

AL COMMENTS ON ELECTION

New York.—Alfred E. Smith, democratic candidate for president in 1928, said in a birthday interview that the overwhelming majority received by President Roosevelt in November meant simply "that the people wish the return of the democratic administration."

The "Happy Warrior" was 63. He was in extremely good humor as he received the press in his office in the Empire State building. He was dressed in an Oxford grey suit with pin stripes and wore a red Christmas necktie embellished by a pearl stickpin. On a table beside him was a new brown derby.

The former governor, who opposed the president in the recent campaign, talked politics for the first time since the election. "Many people," he said, "were not against the objectives of the administration, but they did vigorously oppose the administration's method of bringing them about." "Do you include yourself among those people?" he was asked. "Certainly," he said. Asked what he thought about business conditions, he said: "I think we are pretty well on the way to normal business conditions. The depression lasted longer than anyone expected, but the country is so big it was bound to work itself out."

CHECK MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

Washington.—Contributions of \$83,635 to organizations opposing Roosevelt in the last campaign were reported to the senate investigating committee by Mrs. Mabel Pew Myrren of Bryn Mawr, Pa. Previously other members of the Pew family had reported contributions in excess of \$300,000 to the republican cause.

On the democratic side, former Senator Hawes of Missouri, reported contributions of \$2,500 and Frank P. Walsh of New York, \$1,179. Other republican contributions included Mrs. May T. Mellon of Pittsburgh, \$2,500; Horatio O. Lloyd, Haverford, Pa., \$6,750; Robert C. Stanley, Staten Island, \$6,350; H. C. Hopson, New York utilities operator, \$1,530; Henry S. Morgan, New York, \$7,000; Mrs. Helen Shodd Reed, Lake Forest, Ill., \$15,000; Mrs. Allen G. Simonds, Fitchburg, Mass., \$15,000, and Archie M. Huntington, New York, \$7,600.

Sale of Farm Products Nets Nebraska More

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Receipts from the sale of principal farm products and government payments in Nebraska for January to October 1936 showed an increase of 28 percent over the corresponding period in 1935 and an increase of 17 percent over the same period in 1934. The estimated receipts from the sale of principal farm products including government payments for the period January to October 1936 amounted to \$232,897,000 compared with \$182,000,000 in 1935 and \$199,844,000 in 1934, according to the state and federal division of agricultural statistics.

Receipts from the sale of livestock and livestock products for the period January to October amounted to \$168,649,000 compared with \$128,452,000 in 1935 and \$135,908,000 in 1934. Receipts from the sale of principal crops for the period January to October 1936 amounted to \$49,339,000 compared with \$21,981,000 in 1935 and \$38,885,000 in 1934. Benefit payments for the same period were estimated at \$14,909,000 in 1936, \$27,569,000 in 1935 and \$24,211,000 in 1934.

Gains in the receipts from the sale of principal farm products in Nebraska are due to the heavier marketing of livestock. Market receipts of cattle during the period July to October, inclusive, this year amounted to 459,000 head compared with the corresponding period last year of 262,000 head. Marked increase in prices of farm products also added to the gain in receipts.

For the first ten months of 1936, the United States cash income from farm marketings, amounting to \$6,108,000,000, was 17 percent higher than the corresponding period in 1935.

Small factories will find welcome and the opportunity to expand (through river transportation) in Plattsmouth.

Work Speeds on Two Memorials



While construction nears completion on one memorial to a noted American, plans are rapidly taking shape for a memorial to another equally famous. On the slopes of Cheyenne mountain near Colorado Springs work is progressing at a rapid rate on the shrine erected in tribute to Will Rogers, comedian and commentator. Menlo Park, N. J., site of the original laboratory of Thomas Edison, was chosen the location of the tower which will commemorate the achievements of the famous inventor, and construction will start next spring.

ADVERTISING, SELLING METHODS TO PLAY BIG ROLE

A note of warning to businessmen who would pull profits from prosperity is sounded by Roger W. Babson, economist and statistician, in the Rotarian Magazine. "To my way of thinking," he says, "advertising and selling are going to play a tremendous part in the coming boom. Your sales department should be drilled into a 'prosperity psychology.' The minute the low point of a depression is reached, and the turn towards better times comes, I become bullish on advertising. The bullishness develops into a white heat as business reaches the normal line. It is in the normal zone that all the constructive forces of your organization should work and work in harmony."

Mr. Babson further urges that businessmen consider these important factors: Credits should be kept in order at all times. As prosperity proceeds there will be increasing shortages of skilled workers and executives; so investment in your personnel now should pay handsome dividends. Doing business in the prosperous days ahead without sound accounting and finance methods would be like fighting a fire with gasoline. If you must borrow, at least be free from debt one day of each year. Practical research in your business may mean the difference between profits and just breaking even.

