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Those M & O Trains

(Guest Editorial from the Blair Pilot-Tribune)

The M & O railroad, which is attempting to remove north-south passenger train service from the Omaha-Sioux City line through Blair, got a little too premature in its efforts last week and received a light reprimand slap on the cheek from the state railway commission.

The M & O claims it has been losing money with its passenger train service and would like to cancel out the service. The other day, with a coal shortage suddenly at hand, the M & O shut down service to three times a week.

Then, without warning, it announced passenger service would be eliminated altogether for the present in view of the coal shortage.

About this time the railway commission became irked and ordered the service restored to three times a week.

Certainly there is a dearth of coal, and possibly the M & O was really trying to conserve when it cut off passenger service altogether. Yet there is always a suspicion in the minds of many that the M & O might have been trying to show that nobody would fall over dead or starve to death if the trains were not operated at all.

If it could prove this, the M & O might have quite an argument in its favor when the commission gets around to hearing the case.

The commission, however, doesn't appear to be so sympathetic to the railroad in its unannounced move. In fact, the commission knows that most small railroads are attempting to curtail their service as much as possible instead of trying to show profits like any other business would. It may well be that the M & O did its shabby discontinuance cause a disservice by trying to cut out passenger service on the basis of the great coal shortage.

Railroads were happy enough to be classed as semi-utilities when they were getting land grants and other favors from state and federal governments. Now they suddenly are just poor private corporations forced to serve the public when it doesn't pay—and they don't think it's fair.

But, in the first place, the railroads do make good money on the whole. They have, it is true, certain services which show no profit or even a loss. Yet on the other hand, grocery men make little or no money on coffee and cigarettes, but they cheerfully handle both in the interests of complete service to their customers.

If the M & O had tried vigorously to promote passenger patronage on its Omaha-Sioux City line, and still took the loss it claims, we'd be more sympathetic. But instead, it has made no apparent attempt in this direction. Its rolling stock has often been pitiable, its stations along the line have remained old-fashioned and ill-kept, it has tried no advertising or public relations.

To many, in fact, it appears that the M & O and some of its brother lines have deliberately attempted to discourage patronage and profits. Perhaps this is untrue; if it is, the commission certainly would not be out of line in suggesting sound business attempts to make money before allowing abandonment of a needed public service.

No Use to Negotiate

American officials are said to be divided in their opinion as to whether this country should go ahead with the production of a super bomb, described as one thousand times as deadly as the original atomic bomb.

The production of a hydrogen atomic bomb is said to be possible, at no exaggerated cost, but there is difference of opinion as to whether it should be undertaken before another effort is made to reach an agreement with the Soviet Union about atomic power.

It is difficult for us to see where there is much to be gained by negotiating with the Communists. Let us assume that they agree on regulation, there still remains the vital question of inspection to insure compliance with any understanding. This the Russians have repeatedly rejected.

Without adequate inspection and control, there would be no great reliance upon any paper promise made by the Russians. There would be the chance that, working in secret, the Russians would go ahead with atomic developments. It would be too late to discover this fact after an aggressive war got underway.

Plan Phone Service In North Coleman

Art Doty said this week that there will be a meeting in the district 14 school house on Monday, February 6, at 7 p. m., for persons in North Coleman township interested in securing rural telephone service. An organization will be perfected at the gathering.

"Voice of The Frontier" Mon.-Wed.-Sat., 9:45 a.m., WJAG.

Visitor from Kearney—

Mrs. M. Fredrickson, of Kearney, visited her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Fredrickson, from Monday, January 23, until Saturday, Mr. Fredrickson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Best, of Kearney, came to take Mrs. Fredrickson back with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Pinkerman and family visited the Lloyd Collins family Monday.

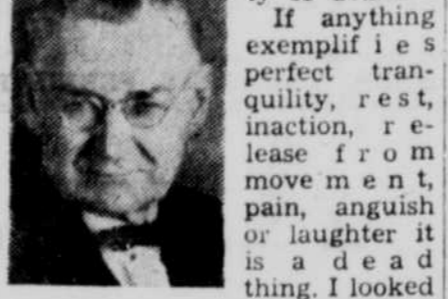
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Prairieland Talk —

Hay McClure, As Sheriff, Would Have Been a Calamity to Holt County

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — Through the haute medium of a monthly, learned getlemen of medical science tell of "the tranquility of death."



