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Just What Is Prosperity?

We hear a great deal nowadays about the "unprecedented prosperity" of the nation. We are told that never in all history has our national income been as high as it is today. Let's look at our prosperity, and see if it is genuine.

Suppose you saw a man whose hard-working parents left him a half section of good Nebraska plow land, free of all encumbrance. That man starts out by mortgaging an "80" for all that it will bear. He uses his money to put up new barns, to erect a new house. Folks look at this fine farm and say, "There's a man who is really prosperous."

He decides that he needs a whole layout of new and modern machinery and he mortgages the second "80." Then he decides that he and the good wife deserve a trip to Europe and a winter in Florida, so he slips another mortgage on an "80." He buys high-priced cars for the family. He really travels in style.

And folks are sure that here's a fellow who is really making money hand over fist. During a period of years he has taken a fine Nebraska farm, free of all encumbrance and has slapped a mortgage on it, a mortgage that covers every acre. He sits down and finds that he started with \$64,000 worth of land and that now his equity is only \$30,000.

Do you imagine for one moment that he would consider that he had enjoyed unprecedented prosperity? No matter what the neighbors might think, he'd know that he was traveling in quite the opposite direction.

Back in 1932 the United States had a debt of less than 20-billion-dollars. Today our debt is close to 300-billion. And our party in power calls attention to our era of "unprecedented prosperity."

What do YOU think?

40 REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS

Consigned By

Joe W. Fitzgerald

Mitchellville, Iowa

AT AUCTION

Atkinson Livestock
Market

ATKINSON, NEBR.

THURS., NOV. 15th
2 O'CLOCK P.M.

This is the third year that Mr. Fitzgerald has sold all of his bulls at Atkinson. His offering this year are all coming 2-years-old and strong in the breeding of Wyoming Hereford Ranch. They are sired by WHR LAUNCELOT 6th — WHR TRISTAR 29th — ROYAL RUPERT. All are T.B. and Bangs tested and guaranteed breeders. These bulls should prove of interest to ranchers desiring a number of bulls of the same type and breeding.

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Atkinson, Nebraska

Harris on Wesleyan Choir Roster—

Guy Harris, son of Mrs. Esther Cole Harris, of O'Neill, has been included on the roster for the Nebraska Wesleyan university male chorus, released by Director Leonard Paulson.

The organization is already making plans for an annual spring concert tour during which 42 concerts will be presented.

Harris is a junior and is majoring in music and speech.

CELIA NEWS

A group of 20 neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schlotfeld for a Halloween party on Wednesday evening, October 31. Paul Johnson took the prize for being the most attractive "lady" present.

Bob and Leon Hendricks came home from Kansas where they are attending school. They arrived on Halloween night and returned on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Christiansen were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks on Thursday, November 1.

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Prairieland Talk—

Prairie Chicken Champ of Game Birds; Pity They Were Slaughtered En Masse

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS

LINCOLN—The prairie chicken is enshrined in the memory of the oldtimers as the grand champion of Nebraska game birds. In spite of game laws these birds are disappearing from prairieland and it is hoped something can be done to conserve and enlarge the remnant.

The early settlers found them in great numbers and, pity be it, they slaughtered them in great numbers though not so much the settlers on the land as the hunters that followed the settlements. I never shot many prairie chickens but in riding the range have dismounted in an effort to pick up a fluffy little ball of downy feathers when running onto a mother prairie hen with her brood. It always proved fruitless as the mother hen scurried away and the little brown balls concealed themselves in the grass.

It is the entire responsibility of the mother prairie chicken to look after the young. The cockbird struts his stuff during courtship which includes a sizeable harem. But he has interest in the upbringing of a family.

Near my last prairieland home in southwest Holt county there were still a few prairie chickens. They do not get along well with the pheasants, an imported bird and an imposter in the reasoning of the prairie chicken. The chicken is not migratory but if conditions are favorable lives its life in one neighborhood. Beside the ruthless slaughter of these magnificent birds the mow and the grazing herds have contributed to the destruction of grouse and chickens. They are primarily grass birds.

The plover and the curlew have also gone from the prairies and are seen no more. In Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico are found prairie chickens somewhat smaller than our Nebraska chickens, which would indicate that the northern birds attain to greater size.

The brethren and sisters wanted to fix up their church but didn't know where to get the funds to pay for it. The pastor solved the problem by volunteering \$500 reduction in his salary. Give us more such pastors!

