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Between the Lines

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock For ANP

The current outbreak of prison riots is lamentable to say the least. They amount to an open rebellion against the laws of the land. Unless these riots are summarily dealt with, the country is in for great tribulation. Firm handling of the current situations is imperative.

Sentimentality must be ruled out as incompatible with the safety of the nation. To temporize with anti-social elements is dangerous. Even prisoners should have humane consideration given their complaints. Once these complaints are justly considered and an honest attempt has been made to make the necessary adjustments, the prisoners in our several institutions should be shown the dotted line.

It is difficult to make satisfactory rules of school attendance for other students the prerogatives he vouchsafes unto himself — the the truant and for those who do not want to attend school. It is equally difficult to have prison rules to satisfy the natural outlaw, bent on defeating the ends of justice. Critical situations demand positive handling and that, without equivocation. The safety of the law-abiding citizens demand stern measures, if need be to preserve law and order; and even the safety of the prisoners themselves demand it.

The foregoing was inspired by the latest "version" of the Bible that so recently came from the press. In some literary and ecclesiastical circles the new "translation" is being heralded as epoch-making. Scholars are loud in their praise of the new version and although this writer has not had time to fully examine said version, he nevertheless grants to right of criticism.

For all practical purposes the

King James Version is good enough for anybody bent on obeying the Biblical injunctions. It is so plain that he who runs may read; and what is more, it reads not like some dime novel, but it reads like Scripture ought to read. For sheer beauty of language and heart appeal, it is difficult to imagine where one jot or tittle can be added to the King James Version.

This writer is voting for a Bible that reads like a Bible and not one that reads like a novel or a morning newspaper. The real trouble about the Bible is not its version but the lack of volition on the part of men to carry out its precious precepts. The stubborn will of man has rebelled against the teachings of the Bible. We do not remedy the evil of the situation by changing our versions. Men who would not obey the King James Version will not obey the latest version.

The trouble is not in the versions but in human volitions. When man is pressed for his reasons for desiring newer translations and versions, his answer must hinge about the inveterate desire of men to try to find "some other way" instead of coming in "at the door."

"The Heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

What version can render thoughts more sublime? Or let us take Paul's psalm of love:

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Here again we have the sublimest sentiments in the simplest language. What is to be added by



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Nebraska's Senators (11)

In 1901 Nebraska was faced with the same question as it faced in 1952—the election of two United States Senators. At that time senators still were being chosen by the legislature, and in making its choices in 1901, that body engaged in a protracted, bitter controversy.

Joseph H. Millard, the subject of this sketch, was brought forward as a compromise candidate after it became evident that none of the active candidates—and particularly D. E. Thompson of Lincoln and Edward Rosewater of Omaha—could be elected. The election occurred on the 54th ballot, after a contest lasting from January 15 to March 28. Gov. Charles H. Dietrich was chosen to fill the unexpired term of Monroe L. Hayward, who had died before taking office and whose position had been filled on an interim appointment basis by William V. Allen.

Joseph H. Millard, born on a farm near Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, April 20, 1836, was one of Nebraska's early territorial pioneers. His folks had moved out to Iowa, and in 1856 young Joseph came further west, arriving in the frontier village of Omaha in October. The young man soon became active in locating settlers on the land around Omaha, then rapidly filling up. With his brother Ezra, and William Barrows, he formed the land agency of Barrows, Millard & Co.

changing versions is not clear to this writer who craves nothing simpler nor more sublime. If some of the time spent on "another translation" were spent on trying to change the vacillating volitions of men we would achieve nobler ends.

The rebellion is in the hearts of men. No change of versions is going to help matters. We have well-nigh brought confusion in the realm of education with our distorted notions of progressive education, which has sought to over-simplify the educational process and make learning "easy."

We will likewise confuse morals when we seek to adapt the Scriptures to men instead of adopting men to the Scriptures. The world

KEEP CHRISTMAS MERRY



State Fire Marshal, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Fire Marshal E. C. Iverson warned today that combustible Christmas decorations introduce serious fire hazards during the current season, and asked all citizens to take extra precautions to avoid turning the holiday cheer into grief and tragedy.

To "Keep Christmas Merry," follow these safety rules and avoid a fire in your home during the Christmas season:

1. Choose a small tree—it's less dangerous than a larger one.
2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then keep it outdoors.
3. Place it in the coolest part of the house, away from fireplaces or radiators, and don't let it block an exit.
4. Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub of earth.
5. Never use cotton or paper

for decorations on or around the tree.

6. Do not put electric trains under the tree.
7. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that the wires are not frayed.
8. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree.
9. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up under the tree.
10. Do not leave tree lights burning when no one is home.
11. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights.
12. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

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