Romaine Saunders

If anything exemplifies perfect tranquility, rest, inaction, release from movement, pain, anguish or laughter it is a dead thing. I looked upon such a one yesterday. There he lay in the peaceful embrace of death, form and features that I had known as a living, animated being. Joy and pain, toil and planning, the activities of earth enquired for him, "tranquil as if his spirit lay becalmed in heaven's approving ray."

Funeral services over, friends move in solemn file for a last look at the dead, the takeoff for the grave marking the end of one more taken from us.

What these men have said about it more properly comprehends tranquility as death approaches. But this is not always the case. As we are ushered into the world we let out a lusty squawk so in departing there is a gasp and a groan.

If Mr. Sallows can bring to every near and far community in Nebraska the roads they think they are "entitled to" he will be a pretty popular guy.

Oldtimers remember them all with pleasure: Patrick Hagerty, for county treasurer; Hay McClure, for sheriff; Jim Harnish, for superintendent; John Wertz, for clerk; John Skirving, for clerk of the court; Garry Benson, for judge; R. E. Bowden, for surveyor; and I. R. Smith, for coroner. That was the Republican county ticket in 1899.

Skirving was the only one of the group elected. The next issue of The Frontier, telling the story of the election, ran a three-column head, "We have met the enemy and we are theirs." Some on the ticket had been put up for slaughter. Hay McClure, as sheriff, would have been a calamity. I had followed the cow trails with him and he had the outlook of a Nick Carter and was too handy with shooting irons. But he was an open-handed and loyal friend at that.

Is it the settlers of the Missouri valley who are promoting the program at old Ft. Randall? Probably not, but certain interests that hope to garner a harvest for perpetual duration from the citizens who have been doing pretty well for nearly a hundred years in the territory drained by the Big Muddy.

As for irrigation, why irrigate when there is now an over-production of grain stuff? The plains states west of the Missouri were spread out by nature as the natural livestock region.

We have messed around and tried to change matters. Settlers in Holt county and on west early learned it didn't pay and that their safest assets consisted of the grasslands as nature formed the prairieland.

Lincoln awoke this morning to a white wonderland. The day previous had brought a coating of ice with the gloom of a sunless day. The day preceding that suggested the time of blooming roses and newly hatched chicks. Now at midday the merciless mercury has touched a point four below zero. Over my window pane the delicate drawings of the frost artist have created another wonderland of trees and flowers and mountains and gem adorned clouds. Out in the open snow crunches under hurrying feet, overhead the sun gleams through an opening in a cold cloud bank and shines for a brief minute on the snow-covered scene and is gone. Nature again has spread a white blanket over the earth to renew the fertility of the ground.

Had a federal functionary come along and told Dave Weisgarver how many beans he could plant he would have been invited to go jump in the Elkhorn. Nebraska bean growers are now taking orders limiting the number of acres to be planted. A little of Russia as a start.

From a recent report of the State Library Commission it is learned that "small tables and chairs have been donated for the children's corner and they now have their own book center with their shelves" at the township library in O'Neill.

Gen. Marshall is reported to have declined an offer from the publishers of such things of one million dollars for his memoirs. The old war horse evidently thinks there are enough of such volumes now in the library shelves of the country.

John L. Lewis, for many years the czar of the coal miners, finds a revolt on his hands. Grimmed faced coal diggers have not returned to work at the request of Mr. Lewis. Is this the beginning of further revolts of union men when other labor lords will be tumbling from their arrogant heights? Messrs. Green, Murray, et al, are probably looking on with a bit of concern for their grip on the union membership. They set up a guide book on congressional candidates assuming to tell the man with a union card how to vote. The results will be an interesting feature in states that are electing members of congress.

A federal grand jury said Alger Hiss is as guilty as they make 'em. He threatens appeal. Jury verdicts have a habit of standing up in higher courts. Girl traitors are stowed away. Big shots like Hiss and Bridges are hard to hogtie. Equality before the law. So?

I have a grandson who led a bride to the altar January 29. As he was pondering what color suit to get for the occasion I ventured a suggestion. If you want to make a hit and start something in bridegroom attire get you a pair of Big Yank overalls, march down the line to the altar wearing the overalls and no coat. The idea failed to take hold. He got a tuxedo. Young men start out in gay attire and wind up in middle life in overalls. No suggestions for the bride.

Announcement is made of the discovery of a new heart drug. It is not stated what effect, if any, it is to have on the two young souls with a single thought: "Two hearts that beat as one."

The Holt county primary vote will be divided three ways to nominate a candidate for state senator, Mr. Coats, of Stuart, taking a hand in the gamble invites a division of the vote of the west half of the county and support from Rock and Keya Paha where he has wide acquaintance. There was a time when the newspapers of Holt county were generous in their advice about who to vote for, but now they leave it to the intelligence of their readers.