Some moderns have it that the day at the beginning of time was 7,000 years. Upon this hypothesis there was 3,500 years sunshine, a like period of darkness. The ancients had a long night of it. Moses, who lived some 4,000 years nearer the beginning of human history than we moderns, put it down in writing that "the evening and the morning" constituted a day.

Governor Peterson has taken the plunge. Senator Butler may soon follow and the special election in the Third district falling upon the important date of this humble pilgrim's birthday anniversary political activities bid fair to keep up interested if not particularly enlightened.

Kansas has bred some notable women. There was Carrie Nation of hatchet fame. Not the least to embellish her name upon time's embossed scroll is that of Mary Ellen Lease. In the days of hot winds, prolonged cloudless skies over prairieland and political upheaval in an effort to remedy in legislative halls the effects of drought the lady firebrand from Kansas took the stump for the populist crowd. Then again nature smiled on prairieland, buds unfolded, wheat fields waved in golden grain, grass lands again were green and William McKinley was seeking election for a second term as president, with W. J. Bryan the second time a candidate. Down at Broken Bow the Kansas lady, who had renounced her former political connections and joined the McKinley campaign spellbinders for a price, met the polished democratic editor from Omaha in debate. The Frontier editor in an issue in late September, 1900, had this to say of what happened at Broken Bow: "Mrs. Lease caused Mr. Hitchcock, of the Omaha World-Herald, to withdraw from the arena a crestfallen and vanquished foe." McKinley was elected for his first term promising everybody a "full dinner pail," and nature came to his side with abundant yields of the stuff that goes into dinner pails. The full dinner pail determines how a lot of folks vote.

Are all the birds that float for a day on sandhill lakes worth the annual toll in human life taken by the hunting accidents?

A Negro, believed to have spent 2 years at the job, dug himself out of jail by tunneling more than 70 feet under ground, which maybe should entitle him to freedom. . . . An Illinois school teacher accumulated an estate valued at \$1,000,000 which was left at his death to be used for education. The poor teachers. . . . An 84-year-old gent, on crutches for years, threw away the sticks and walked out of the door of Calvary temple in Los Angeles, Calif., claiming a miracle of healing. . . . When his mother fell over in a faint, her 3-year-old son pushed his high chair to the faucet, turned on the water and revived his mother. . . . Seventh-Day Adventists, of the Southern California conference, reported last year \$5,033,467 contributed by members of the church, \$3,254,461 being their tithe and the balance mission offerings. The tithe pays the preachers who get their pay checks as regularly as factory workers. . . . Below zero the 1st of November hit prairieland and the mountain regions. . . . Inspired by firewater, he began beating up on his wife, when their 13-year-old son assumed the heroics and sent the old man to the hospital with gunshot wounds. The boy calmly told police he did it to protect his mother.

O'Neill citizens, among the many undertakings for pleasure, for profit or for the welfare of victims of hard luck and the hopeless, had a Children's Home society at one time, the purpose of which was to place orphans or under privileged children in good homes. Mrs. W. T. Evans, of Hotel Evans, served as president of the society; Miss Anna Lowrie, secretary, and E. H. Benedict, finances. A number of children, once in a while one who was believed incorrigible, were well placed and thus given a start in life.

Some of the community's devout patriots have had a special season of prayer in the interests of peace. Now if they can find a way to corral the warlords and knock them in the head the dove of peace will find footing again in a war torn world.

A little fellow whose parents pay for his schooling in one of the parochial schools maintained in the city, told me of his school's Halloween party. Those in his grade met at the school and then went about from door-to-door giving away apples. A reversal of the "treat or trick" juvenile demands that have become something of a nuisance. These parochial school children after the round of dispensing apple cheer returned to their school for an evening of fun and a marshmallow roast. A can of yellow paint thrown on the window of a business place Halloween night could not have been the work of these children.

The sword devoureth one as well as another, was the observation of King David as the result of his many wars. Pfc. Robert G. Miller, of Clearwater, is one from prairieland just reported devoured by the sword in Korea. Cpl. Mynard G. Morrow, of O'Neill, and Pfc. Thomas C. Moser, of Randolph, are 2 more from prairieland reported wounded in the raging hell in that unhappy land.

Senor Tito says his military might will be employed against Russia in the event of our involvement with the northern bear. Uncle Jo probably suspects other national groups to be in the same mood.

