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Rev. Wiczorek Makes Address

LYNCH—The memorial day program sponsored by the Lynch American Legion post and auxiliary were held Wednesday, May 30, at the Lynch theater.

Rev. John Wiczorek gave the address.

Other Lynch News
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, of North Platte, spent several days visiting in Lynch last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wendt, of Gross, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Nata Bjornsen, and daughter recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pech, of Winner, S.D., came Monday, May



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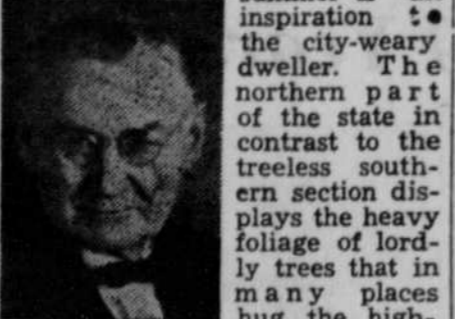
Prairieland Talk—

Elkhorn Reaches Half the Length of Nebraska in Verdant Loveliness

By ROMAIN SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—The valley of the Elkhorn has been compared to the valley of the Nile. It reaches in verdant loveliness half way the length of north Nebraska.

A drive out across the green robed earth on a day this early



summer is an inspiration to the city-weary dweller. The northern part of the state in contrast to the treeless southern section displays the heavy foliage of lordly trees that in many places hug the highways. The payoff has come for the planting of shelterbelts and the dense silver and green sheltering highways add a pleasing aspect to the vast reach of open country in prairieland.

Beauty is not all. Material blessing abounds in the black soil of cultivated fields, rolling hills of grazing lands and extensive grass-grown prairie.

On a drive to O'Neill Memorial day we moved across a portion of Lancaster, Seward, Butler, Platte, Madison and counties to the west. It was a holiday but many farmers were in the fields at work plowing or planting corn. From the cribs of old corn seen on many farms a corn crop failure this year will not entail Nebraskans in the corn belt going "down into Egypt to buy corn." It was raining when we drove onto Douglas street and as we passed the Legion hall people were assembling for the day's doings. At the cemeteries floral tributes were being brought in. Here we met friends. They are thinning in ranks as years roll on and another generation has come to visit the graves.

The streets and homes of O'Neill reflect the hopes and aspirations of the new generation and homes and buildings now occupy the once vacant spaces.

Returning, we traversed the Elkhorn valley to the end at Fremont. It is now in lush bloom and the limpid waters of the Elkhorn fill to the full the river's concave shores. Cattle browse in the grass lands of the upper headwaters and in the Beemer country are hundreds in feed lots. Ceilings on beef prices seem not to have discouraged those in the cow country.

Hugh Coyne and Pat O'Donnell were part of the picture on Douglas street when encountered the other day. With something akin to the wistful we fell to comparing the picture today with that of the period when the covered wagons and cowboys' saddle nags were common on the streets.

The trail to Deadwood in the Black Hills followed the Elkhorn valley. Maybe something of the wistful felt by we 3 on Memorial day inspired a patriot to put into verse his feelings as he tore asunder the black soil with a plow along that Deadwood trail. It may not stand out among the classics of American poetry but

it has something of the frontier crudity of the "Little Old Sod Shanty on the Claim."

He writes:

PLOWING UP THE TRAIL
Plowing in the field, I could hear a murmur and a wail,
As back and forth I went plowing up the Deadwood Trail.
Could it be the songs the freighters sang at the close of day,
When they rested, weary at the camps along the way?
Perchance I hear the hunter's signal low,
As on some distant hill he sights the buffalo,
Then I hear the thunder of the hoofs in a cloud of dust—
To stop the stampeding herd was a cowboy "must."
Now we grow our products, ship them from the state,
Have them processed and ship them back by freight.
Are we more contented in this modernistic way
Than when the freighter and the cowboy had their day?
Now the cowboys and the freighters have all passed out—
Gone o'er the Great Divide, the camp fires died out.—Ed Dartt.

Young America in O'Neill and nearby communities is going to miss Ira George. He had a way with the kids. And under his supervision the O'Neill schools have become something more than just another town school, another place to shove the youngsters off for the day. I was a spectator at the fair in Chambers a few years ago when Mr. George was there with his fine group of young people composing the O'Neill band. Talking with one of the boys he said of their leader, "He is a great guy."

Mr. George now goes to a larger field and the well wishes of his young friends of the O'Neill schools and parents of the community will go with him and his wife and son.

Since early times O'Neill has had a group that could toot the horns and beat the drums. But until Mr. George took over school kids were not considered "band material." At an early period in the town's history there were such musicians as John Smoot, Homer Campbell, Pat Biglin, Denny Cronin, George Merritt, Emil Sniggs and some others, with the high stepping Silver ("Jim") Triggs doing the honors in the lead.

Ladies in the band! That was an innovation we credit to Mr. George.

We are multi-millionaires all! We are going to invest in the next 2 years \$165,000,000 in our state officials, and they had better watch their step how they do the job. As a state we have become great and rich. The recently adjourned legislature provided for increases in appropriations to enable the various functions of state government to operate during the biennial period. The senators shied at the much mooted "road program" but before they closed their brief cases they laid upon stepdads the legal responsibility of the care and support of stepchildren.

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It was soon after the close of the war between the North and the South. John, a blue-clad soldier, sat in a wagon drawn by oxen. A maiden sat beside him. On the road they met a preacher. "Mary, here's our chance," said John. Without the formality of license or legal document the preacher tied the knot. The oxen were headed for prairieland, where there were free homesteads. The years rolled on, and one day John heard the final bugle call. When Mary asked for the soldier's widow pension officialdom wanted to know what she had to show that she was that soldier's widow, "Me, I've got 5 boys."

Two hundred and fifty flight nurses, each in her turn, fly 15 or 16 hours without sleep, rest or food to care for the ship's cargo of sick and wounded soldiers being flown from Tokyo to Hawaii. "These nurses know," says one of them, "as

most Americans do not, that this war is the worst in our history—not in scale but in its almost unbelievable primitive intensity." It is hand-to-hand butchery, face-to-face slaughter. Just who is responsible for Americans being drawn into the Korean trouble?

Fifty a month for a shack in which to house your family. And that is said to be "cheap rent." I recall the good old days when I rented a 5-room house to a widow for \$5 a month, \$1 per room. But I didn't get the \$5. However, it seemed better to have the place occupied than empty, besides some satisfaction in giving a widow a lift.

Like the lady who declared she would not trade an acre of her home state of Texas for all of Nebraska, I wonder if Secretary Marshall hasn't overdone it.

Arguments of defense in extenuation of a murder often sound silly. Down in Saline county there was a killing a year ago. The one whose inebriated finger pulled the trigger was given a life sentence. Now the supreme court is being beseeched to re-vamp the verdict and sentence.

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