The Best of . . .

"Prairieland Talk"

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Next to the Beatitudes and the 13th chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, Lincoln's Gettysburg speech stands out as the choicest in our language. It is a model that the spellbinders would do well to follow.

What is the origin of that notable phrase: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people"?

In a dust covered box in Lincoln's Springfield law office there was found years ago 2 pamphlets by Theodore Parker containing addresses delivered in 1858. In these Lincoln had penciled such passages as "Government over all, by all, and

for the sake of all." And "Democracy is direct self- government over all the people, by all the people."

Lincoln embodied the thought in a masterful paraphrase in an address that is still the wonder and admiration of all of its eloquent brevity. Edward Everett, who was the orator of the day at Gettysburg and spoke at length, later said to Mr. Lincoln that if he could feel that he had come as near the central theme as his two hours' address as Mr. Lincoln had in 10 minutes he would feel a sense of satisfaction.

Lincoln, the seat of culture, the habitation of 100 churches, headquarters of political wisdom and intrigue, the hangout of swivel chair farmers and livestock breeders and a sizable collection of museum curios-some at large. A few years ago there was seen on the streets summer and winter a character known as Hatless Harry. He was the original barehead - and died in the asylum, but seems to have left a heritage to the present generation of gents the barehead fad. The asylums are tables. now overcrowded.

St, Patrick's Day is not what it once was in O'Neill, and here comes DeValera all the way from Ireland to help Irish patriots out at San Francisco celebrate the event.

ate Julius Ceasar. It was the Hebrew intellectuals who formed the plan to crucify Christ. It was thinking anarchists who thought out the plans to take the lives of Lincoln and Garfield and maybe it was of that 10 percent who think they think who set the world aflame with two wars.

Helena, Montana, sets the pace for earthquakes. Since 1935 the city has experienced 2,888 quakes and still survives.

It was a cynic who said 5 percent of us think,

10 percent of us think we think, and the rest of us

would rather die than think. It was that "lean and

hungry Cassius" who thought up the plot to assasin-

The USA, Great Brittain, France, Italy, the Scandinavian countries and western Germany . . . are they jockeying to gang up on Russia?

"Criminals are made in the home," J. Edgar Hoover speaking. Maybe so. He has been an unrivaled expert for 20 years throwing the lasso over the wayward. But I am not wholley convinced. Most youth from good homes have a will to do right. Others from like homes have a will to go astray. I was one of a family where the fear of God was put into us with a hickory stick. While there are exceptions to best of rules, the advice of King Solomon to train up a child in the way he should go is still meat in due season to every home. From what sort of a home came that 17-year-old girl down in the Ozarks who imbrued her hands in the blood of her mother and father?

Some counties make up a jury list of citizens who are owing back taxes. Just how competent the jury duty is a gent who doesn't pay his taxes?

A rat killing campaign has begun in a number Nebraska counties. It is said rodents get away with a sizable amount of grain and other valuable stuff but we seem to have plenty to set our own

Waitresses complain the tips have disappeared from the dinner tables. Laying down a dollar for a meager meal you feel like hitting somebody rather than handing out a tip.

Great souls are humble. The little guys love to

Editorial

Are We Worthy?

seems to have entered American life. It is not easy to pinpoint or describe. Perhaps the best word for it is apathy, which has led to attitudes of drift and disinterest, and to a failure of individual pride and

It is found, in varying degree, in every area of large affairs. The gravity of the present world situation, measured by the gains of the Soviets and the positions of so-called neutral nations, whose leanings are almost always pro-Soviet, could only be exceeded by all-out war. Day after day the newspapers, radio and television tell the story. Yet the number of Americans who feel a deep concern, and a profound sense of national purpose, seems dismally small

We tend to take a cynical, "what-of-it" attitude toward politics — in the face of the fact that politics

A number of thoughtful commentators have choices of the politicians in power will largely deter-

And, beyond doubt, we have drifted, knowingly and unknowingly, toward a Welfare State in which ultimately, the masses of people become faceless

One thing can be said for the Soviets — at least, for those Soviets whose policies and decisions count. They are supremely dedicated men and women. They regard their system with a religious zealotry. They know what they want - which is world domination - and they are convinced they know how to get it. They are willing to change tactics and strategy and timing when risks and situations make that

The American goal is supposed to be freedom.

say nothing of ourselves, will live in.

necessary, but they never lose sight of the goal.

individualism, the dignity and worth of man. Are

is the art of government and that the courses and we worthy of it, and are we pursuing it?