"Strange as this may sound, less than 10 percent of the businessmen of the United States actually pulled profits from the great 1929 boom! Remember this," warns Mr. Babson, "Whereas depression hits everybody, prosperity is always selective. Profit tickets are not passed out to all that enter the Big Tent of good times. In a period of business expansion you must work just as hard to assure profits as in a period of depression you must work hard to avert losses. "Only four times during my 55 years of studying business conditions has the Babson-chart, on which I have spent over a million dollars in research, crossed the 'normal line' on its way upward. The first of these was in 1902-12, the second in 1915, and the third was 14 years ago, in 1922. The fourth has just occurred. "At the start of this impending boom," he says in conclusion, "you all have a new set of books to open. This is the time when everybody starts from scratch but some—only scratch. The way to eliminate competition is not to meet it but to keep ahead of it."

WELLFLEET SAFE IS ROBBED

Wellfleet, Neb.—Robbers who blew the postoffice safe here early New Year's day got \$166 cash and \$59 in stamps, Lincoln County Sheriff Salisbury said. It was the first robbery reported for 1937.

He said there were no fingerprints and the robbers "evidently used gloves." The safe cracking was "not a very neat job," the sheriff said.

Eighteen County Seat Towns with Tax Above Ours

Gering Highest with \$65.80—Ours \$45.80—Many Above the \$40 Mark, Report Shows.

From Annual Report of State Tax Commissioner Smith. The average tax levy in county seat towns of Nebraska for the year 1936 was \$39.06 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, compared with \$45.80 in Plattsmouth. Gering has the highest tax levy in the state, \$65.80 per \$1,000 valuation. Omaha's rate is \$35.65 and Lincoln's \$29.56.

County seat towns with higher levies than here include Ainsworth, \$52.46; Butler, \$48.20; Broken Bow, \$54.60; Beaver City, \$46.66; Bridgeport, \$51.20; Blair, \$49.51; Bartlett, \$47.36; Chadron, \$51.50; Clay Center, \$54.50; Fullerton, \$62.70; Gering, \$65.80; Lexington, \$51.91; McCook, \$50.46; North Platte, \$58.91; Ogallala, \$52.00; Pierce, \$47.76; Rushville, \$53.56, and Wilber, \$46.48—a total of eighteen.

There are also several with levies over \$45 a thousand—some of them running to within a few cents of the \$45.80 here. These include: Tekamah, \$45.65; West Point, \$45.40; Stockville, \$45.26, and Beatrice, just under the \$45 mark, with \$44.98.

Nebraska City's rate is \$43.26, at Auburn, \$39.16; at Falls City, \$35.56; at Papillion, \$35.80, at Wahoo, \$34.25.

The town of Alliance with its municipal enterprises and a city manager plan of government is far from tax free, having a levy of \$42.26 on the thousand. Kearney is another town heralded for its progressiveness and efficiently managed city government, yet the tax rate there is \$42.686. Fremont has an electric light plant with big earnings and yet the property owners there are taxed \$40.36 on the thousand. Grand Island, Nebraska's third city, pays \$41.01.

RAPS FELLOW PHYSICIANS

Washington.—Experts discussing a public campaign against venereal disease turned to a detailed study of them after hearing a doctor assail some of his fellow physicians for refusing to test expectant mothers for syphilis. Dr. J. H. Stokes, University of Pennsylvania professor, urged the tests, denying they would "degrade motherhood by the suggestion of a shadow of venereal disease."

Dr. Paul de Kruit told the conference that shortcomings of the medical profession in treating the disease must be faced. To prevent a public campaign against the disease becoming a boomerang, he said, "the present incompetence of many of the medical profession to detect syphilis must be admitted. And medical vanity that so often cuts treatment short of the point needed to make the plague non-infectious has got to be acknowledged."

President Moves for Abolishment of Child Labor

Has Some Features of the Old NRA. But No Desire to Run Aful of the Constitution.

Washington.—A source close to the white house disclosed that President Roosevelt had conferred with other administration leaders on a tentative plan for abolishing child labor, shortening working hours, and raising "starvation wages." Although details of the plan remained to be worked out by legal experts, its chief features were:

1. A federal regulatory agency with broad powers to fix minimum wage and hour standards for all firms engaged in interstate commerce.

2. A "redefinition" of interstate commerce by congress, to bring much industrial production, as well as distribution, under federal supervision.

Purely local enterprises would be exempt, but major industries—such as steel, coal, automobiles, and textiles—which vitally affect the entire nation would be defined as part of interstate commerce.

An individual firm could escape regulation only by proving to the satisfaction of the commission and the courts that its business was predominantly intrastate. It was suggested that an existing agency, probably the federal trade commission, might take over the new functions.

Some Features of NRA. While the new plan was designed to achieve some of the goals of the old NRA, it would differ sharply in many particulars.

