It still seems that international documents are only scraps of paper.

Although the number of unemployed in England has risen greatly in recent years, the number of persons receiving Poor Law relief at the end of June was the lowest since 1920 according to a recent government announcement.

The National City Bank of New York City states in its economic survey that "business is scraping the bottom." Not news to some, but reassuring to most of us who feel the worst is over.

There are a good many things in this imperfect world that can make a man ill. Nothing, however, does it much more quickly or thoroughly than that strange legal phenomenon known in newspaper headlines as "heart balm," and more formally called a damage suit for breach of promise to marry.

Not only are 70,000 miners on strike in Scotland, but there is grave danger that the dissenion may spread through the entire coal industry of British Isles.

CONSERVATION AND ANTI-TRUST LAWS

A section in President Hoover's message to Congress which many overlooked in the general eagerness to read his discussion of unemployment and the farm problem is a brief one dealing with the anti-trust laws in relation to the conservation of natural resources. In this the President said: "The producers of these materials assert that certain unfortunate results of wasteful and destructive competition which impoverishes both operator and worker, cannot be remedied because of the prohibitive interpretation of anti-trust laws."

Conservation, both in the sense of good technical methods in the exploitation of our natural resources, and in the sense of using them with some thought for the needs of future generations, even though that may mean a slightly higher price to us today, is an ideal and a policy which has the fairly unanimous support of enlightened public opinion. A legislative proposal to further this, whether by positive action or the removal of hampering restrictions, deserves a serious hearing. But before any steps are taken in the way of weakening our anti-trust laws, the public may well ask how and for whose benefit this is to be done. The President mentions only one industry, coal, by way of illustration; but undoubtedly he also has in mind the oil industry. That wastes of competition exist there seems to be generally recognized, and undoubtedly there is a place for Government action, or perhaps for private restriction under proper supervision; but if restriction by joint action is legalized, the public is interested in knowing whether it is to be for the enrichment of corporate treasuries or for the providing of posterity with a share of the bountiful resources with which America has been blessed. If prices are to be enhanced, and restriction has a habit of meaning that, perhaps some method of passing this extra cost on to the public treasury in the way of taxation rather than passing it on to the stockholders in the form of dividends could be devised.

The reader with an inquiring mind and not too short a memory might well consider the case of a few other natural resources and see to what extent legislation is forcing their wasteful exploitation. Copper, for example, is an industry which is trying to give the impression that it is the victim of legislative oppression. But most certainly it was not any prohibitive interpretation of anti-trust laws which forced the combine to run the price up to 24 cents a pound in 1929, and subsequently to hold it at 18 cents a pound for a year in the face of a declining demand and accumulating stocks. This lucrative price, which stimulated production in sub-marginal mines that in a more rational order of things would have been left unworked for the time being, finally brought such stocks on the market that copper prices collapsed to a level unknown in a generation. Then the anti-trust laws were blamed for the troubles which the copper industry had brought upon itself; and not satisfied with that affront, that infallible panacea, a protective tariff, was urged as a remedy.

The lumber, lead, zinc, manganese and aluminum producers looked out for themselves rather handsomely in the Smoot-Hawley tariff. So did many other people. If these industries are sincerely concerned about conservation, however, one of the best ways to promote their ideals would be to ask for the removal of the duties on their products, which would allow part of our needs to be met from foreign sources and leave more of our resources for future use. President Hoover might well give some thought to this phase of the conservation movement.

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CROP SURPLUS AND THE FARMER

In that part of his annual report dealing immediately with present conditions of farming and its future prospects, Secretary Hyde, of the Department of Agriculture, shows how completely any effective method of farm relief depends on the farmer himself. The Government may subsidize agriculture, it may establish and try to maintain pegged prices; it may enter speculative markets and retire a great bulk of produce to storage. None of these activities, which many good economists consider to be delusive at best, can meet anything but utter failure so long as the farmers continue to send new surpluses to market.

Mr. Hyde recognizes frankly that the only logical remedy for overproduction is the voluntary curtailment of crops. He comments also on the extreme difficulty of persuading farmers to organize or to adjust planting to prospective demand after they are organized. Farmers are the most individualistic producers. They have been known to resist forcibly efforts of the Government to clear their land of plant pests, and if the present set-up for farm relief dies without a real trial on the production side the responsibility will be theirs.

After a year of intense effort to organize co-operatives the Secretary estimates that reduction of acreage put in winter wheat this fall is less than five per cent, of which a considerable part is due to prevailing low prices. The farmer always has done his planting with an eye on the prices of the moment, with little or no thought to prospective conditions to violate, a guiding principle of sound industry. So long as he does so the Government must admit, as Mr. Hyde does admit, that it cannot hope to control even domestic markets, and that the pouring of vast sums of money into farm relief before agriculture is educated to cooperate is approaching the problem from the wrong end.

One dispatch from Washington says prospects are good for enactment of a relief measure for the drought-stricken districts, and right behind it comes another saying that President Hoover and Secretary Mellon will demand an additional one per cent on income tax returns. That's one heluva administration we have at the national capital.

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FARM BUREAU NOTES

Copy for this Department furnished by County Agent

Sewing Machine Clinic. Housewives of Cass county may put their sewing machines in good working order by attending meetings conducted by a sewing machine expert from the state extension service of the College of Agriculture during the week of January 12, 1931, announces Miss Jessie Baldwin, assistant county agent. Paul R. Hoff, agricultural engineer from the college has been secured to give this instruction to 100 Cass county housewives. Meetings will be held in communities where at least fifteen interested women have signified their desire to attend the all day meeting and bring their sewing machine with them. Mr. Hoff has conducted these meetings for several years, where sewing machines of all makes and ages have been cleaned and adjusted under his supervision.