. . . are there bills in every session of legislature-Nebraska's, as well as others-to change weight, size, operation of trucks?

Well, a truck is a business machine . . . an instrument of industry . . . a farm machine ... a weapon of national defense and a necessity in constructing and servicing plants and power lines, homes, highways, hospitals and schools . . . and everything else that helps create a growing economy to serve a growing—and MOVING—population.

Growth and mobility require change. New kinds of roads, homes, shopping districts, new industries and new products call for changes in the size, shape, carrying capacity and operation of trucks. And so does the same kind of change, and the same kind of imagination and ingenuity, in other states, who are competitors in business, but our partner in building jobs and productivity for America.

But, you just can't design and build a more efficient, safer truck (safety's a part of efficiency—an unsafe vehicle is an inefficient one) and put it to work. Trucks are regulated by law, and that means that a change in the way we grow or ship wheat, or make and sell cement, or steel, or milk, or the way we build roads, or the places we erect factories, translates itself not only into engineering and operational changes in trucks, and into jobs and payrolls for people, but also into amendments to the laws

So . . . our economy and society grow and change. And laws, whether they affect industry or welfare or education or any other function of modern living, have to change too.

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50 YEARS AGO

Henry Mullen, a son of J. P. Mullen of Emmet precinct, has filed an application with the county board for a saloon license at Emmet. The board recently denied the application of William Cuddy. . Last Sunday Miss Emily Roberts was married to Peter Peterson at the home of her parents near Gregory, S. D. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roberts, former residents of this city, who took a homestead near Gregory several years ago that has placed them among plutocratic farmers of that community. . .J. J. Thomas on Tuesday bought the plot of ground and portion of building between Morrison's store and the Golden hotel of Mr. Golden's for \$5,000. Mr. Thomas will complete the building and move his saloon thereto, . . Phillip Doty of Clinton and Harry Jordon have bought the Fisher furniture and hardware store, taking possession last Saturday.

25 YEARS AGO

The boys and girls kite contest which is sponsored by O'-Neill business men in cooperation with the Recreational Center will be held on Monday, April 18 on the Athletic Field north of the high school building. . .Mrs. Susan Ross Sparks died at the O'-Neill hospital last Friday about four o'clock after an illness of several weeks. . . Mayor Douglas of Atkinson , Councilman G. E. Havens and the two police officers, Ray Traner and G. E. Spence are made defendents in a damage suit for \$12,920 sought in federal court by Joseph M. Michaels, an alien who since 1936 has been the proprietor of a little store in Atkinson. . . At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the O'Neill Country club held Tuesday night, all of the directors were re-elected, which include, D. A. Burgess, Ed F. Gallagher, W. H. Hammond, William J. Biglin, Roy Cronin, Francis N. Cronin was elected a member to take the place of Ira Moss who resigned. . .On Wednesday Miss Helen Krugman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krugman. Opportunity, became the bride of Irvin Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sanders, Verdigre.

10 YEARS AGO

Clyde McCoy and his celebrated "Sugar Blues" orchestra will be in O'Neill next Tuesday night, April 14, playing at the American Legion ballroom. . . The air force research center has selected a location one mile North and four miles east of O'Neill for the site of the largest most exhaustive wind research field tests ever attempted in meteorological .Ralph N. Leidy who pioneered bulk and bottle gas distribution and gas apliances sales here, sold the bulk business to Eric Dankert of Chambers and the bottle gas business to Dale Fetrow, O'Neill. . .Plans have been completed for the golden jubilee celebration of Charles Carroll of Carrolton council of the Knights of Columbus. The celebration will take place Sunday, April 12. . Melvin L. Steskal, 24, was fatally burned in an explosion at his home southwest of Inman on March 18.

5 YEARS AGO

Joe Hart, a student at San Francisco Presbyterian Theological seminary has been issued a call by First Presbyterian church of O'Neill and Bethany Presbyterian church of Ewing. . . Mrs. Otto Schwager, 63, of Orchard died of a heart attack about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, March 29, while

with her husband at the Riverside ballroom, south of Norfolk, .After a mishap Max Berger, 49, climbed from the wreckage of his car about 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, tied his broken right arm in an improvised sling and walked a mile to the home of his uncle, August Smith reaching there more than two hours later. L. G. Gillespie, longtime O'Neill business man and former Holt county assessor, Wednesday, filed for the nomination for county assessor on the republican ticket. .Miss Diane Cork will represent Page at girls state at Nebraska University in June.