Sen. Marg Smith, of Maine, a notable woman of Yankeeland, is coming to town. She is scheduled for an address at the GOP Founders' day doin's March 21. It will be worth a trip from remote corners of prairieland to sit at the banquet board at the Cornhusker and hear this lady who makes the veterans of many years in the US senate sit up and take notice when her ruby lips pucker for a verbal onslaught on "fair deal" vageries.

Whether eggs are five cents or \$5 a dozen you can get along. They have been just that. An oldtimer tells of the \$5 egg market at one time where he was in Africa. I sold eggs for a nickel at Pat McManus's early in the 20th century and that was two cents above what some localities were paying. And at two bits a dozen now poultry owners feel they are being highwayed.

During February ranchers and farmers are to be regaled with stock management lectures at meetings held throughout the state under the direction of the agriculture extension service. Holt county has been passed up in the schedule arrangement, maybe this suggesting that the old cowhands up this way are amply qualified to run their business.

It cost the passenger on a stagecoach \$250 and two weeks on the road for a trip from Kansas City to Sante Fe over the old Sante Fe trail. You can go by air now in a few hours at a cost of \$45.

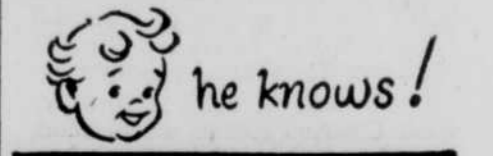
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REDBIRD NEWS

Lyle Wells was in Redbird Saturday, January 21.
W. H. Hartland was here Saturday, January 21.
Claude Pickering was in Lynch Saturday, January 21.
Elmer Luedtke called here Saturday, January 21.
Lee Wells was in Redbird Saturday, January 21.
Guy Kellar, of Lynch, was here Saturday, January 21.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Barta called in Redbird Saturday, January 21.
William Podany and family Moved Saturday, January 21, from near Dorsey to a farm they purchased near Butte.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richter, of O'Neill, were Sunday visitors at Pete More's.
Mrs. Anna Carson went to her school Sunday evening, January 22.
Albert Carson called in Redbird Sunday, January 22.
Gene Hrbek was in Redbird Monday, January 23.
Fred Truax was here Monday, January 23.
Claude Pickering and Mr. Conley were callers in Redbird Monday, January 23.
Miss Eva Truax visited here Monday, January 23.
Alfred Truax, of near Lynch, was assisting at Mike Hull's Monday, January 23.
Mrs. Pete More went to Harvey Krugman's near Opportunity Monday, January 23.
Lee Wells was a caller here Monday, January 23.
Albert Carson was at Ray Wilson's Tuesday, January 24.
Robert and Virgil Wilson were among the visitors here Tuesday, January 24.
Ray Wilson visited at Mike Hull's Tuesday, January 24.
Gordon Barta transacted business in Lynch Wednesday, January 25.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bessert left by auto Wednesday, January 25 for Ravinia, S. D., to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart.
Lester Pierson and Tom Bowers, of Butte, were in Redbird Wednesday, January 25.
Will Hartland visited at Michael Hull's Thursday, January 26.
Mrs. Florence Harris of Lynch, was in Redbird Friday, January 27.

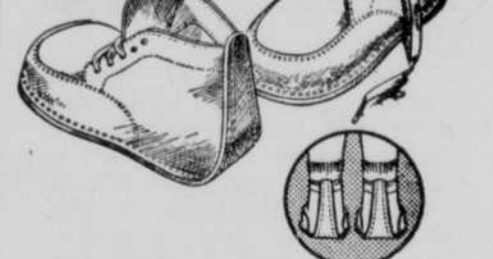
Howard Slack was a visitor in Redbird Friday, January 27.
Will Conard was here Friday, January 27.
Wm. Podany and family, of Butte, visited in Redbird Friday, January 27, saying that they are nicely located in their new home.
Mr. and Mrs. Florence Hisscocks called in Redbird Friday, January 27.

