

PRAIRIELAND ... TALK

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LINCOLN—The state board of equalization and Tax Commissioner Armstrong had an opportunity last week to hear straight-from-the-shoulder what some leading representatives of Nebraska's greatest industry thinks of them. Ranchers from the 30 counties affected converged on the state house, met with the board, whose only mouthpiece the day I was there was Mr. Armstrong. They protested the hiking of cattle valuations 25 percent applicable to the 1947 tax rolls.

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ing room. County Assessor Gillespie and County Attorney Griffin each addressed the board and were followed by Messrs. Putnam, Peterson and Shafer, each of whom are ranch operators on large scales and each protesting any advance in the cattle valuations. They pointed out that the valuations were made in good faith by their assessors after the schedules of valuations were approved by the tax commissioner's office. Mr. Gillespie raised the question of the legality of the proposed increase on the grounds that the board was assuming to act as an assessing commission for which there is no legal authority, in place of its legal and proper function as an equalizing body. Mr. Gillespie and others also took issue with Mr. Armstrong on his theory of equalizing cattle values with other property and maintained that a cow cannot be classed with a piano or a calf with a wheelbarrow. Mr. Armstrong on behalf of the board went into detail as to the why of the proposed

raise and said it was the intention to be fair with the taxpayers but felt that cattle valuations were out of line with other property. Gov. Peterson, being absent from the city, was not in on the hearing.

The mayor of cultured Boston is said to be drawing the salary of 20 thousand dollars a year while confined in prison and has his job back upon the expiration of his prison term. A Nebraska gent doing a stretch in the prison comes at the parole board at a new angle. His wife bought a farm after his conviction and confinement behind prison walls. The farm has grown up to weeds and he advanced as a reason to be set at liberty his desire to pull the weeds. Sure, wonder why he did not think of that contingency arising before venturing out where the police closed in on him. Or maybe the court in passing sentence should have considered the possibility of weeds to pull and made provision in the decree of commitment that the prisoner be released from custody as soon as the weed pulling was demanded down on the farm.

It is not the fish the boys are after up north. I learn that down there in the Amelia community you can go out on the meadows and scoop up the fish by the tub full. Lakes have overflowed and the fish taken to the tall grass.

According to the semiannual statements of state, county and city treasurers there are millions in the public funds. While it is gratifying to be financially stable the average citizen cannot see the need of piling up large cash balances drawn out of the pockets of taxpayers. And if you never tried it, you might find you would have to scratch something beside your head if you had to put up a thousand or 12 hundred dollars for a rented place and three or four hundred dollars personal tax, taking the risk of being ruined by bad weather.

A former sergeant-at-arms in congress was convicted on a charge of getting away with a little under 84 thousand dollars of government funds and drew a prison term of from one to three years. A lot of folks would be happy to spend a year or two in prison retirement for half that amount of money. The judicial suggestion covertly implied implies not to steal a loaf if hungry but make a big haul.

A 16-year-old moral monster has been taken into custody and upon his own confession is convicted of a crime that has jarred the sensibilities of the capital city as nothing else has within our memory. With shocking indifference he sat before a group of officers and a reporter and told the sordid

details of murdering an eight-year-old Lincoln boy and violating and mutilating the child's person. The news stories said the little boy's father was in jail for drunkenness when his son fell into the foul grasp of his violator and slayer. What can be the background of a 16-year-old that makes of him a human fiend? This youth came in from another state. He has been set afloat from a home somewhere and swirled about with the driftwood of human depravity on the murky sea of the social canker. What will be done with him is for a jury to say. With such a start in his early youth what can be done with him? It is not for the sob sisters nor the hysterical rabble rousers to say, but for the considerate judgment of a sensible jury.

If you had been born in the year 1844 do you think you would have survived the wreck of time until 1947? A giant of a Negro whom they call Nimrod and who has been in service of one of the swank homes on Sheridan boulevard for a long term is said to be 103 and from his husky ap-



HOLD KEY POSITIONS

Winnie Walling (left) and Palmer Skulborstad hold key posts in Gambles new store

here, heading the credit and outside building material departments, respectively.

pearance will at least get a good start on the 200th year. He has been retired by his former employer with an assured income of \$50 each month.

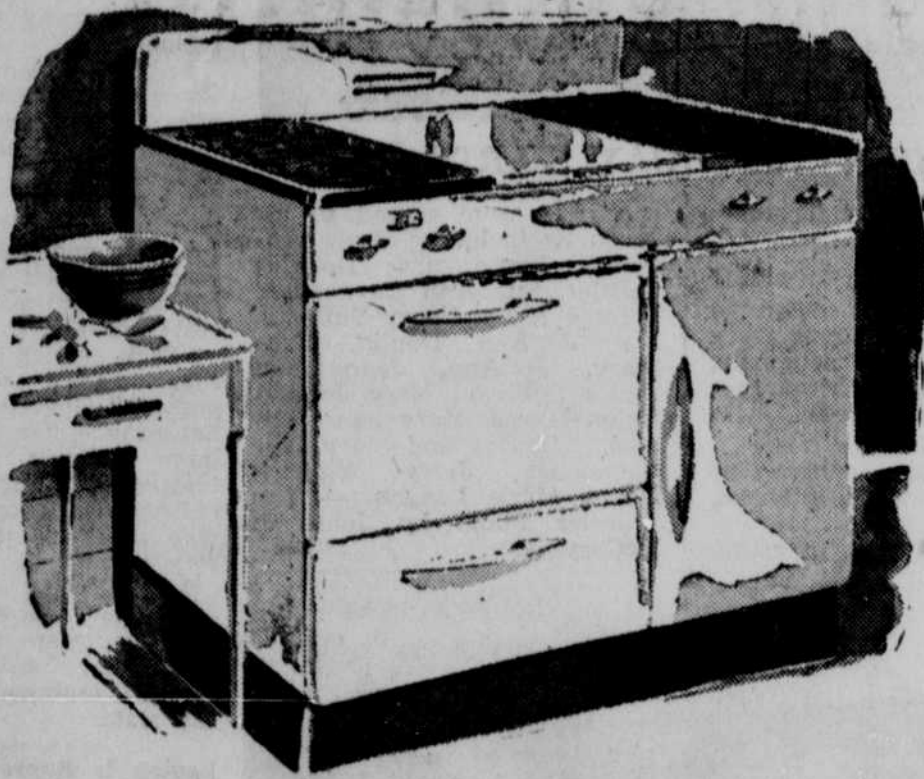
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From Time to Time

. . . we will announce other additional lines as they become available. In the meantime, watch for the opening date.

The Apparel Shop

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