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Two-Party System

The two-party political system is essential if we are to have reasonably efficient and honest government—and government which is responsive to the will of the people. There is considerable difference of opinion as to just how healthy that system is today.

Thus, Farm Journal says in its January issue, "High among the several fortunate results from the election must be counted the strengthening of the two-party system in government. The Democratic party retains a strong representation in Congress. Neither House nor Senate will be overwhelmingly one-sided. . . . The administration will be subjected to constant scrutiny by Democrats in House and Senate who, as critics, will be performing their proper minority functions. . . ."

"We properly rejoice that this election has so strengthened the two-party system—one to administer the government, and another always vigilant and aggressively ready to take over."

A somewhat less sanguine view is taken by Herbert Hoover in an article in a recent issue of This Week. In his opinion the Number 1 reform needed in our democratic process "is the restoration of a real two-part system."

Mr. Hoover does not believe we have that kind of a system now. For a century and a half, he writes, the dominant elements in both parties have held "to that interpretation of Liberalism which meant more and not less liberty for the individual." He adds, "Today, ideological differences smash around like a loose cannon on the decks of both our political parties."

What, then, is Mr. Hoover's suggestion? He believes, in essence, that we should have a party of the left and a party of the right. The leftist party would be the Democratic party, and those who held its views would belong to it and run for office under its label. The rightist party would be the Republican party, and the views of its members and candidates would follow that philosophy. Unless this happens, Mr. Hoover feels, the democratic process will be wrecked on the rocks of "conspiring futile fractions" and the two parties "will be on the road to a place where the people can have

no authority in the ballot box or in the government." He observes that many European governments have cracked up because of the multitude fractional political parties. A good current example of the dangers of fractionalism is France, where it has not been possible to form effective government at all.

In any event, it is obvious that both parties contain many anachronisms. To take but two examples, the view of Senator Morse of Oregon, who now calls himself an "Independent Republican" are much more in accord with the official position of the Democratic party than that of the GOP—while those of Senator Byrd of Virginia, who holds office as a Democrat, are very much like those of President Eisenhower and in some instances are of a more conservative nature. This is the case, to some degree, with many men in both branches of Congress.

Many students of our political system hold that a reshuffling of our parties, such as Mr. Hoover advocates, is the only sound and workable solution.

Sen. John Adams Bill Unopposed

Senator John Adams Bryan Statue Bill L. B. 20 has been passed to general file after a public hearing which found no one in opposition. The bill would curb the power of the governor from removing without consent of the Legislature any monuments or objects of art now or later to be allocated places about the building.

Air of the bill is to keep the Bryan statue on the Capitol grounds. The statue was placed on the grounds on a temporary basis and ex-Governor Val Peterson made an effort to have it moved. Since then the "Great Commoner" has been the subject of much controversy.

Regarding Senator Adams bill

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Capitol News

By Melvin Paul
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LINCOLN — Governor Robert B. Crosby went before the Legislature this week to recommend that it appropriate \$166,379,614 to operate the government of the state of Nebraska for the next two years.

The figure is about \$4½ million less than recommended by ex-Gov. Val Peterson and about \$7 million less than was appropriated for the current biennium.

Perhaps the significant totals for most tax-paying Nebraskans is the amount to be spent from the General Fund, supported principally by state tax money. Here are the comparisons:

	All Fund	General Fund
Current Appropriations	\$173,383,571	\$58,081,519
Asked by State Agencies	173,908,666	61,918,553
Suggested by Peterson	170,830,874	59,241,814
Suggested by Crosby	166,379,614	54,765,554

Jolt Gov. Crosby's budget message contained a rude jolt for the counties. He proposed legislation shifting from the state to the counties the \$1 million a year tab for health services payments.

"The cost of health services has been mounting rapidly during recent years," the legislators were told. "At the centralized level of state government it has been impossible to exercise an effective control over the amounts paid for nursing home service, hospital service, nurses, drugs, doctors and so forth. Local financial responsibility should supply effective local control."

