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The State Superintendency

A turn of events in the state department of education has interesting possibilities.

Ten days ago Wayne O. Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, was named president of Peru State Teachers college by appointment. He accepted the appointment and consequently withdrew as a candidate to succeed himself in the state education post.

Reed's opponent for the non-political job was Merle A. Haynes, ex-mayor of South Sioux City and presently a florist there. Haynes had been encouraged to run by representatives of rural school boards, by several farmer organizations and by a number of county superintendents who professed unhappiness with the trend of the state education department.

Mr. Reed had been a champion for federal aid and state aid to schools and for compulsory redistricting. These objectives have been quite generally opposed by taxpayers.

On Saturday Mr. Reed's deputy, Freeman B. Decker, originally of Arlington and former Wayne businessman and Wayne county superintendent, got into the race.

Earlier he had been considered by some to run against Reed but he declined to compete against his boss. With Reed's withdrawal the road was clear for him to go after the job.

The big question now is: What platform will Mr. Decker use for his campaign?

In a press statement following his filing, Decker pledged to "provide the sound, sensible educational program demanded by the people of Nebraska for their boys and girls. In a few days I shall submit to the people for their consideration a more detailed statement of my views.

"In the meantime, I want it fully understood that I firmly intend to uphold the principle of community-centered locally-controlled schools," he added.

In reviewing the impending Haynes-Decker battle, the Dakota County Star (South Sioux City) queried:

"Will he (Decker) continue the policy of the present department, which has included threats to legislators who failed to go along with a proposal to vote a sales tax and give 75 percent of the money to the schools? Or will he try to steal the objectives of Mr. Haynes and the people who induced him to oppose Mr. Reed?"

Help U Club in All-Day Meeting—

PAGE — The Help U club met Wednesday, June 21, at the home of Mrs. William Buxton for an all-day meeting. A no-host luncheon was served at noon. Thirteen members and a guest, Mrs. Orville Kemper, were present. The afternoon was spent playing pitch with high score going to Mrs. J. W. Finch, jr.; low to Mrs. Kenneth Waring, and traveling prize to Mrs. Roy Waring.

The club will meet with Mrs.

Otto Matschullat for the next meeting.

Mrs. Finley Hostess—

PAGE — Mrs. LaVerne Finley was hostess to the Bid or Bye bridge club Wednesday afternoon, June 21. Mrs. Jerome Allen was a guest. Mrs. Ralph Larson held high score and Mrs. Allen, all-cut. Luncheon was served.

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So Proudly We Hail



Prairieland Talk —

This Generation Travels from State-to-State With Ease Their Parents Hitched Up a Buggy

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN — This generation gets around from one state to another in their late model cars with the ease their parents hitched up to a buckboard and drove out to Dry creek to cast in and hook a 5-pounder. My son, Glenn, and family have returned to Miles City, Mont., after a trip that took them into 9 states, centering in the Southern California area. Glenn has not authorized me to do so but I think friends of Prairieland Talk may be interested in some observations he made.

"We saw a lot of country on our 4,600-mile jaunt," he writes, "some of it being pretty, most not so, and some rather interesting because of being unusual. You hear of the wonders of this and that place, and when you see them it is nothing as far as I can see. Two things really left an impression, Mt. Hood in Oregon and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river.

Mt. Hood is 3,000 feet less than Mt. Shasta in California, the highest peak in the U. S., but it is all by itself in country that is much lower, and really is majestic. It impresses one as a complete world in itself and one is awed by the majesty of the scene.

"The Grand Canyon leaves the same impression, only in reverse. It beggars the imagination to realize there is a chasm so large, and the amazing color adds to the grandeur. At one point we were on a slight overhang with a railing around it, below which is a straight drop of nearly a mile."

Dan Cupid finds a way. It was in 1880. Polk Eastman and Olive Pratt were the "contracting parties" in a unique wedding. Rev. Mr. Penney lived some miles distant from their homes and a trip to his abode on horseback involved crossing the Kentucky river, but when at nightfall the 2 hopefuls arrived at the river brink they found it at flood stage and were unable to cross.

The prospective bridegroom was for turning back but the lady had other ideas. She proposed they make themselves



Romaine Saunders

heard and succeeded in arousing the minister who came out of his cabin with lighted lantern and asked what was wanted.

"We want to be married," shouted Eastman across the rushing waters. "What are your names and where are you from?" shouted back the Rev. Penney.

Again a shout of names and places came on the night air across the Kentucky. "Do you, Olive Pratt, take this man to be your lawful husband?" "Yes, sir, I do," shouted Olive. "Do you, Polk Eastman, take this

woman as your wife until death do you part?" "Sure do, Parson!"

And so an unusual marriage ceremony was consummated.

An addition to the state university scholarship provides \$1,000 yearly to help students of demonstrated outstanding ability, with no strings attached because of "race, religion, sex or social affiliation." The less brilliant and maybe more substantial students who may need a lift don't come in on this sizeable yearly contribution to educational funds.

A group of American military experts are instructing 150,000 natives of Iran in modern methods of warfare. Shades of Cyrus, ghost of Xerxes! If those old Persian generals could step in on the scene they would boot the pants off their degenerate descendants for sending abroad for instructors to teach them to fight.

Pencil making is a \$25,000,000 yearly industry in the United States.

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What is an ARM or a LEG worth?

They are surely worth more than the few minutes gained by fast driving. Yet every holiday there are thousands of otherwise sane people who gamble precious Arms, Legs, and LIVES against a few extra minutes at the other end of the trip. Those few minutes just CANT be that important!

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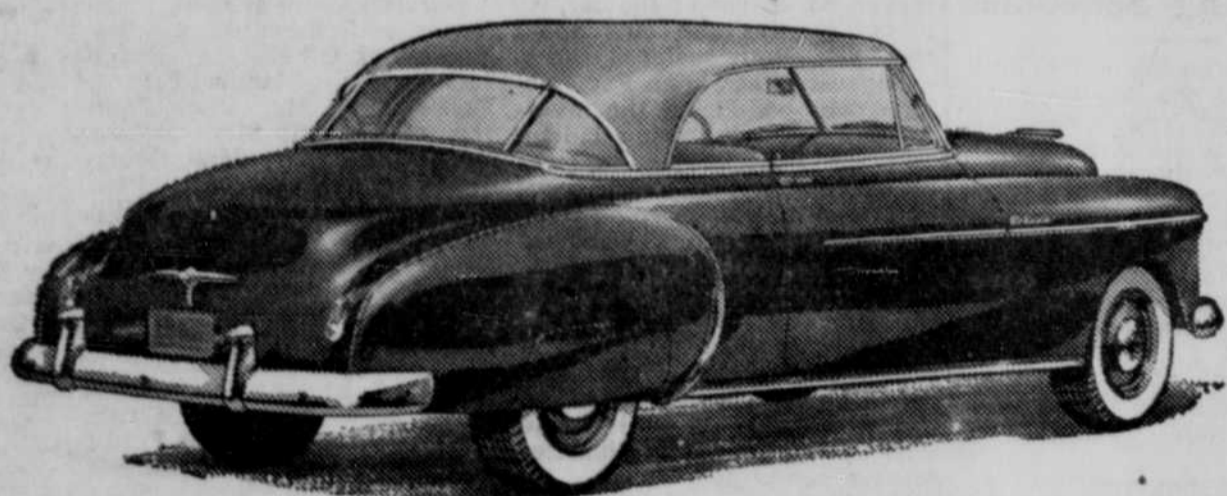
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