The 2 Americas' 16,212,000 square miles is divided thus: Mountains and desert lands 18 percent, forests 30 percent, prairielands 40 percent, cultivated lands 12 percent.

When You and I Were Young . . . Merchants Sell Out Jugs After Election

50 YEARS AGO

A farewell party and dance was given at the home of James Ray and wife, in honor of his daughter, Miss Ada. . . . The retail grocers of O'Neill have disposed of every jug on the market Tuesday was election. . . . O. F. Biglin is now agent for The Lightning—the lion of hay presses. . . . Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Duxbury, of Caladonia, Minn., arrived in the city to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Adisen. . . . Pete Ward, Emmet McBride and Harry Reed came down from Hot Springs, where they were working during the summer. . . . Bob Bitney came from Atkinson. He is working in Alliance.

25 YEARS AGO

A prize and the honor of being the best old time waltzers on the dance floor, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. John Dumpeit, of near O'Neill, by the management of Oakview park at Venus. . . . Mrs. Neil Brennan, Mrs. L. A. Burgess and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek entertained at the second of a series of three 7 o'clock bridge dinners. . . . Mrs. Dave Stannard returned from a visit of several months at Rangely, Colo., with her daughter. . . . Misses Lila Smith and Marjorie Gillespie entertained at a Halloween party. . . . Mrs. Mike Gallagher left to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Baker, of Casper, Wyo.

10 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Green have moved to the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bridge. . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Loy were in Page at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Kennedy. . . . Miss Mary Elizabeth Flood was pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening when 16 of her friends came to her home for a party in honor of her 16th birthday. . . . Emmet Moore went to Omaha on business. . . . Mrs. Seth Noble, Mrs. A. Cowperthwaite and Mrs. R. H. Shriner spent Monday in Grand Island. . . . Sgt. Francis J. Soukup spent the weekend visiting friends and relatives. . . . Lloyd Evans came up from Omaha and was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Gatz.

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Out of Old Nebraska . . .

Winnebagoes Came to State As 'Guests'

It was customary for some of the Indian tribes of old Nebraska to pay each other extended visits. Dr. Robert C. Farb, professor of history at Simpson college, Indianola, Ia., describes one such visit in the September issue of "Nebraska History," the quarterly magazine issued by the state historical society.

This was the visit of the Winnebagoes to the Omahas in the winter of 1863-'64. It was no ordinary visit, but a sojourn lasting more than a year and resulting ultimately in the transfer of the Winnebagoes to a reservation in Nebraska.

The Winnebagoes, once masters of lake and forest in the north country, found themselves after the Minnesota Indian uprising of 1862 at Crow Creek agency on the hot, dry prairies of Dakota territory.

When a drouth in 1863 completely destroyed their crops, they sent a delegation of 5 to the Omaha agency to request that 150 of the most destitute of their number be allowed to live with the Omahas until the Great Father in Washington make adequate provision for the tribe.

The Omahas agreed, but instead of 150 the entire Winnebago nation of more than 1,200 men, women, and children descended upon the hospitable Omahas. They did not all come during the winter; those who did, however, stayed and the remainder came on during the next spring and summer. So many guests on the reservation constituted a serious problem for the Omaha agent, Robert W. Furnas (later governor of Nebraska).

He contracted with John Patrick, of Omaha, to furnish flour, beef and salt for the Winnebagoes—the flour at 3 1/4 cents per pound, the beef at 8 cents per pound, and the salt at 4 cents per pound. Patrick was to furnish one pound of flour and one of beef per day for each Winnebago on the reservation. Salt was to be furnished at the rate of 4 quarts per 100 persons.

There was concern, too, that the presence of so many Winnebagoes might cause trouble between the 2 tribes. To forestall this, the Omaha chiefs, led by Joseph La Flesche, drew up a stringent set of regulations for their guests.

Drunkenness was to be severely punished, as was "dancing to excess," gambling, and setting fire to the prairie or woodland.

To help the Winnebagoes support themselves, the Omaha gave them the privilege of cultivating 100 acres of bottom land. The government furnished hoes and seed to those who wished to work, and a fair crop of corn was raised in 1864 despite the dry weather. Some of the Winnebagoes augmented their income by hiring out to neighboring farmers in Iowa as well as Nebraska.

Ultimately, the Omahas were persuaded to sell a part of their

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