The Long Ago At Chambers

50 YEARS AGO Mrs. Baker has bought the ice cream business and soda foun-

tain from Frank Liehart and will

have her ice cream parlor in

running order in a short time. Wm. Lell made a trip to O'Neill Friday to purchase the lumber for a new machine shed which he will build soon. This is something badly needed in his business, as the machinery ought to get protected from the weather until it is sold at least. . . Rev Hunter, who has been secured by the Presbyterians as pastor of their church, came out Friday. As he will preach three months on trail he will not move his family here until the end of that time .Ed White and Tom Thompson were over from Amelia Friday to get the coffin for Mrs. Carroll. Ed called at this office to advance his subscription another year. . . We have inside information that the Burlington R. R. is surveying a line from O'Neill to Dunning via Chambers and that the Erickson terminus will be extended to Chambers. This road is to be completed by 1915.

25 YEARS AGO

In connection with National Air Mail week, May 15 to 21, our postmaster, Clair Grimes, informs us that Chambers is to have an air mail stop Thursday, May 19. The Chambers Track Team scored a little better last Tuesday at the Holt County track meet at Stuart than they did at Ericson. They came in fourth with 211/2 points. . . Following a strong wind which raged all day from the south, this locality was visited about 6:30 Sunday evening by a tornado which did considerable damage to buildings at three or four different farms west of Chambers, but with no loss of life, human or otherwise as far as we have been able to learn. . A group of girls, between the ages of ten and fourteen met at the home of Mrs. Childress Saturday, April 30 and organized the Happy Helpers club. Helen

Childress was elected president . Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Coppoc, of Flint, Mich., are the parents of a fine 8 lb. son, Duane Eugen, born to them on April 29. Mrs. Coppoc will be remembered as Miss Rose Hoppel.

Pages Past

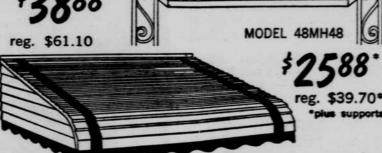
50 YEARS AGO John Prill of Emporia transact

ed business in this burg Wednes-.The Pete Larson family visited at O'Neill Sunday with the Mike Johnson family. . . Miss Ella Page is the new trimmer at the McNabb millinery store. . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huston, Tuesday, March 25, a daughter. All doing well. . . Harry Clauson is planning to build an addition to the barber shop and install a bath tub. . . Miss Winnie Wood spent Easter with the home folks, returning to Wayne on

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at the Normal. . 9. O. Campbell sold the building now occupied by the cream station adjoining the Reporter office to P. T. Stevens Wednesday. P. T. will not move his harness stock into it for some time however. David Humphrey received a letter from his sister, Mrs. Miles Gross who lives at 20th and Maple in Omaha. She stated that as luck would have it they spent Easter Sunday with another sister in Lincoln. When they returned their house had been demolished by the tornado and their furniture and clothing carried away by the storm. . . Ralph Stevens and Roy Snell went to Omaha Sunday reaching there thirty minutes before the storm struck. They were 20 blocks from the twister which was in plain sight. Much anxiety was felt here for their safety which was relieved Tuesday morning by a

ever saw in all its village proceedings. . . Men of families who left Page lately to make a living H. H. Knightlinger and family to Brookfield, Mo., Mark Wagers to Newman Grove; A. D. Palmer and his family went to Windsor, Mo. to work; Al Hartford, son of P Hartford, went to Wayne

and V. Tucker, son of J. Tucker went to Wayne to work on a farm Robert Knudsen shipped to Sioux City a carload of hogs and one of cattle. . . Mrs. Dutcher of Plainview visited her daughter, Mrs. Buy Wanser. . . George Clinton is here visiting his mother, Mrs. O. L. Reed on his way to Los Angeles where he will make his home. . . Theo Finley and wife returned home on the night flyer after a few days away. Mrs. Bryan French and babies went to Lincoln for several weeks visit with her mother. . . Viola Park, school teacher at Dustin, spent the weekend at home. Mrs. Org West of Norfolk visited here. . Born to Mr. and Mrs. J Lowell Murphy, an 814 lb. girl March 27. . E. L. Clark put up a new windmill for Ray Siders

Saturday. . . Mrs. A. Sorensen re-

turned from Verdigre and is staying at the Cris Sorensen home, . J. N. Carson, Friday evening conveyed Owen Couts, Dock Clark, Leonard Asher, Walter Asher, Charles Auten, Dale Downey, Melvin Carson and Wm. Ahrens to the splendidly conducted home of Mr. and Mrs. Murney Tipton for an evening of taffy pulling, games and etc. Mrs. Tipton is teacher of these youths in Sunday School,

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