There would be no exemptions from the anti-trust laws, for example, and no effort will be made to enforce "fair trade practices." The program was characterized as an attempt to set an "American labor standard," which could not be broken by "chiseling" competition, but to permit unrestricted competition above that level.

Mr. Roosevelt was said in usually well informed sources to oppose any immediate effort to amend the constitution, on the ground that such a procedure would be slow, cumbersome and unnecessary. The white house was said to feel doubtful about the proposal of Senator O'Mahoney (R., Wyo.) for a system of federal licenses for firms carrying on an interstate business. Some administration lawyers have declared that its constitutionality is questionable.

Presidential advisors are confident, however, that congress can redefine interstate commerce in terms that will be held binding on the courts. Although those who had talked to the president said he was strongly inclined toward this type of legislation they made it plain that he was eager to consider any other scheme congress might advance. Thomas Corcoran, Reconstruction Finance corporation attorney who has long stood high in new deal councils, was expected to play a large part in drafting the proposed law.

It was reliably reported that congressional leaders already have assured the president that the plan might be quickly enacted if it is introduced early in the forthcoming session. Its course might be stormy, however, if conflicting measures—such as the O'Mahoney bill or the Black 30 hour week proposal—gained a head start.

VETERANS TO GO ABROAD

Tucson, Ariz.—Tentative plans for American war veterans to make a pilgrimage to battle monuments in Italy and France, to be dedicated next July, bore approval of Gen. Pershing and the American Legion commander. The Legion's acceptance of an invitation by ex-service men of those countries was announced by Harry Colmery, national commander, at a dinner given by Gen. Pershing, chairman of the U. S. battle monuments commission. Definite dates were not announced.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. REPLIES WINDSOR

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 31.—The duke of Windsor sent a New Year's greeting Thursday night to the thousands who have written him since his abdication. He said: "The duke of Windsor is very touched by the many kind thoughts of him this Christmas. He regrets it is not possible to acknowledge personally all the letters he is receiving. But he wants to thank all who have kindly written and to wish them a happy New Year."

Plattsmouth offers a splendid market for farm produce. Local dealers always pay top prices.

Black & White WE DELIVER—PHONE 42. Oyster Crackers, 2-lb. caddy 25c. IGA Gelatine Dessert, asstd., 3 pkgs. 13c. Prunes, medium size, 3 lbs. 25c. Calumet Baking Powder, 1-lb. tin 21c. Red Pitted Cherries, No. 2 tins, 2 for 29c. Dill Pickles, full quart jar 15c. Salad Dressing, Tastewell 25c. Sandwich Spread, Tastewell 25c. Crisco, 3-lb. tin 59c. Hunt's Apricots, whole, No. 2 1/2 can 19c. Green Olives, large size, full quart 39c. Royal Toilet Paper, 4 rolls 19c. Sale of Kellogg Products at Special Combination Prices. 2 Rice Krispies and 1 Pep, all for 25c. 2 Wheat Krispies and 1 Pep, all for 25c. 2 Corn Flakes (large size) and 1 Pep 25c. 2 Wheat Krumbles and 1 Pep, all for 25c. Meat Department. 1 lb. Liver and 1/2 lb. Bacon, all for 29c. Shoulder Beef Steak, lb. 20c. Pork Hocks, lb. 12 1/2c. Glazier's Weiners, lb. 20c. Minced Ham, lb. 15c.

Harmony Seen in First Session of Unicameral

Legislators Begin Arriving in Lincoln for Opening Tuesday of Nebraska's Assembly.

Lincoln, Dec. 30.—Half a dozen legislators moved into Lincoln Wednesday for the first session of the new unicameral assembly which convenes Tuesday.

Consensus seemed to be there would be few major issues arise and most early arrivals felt the appropriation bill would stand out as the most important legislation.

Hope for a short session was expressed by L. C. Nuernberger of Wakefield said he favored some plan to slow down legislative workings because "we haven't got a second house to check us for mistakes now." O. Edwin Schultz of Elgin differed with John N. Norton on the Polk legislator's proposal to abolish the committee of the whole. He agreed, however, the time for introducing bills should be limited to the first 20 or 25 legislative days.

An apparent opposition to caucuses was expressed by most lawmakers except Mr. Schultz who said he felt congressional district caucuses should be held after the session opens to select members of the committee on committees.

Mr. Nuernberger opposed any caucuses. Frank S. Wells of Fairbury said he had only a few minor bills, "revisions of some old sections" to introduce.

Legislators' names were placed on the electric voting machine board at the front of the chamber but wiring of the machine was not completed because Secretary of State Harry R. Swanson does not know how the 43 lawmakers intend to disperse themselves in the 100 seats. Few lobbyists were on hand Wednesday and only one—Mart Fender of Lincoln—was registered in the secretary of state's office. Mr. Fender said he was a lobbyist "for the interest of the public."