Women who have attended these meetings say that the sewing machine cleaning and adjustment project is one of the most practical and valuable projects attempted by the extension service for homemakers. Since the number of meetings must be limited to 5 days, Miss Baldwin will schedule meetings in the communities placing requests backed up by the assurance that fifteen women will attend. Any one is eligible to enroll, if you are interested in attending one of these clinics, please notify Miss Baldwin at once.

Organized Agriculture. Hon. Duncan Marshall of Toronto, Canada, and Alexander Legge of the Federal Farm Board are the two leading speakers of the coming Organized Agriculture meetings at Lincoln. Mr. Legge, the most talked of and written about figure in American agriculture today, will undoubtedly discuss the work of the Federal Farm Board. He spoke to a large group of Nebraska people in July 1930, at Hastings. People who heard him there admire his frank statements of the facts as he sees them. Mr. Brokaw says. Mr. Legge will speak at the general meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Marshall spoke before the farmers meetings in January 1927 and is remembered by many Nebraska people as an exceptionally forceful speaker who is keenly interested in livestock and in people who make their living from the land. Mr. Marshall speaks at the mass meeting of all organizations Thursday afternoon January 15th.

Programs for the home economics section of Organized Agriculture are available at the Farm Bureau office. Organized Agriculture meetings are held at the Agricultural College campus, Lincoln, Neb., January 6, 7, and 8, 1931. Make plans now for these meetings.—D. D. Wainwright, Cass Co. Ext. Agent; Jessie H. Baldwin, Ass't. Co. Ext. Agent.

STUDENTS VISIT COURT. The members of the civics department of the Murdock consolidated high school were here Monday afternoon to attend the session of the district court and giving the young people the opportunity of enjoying the many interesting phases of the court work, they being fortunate in finding a case on trial before the jury.

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NOTICE OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE. In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska

George K. Petring, Plaintiff vs. The County of Cass, Nebraska et al, Defendants.

To the Defendants, Herman Neitzel, and all persons having or claiming any interest in and to Lots five (5) and six (6), in Block fifty-four (54), in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, excepting that part of Lot 6 lying within 40 feet of the center of Chicago Avenue in said city, real names unknown;

You and each of you are hereby notified that George K. Petring, as plaintiff, filed a petition and commenced an action in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, on the 1st day of November, 1930, against you and each of you and others; the object, purpose and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of the Court quieting title to Lots five (5) and six (6), in Block fifty-four (54), in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, excepting that part of Lot 6 lying within 40 feet of the center of Chicago Avenue in said city, in plaintiff's name against you and each of you and all persons claiming by, through or under said defendants, to enjoin all of said defendants in said suit from having or claiming any interest in said real estate and for such other relief as may be just and equitable in said premises.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 15th day of December, 1930, or the allegations therein contained will be taken as true and a decree rendered in favor of the plaintiff, George K. Petring, as against you and each of you according to the prayer of said petition.

GEORGE K. PETRING, Plaintiff. W. A. ROBERTSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS. To the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Owen Marshall, deceased, real names unknown; Jason W. Holloway; Elizabeth Holloway; Mary E. Morgan; Charles R. Morgan; Minnie A. Marshall; Johan Gustafson; Barbara Guelstorff; Peter Withoff; Trustee; John Luetchens, Trustee; August Bornemeyer, Trustee; Christ Miller, Trustee; Emanuel Society of the Evangelical Association of North America; and all persons having or claiming any interest in the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section seven (7), Township eleven (11) North, Range nine (9), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Cass county, Nebraska;

TAKE NOTICE that on the 26th day of November, 1930, George Kreiner and Sarah M. Kreiner, plaintiffs herein, filed their petition in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, against you and each of you, the object and prayer of which petition are to quiet the title of plaintiffs in and to the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section seven (7), Township eleven (11) North, Range nine (9) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, in Cass county, Nebraska, to forever enjoin you and each of you from in any manner or form interfering with plaintiffs in their quiet possession and enjoyment of said real estate, to recover costs and such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 12th day of January, 1931. GEORGE KREINER and SARAH M. KREINER, Plaintiffs. Francis V. Robinson, Their Attorney.

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska, County of Cass, ss. By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by Golda Noble Beal, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1930, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day at the south front door of the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate, to-wit:

The south 47 feet of Lots 5 and 6, in Block 43, in the City of Plattsmouth, in Cass county, Nebraska—

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of John F. Wolff, Edna J. Wolff and the Plattsmouth Loan and Building Association, defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said court, recovered by Paul H. Gillan, plaintiff against said defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, November 22nd, A. D. 1930. BERT REED, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska. State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Mary L. Fitch, deceased:

On reading the petition of Robert H. Fitch, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 2nd day of December, 1930, and for discharge of himself as administrator of said estate;

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the second day of January, A. D. 1931, at 9 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1930. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska. State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of John Cory, deceased:

On reading the petition of Sybil Brantner, Executrix, praying a final settlement and allowance of her account filed in this Court on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1930, and for final settlement of said estate and for her discharge as said Executrix;

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1930, at 9 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

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Francis V. Robinson, Lawyer, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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