The scheme, Crosby said, enabled him to trim \$2 million from Peterson's budget. Crosby stressed that his recommendations for

the following was lifted from Dean Pohlenz's column in The Lincoln Journal:

"If you're looking for irony, you'll find it in this situation: The Legislature's only Negro member, Sen. John Adams of Omaha, is the author of a bill intended to keep the bronze statue of William Jennings Bryan right where it is on the steps in front of the Capitol. But here's what the Great Commoner himself wrote to his memoirs: "I Was Born A Member of the Greatest of All Races—the Caucasian Race and have mingled in my veins English, Irish and Scotch. One has only to consider the limitations upon one's opportunities imposed by race to understand the incalculable benefit of having the way opened between the child and the stars."

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Nebr. Senators Ask Repeal of Price Ceiling

Senators Hugh Butler (R.-Neb) and Dwight Griswold (R.-Neb) have introduced a bill, calling for immediate repeal of all price ceilings on livestock and of present meat grading requirements and related regulations of the Office of Price Stabilization. Nine other Middlewestern Senators joined the two Nebraska Senators in sponsoring the measure.

"Under present-day conditions, price ceilings on livestock are ridiculous and should have been abolished long ago," Senator Butler said. "Livestock prices have been well below the ceilings for sometime. Keeping these ceilings in effect simply means maintaining another useless bureau in existence."

Senator Griswold, who made the formal introduction of the bill on the floor of the Senate, said "This amendment will reassure raisers of cattle, sheep, and hogs that they may plan without the worry of being unduly hampered by arbitrary price ceilings and grading requirements. Keeping price ceilings on livestock at this time does nothing to contribute to the stability of prices, as the market price for live cattle is far below the OPS ceiling price."

subistence payments totals the same as Peterson's. He said he thinks every assistance recipient should be allowed to live decently and if the present state ceiling is not high enough, it should be raised. A bill has already been introduced to boost the ceiling to \$70 a month.

More Jolts

There were more jolts in Crosby's message — two stiff ones for the town of Milford where are located the State Trade School and the Home for Unwed Mothers.

Crosby proposed cutting both agencies off with no appropriation.

He said he had voted for establishing the trade school when he was a legislator himself in 1941 but now "I think the need for the school is behind us."

Of the Home for Unwed Mothers, he said, "I do not think that Nebraska taxpayers are so affluent that they should indulge themselves in this exceptional activity."

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From a dollar standpoint,

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Is a diamond the only really "correct" stone for an engagement ring?

A. While the diamond is the conventional symbol of "the singleness and durability of love," it is by no means the only "correct" stone. Sometimes the girl's birthstone is used in the ring, or some other stone of her preference.

Q. Are the members of the bereaved family expected to return all calls of condolence?

A. No; this type of visit is never returned, nor should it be expected.

Q. What would be an appropriate toast for the father of a bride-elect to propose in announcing her engagement at a dinner party?

A. "I proposed to drink to the health of Mary and the young man she has decided to add permanently to our family, James Martin."

Q. When a man is escorting a woman and another man offers her a seat in a public conveyance or picks up something she has dropped, isn't he supposed to lift his hat to that man?

A. If he has any sense of courtesy, he does.

Q. How should one eat olives at the table?

A. Unless a special fork or spoon is provided, one may take the olive with the fingers. Eat around the pit, then place the pit on the side of the plate.

Q. Is it proper for a woman to rise when another woman leaves the room?

A. It is a nice thing to do when the woman leaving is much older, but it is not necessary otherwise.

Crosby's recommendation on the University of Nebraska was the same as Peterson's: An additional \$2 million in General Fund money over its current appropriation of \$12.5 million. The University had asked \$16,356,000.

But there was one significant difference. Peterson said he was recommending the additional \$2 million to enable the University to continue its present program and left up to the Legislature the question of whether more money was to be spent for expansion.

Crosby's message indicated he thought no money should be spent for such things as cost-of-living salary increases and the additional \$2 million should go for the College of Medicine and for agricultural research.

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