FRITZ DALY TO OMAHA

Hastings, Neb.—Fritz Daly resigned his position as assistant secretary of the Central Nebraska (Tri-County) public opwer and irrigation district to accept a post in the sports department of the Omaha Bee-News.

Daly was secretary of the Hastings chamber of commerce for four years prior to November, 1935, when he joined the Tri-County organization. He was sports editor of the Hastings Daily Tribune for two years before entering chamber of commerce work.

Cass county has no bonded indebtedness, as, like the state, we have paid cash for our hard surfaced roads and other improvements as we went.

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TRAIN WRECKS A TRUCK

Grand Island.—Leon Fitch, truck driver of Kearney, sustained serious injuries about 2:15 o'clock Friday afternoon when a five ton semitrailer truck he was driving was struck by an eastbound Union Pacific freight train. Fitch was taken by ambulance to St. Francis hospital, where the extent of his injuries was not determined at once.

The truck caught fire and was practically a total wreck. It carried a cargo of cream, eggs and produce. The truck was northbound on Lincoln street when it was struck by the train.

Fitch sustained gashes on his face that prevented truck terminal employees from recognizing him, but a call to the Brown Transfer company established his identity. He is about 30 years of age, and married. He has been driving for the Brown company for three years.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of the Plattsmouth Loan & Building association, that the regular annual stockholders meeting will be held on Monday evening, January 4, 1937, for the purpose of electing three directors and such other business as may come before the meeting. The meeting will be held at the office of the association in the Brown jewelry store, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at 8 o'clock P. M.

C. A. JOHNSON, President. E. P. LUTZ, Secretary. d&w to J4

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PLATTSMOUTH STATE BANK

of Plattsmouth, Nebr. Charter No. 786 in the State of Nebraska at the Close of Business December 31, 1936.

Assets table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds and Securities, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

State of Nebraska } ss. County of Cass } ss. I, H. A. SCHNEIDER, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is a true and correct copy of the report made to the Department of Banking. H. A. SCHNEIDER, President. HENRY HORN, Director. FRANK A. CLOIDT, Director. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1937. EDNA WARREN, Notary Public. (My Commission expires Oct. 19, 1938)

Frank's Fancy Kraut No. 2 1/2 Can 11c. QUAKER OATS Quick or Regular 20-oz. 9c 48-oz. 17c. Sunrise Brand COFFEE 3 lbs. 49c 17c 1-lb. Pkg. 17c. Campbell's Tomato Soup 4 Cans 29c. Lewis Lye 3 Cans 25c. HINKY DINKY Plattsmouth, Tues., Wed., Jan. 5-6. Pioneer Garden PEAS 2 for 21c No. 2 Can Blue Tag Italian PRUNES, No. 2 1/2 can 14c. NECK BONES, lean, meaty quality, lb. 6c. PORK HOCKS or PIGTAILS, fresh. 2 lbs. 25c. SPARE RIBS, lean, meaty. 2 lbs. 29c. KRAUT, fancy Wisconsin Bulk. 2 lbs. 15c. HAMBURGER, freshly ground Beef cuts. 3 lbs. 25c. MINCED HAM, Armour's quality, lb. 12 1/2c. SALMON Sable or Fillets of Fish, Selected. 2 lbs. 25c (Sliced, lb., 15c). PEANUT BUTTER, fresh, in bulk. 2 lbs. 21c. BUTTER Hinky-Dinky, lb. 35c CASCO Solids, lb. 36c Sunlight Margarine 1-lb. Ctn. 31c 2 for Ambrosia COCOA 2-lb. Can 14c. GRAPEFRUIT, Texas Marsh Seedless. 6 for 15c Sweet and Juicy. Medium size. RADISHES or GREEN ONIONS, lg. bchs. 3 for 10c Fancy, Fresh Quality. ORANGES, 176 size, doz., 35c; 216's, 23c; 288's, 20c California Sunburst—Sweet and Juicy. LETTUCE, fresh, crisp, solid Arizona Iceberg, head. 6c 5 Dosea Size. APPLES, fancy Idaho Rome Beauty. 4 lbs. 25c Red Juicy Winesaps, bushel, \$1.85. 5 lbs. 25c Fancy Quality for Eating or Cooking. CARROTS, Calif. green top, lge. bchs. 3 for 10c CAULIFLOWER, fancy white Oregon Snowball, lb. 8c YELLOW ONIONS, fancy Idaho. 10 lbs. 19c U. S. Grade No. 1. Balloon Brand Soap Flakes 33c 5-lb. Pkg. Lighthouse Cleanser 3 Reg. Cans. 10c Santa Clara PRUNES 80-90 Size, 4 lbs. 25c HALLOWEE BULK DATES, 2 lbs. 19c