

Prairie Land Talk

'How About It, Will?'

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Mari Sandoz, a native of prairie land who wrote the story of her father, Old Jules, and several other works of pioneer life in north Nebraska, now comes out with another, "Hostiles and Friendlies." I have not yet read it, but understand it brings to the reader the scenes of Indian camp fires. And now I wonder if our own Holt county master of letters, Will H. Spindler, will not soon be heard from again as the author of another rich tale of romance and adventure, such as adorns the "rim of the Sandhills," that bares his name as author. The scene and characters of the story being Will's youthful happy land in the charming region of north Holt county. Let us hear from you Will up there at Wounded Knee.



Romaine Saunders

The sun rose in golden glory this morning, bathed the land in light and warmth to cheer the sons of the soil after rains of a week. And out for a time, Emmet her at a city bus stop—a young woman student in a college. She was taking off for her home in New Mexico, of which land she is a native, and was here in Lincoln to prepare herself for life's work as a teacher. But when told that her destiny may be that of a house wife, she smiled knowingly. Her parental home is a New Mexico cattle ranch 20 miles from the nearest settlement and she was anticipating with pleasure a two week's vacation, away from crowded human haunts here in our Capital City, and when back on the ranch to mount a horse, swing a lasso rope over a critter's head and throw it to run on a brand.

She would recall her brief contact with this old guy who also had tossed a lasso rope over a steer to be branded. And we hope to meet again when she returns to college.

It was one day in April 65 years ago. Three men stood by the Yard livery and feed barn on east Douglas street, stood there in the drizzling rain, their talk deploring weather conditions. Joe Hunter spoke word of encouragement. It will be plenty dry before summer is over, he said. Rain every day that April, no rain again for a year. Hot winds of 1894 scorched the land and made beggars of us all. Joe had the instinct of a weather prognosticator. Weather conditions make or break prairie land dwellers, and for the most part through the years the seasons lay attendance in our laps. The blizzard of '88, the hot winds of '94—and the prairies of Holt county are robust still in rich and gorgeous plenty.

His hands stained with human blood, eleven innocent citizens under the sod the victims of that murderous youth now in the pen awaiting the day of his execution. Now from him comes a cry for mercy. He may direct his appeal for mercy, for pardon, to a Higher Court than that presided over by man. But the voice of the dead, if the dead could speak, would join those of the living that Starkweather pay the penalty for his crimes in the death chair without further legal monkey business.

Mother worked with infinite care to build a temple to stand as the years roll on. No one saw a mother's hand at work, no one knew how much pain and toil went into the building of that temple, but all may know that the temple built by that mother was the soul of a child to live eternally.

Editorial

Our New Councilmen

Lets wish our new city councilmen good fortune and the wisdom to make firm and thoughtful decisions in their terms of office.

A city council job can be thankless at times, requiring heart, courage or just plain guts, depending on the way you look at it.

Lets remember this when we're out bowling, seeing a movie, watching television or reading a book: These men will be seated in a "not too comfortable city hall" going over the dry routine business of keeping a city organized.

Sometimes they must vote one way when they are not too sure their neighbor will speak to them the next morning. A good councilman worries more about what is right than how people feel. But on the other hand which one of us is not human enough not to wish the friendship of our neighbor?

Quality and the degree of leadership has been expressed as that part of a man's intellect which shines when his neighbor burns. It has also been expressed as the ability of a man to make a decision and convince his neighbor that it is the right one. If you think either one is easy, try it sometime.

Death for the Living

The communities of Orchard and Royal were shocked last week when they heard of the death of a little six-year old boy—Craig Walmer.

As reported in the "Orchard News", Craig was "a manly little fellow, bright beyond his years, with a winning personality and a smile that made a place for him in the hearts of all who knew him."

Craig was killed in a tractor accident near his home.

It makes a person think, when such a young person dies, that life is taken for granted so easily. It seems strange that with the pain and hardship so often associated with birth, a life can be taken so easily. It is difficult enough, when we are old and "ready for the abode of the dead," but at such an age, death for the living seems particularly painful.