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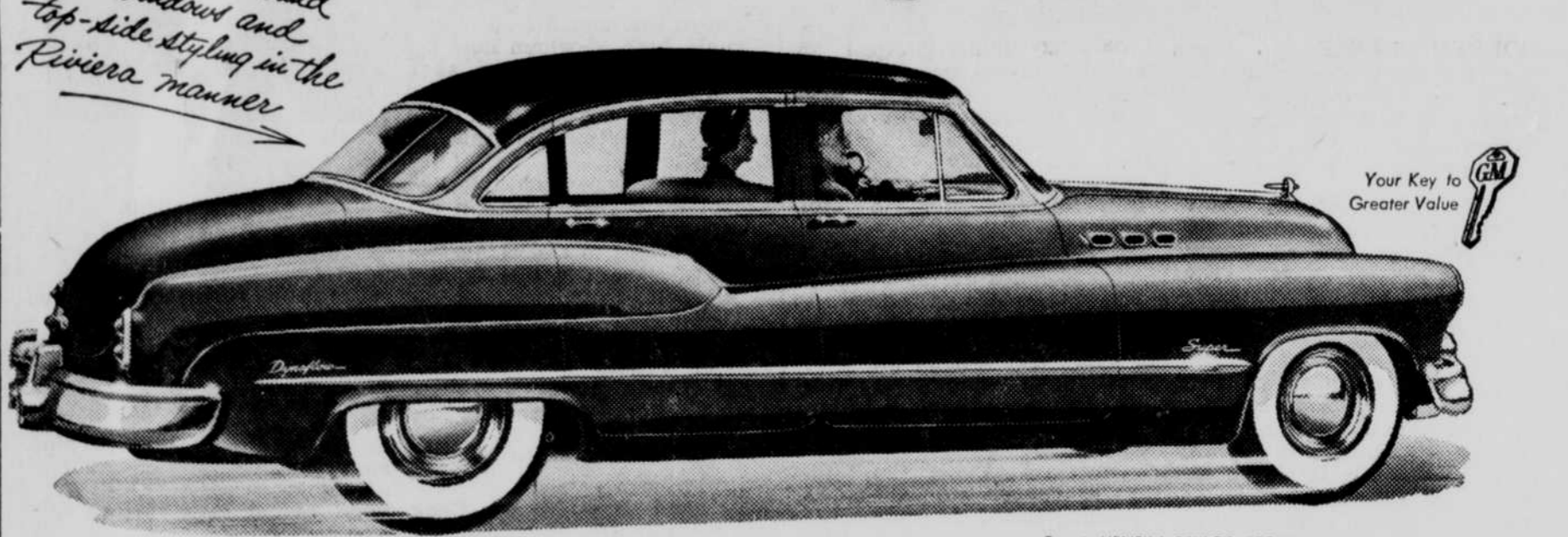


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TWO-WAY STRETCH that's strictly inside stuff!



HERE'S THE NEW 1950 BUICK SUPER 126, companion body-type to the equally new ROADMASTER 130. Both are shorter than last year's 4-door Sedans—yet 4 inches longer in wheelbase. In both, the difference is used to give you real stretch-out room in the rear seat.

What the boys did here really calls for some medals.

We gave them the job of coming up with something that was bigger inside—for room and comfort—longer in wheelbase—always important to good riding qualities—yet unbulky and easy-handling in over-all dimensions.

Just look how well this tidy number meets these "impossible" specifications!

Item one—rear-seat cushions are a full foot wider than last year's SUPERS and ROADMASTERS.

Item two—in every dimension—leg-room, head-room, hip-room, shoulder-room—this rear-seat compartment is bigger than previous models—and nearly four inches longer, fore and aft, than other 1950 Buick interiors.

Item three—wheelbases are the longest of our 1950 line. On the SUPER, it is 125½" instead of 121½"—on the ROADMASTER 130¼" instead of 126¼".

Yet—and here's where the magic comes in—the whole car is shorter over-all. Actually less from bumper to bumper than previous Buicks in these series.

That means easier parking, easier tucking away in family garages, easier maneuvering in crowded traffic.

There are some other things too. An extra rear-quarter window not found in standard 4-door Sedans. A different upperstructure styling that makes this body-type stand out as something pretty special.

Even special names that let you say, "I drive a SUPER 126" or "Mine's a ROADMASTER 130," just by way of being different.

Yes, we think we hit on a happy idea in the "Longfellows," as they're coming to be known. They are not longer, on the outside, but there's a two-way stretch—in width and length—in the rear compartment.

You're going to like that—as you'll see by calling on your own Buick

dealer. If he doesn't have one on hand, he can get it pretty promptly—and at a price and on a deal you'll have trouble matching, much less beating, anywhere else.

See him now, will you—about placing an order?

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- WIDE-ANGLE VISIBILITY, close-up road view both forward and back.
- TRAFFIC-HANDY SIZE, less over-all length for easier parking and garaging, short turning radius.
- EXTRA-WIDE SEATS cradled between the axles.
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