The Real Spectator Sport

It has been said by many an observer of sports that track and field events are just not spectator sports.

Nothing—but nothing—could be further from the truth.

Walking the city street that led to my destiny for the day, out from a home along the way there came on the run with hands outstretched three of Young America's precious ones. They call that passerby the Candy Man. One her little baby hands white and clean held out to receive the little but precious bit of candy, and then a childish thank you! and so it is—from childhood to old age—human hands reach out to gather in, and human hands bestow in love and tenderness a gift to a childish hand, to mature or wrinkled hands of the aged in need along the way. He was spending the cold January night in a railway depot. I was there awaiting the train that was to bare me far away. He, a fellow being out of work, out of money, planning to hitch-hike to a distant point when daylight came. No hand held out, no plea for aid; but I saw a tear moisten his eyes as a bit of money was handed him. Gratitude too deep for words. Drop a little in the outstretched baby hands of that which cheers childhood, and something more substantial if you can to a needy fellow traveler as along the path of life we go, more than likely with a hand held out from time to time.

Their remains now lie up on the hill in the abode of the dead. But in 1901 they were part of the O'Neill human picture. It was a week in August that year: M. M. Sullivan was visiting in Montana. . . Miss Coykendall was back from a trip to Omaha. . . Miss Clara Zimmerman was down from Atkinson on a visit to her home folks. . . Emil Sniggs spent the day between trains in Norfolk. . . The ladies of the Catholic church served meals on the church lawn to the hungry, proceeds to help the Academy. . . Charley Meals, an O'Neill boy, was "doing" his first year at the West Point military academy. . . R. R. Dickson as chairman and C. L. Bright as secretary issued the official call for the Republicans of Holt County to gather in convention at the county courthouse, 125 delegates from the various sections of the county.

At a spot on the main highway of traffic and business of the city of Lincoln will be laid some sod as one of the tokens that the Capital City of prairie land has arrived at the century mark. Have you a name for that spot on O Street? Are you the one who conceives the name the committee thinks the best and will be given a free trip to Lincoln.

A year ago a manufacturing concern that furnished jobs for 1500 Lincolinites folded up and quit the Capital City. The Western Electric, manufacturing telephone equipment, that had furnished jobs for an army of workers in Lincoln, is moving to Omaha. Some of their Lincoln force of workers go to the new location, others look for jobs here in the Capital city, but little is available for human hands that work at this center of education, culture and state government.

He was a friend of my youth. He lives today in a city far distant from my holling-up place. He informs me by letter that his wife is a helpless invalid, aged and memory of the past blotted out. But, fellows, get this: He adds that "She is the same beautiful and refined woman she was when we were married." The devotions of a lifetime to his mate are reflected in those words.

Warren Danskin of Norfolk, a student at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, has been chosen as the university's senate leader for the coming year. These students dispose of some weighty problems on the "senate floor," but when they get out of classic halls to face life as it is they may wonder.

Venus News

By Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser

Cecil Moser and daughter motored to Norfolk Saturday and Mrs. Moser and Eugene returned home with them.

Eugene was dismissed from the hospital where he underwent a major operation April 1. Mrs. Moser had been staying with him.

They were dinner guests at the Oscar Moser home that day.

The Work and Fun Club met with Mrs. F. E. Pierce on the afternoon of April 8 with 13 members present. The afternoon was spent in sewing carpet rags for the hostess.

Mrs. Pierce sewed a luncheon at the close of the meeting.

The May meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser.

Mrs. Harold Tyler and Mrs. Lester Raff visited with Mrs. Moser and Eugene and Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser at a Norfolk hospital on April 5.

Mrs. Brookhouser returned to her home Sunday evening. Ray brought his mother home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch were April 6 evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Finch.

Mrs. Ted Kinnison and Mrs. Donald Kinnison and family were Creighton visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler and Chuck and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caskey were April 7 evening visitors at the Donald Caskey home.

Mrs. Harry Caskey was a visitor at Edna Boelter home, April 4. She spent Wednesday with Mrs. Ralph Brookhouser.

Lois Elsberry, Lois Saltz and Mrs. Ora Caskey, teachers in the locality were busy making flags April 6 at Venus school house for the track meet, which will take place soon. They made over 100 of them.

Mrs. Donald Caskey and children and Mr. Harry Caskey motored to O'Neill April 7 where they called at the LaVern Caskey home.

Tax Reform Too Fast Legislature Discussion

CAPITAL NEWS
By Melvin Paul
Statehouse Correspondent

The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN—The Legislature is toying with the problem of whether it is going too fast along the tax reform road.

And if this is so, what should it do about it: Those items have been aired by the lawmakers and undoubtedly will again before the session is over.

So far the only major controversial legislation passed by the senators concerns reformation of tax laws.

Basically they give more authority to the tax commissioner and otherwise tighten tax laws.

Debate is becoming more heated on the tax question and some senators say this is the result of pressure being applied by interests who will be affected by stiff statutes passed earlier in the session.

Other lawmakers contend the senate is hurrying too fast with tax bills and can do great harm this way.

The tax reform program that has emerged into law so far has been that resulting from the Legislative Council tax study committee. This was headed by Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff who generally held one man hearings.

Carpenter is the pushing force behind the tax bills, and was instrumental in drawing them up, although this was done at a conference of interested officials.

The Scottsbluff senator has served notice he will do everything possible to get the reform program through the Legislature. He has told fellow senators this several times on the floor of the Unicameral.

Carpenter has sailed into Tax Commissioner Fred Herrington and

Gov. Ralph G. Brooks over statements they made on bills passed by the Legislature.

Herrington said that there is some concern among businessmen that laws are getting so tough they may have to report their intangible property at 100 per cent of value while large out of state corporations could get by with a lesser figure.

What is needed, Herrington said, is a bill or an amendment requiring out-of-state firms doing business in Nebraska to keep records readily accessible in Nebraska for inspection by county assessors.

Brooks said he nearly vetoed LB47, levying a \$3.50 per person head tax on all Nebraskans between 21 and 60 years old.

The reason, Brooks said, was that this law takes about \$430,000 from the state yearly from the current head tax and gives it to local government. Herrington also said the new law did not abolish the poll tax as lawmakers apparently intended.

These are the statements that irked Carpenter. He said the views should have been presented to the Legislature instead of in the newspapers. But Herrington said he only answers questions when they are asked by senators and no one asked him.

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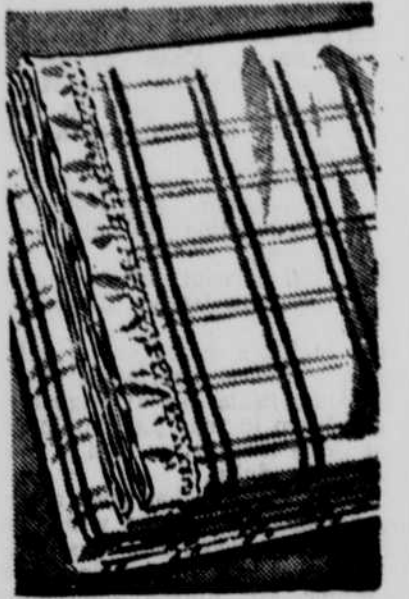
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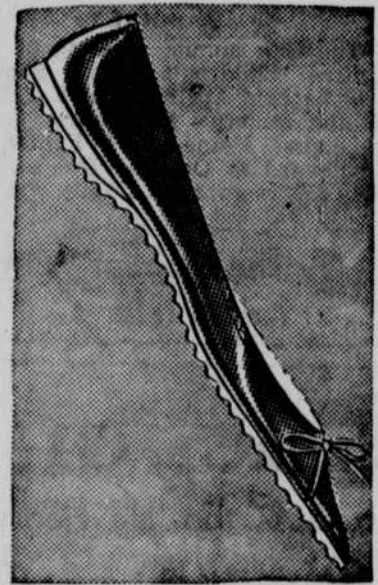
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